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Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

TRANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.
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LEO XIII., Pope.

Current Topics

School Manners

A correspondent who lives in the vicinity of a large State school writes us: "Manners make the man and want of them the fellow." Why is not some effort made to instil the elements of good manners into those State school children and prevent or mitigate the exhibitions of larr'kinism that are so frequently made here? The complaint is no new one. It has frequently found a voice in the columns of the secular press. Some time ago, for instance, a writer in our local evening contemporary commented in part as follows upon a public and disgraceful exhibition made by well-fed young barbarians in a suburban school: 'We boast a good deal about our national system of education, but it seems to me a great pity that a little time is not devoted to instruction in manners as well as in the three R's.' 'Dock the "ologies,"' says another writer in another quarter, 'and substitute a little instruction in good manners and moral obligations.' Yet another writer before us adds his word of protest. 'We were told,' said he, 'that when the new (secular) system of education was introduced, as the masses became educated they would become refined. Alas! the contrary is the general experience. Anyone having the misfortune to live near a State school, or to pass by one when the scholars are leaving, can testify to the habitual rowdiness of their behaviour and the filthiness of their language.'

The 'N.Z. Tablet' has been combating for a generation the idea that the mere imparting of a knowledge of decimals, vulgar fractions, and such-like secular knowledge is the all-sufficient work of the school. One can, of course, hardly condemn the exuberant schoolboy because (to adapt slightly a well-known couplet)

'His manners have not that repose
Which stamps the caste of Vere de Vere.'

But a certain accepted minimum is obviously required by the little men and maids at school if they are to be kept from coarse boorishness and untamed Gothicism. Our correspondent, however, must not expect that a stream, if left to itself, will rise above its source. His indignation makes him forget that the 'system'—which is not a system of education, but of bald instruction—is not in itself either intended or calculated to produce polite youths or mannerly maidens. For what, after

all, is the true and solid basis of good manners? 'Manners are the shadow of virtue,' says Sydney Smith. And the inculcation of either the substance or the shadow of true virtue forms no part of that glorification of Secularist training which so many of our fellow-colonists reverence as a sort of fetic. Wherever State school children preserve good manners, the credit will be due, not to the system, but to the private zeal of this or that teacher, and still more to good example in the home. Catholic schools recognise that training in religion and the formation of personal character are the foundation of all true education, and that little Bernard and Agnes must not neglect the ordinary amenities of our social life while storing their brain-cells with such necessities as the three R's and with such pretty bric-a-brac as 'the accomplishments.' We have seen a goodly number of inspectors' reports of Catholic schools, and we have noticed with pleasure that the verdict on 'manners' always sounded the top note of the register—'excellent.'

Home Rule

'Every civilised country,' says John Stuart Mill, 'is entitled to settle its internal affairs in its own way, and no country ought to interfere with its discretion; because one country, even with the best intentions, has no chance of properly understanding the internal affairs of another.' And Guizot, the great French Protestant statesman and historian, wrote: 'The special end and raison d'être of government should be that the people should have the constant direction and effectual control of their own government, and should be ruled, not according to abstract principles, but according to wants generated by their own special circumstances.' According to recent cable messages, some timorous English Liberals—of what we may call the 'increasing dose' school—are not prepared to accept to the full this sane principle of statecraft in regard to Ireland. But homoeopathic Liberalism of this kind makes no appeal to the mind of 'Honest John Morley.' He stands by the principles of 1886 and 1892 and finds in them 'no other intelligible application of the Gladstonian spirit.' 'What,' said he in his recent great speech at Forfar, 'is the principle at the root of the Liberal policy? It is the right of the Irish people to the management of their own domestic affairs. The successive plans, for which Mr. Gladstone and others of us were responsible, the successive plans by which, in 1886 and 1892, an attempt was made, failed to satisfy the country, but the principle (these are the important words), the principle

of self-government, the principle of an elective element that shall be the governing element in Irish affairs, that still remains.'

Reassuring

The 'Irish humor' of the newspaper consists mainly of bags of chestnuts. It is in the main melancholy stuff, but it probably passes off well enough with the beef-witted who like that elephantine sort of thing. But one rarely meets in it so much as one specimen of the true Irish wit—like that, for instance, of the days before 'Black Forty-seven'—that sparkles like Clicquot and flashes like the ripple of sunlight on the waters. A writer who recently spent a holiday in the Green Isle unloaded some samples of jarvey-wit into the columns of 'Reynolds's Newspaper.' One story at least seems to have the merit of originality. The writer, moreover, has had the saving grace to avoid inlaying his narrative with the customary impossible 'brogue' of the foreign tourist—such as 'belave' for 'believe,' 'indade' for 'indeed,' 'bhoy' for 'boy,' etc. His story gives a good idea of the cool nerve and happy-go-lucky character of the driver of the Irish jaunting-car. 'In a break-neck race down a hill,' says the writer, 'the driver suddenly realised that the spirited little Irish mare was running away. "Pull her up!" the tourist shouted excitedly. "Hold tight, your honor," returned the jarvey easily. "Pull her up!" again commanded the traveller, making a grab for the reins. "For your life don't touch the reins," the jarvey answered, without tightening his grip. "Sure, they're as rotten as pears." The traveller made ready to jump, but the jarvey laid a soothing hand on his shoulder. "Sit aisy," he said reassuringly. "I'll turn her into the river at the bridge below here. Sure that'll stop her."'

Rifts in the Lute

Once upon a time Chesterfield was—for his political sins—sent as British Ambassador to Holland. He remained there (says the chronicler) 'gambling, and watching events.' And there it was that he wrote this sarcastic note: 'I find treating with two hundred sovereigns of different tempers and professions is as laborious as treating with one fine woman, who is at least of two hundred minds in one day.' On both sides of the Tasman Sea the Bible-in-schools movement has exercised the precious right of changing its mind with almost as generous prodigality as the shifting sovereigns or the fine women whom Chesterfield met by the sluggish waters that crawl through the canals of Amsterdam. But there is a difference: the 'donna mobile' of the 'polished pagan's' letter knew her mind occasionally for as much as five minutes at a time. And this is more than has yet been accomplished by the diverging human forces that are held together by a rope of sand in the strange agglomerate of naturally repellent views and conflicting schemes that constitute what is known as the Bible-in-schools movement.

Across the water, the latest of the many rifts within the League's cracked lute is manifested in the following resolution by the Baptist Union of Victoria: 'That in view of the widely divergent feelings of Christian people on the question of religious instruction in our primary schools, this assembly of the Baptist Union of Victoria very respectfully and strongly urges the Scripture Instruction Election Campaign Council to be content with Bible reading only. They recognise the strenuous efforts made by the council in the past, and suggest that the words religious instruction should be for ever dropped, both in speech and print.'

Some sections of the Bible-in-schools League in New Zealand have travelled fast and far from the ideals of a few years ago. Here is an extract from a leading article that appeared in November, 1898, in the

'Outlook,' which is now the chief organ of the movement in this country. The 'Outlook' was having a tilt with the 'Evening Star' on the education difficulty. 'There can be no middle course,' it contended, 'between pure Secularism and denominationalism. Will the "Star" tell us where there is, or ever has been (with the exception, perhaps, of France) a system of pure Secularism? Do the people of this Colony desire a system of pure Secularism, a system from which the name of God and every reference to an unseen world and a spiritual order have been carefully erased? For that is what pure Secularism really means. Does the "Star" suppose that our present is such a system? It either is, or it is not. If it is, then it is as much a denominational system as is a Roman Catholic or a Presbyterian. The only difference is that in that case the Christian people of this colony, who form a large majority, are either forced or fooled into supporting a system whose cardinal principles they repudiate, and which is satisfactory only to a handful of nondescripts who call themselves secularists. But if the system is not pure Secularism, then what is it? It is a hybrid. It is a compromise that can never be regarded as any real solution of the difficulty.' The only bases of an absolute morality 'are' (continued the 'Outlook') 'only permitted surreptitious shelter' in the public schools, 'because no one has yet had courage to follow his logic to its last conclusion, and demand, in the name of pure secularism, their expulsion. That is not a position which those who believe in God, and the honor due to His Name and Word, can ever be content to tolerate.'

Yet this is precisely what the Bible-in-schools party have been doing for a generation. They acquiesced in it originally by active approval, or by guilty silence, or by merely damning it with faint blame, and they have been 'tolerating' it ever since rather than part with the necessary bawbees to provide, in this matter, for 'the honor due to God's name and Word.' 'There can be no middle course,' said the 'Outlook' in 1898, 'between pure Secularism and pure denominationalism.' But 'pure Secularism' is as 'denominational' as pure Presbyterianism. It takes up as definite an attitude towards God as the Auld Kirk does. True, the attitude it takes up is of a very different kind—that of serenely ignoring Him and the obligation of any duty towards Him. But that in no way affects the issue. It is as great a mistake to suppose that Secularism is unsectarian as to suppose that Agnosticism or Atheism or Buddhism is unsectarian. In 1898 the 'Outlook' protested against endowed Secularist sectarianism. It now advocates endowed sectarianism of another kind. That is all. The sort of substitute it offers for the present hard Secularism of our public school system was aptly described in the following terms by a member of the London School Board in the 'Fortnightly Review': 'The result of unsectarian teaching is to establish a new form of religion which has nothing in common with Historical Christianity or any other form of Christian teaching. By taking away everything to which any one objects, they leave something which is really worthless. They say they will have no Creed and no Catechism, and the result is that every teacher is his own Creed and his own Catechism. The result of unsectarian teaching is a colorless residuum, which I should think would be as objectionable to the earnest Christian as it is contemptible to the earnest unbeliever.'

By the express desire of the Holy Father, thanks have been tendered on his behalf to President Roosevelt for his success in bringing about peace between Russia and Japan. The President intends to send his Holiness a letter on the subject.

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THE LATE DEAN FOLEY

OBSEQUIES AND FUNERAL

The high esteem in which the late Dean Foley was held by the Catholics of Christchurch, and the great sorrow felt by them at his death, received practical manifestation on Wednesday morning by the very large congregation which was present at the Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass in the Cathedral, Barbadoes St. Not alone was the deceased revered and respected by the Catholics of the city, but he had the esteem of all classes in the community. It was only meet that the solemn ceremonies should take place in the new Cathedral in which he had taken so keen an interest, and for which he had done so much. A catafalque was placed in front of the sanctuary. The high altar and the sanctuary were draped with black, and also the pulpit. The Requiem Mass was sung by His Lordship the Bishop, with the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., as assistant priest. The Very Dean O'Donnell was deacon of the Mass, and Father Mar-nane subdeacon. The Very Rev. Deans Bowers and Ginaty were deacons at the throne; Rev. Father O'Connell master of ceremonies; and Rev. Fathers Mahony and Richards cantors. There were present in the sanctuary Ven. Archdeacon Devoy (Wellington), Very Rev. Dean Smythe (Hastings), Rev. Fathers Coffey (nephew of the deceased Dean), Cleary, Corcoran, Lynch, and M. Ryan (from Otago), O'Connor (Waimate), Hyland (Rangiora), MacDonald, Kerley (Temuka), Goggan (Leeston), Kennedy (Akaroa), Ahearn (Darfield), Peoples, Cooney (Lyttelton), Creed (Ashburton), Hoare, MacDonnell (Rangiora), Graham (Wellington), and Finnerty (Timaru).

The Sermon.

The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, who took for his text the words: 'I will raise Me up a faithful priest who shall do according to My heart and My soul.'—I Kings, ii, 35. His Lordship said the words he had read would come to all their minds on that most mournful occasion. They were gathered together to pay a tribute to the memory of one whose life for thirty years was a practical illustration of the words of the text. His brethren in the ministry, and all who knew him, could bear testimony to this. Only a few days ago, when in the northern part of the diocese, when the revered Dean was dead, though he (the Bishop) knew it not, he had felt most deeply the loss of the counsel and assistance which had been so ungrudgingly given by the Dean on more than one occasion when engaged in similar duties. That day devoted priests had come from all parts of the Colony to show their high appreciation of the devoted priest and loving friend who had passed away. He (the Bishop) felt the solemnity of the occasion, and his grief at losing so devoted a friend was such that he was inadequate to the duty imposed on him that day. He would far rather be simply amongst them, mingling his tears and prayers with theirs. Few knew the late Dean in all New Zealand better than he did; few held him more in esteem, and felt his loss so keenly as he did. All were the poorer for his loss; he most of all. He held in his hand numbers of messages of condolence and sympathy from numbers of people of all ranks, many outside their Church. The Premier telegraphed—'It is with profound regret that I notice in the "Press" the death of dear Very Rev. Dean Foley, and hasten to tender my warmest sympathy. The Church has lost a faithful and devoted servant, and our earnest prayers will be that his soul may rest in the bosom of our Divine Master, Whom he has served so well.—R. J. Seddon.' He had also received the following letter from one of the most noted lawyers in the Colony:—'Dear Bishop Grimes,—Permit me to express to you my very sincere regret at the death of the Very Rev. Dean Foley. I have known him for many years, and I have always felt a regard approaching to love towards him. His was—to my mind—one of the kindest and most lovable natures with which I ever came into contact, and I have often thought that if the world possessed a large number of men of his stamp it would be a much more delightful place to live in.' Sir Joseph Ward telegraphed:—'I have just heard with the deepest regret of the death of your valued priest, Dean Foley, and I offer you my sincerest sympathy for the loss of one who I know was a great personal friend of your own. He has left behind him many monuments of his good works, as well as the respect and esteem of all classes in the community in the different places he has so faithfully worked in.' He had also received messages of sympathy from Bishop Lenihan, whom his Lordship thanked in a most special way for the kindly and af-

fectionate care bestowed by him upon the late Dean Foley, during the latter's long and painful illness; Monsignors Mackay and O'Reilly, and many others, among them being one from the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The late Dean was indeed a lovable nature. Modesty was one of his greatest characteristics, and he was only one of many of his family who had given themselves to religion. His was a true missionary spirit, and he took the earliest opportunity afforded him to go forth into the world to preach the Gospel. The parish of Timaru ought never to forget the unflagging zeal, watchfulness, and earnest interest displayed for many years amongst them. Everywhere the late Dean endeared himself to the people he worked amongst, by the whole-hearted and faithful manner in which he discharged his duty. He threw himself with unexampled zeal into the work of the erection of the beautiful temple in which they were assembled. Twice he had accompanied him (the Bishop) throughout his extensive diocese on missions in connection with the Cathedral. It was then he learned to appreciate the late Dean to the full for his spiritual zeal for the souls committed to his charge. When any poor soul steeped in misery wanted a kind word to lift him up, Dean Foley was the man to give it. The love of God was his constant theme in preaching, and never had he met so unselfish a man as the Dean. He was, whilst uncompromising in his denunciation of vice, kindly to a degree. He would go miles and miles out of his way to do good, and many families that day had cause to bless his name. He would never forget his consideration for himself (the Bishop) when offering to go to the Chatham Islands. 'It is too hard a journey for the Bishop,' he said. 'I will go.' He labored with unselfish zeal; he could do so no longer. In the schools the Dean took the keenest interest, and it was he who urged the going of the Marist Brothers to Timaru, and who erected a magnificent building for them. In the noble institutions of Mount Magdala and Nazareth House he was also warmly interested. It was the greatest possible sacrifice that could have been asked of the Dean, that he was not allowed to see the opening of the noble temple which he loved so well, and for which he worked so well. It was a standing memorial to his faithfulness and unflagging zeal and his generosity. While, however, they were holding his farewell, they were not to mourn as those without hope. It was a remarkable instance of his zeal that only some little time back he had expressed a hope that he would be spared yet a while to work for the Cathedral. His memory would live in their hearts, and in the Cathedral for which he had done so much.

THE FUNERAL

On Thursday morning at 9.45 the remains of the late Dean Foley reached Christchurch from Auckland. They were met at the station by his Lordship the Bishop, the local and visiting clergy, and a considerable body of the laity and were brought to the Cathedral, where a Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., Dunedin, nephew of the deceased. Shortly after eleven o'clock the clergy and laity re-formed in procession, while the organist (Miss K. Young) played the Dead March in 'Saul,' and the mortal remains of the deceased Dean were conveyed to the railway station and thence by the second express to Temuka.

At Temuka a Solemn Requiem Mass had already been celebrated on Thursday morning for the repose of the late pastor of the mission. The celebrant was the Rev. Father Rockliffe; Rev. Father Regnault, deacon; Rev. Father Tubman, subdeacon; Rev. Fathers Le Petit and Le Floch, masters of ceremonies; Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay (who presided), Very Rev. Father O'Neill, and Rev. Father Murphy, cantors. On arrival at Temuka a procession was formed and the funeral proceeded to the church, where the absolutions were given by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell and Rev. M. Ryan. The following is a complete list of

The Clergy

who were present in the sanctuary and at the graveside:—

From the archdiocese of Wellington: The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M. (Provincial), representing the Marist Order and the Archbishop of Wellington; Very Rev. Dean Smythe (Hastings).

From the diocese of Dunedin: The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay (Oamaru); Very Rev. Father O'Neill (Milton); Rev. P. Murphy (Riverton); Rev. J. Coffey, Adm. (Dunedin); Rev. M. Ryan (Mosgiel); Rev. W. Corcoran (South Dunedin); Rev. H. W. Cleary (Dunedin).

From the diocese of Christchurch: The Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, S.M.; Very Rev. T. Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G.; Very Rev. Dean Ginaty; Very Rev.

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There were also present representatives of branches of the Hibernian Society to which the late Dean was chaplain—namely, the New Headford Branch (represented by Bro. S. J. Ryan; and the Christchurch Branch, represented by Bros. T. Pender, R. J. Hayward, O'Connell, and O'Connor.

After the absolutions at the catafalque, the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes preached

A Panegyric

on the deceased from the following text of II. Tim., iv., 7-8: 'I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. As to the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the just Judge will render to me in that day; and not only to me, but to them that love His coming. Make haste to come to me quickly.' The speaker thought he might appropriately put upon the lips of the departed Dean those words which one great apostle had addressed to another. He too had fought the good fight, he had completed his course, he had preserved the faith, and now they (his hearers) all hoped that the crown of justice was upon his brows. He was not going to preach a panegyric on one whose memory was held in benediction among both priests and people. A pagan writer had said: 'Either one says too little and errs against truth, and disappoints survivors; or he says too much and is accused of exaggeration, and is not believed.' He (the speaker) pleaded guilty as to the first count. As to the second, there was no danger of exaggeration. There were those present who had known the dear departed Dean from his childhood; they knew how even then his piety was a household word; they knew his devotion to duty, his fatherly care of the sick and poor throughout his priestly life. His precious remains were brought there at his own request. 'Heaven,' said his Lordship, 'is my witness to the pain which I felt when I saw him removed from the church where he had worked so devotedly, and passed so many years of his ministry.' But (added his Lordship) Dean Foley's last wish was that his body should rest among the people, whom he loved so well, and he now reposed almost (so to speak) under the shadow of the spot where the people, if not ungrateful, should long be mindful of him. Timaru owed a debt of gratitude to the late Dean Foley. They too (his hearers) shared in the fruits of his ministry. And so he (the speaker) made the sacrifice and allowed the precious remains to rest among them. Another reason also urged him. The late Dean Foley's predecessor, Father Fauvel, had died far from the spot which he loved so well and for which he had toiled so zealously; and in a spirit of humility and self-sacrifice he had expressed a wish to be buried among strangers. His successor wished to be brought among the people over whom he had been pastor. Even in the short time he had been in charge, he loved his people as a father loves his children; he was a true pastor, ever ready to lay down his life for his flock. Now, out of respect for his dying wish, his remains would rest in their God's acre. They would guard and treasure that precious gift. And from the grave their departed pastor would still preach earnestly to them to fight the good fight, to serve God and the Church, save their souls, and share one day in the crown he (the speaker) hoped their beloved spiritual father was enjoying. He concluded by exhorting them to pray in their homes and in the church and at the graveside for the repose of the soul of the late Dean Foley. His Lordship spoke throughout with much feeling, and during his discourse many in the congregation were much affected.

The Cortege

from the church to the cemetery (about a mile distant) was a long and imposing one. It was headed by cross-bearer and acolytes; next followed the clergy (29 in number) and the Bishop, in their proper robes; after the hearse came the chief mourners (Rev. Father Coffey, nephew of deceased, and Very Rev. Dean Smythe); and after them a great concourse of people. Among these was a fine body of members (50 in number) of the local Catholic Young Men's Club, in whom the late Dean Foley had, during his pastorate

of Temuka, taken a great interest. Both at Christchurch and Temuka the pall-bearers were selected from the clergy of the dioceses of Christchurch and Dunedin. The services at the graveside were conducted by his Lordship the Bishop, and the whole body of the clergy joined in the singing of the 'Benedictus' and the responses. There were many wreaths placed upon the grave, among them a handsome one from the Christchurch Branch of the Hibernian Society.—R.I.P.

Our Schools

Sacred Heart Convent High School

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

There was a crowded attendance at the annual entertainment, prize distribution, and exhibition of pupils' work in connection with the Sacred Heart Convent High School, conducted by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, Barbadoes street. His Lordship Bishop Grimes presided, there being also present the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., and Rev. Fathers Marnane, Ahearn, Mahony, O'Connell, and Peoples. A choice programme of instrumental and vocal music was excellently rendered by the pupils as follows:

Duet, 'Les Muscadens,' Misses N. Coakley, M. Ryan, E. McCarthy, A. Donnell, E. Murphy, M. Brown, A. Rainbow, M. Slattery, (violins) Misses L. Sim and A. Rantin, (organ) Miss L. Burland; chorus, 'Come where the lilies grow,' pupils; instrumental selection, 'Burning of Rome,' (violins) Misses Sim, Rantin, Barker, (banjo) Miss B. Myles, (harps) Misses C. Barker and R. Young, (piano) Miss J. McLaren; trio, 'Les jeunes virtuoses,' Misses E. Poff, E. Murphy, U. Williams, S. Ansen, L. Coakley, G. Thompson, I. Green, G. Wilson, A. Coakley, M. O'Malley, M. Strout, I. Grange, (organ) Miss A. Riordan; vocal duet, 'In the dusk of the twilight,' Misses M. O'Connor and Cheevers, (piano) Miss A. Riordan; duet, 'Echo of the waves,' Misses K. O'Malley, M. Mullane, G. Barker, M. Rodgers, A. Edser, E. Derrett, A. Watson, G. Donaghey, (organ) Miss E. O'Malley; song, junior pupils; solo, with accompaniments, 'Salut d'amour,' (violin) Miss L. Sim, (banjo) Miss B. Myles, (harp) Miss C. Barker, (piano) Miss M. O'Connor; duet, 'Boute en train,' Misses L. Dwyer, D. Amyes, I. Rule, I. Sheppard, V. Barker, R. Buchanan, D. Peachey, E. Poff, (violins) Misses L. Sim and A. Rantin, (organ) Miss O'Connor; song, with accompaniments, 'The blind girl to the harp,' Miss M. O'Connor, (harp) Miss R. Young, (piano) Miss J. McLaren; solo, 'Polka de la reine,' Misses J. McLaren, E. Washbourn, and M. O'Connor; vocal trio, 'Sunset,' Misses M. O'Connor, B. Riordan, A. Riordan, I. O'Connor, (piano) Miss L. Sim; duet, 'Lucrezia Borgia,' Misses J. McLaren, A. Gannaway, A. Riordan, L. Burland, E. Washbourn, V. Gardiner, M. O'Connor, G. Wilson, (violins) Misses L. Sim and A. Rantin, (harps) Misses R. Young and C. Barker; chorus, pupils.

After distributing the prizes his Lordship the Bishop said he must first of all congratulate the good Sisters on the charming programme furnished that afternoon, a judicious selection of vocal and instrumental, items which displayed great taste in drawing up, combined with marked skill and aptitude in rendition. He was much struck with the exact time displayed in the selections, in some of which thirteen performers were engaged. Their devoted teachers evidently rightly gauged the capabilities of the pupils. The results reflected great credit on the teachers, and on the part of the pupils diligent application was rewarded by the success attained. Although the results in the recent examinations were not yet known, he was assured their success last year was most creditable to their application to study and of great satisfaction to their teachers. Within the convent walls (the Bishop continued) was laid the foundation of their future lives. There the good Sisters took the place of parents. Their authority was asserted, but not in a tyrannical manner. Their love, not fear, was the prevailing incentive. The tasks allotted the pupils were from motives of love, the highest of all motives. Returning now home to parents and friends for the holidays with keen delight, the same dutiful love should be there manifested as prevailed at their school and convent. In conclusion he had much pleasure in expressing satisfaction and gratification on his own, and on behalf of all present at this year's example of industry and progress. He wished them a very enjoyable vacation, a truly 'Merrie Christmas' in the good old English sense, and a bright and happy New Year.

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St. Mary's Convent High School

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The usual concert in connection with the distribution of prizes at St. Mary's Convent High School was held in the Sydney street schoolroom on Tuesday evening. The prize list is as follows:—

Good conduct, silver medal, gift of Mr. White, boarders, Nell Goulter; silver medal, gift of Very Rev. Father McNamara, day pupils, Freda Ross; junior pupils, Myra Hodgins.

Christian Doctrine, gold medal, gift of Very Rev. Father Lewis, Muriel Hodgins.

Dux, gold medal, gift of Ex-Pupils' Association, Doris Haywood.

English composition, gold medal, gift of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Marion Browne.

Diligence, gold medal, gift of Mr. Maurice O'Connor, Eileen O'Rourke.

Mathematics, gold medal, gift of Mr. McArdle, Doris Haywood.

Elocution, gold medal, 'The Mechtilde Memorial,' gift of Mrs. Rose, Rose Segrief.

Painting, gold medal, gift of Lady Ward, Constance Trolove.

Singing, gold medal, 'The Grace Memorial,' gift of Mrs. Grace, Nita Nabone. Intermediate division, Violet Lamacroft. Higher division, Class I., Mary O'Farrell; Class II., Constance Clouston and Constance Trolove.

Lower division, Agnes Segrief; elementary, Rose Segrief. Improvement in singing, Olive Essex.

Pianoforte.—Gold medal, gift of Mr. Martin Kennedy, Matilda Evans; Royal Academy Intermediate division, Sylvia Williams; Trinity College Intermediate division, Cecilia Dwyer; higher school division, Muriel Hodgins; lower, Vera Chalmers; elementary, Myra Hodgins; primary, Maud Mackay; preparatory, Eva Mackay; playing from memory, Class I., Gertie Blacklock; Class II., Inwa Bunny; improvement in music, Constance Clouston.

Theory of music.—Higher division, Doris Haywood; lower, Muriel Hodgins; elementary, Sylvia Williams; preparatory, Mary Young.

Shorthand and typewriting.—First prize, Olive Essex; second prize, Constance Trolove.

Physical drill.—Senior pupils, gift of Mr. Dealy, Doris Haywood; junior pupils, Doris Creasey.

Class Prizes.—Class I.—Composition, Agnes Segrief; Latin and French, Agnes Segrief; French conversation, Agnes Segrief; English, Eileen O'Rourke; Euclid, Eileen O'Rourke; geography, Eileen O'Rourke; penmanship, Violet Lamacroft; book-keeping, Doris Haywood; physiology, Rita Rabone; needlework, Olive Essex; mapping, Constance Clouston.

Class II.—Arithmetic, Mary Murphy; geography and mapping, Mary Murphy; composition and English, Mary Murphy; penmanship and spelling, Mary Murphy; history, Mary Murphy; reading and recitation, Mary Harnett; French and Latin, Muriel Hodgins; literature, Alice Ross; algebra, Freda Ross; model drawing, Constance Trolove; freehand drawing, Nell Goulter; drawing, light and shade, Nell Goulter; needlework, Lily Mallard; diligence, Constance Trolove.

Class III.—Christian Doctrine, Evelyn Healy; arithmetic, Muriel Hodgins; Latin, Eileen O'Rourke, English, French, and Latin, Mary Harnett; penmanship, Nell Goulter; geography, Constance Trolove; model drawing, Muriel Hodgins; freehand drawing, Eileen McAlister; mapping, Mary Harnett; diligence, Muriel Hodgins.

Class IV.—Christian Doctrine, Olive Young; grammar, Evelyn Healy; freehand drawing and brushwork, Alice Draper; composition, Sylvia Williams; arithmetic, Florrie Davis; mapping, Mabel Hollis; geography, Winnie Maginnity; penmanship, Gertie Blacklock; reading and recitation, May Curtis; algebra, Eileen McAlister; diligence, Nell Ward.

Class V.—Grammar and brushwork, Doris Creasey; composition, Maud Mackay; geography and mapping, Maud Mackay; arithmetic and recitation, Kathleen Mc-

Grath; diligence, Kathleen McGrath; spelling, Maggie Cameron; penmanship, Maggie Cameron; English history, Olive Young; French, Olive Young; reading, Ethel Sullivan; literature and nature study, Kathleen McGrath; needlework, Olive Arthur.

Class VI.—Christian Doctrine, Iris Ross; diligence, Girdle Gibbs; arithmetic, equal in merit, Girdle Gibbs and Greta Bajomez; recitation, Alice Hodgins; geography, Greta Bajomez; grammar and spelling, Dot Flewellyn; reading, Dot Flewellyn; composition, Laurie James; literature and nature study, Annie Garrett; needlework, Norma McGrath; English history, Annie Garrett; penmanship, Connie Wynn; freehand drawing, Elsie Draper; mapping, Laurie James.

Preparatory School.—Good Conduct, boarders, Katie Redmond; day pupils, Clare Henrys.

Christian Doctrine, Monica Whitaker.

Class I.—Arithmetic, Geraldine McGrath; French, Gracie Wilson; history, Gracie Wilson; writing, Clare Henrys; geography, Vera McInerney; dictation and spelling, Queenie McInerney; grammar and recitation, Eric Reeves; drawing, Eric Reeves.

Class II.—Arithmetic, Lucy Wynn; history, Lucy Wynn; dictation and spelling, Eva Mackay; geography, Eva Mackay; grammar and composition, Dorothy Hall; reading and recitation, Gladys Fitzgerald; writing, Lily Dealy; diligence, May Brogan.

St. Joseph's School, Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

On the occasion of the distribution of prizes to the pupils of St. Joseph's School, Temuka, the Rev. Father Kerley addressed a few words to the children, encouraging them in their efforts to excel. He hoped they would enjoy their holidays, would be careful in their behaviour, and would come back to school determined to try and do even better than in the past. The prizes about to be distributed were not as numerous as the Sisters would have liked, and were awarded chiefly for good conduct, but he hoped they would act as an incentive to future efforts. The following is the prize-list:—

Standard VII.—Good conduct, Willie Behrens. Christian Doctrine, Adelaide Behrens. Standard VI.—Regular attendance, Irene Wareing, Teresa Williams, Francis Twomey. Standard V.—Christian Doctrine, Mary Sughrue; regular attendance, Katie Scannell, Katie Grellish. Standard IV.—Good conduct, Julia Collins; Christian Doctrine, Julia Collins; regular attendance, Harry Allen. Standard III.—Good conduct, Joseph Spillane. Christian Doctrine, John Collins; regular attendance, Cyril Moran. Standard II.—Regular attendance, Owen Carr. Standard I.—Regular attendance, Maggie Daly. Primer III.—Regular attendance, J. Dwyer. Primer II.—Regular attendance, Irene Sughrue, Nora Scannell, Denis Croxford. Primer I.—Regular attendance, Hugh Brosnan.

The dramatic and musical entertainment by the pupils of St. Joseph's School was given in the Volunteer Hall. An excellent programme had been arranged, and there was a large attendance of the parents and friends of the children. All the items went excellently, and the whole entertainment reflected the greatest credit on the performers, and also gave practical proof of the great care and energy expended by the Sisters in their training. Applause was frequent, the efforts of the children being fully appreciated by the audience. The following was the programme:—Overture (pianoforte duo, 3 pianos), Misses Daily, L. Burke, J. Harrison, Zoe Gillespie, A. Storey, and L. Demuth; action song, junior pupils; dialogue, Misses N. Allen, M. Burke, and Master D. McBride; duet, Miss Nora Scannell, and Master D. Croxford; action song, Boys; duet, Misses A. Storey, A. Horgan, N. Allen, and M. Sughrue; solo (vocal), Master J. Horgan; overture (pianoforte trio, 5 pianos), Misses K. Daily, Zoe Gillespie, L. Demuth, K. Dwyer, Rose Leary, Eva Benbow, K. Anderson, Maude Wurin, F. Parke, Laurel Storey, Irene Radford, Mary Leary, Madge Cunnard, Masters A. Clinch and Stuart Radford; trio (vocal), Misses A. Storey, Nellie Allen and Master W. Behrens; action song, senior girls; dialogue, Misses E. Williams, M. Burke, T. Williams, and Master George Spillane; duet, Miss N. and Master H. Allen; poi dance, Misses L. Grey, M. Rehu, M. Harper, M. Grey, L. Anaha, and Miss R. Rehu. Accompanist, Miss M. Tikao; song in character, boys. The dramas, 'Gapper Grey's Will,' by the girls, and 'The Wrong Man,' by the boys, were nicely staged and acted. The following pupils took part in 'Gapper Grey's Will':—Misses L. Demuth, A. Behrens, N. Allen, A. Horgan, Zoe Gillespie, Julia Collins, Irene Wareing, and M. Burke; and in 'The Wrong Man': Masters W. Behrens, E. Flynn, H. Allen, J. Spillane, M. Flynn, J. Horgan, and J. Collins.

Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin

St. Joseph's Hall was crowded on Friday evening on the occasion of the annual entertainment by, and the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Christian Brothers' schools. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and the other clergy present were the Rev. Fathers Howard, O'Malley, M. Ryan, Hearn, Buckley, and Corcoran. As is usually the case, an attractive programme, representative of the varied intellectual and physical education imparted by the Christian Brothers, was presented, and, needless to say, met with the hearty appreciation of the very large audience. Every item was given in that finished manner for which the pupils of the school have always been noted, and which is a characteristic feature of the teaching methods of every institution conducted by the Christian Brothers, whose reputation as successful educators is now fully recognised in every part of the English-speaking world, and even beyond it. The programme opened with the glees, 'Hail! smiling morn,' and 'The cuckoo,' both of which were sweetly sung, the time being excellent. The recitation, 'David's lament for Absalom,' was rather an ambitious undertaking for a boy, but Master T. P. Lafey was equal to the work, and delivered it with much dramatic ability. Master W. O'Connor has a sweet voice, and his singing of 'O native music,' brought a well-merited encore. That physical training receives considerable attention in the school was demonstrated by the exhibition on the parallel bars and club swinging by the senior gymnastic class. In both instances the performers did their work well, some of the feats being such as would tax the ability of adults. The scene from 'Julius Caesar,' the quarrel between Brutus (Master W. O'Connor) and Cassius (Master C. Marlow), was an excellent item, both boys displaying dramatic powers of a high order. The part song, 'Oft in the still night,' was another vocal item which showed that more than ordinary attention is paid to singing in the school. The humorous recitation, 'De Smith at the telephone,' by Master J. Cooney, convulsed the audience. The manner in which the reciter imitated the voices of the irate subscriber and the confused telephone girl being extremely natural, and productive of great amusement. A well-deserved encore followed this item. The junior gymnastic class gave a dumb-bell exhibition, which was marked with neatness, and precision of movement. The programme concluded with a humorous sketch, entitled 'The troubles of a modern father,' in which the characters were sustained by Masters T. P. Lafey, W. O'Connor, T. J. Lafey, C. Marlow, and J. Monaghan. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Miss C. Hughes, and the senior gymnastic class was led by Mr. J. Bryant.

At the conclusion of the programme Rev. Brother Brady read the annual report, which was as follows:—

In presenting the report for the year 1905, the Christian Brothers are pleased to be able to state that the high standard of excellence achieved by the school in the past still continues. The number of pupils on the roll for the year was 261, being a steady increase on that of previous years. It is gratifying to the Brothers to notice that the course of instruction imparted to their pupils is appreciated by the general public, as several of the boys received good appointments during the year. Since our last report, Masters James Collins and L. H. McBride passed the Medical Preliminary Examination, and have been attending the University during the past year. Master Richard Burke passed Matriculation, while Masters D. Hartstonge and E. Joyce passed the Junior Civil Service, and qualified for appointments. At the annual examination of the schools, held early this year, over 90 per cent. of the boys examined passed into higher grades. In his general report the Brother examiner states that the reading, writing, and arithmetic throughout the establishment were excellently taught. He was particularly pleased with the conduct of the children and the intelligence displayed by them under examination. At the Dunedin Elocutionary Competitions, our pupils were very successful. In the section (under 21 years) we secured three places—second, third, and fourth. In the section (under 14), open to all the boys of the city, the boys from our school secured first, second, and third prizes respectively. In the essay for girls or boys (under 14) we tied for second place. Turning to athletics, we find that the boys have more than upheld their reputation. They are premiers in senior school cricket for the season 1904-05, and in this season's cricket competition have won all the matches played. In football, under the Association rules, the seniors carried off the medals for the Five-a-

Side-Tournament, and the juniors, imitating the example of the seniors, annexed the medals in the same competition. At the Otago 'Championship Schools' Sports, the school carried off 18 medals, or 50 per cent. of the medals awarded to the schoolboys' events. Very good work has been done in the gymnasium during the year under Master J. Bryant, the members of the senior and junior classes having made good progress. Under Captain Hussey, the Cadets are fast becoming an efficient corps. We take this opportunity of thanking Captain Hussey for the deep interest he has taken in this department of school life. In Captain Hussey we have one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the school. We return our sincere thanks to the parents, who co-operated so generously with us in promoting the interests of the children; and to the wide circle of kind friends who took such a practical interest in the school during the year. To his Lordship the Bishop we are deeply grateful for the kindly interest he has taken in the Brothers and their pupils. The spiritual wants of the children received the constant attention of the Rev. Father Coffey and the other priests of St. Joseph's, and to them we return our most grateful thanks. The work of the year was fittingly brought to a close when on Sunday, December 10, 30 children made their First Communion, and 52 received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Rev. Father Coffey, in addressing the audience, said they were there that night to witness an exhibition by the Christian Brothers' boys, and he was sure they all enjoyed it. They were not there to hear a long speech from him in praise of the work of the Christian Brothers, but he would not be fulfilling his duty if he did not take the opportunity of expressing his gratitude and that of the other priests, and of tendering his heartiest thanks to the Brothers for the work they are doing in this city for the Catholic children. No one appreciated this more than his Lordship the Bishop, who was unavoidably absent. The Catholics of Dunedin had reason to be grateful to the Brothers and Sisters for the excellent education which they were giving to the children. The parents could feel confident that the children were receiving a good secular education at the hands of the Brothers. But it was not the Catholics alone who appreciated the Christian Brothers as successful teachers, for he held in his hand two extracts from speeches delivered recently by men outside the Church which bore testimony to the success that had attended the teaching methods of the Brothers. One of these was delivered by the Protestant Bishop of Derry at the Diocesan Synod there, and the other was delivered at the Protestant Synod of Meath by the Rev. Mr. White. (Here the Rev. Father Coffey read the extracts referred to, both having appeared in the columns of the 'N.Z. Tablet' a short time ago.) Continuing, Father Coffey said he did not think they could get any stronger testimony to the work of the Christian Brothers than was given by the Bishop of Derry and Rev. Mr. White, and therefore when non-Catholics set such a high value on that work, Catholic parents should feel proud of their schools. The parents should do their part by seeing that the children attend regularly and constantly and that they respect their teachers. Whenever the Christian Brothers' boys have met those of the public schools in intellectual or physical competitions they had completely outdistanced them, and would do likewise in the future. He had sitting by him a successful young man who had received his education from the Christian Brothers in the person of Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., who had just passed his LL.B. degree. In conclusion he trusted the boys would enjoy their vacation in a whole-hearted manner, and that they would always show outside the school the teaching which they had received in the school.

Mr. J. J. Marlow, in moving a vote of thanks to Father Coffey for presiding, paid a tribute to the great interest which the rev. chairman had taken in the welfare of the schools in South Dunedin, an interest which, he felt sure, would be continued, and congratulated the Brothers on the result of their teaching as shown in the excellent entertainment provided, and in the many successes achieved in intellectual and physical competitions during the year.

Mr. Callan, in seconding the vote of thanks, also paid a tribute to the Christian Brothers as successful teachers. There was no body for whom he had greater respect than for the Christian Brothers, who devote their whole time to the education of the young, not for any worldly reward, but from the highest motives, for it was to them a labor of love.

The prizes were then distributed by the Rev. Father Coffey, the list being as follows:—

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Irish News

ANTRIM—A Presentation

Father M'Donnell, P.P., St. Brigid's, Belfast, was presented recently with an illuminated address by his former parishioners at Ligoniel, where he ministered for a period of ten years and won the warm esteem of all classes.

CORK—A Peculiar Case

At Kinsale Petty Sessions Mr. E. O'Neill, B.A., a well known Gaelic Leaguer, was fined sixpence for signing his name in Irish when taking out a dog license. As Mr. O'Neill declines to pay, he will probably be imprisoned.

A Profitable Transaction

At a meeting of the tenants of the Arnott Estate in Bandon, the Very Rev. Canon Shinkwin, P.P., V.F., made a calculation based on Sir John Arnott's affidavit before the Master of the Rolls to show that the landlord wanted a profit of £112,000 on the amount paid to the Duke of Devonshire for the property.

The Gaelic League

In the course of his presidential address at the Cork branch of the Gaelic League, Very Rev. Father Augustine, O.S.F.C., said the nationality which the Gaelic League was building up was not founded on hatred of England, but on love of Ireland. No great and grand and noble cause could be built on hatred. The cause of the Gaelic League was great, grand, and noble.

DERRY—Reported Gold Discovery

The rumor that gold was discovered the other day in the neighborhood of Dungiven in a field of sandy soil, near a stream, is verified by local correspondents (says a Derry paper). The glistening of the sand struck the farm-owner as out of the common, and having a bucketful carefully washed, he got the yellow metallic deposit. This, submitted to expert tests, proved to be alluvial gold. A further try on the rocky boulders got distinct traces of the metal. Specimens of the stone are streaked with it. Further experiments are awaited with interest.

DONEGAL—The Diocesan College

Rev. H. Gallagher, Gweedore, has left Derry for a tour in America. He is commissioned by Bishop O'Donnell to collect for the Diocesan College, Letterkenny.

DOWN—The Act of Union

Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., addressing his constituents at Aughnacloy, alluding to Redistribution proposals, said the Act of Union was a treaty, and England must stick to her bargain.

DUBLIN—Charitable Bequests

Mrs. Doyle, late of Synge street, Dublin, who died on September 10, left a large number of charitable bequests, including £50 each to the following:—The Magdalen Asylum, Gloucester street; the Catholic Orphanage, Golden Bridge; the Little Sisters of the Poor, Kilmainham; the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, Portland Row; the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross; the Magdalen Asylum, Drumcondra; the Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook; the Vincent de Paul Orphanage, Glasnevin; St. Joseph's Night Refuge, Brickfield Lane; St. Joseph's Orphanage, Mountjoy street; Vincent de Paul Orphanage, North William street; the Children's Hospital, Temple street; Carmelite Convent, Delgany; St. Vincent's Hospital, Stephen's Green; the Poor Schools, Coombe; Lakelands Orphanage, Sandy-mount; Presentation Convent, George's Hill; the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Eccles street; Jervis street Hospital; St. Vincent de Paul Society, Harrington street; Sisters of the Assumption, Camden street; and the Maternity Hospital, Holles street.

School of Medicine

The Irish Bishops have come to the aid of the Catholic University School of Medicine with the generous gift of £100 for the purchase of scientific apparatus for the use of the Medical School. The Catholic University School of Medicine has deserved well of the country. With no public endowments, it is at present the largest and the most successful School of Medicine in Ireland. Its teachers are the most brilliant, its pupils the most successful. But it is an alien to the State. It is boycotted by the Treasury. Like all bodies or institutions that do good work for Ireland it is hindered, not helped, by Dublin Castle, and is dependent on private generosity for even the most essential scientific apparatus.

A Gaelic Mission

Dr. Douglas Hyde, president of the Gaelic League, has left for the United States on a mission of Gaelic propaganda. He received an enthusiastic send-off from the people of Dublin. He drove in the Lord Mayor's carriage to the railway station, escorted by an immense procession.

A Charitable Object

Collections in aid of the Sick and Indigent Room-keepers' Society, a great non-sectarian charity, were made on November 5 in all the Catholic churches of Dublin, by permission of his Grace the Archbishop.

A Disputed Will

A Dublin special jury, by direction of Mr. Justice Johnson, found recently in favor of the will of Mr. John Colman, who had practised as a solicitor in Dublin from 1868 to 1892, and who left the bulk of his property, stated to amount to about £20,000, to Catholic charities in the city of Dublin. The will had been contested by a nephew of testator; but it was stated in Court that a settlement had been arrived at between the beneficiaries and the next-of-kin, and the nephew withdrew his opposition. Mr. Justice Johnson decreed probate of the will.

GALWAY—Motor Car Accident.

Lord De Clifford's motor-car was smashed to pieces in an accident at Castlehackett, County Galway, and the driver seriously injured.

An Appointment

His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam has appointed the Rev. M. J. Conroy, Tullycross, to the Vice-presidency of St. Jarlath's College, in room of the Rev. T. F. Macken, appointed Adm. of Tuam. Father Conroy also fills the Irish Chair in the college, vice Mr. Michael Walsh, who has left for Germany.

A Welcome Home

On his arrival in Ballinasloe from America, where he had been collecting funds for the completion of Loughrea Cathedral, Father Joyce, Adm., was accorded a warm reception. The town was brilliantly illuminated and there was general rejoicing.

KERRY—Death of a Merchant

The death is announced of Mr. Wm. Horgan, Shelbourne House, Kenmare, one of the most widely respected merchants and public men in the locality. Deceased was a supporter of the old Land League movement, and later of the United Irish League, of which he was local treasurer. As a Poor Law Guardian for a period of twenty years, the ratepayers had always in him a capable representative.

LIMERICK—Death of a Priest.

The death took place recently of Rev. Edmond O'Leary, Bruree, after an illness of some weeks. Deceased was brother to the Rev. Arthur O'Leary, the newly-appointed President of St. Munchin's College, Limerick.

The Butter Industry

A meeting has been held at Limerick to consider the question of 'faked butter.' It was decided to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Department of Agriculture on the subject.

Reopening of a Church

Meelick Church, in the parish of Parteen, was reopened early in November by the Bishop of Limerick.

Plays Condemned

The Bishop of Limerick has issued a Pastoral Letter condemning immoral plays, and urging Catholics to avoid witnessing such productions. His letter is believed to refer especially to a local theatrical production.

TIPPERARY—Tenants Purchase their Farms

The Ballybrophy tenants of Sir Kildare Borrowes, accompanied by Father Dillon, met their landlord at Ballybrophy recently. The landlord agreed to sell the evicted lands to the Estates Commissioners, the latter to fix the price, and reinstate the Kelly family, who were evicted over twenty-five years ago. The other tenants then agreed to purchase on the following terms: First term rents, 21 years' purchase; second term rents, 23 years' purchase. The landlord accepted the half-year's rent to be now paid at 15 per cent. reduction. The tenants will in future be required to pay from last gale day interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. until the purchase money is paid over. Sporting rights go to the tenants. Nearly all the tenants have had second term rents fixed. In view of the downward prices in cattle, the tenants would have been inclined to

hold out for better terms; but they wished to have the old dispute over, 'the Black Farm' closed, and to have their old neighbors, the Kellys, again restored to their home.

WESTMEATH—The Bishop's Resignation

The Westmeath Council has passed a resolution, joining with the other Councils and Boards in the county in respectfully urging on the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, the vital necessity of reconsidering his resignation.

WEXFORD—The Position of the Irish Party

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., addressing a United Irish League meeting in the Town Hall, Wexford, said he thought the returns of the last few weeks sufficient to dissipate the hopes of their enemies that the Nationalist ranks would be broken. He rejected the proposal recently made in favor of a Conference of various sections in Irish political life, both on account of the manner in which the proposal was made, and also because he objected to the Irish question being submitted to the arbitrament of such an assembly. At the coming national convention several important issues would arise. Of these one of the chief was what should be the attitude of the Irish Party towards the Liberals if they got into power independently of the Irish vote, and what their attitude if the Liberals were dependent on the Irish vote? At any rate, the convention would plainly show that if the Liberal Party at the next election attempted to betray its pledges and betray Ireland it would have to deal with the organised and determined opposition of the people of Ireland.

GENERAL

Fontenoy Memorial Fund

Mr. Justin McCarthy, in sending a subscription to the Fontenoy Memorial Fund, says that though he has lived most of his life out of Ireland, he feels himself as closely associated with national memories as if he had never left his early home. Ireland owes it to herself to pay tribute to the memory of Fontenoy.

Grazing Ranches

When men are being sent to gaol by the dozen by packed special jurors of Galway for agitating for the redistribution of the grazing ranches (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), it is interesting to have the opinion of one of the very ablest of the Irish Judges on the subject. At the recent meeting of the Law Students' Debating Society Lord Justice Fitzgibbon declared: 'Our people were quick to learn if they were taken the right way. The first industry of Ireland must be, as it was, agriculture. The propagation of knowledge, teaching, and experience, instructing the people to make the most of the soil on which they live, was the first the necessary cure for the emigration, which all deplored. If the people could learn to live at home by making the land produce food for them a good thing would be done. It was a sorrowful thing to see grass farms everywhere as far as the eye could reach. If the land of Ireland were cultivated it would produce food enough for three times its present population.'

Where Boards Accumulate

A modern Goldsmith (says London 'Truth,') might write of Ireland, after its long spell of Conservative Government, as a land 'where Boards accumulate and men decay.' It Dublin is not a 'deserted' capital, its leading residential squares and streets are declining in social popularity. The Agricultural Board is now practically in possession of Merrion street, a fine thoroughfare leading from Merrion Square towards St. Stephen's Green. In this street the first Duke of Wellington's parents lived, and there the great man was born. The salaried officials swamp both town and country, increasing yearly, whilst the population decreases. Ireland has a strange past history, but its future one will beat the record, if things go on as at present. The great land departments will have no one to give the land to, the Boards will supply an army of teachers without pupils, the Members of Parliament will have no constituents, and yet no doubt the Irish question will still remain. The Irish themselves have their own opinion on the lasting nature of the Irish question. The people of Ireland have been given many things by England, but never those that they wanted. In fact, the country has always been ruled on the principles of the great Bumble towards those under his dominion. They do not ask for more Boards, and they get them, nor for Royal Commissions, and they get them. The things that they ask for, under the reasonable idea that they have the best knowledge of their own needs, are never given. Supposing the Bumble policy were reversed, might not the nature of the Irish question change too? It would at least be worth a trial.

People We Hear About

By the recent death of the Hon. Captain Kenny the life members of the Legislative Council have been reduced to nine in number (says the 'New Zealand Times'). They are the Hons. W. D. Baillie (appointed 1861), C. C. Bowen, Speaker (1891), C. J. Johnston (1891), G. M'Lean (1881), Sir Henry John Miller (1865), J. D. Ormond (1891), H. Scotland (1868), E. C. Stevens (1882), L. Walker (1885).

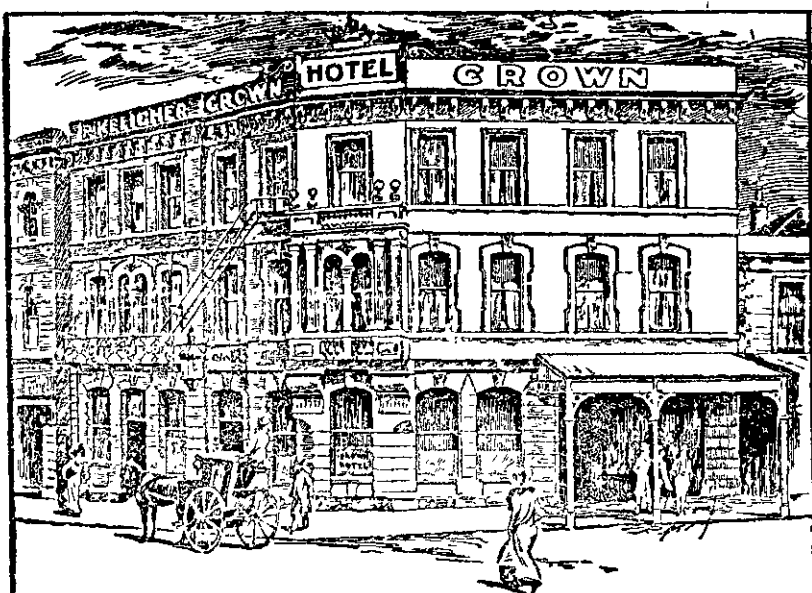
Archbishop Keane, who has done noble work as Rector of the Catholic University of Washington, tells of Cardinal Manning's last illness, that in his extreme weakness his Eminence's physicians urged him to take some stimulant. Calmly but almost sternly he refused. Then they gave him a drug that had a similar effect. Beckoning for his faithful attendant, Monsignor Johnson, he whispered: 'That drug has flushed my face and dimmed the clearness of my brain, and I will take no more of it.' And so, with unclouded mind and true to the League of the Cross, he passed to our Eternal Judge.

The death is announced of Lady Florence Dixie, the sister of the Rev. Lord Archibald Douglas. She had been an invalid for some years. 'In her youth she was fond of outdoor life, and was a magnificent horsewoman. She travelled widely in unknown parts of the world, spending days on horseback, and suffering great hardships. When Patagonia was even less known than it is now she was familiar with its wildest parts. In the Boer War of 1881 Lady Florence was a war-correspondent of the 'Morning Post.' Owing largely to her advocacy, Cetewayo, the captive king of Zululand, was restored to liberty.

Sir Henry Irving was not as rich as his admirers would have wished, this being due to his unbounded generosity. Some strange stories are told of him in this respect. It is said that on one occasion he was asked to perform at a benefit given for some poor actor who had broken down. 'I cannot go,' wrote Sir Henry, 'but I'll put him on the pay list at the Lyceum.' And on the pay list he was duly put, survived for over twelve years, and all that time drew £9 a week without ever having entered the theatre. Sir Henry spent enormous sums on the 'mise en scene' of his plays. For the few seconds spent by Marguerite in crossing the stage to enter the cathedral the church bells play, and for the chime of bells which thus played Sir Henry gave a thousand pounds.

Concerning Sir William Butler, the 'Westminster Gazette' tells, 'on excellent authority,' a capital story. During the stormy period of the 'Plan of Campaign,' when Sir William was living temporarily in Ireland, a force of police, under an officer to whom the gallant soldier was unknown, arrived at his house. The police officer informed Sir William that he was aware that an Irish M.P. for whom he had a warrant was in the building, and demanded that he should be given up forthwith. On being asked for the authority by which he made this demand on a stranger, the representative of 'the force' replied that he knew the 'wanted' M.P. was in the house, and that he meant to search it, even though he had no search-warrant. To which the famous soldier answered that whoever attempted to cross his threshold without due authority of law would do so at his peril. For answer the police-officer ordered his men to 'fall in,' and—marched away. The beauty of the situation was that the gentleman for whom the police were looking was actually in Sir William's house at the time.

Among the politicians retiring this year (says the 'Otago Daily Times') are some who have given many years of service to the country. Mr. J. W. Thomson, Clutha, who did not seek re-election, was returned for nine Parliaments, and gave his attendance at 30 sessions. Sir W. R. Russell, who was defeated for Hawke's Bay, was elected for nine Parliaments, and had attended 32 sessions. Mr. W. C. Buchanan, who has given place to Mr. Hornsby for Wairarapa, had seen seven Parliaments and served for 25 sessions. Mr. John Duthie, who was defeated by Mr. Izard for Wellington North, was elected for four Parliaments and attended 12 sessions. The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon has been elected for 10 Parliaments and has seen 31 sessions, the Hon. T. Y. Duncan nine Parliaments and 28 sessions, the Hon. Sir J. G. Ward and the Hon. J. Carroll seven Parliaments and 21 sessions, the Hon. W. Hall-Jones seven Parliaments and 18 sessions, the Hon. C. H. Mills six Parliaments and 17 sessions, and the Hon. Mr. McGowan six Parliaments and 14 sessions. The Hon. Sir W. J. Steward has the 'record,' having been elected for 10 Parliaments and served for 33 sessions. Sir William Steward and Mr. J. W. Thomson entered the House in 1871, Sir William Russell in 1876, Mr. Seddon in 1879, and Mr. Duncan and Mr. Buchanan in 1881.



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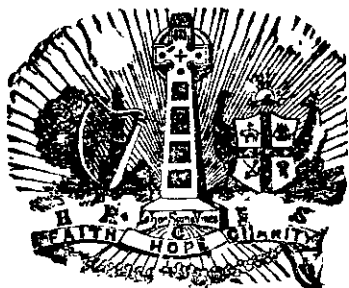
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After presenting the prizes the Rev. Father Howard addressed the pupils. He congratulated them on the good work done during the year, evidenced by the fact that so many beautiful premiums had been awarded by the Sisters. Though but a short time in South Dunedin, he had seen enough of the children to convince him that they were as distinguished for good conduct as convent children he had known in other places. In conclusion he wished them a happy Christmas and a pleasant vacation.

The following is the prize list:—

Christian doctrine.—Senior division (medal)—Maggie Neylon.

Good conduct, politeness (medal)—M. Halloran.

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Music (theoretical).—Senior division (medal): Gertrude Carmody 1, M. Cunningham 2, Irene Carmody 3. Intermediate division (medal): Agnes Brown 1, K. Robertson 2, G. Carmody 3.

Senior Class.—General proficiency: Winifred Marlow. Mathematics, Mary Hanley 1, Agnes Brown 2, — Lawless, — Mulholland, and — Marlow, hon. mention; English history, Winifred Marlow 1 — Walshe and — Brown, hon. mention; geography, Cassie Mulholland 1, — Marlow and — Lawless hon. mention; French, — Halloran 1, Annie Jennings 2; reading and recitation, Mary Lawless 1; English, — Neylon 1, — Hanley and — Cunningham hon. mention; geography, M. Cunningham 2; drawing and needlework, K. Robertson; punctuality, Marione Walshe.

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Junior Class.—Christian doctrine, Leo Marlow 1, — Mee and — Marlow hon. mention; geography, Martha Dunford 1, Norah Mee 2; English, Vera Marlow; improvement in music, Tessie Dunford, — Mee, and — Marlow 1b.

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St. Mary's Convent School, Nelson

(From our own correspondent.)

There was a large assemblage of parents and friends at St. Mary's Hall on December 12 to witness the annual prize distribution in connection with St. Mary's Boys' and Girls' School. The Rev. Father Clancy presided, and delivered a short address. A varied programme, consisting of dialogues, recitations, and musical items, was given, the whole being particularly good. The results of the examination held during the year were as follow:—Teachers' (cert.) Class D, H. Gibbs; Pupil Teachers' Entrance Examination, R. Weisner, E. Wonser, K. Condell. Shorthand (Pitman), second class certificate, M. Franklin and N. O'Brien; elementary certificate, — Cruickshank, Agnes Casey. Trinity College (musical knowledge), junior division, A. McCarthy, E. Arnold, E. McCartney (honors), E. Saunders (pass); preparatory grade, — Fitzsimmons (distinction), Mary Lodge, A. Stephens, F. Saunders. Associated Board, Local Centre (rudiments), Edith Frank, Nellie Vaughan (maximum of marks), — Crisp (honors); practical examination, senior division, M. Mercer (honors); junior division, R. Roughton; preparatory grade, I. McDonald, O. Arnold.

The prizes were presented by Father O'Dwyer. The Rev. Mother and Sisters tender their sincere thanks to all those of the city who contributed the prizes.

MASTERTON

(From our own correspondent.)

A general meeting of members of St. Patrick's Day Sports' Association was held on Saturday evening. Mr. G. Watson presided over a large attendance. A programme of events was submitted for the sports to be held on St. Patrick's Day. The total prize money allotted is £149 12s 6d. and the events embrace all classes of athletics. The principal event is a St. Patrick's Day Handicap of £40 and a silver cup, the St. Patrick's Day Wheel Race of £17 being next. The president made a donation of a silver cup to be allotted to the St. Patrick's Day handicap; Mr J. O'Neil a gold medal for the 100yds amateur event, and Mr. M. Kerins a special prize of £1 1s for the Irish reel. Votes of thanks were passed to the various donors. Mr. T. Duncan was appointed secretary to the Association.

Mr. P. J. O'Leary, who has filled the position of hon. secretary to the Association since its formation, was elected a life honorary member, and was voted a bonus of £10.

The quarterly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Tuesday evening. The president (Bro. P. J. O'Leary) was in the chair. One new member was initiated. It was decided to approach the Holy Table in a body on Christmas Day.

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LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1905.

PASSING OF THE YELLOW SERF

EVERY political quack has his panacea. And
some of them profess a belief in the omni-
potence of their nostrums as firm as did
Waltho Van Clutterbank in his Balsam of
Balsams, two drops of which were war-
ranted to restore knocked-out brains and
reseat decapitated heads. Lord Milner was
one of the knot of political Van Clutter-
banks who invented and prescribed the Yellow Balsam
of Balsams—to wit, Chinese serf-labor—as the Grand

Palladium of South Africa. The German mine-owners
on the Rand wanted to job more millions. The cheaper
the labor the bigger the profits. British workers—for
whose comfort the war was once fabled to have been
fought—were so fastidious as to wish to live like human
beings, as they had lived in the days of Oom Paul. For
this impertinence they were left, after the war, to starve
like ownerless dogs in the streets of Johannesburg. Even
black labor was too dear for the new project of the
millionaires. And so 'Chinese cheap labor' was struck
upon as a sure means of turning the Transvaal into a
money-making paradise for the hard-fisted monopolists
who had taken special care not to expose their precious
skins within range of the Boer Mausers when the war
was dragging its slow length along. And for these sel-
fish capitalists New Zealand sacrificed so many useful
lives, the British and Irish taxpayer spent £200,000,000
in good minted gold, without counting the Empire's loss
in money, blood, and prestige.

The feeling has long been widespread throughout the
Empire that this was too high a price to pay for the
privilege of chasing great numbers of white Christian
workers out of the Rand and replacing them with
pagan bondmen from the slums of Canton and Shanghai
—all in the interests of a knot of magnates of the
Stock Exchange. This sordid ending of a squalid war
has given rise to many a biting political lampoon.
Hereunder is one which will bear reprinting at the pre-
sent juncture. It was used with good effect some
eighteen months ago to harrow up the soul and dash the
hopes of a Tory candidate for an English constituency:

'There is a happy Rand,
Far, far away;
Where impoverished landlords pay
ONE "bob" a day.
These Chin-Chins toil all day,
And, toiling, sadly say:
"Chinee man likee be
Far, far away."

'Once on that golden Rand—
He can't get away;
His not to question why,
But to obey.
Barbed wire surroundeth him,
And police, with faces grim,
Staves in hand, they slowly sing:
"Toil, toil all day."

'There was a happy land
NOT far away;
Britain we called that land,
Not far away.
But if Joey has his way,
And we allow his sway,
PIGTAILS will soon be seen
NOT far away.'

But the passing of the yellow serf is now at hand.
Ex-Prime Minister Mr. Balfour saw the shadow cast by
coming events when he issued his recent dramatic ap-
peal to the Liberal woodman (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman),
to 'spare that tree'—to leave the polyglot plutocrats
of the Rand in peaceful possession of their present and
prospective slant-eyed chattels. It would (he pleaded)
be 'a great and criminal blunder' to stop the importa-
tion of indented yellow serfs from the Distant East.
But its extinction has been happily decreed. If the
Liberal party return to power, pigtails will in due
course be far, far away from the Rand—deported, bag
and baggage, to the place from which they came. The
curtain will then be rung down on one of the most
discreditable results of the late war. And then, per-
haps, the white worker—for whom the millionaires shed
such a wealth of mock-turtle tears when the war was
brewing—may be afforded as good a chance of making a
living in the Transvaal mines as they had under the
patriarchal rule of Oom Paul Kruger.

Notes

Greetings

Greetings to all our readers for the New Year! May its every day be to them a spiritual Christmas, and God's angels their Santa Claus!

To our loved young country, too, a greeting! To God's kind keeping we commend it in all the years that are to come.

'Our fathers' God! from out Whose hand
The centuries fall like grains of sand. . .
We thank Thee for the era done,
And trust Thee for the opening one.

'Oh, make Thou us, through centuries long,
In peace secure, in justice strong;
Around our gifts of freedom draw
The safeguards of Thy righteous law;
And, cast in some diviner mould,
Let the new cycle shame the old.'

Penny Postage

The penny post has extended to Egypt and the Sudan. Soon it will circle the Empire round about, with the prospect of becoming in time an international institution. As far back as the last two years of Charles II. the first British penny post was established in London by an upholsterer named Robert Murray. In his 'Social Life in England from the Restoration to the Revolution,' Sydney says (pp. 227-8): 'The post which was inaugurated by Murray was quickly placed under the control of William Docwra, the regulations being that letters which did not exceed a pound in weight, and any sum of money which did not exceed ten pounds in value, should be conveyed at a cost of one penny within the city and suburbs, and of two pence to any distance within a circuit of ten miles.' The fate of this first British penny post is told on p. 229 of the same work: 'The system was loudly denounced by the Protestants as a contrivance, on the part of notorious Papists, to facilitate the communication of their plots of rebellion one to another. The infamous Titus Oates assured the public that he was convinced of the complicity of the Jesuits in the scheme.' The city porters murmured against the innovation, from motives of personal profit. The upshot of the agitation was the haling of Docwra before the Court of King's Bench, which mulcted him in damages and costs, and suppressed the penny post.

How a Lie Gets Around

From yet another quarter in New Zealand we have received the insane story of the 'walling-in' of the Roubaud family by priests in distant Lourdes! In our last issue we let off some dynamite inside that tale which the anticlerical 'Matin' and 'Petite Republique' originally spun for the marines of Paris. It was, we think, Mark Twain or Max Adeler who, in the story of the petrified man, proved beyond his utmost expectations the splendid gullibility of newspaper men in regard to improbable tales, even when the elements of suspicion are obtrusively presented to their view—insinuated, so to speak, under their very noses. The Roubaud myth is another instructive case in point. It also serves as striking evidence of the truth of the following remarks made by a great American prelate, Dr. John England: 'A person needs no other qualification to write against the Catholic religion than to be so disposed; and the abundance of the spirit becomes manifest in the vehemence of the phraseology. Little attention need be paid to facts; circumstances need not be examined; nor is it always necessary to have regard even to probability itself.' That is just it! It hardly needed the brain of a half-grown chimpanzee to concoct the story of the 'walling-in' and 'isolation' of the Roubaud family by 'the priests' at Lourdes, in the French Pyrenees. And the publication and republication of the crazy invention involved about an equal expenditure of cerebral energy.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 22.

I am pleased to report that Mr. B. Doherty, about whose condition grave fears were entertained, is now making rapid progress towards recovery.

The Rev. Father McCarthy, who was recently ordained, is at present assisting the Rev. Father Ainsworth at South Wellington.

The members of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society have donated £2 2s to Mother Mary Aubert, £1 1s to St. Joseph's Orphanage, and £1 1s to the Mount Magdala Home, to provide Christmas cheer for the inmates.

Messrs. Condon, Sullivan and Reichel have been the recipients each of a gold medal from the members of the city branch of the H.A.C.B. Society—the former for his zeal in promoting the membership of the branch, the two latter for their services in connection with the social side of the society.

The concerts given by the pupils of St. Mary's Convent are always among the treats afforded to lovers of song and music in Wellington, and the one given at the Alexandra Hall on Wednesday evening was certainly no exception. His Grace the Archbishop was present. Misses Evans and Jones commenced the programme with a duet on two pianos, 'Pas des Cymbales,' in which they acquitted themselves admirably. Miss Lilian Irvine sang with exquisite taste Gounod's 'Valse de Romeo et Juliette,' and was compelled to add Scarlatti's charming 'Canzonetta.' Miss Irvine's vocal qualities were heard with good effect in Tosti's 'Good-bye,' and as an encore number 'Summer is here' was given in such a pleasing manner as to earn a further recall. Mrs. Oscar Kember contributed 'Melisande in the wood,' most artistically. Miss Segrief was awarded an encore for 'Happy song,' and responded with 'Day and night.' Miss Van Staveren was similarly greeted for her rendition of 'To the angels.' 'The lark now leaves his watery nest' was capably interpreted by Miss D. Isaacs, and Miss Blow was successful with 'A dream.' Miss Butler's recitations were meritorious efforts. In addition to a pianoforte solo, Miss Evans also played the accompaniments. The choruses and part songs were given by Misses Irvine, Isaacs (2), M. Segrief, McDonald, Sidey, A. Blow, Hannah Stevens, M. Seddon, Van Staveren, McSherry, Kember, H. Von Dadelzen, Mesdames Kember, Dwan, Messrs. Searle, Sinclair, Ward, McMannaway, and Lillcrap.

A prominent feature of Catholic school life is the great respect that the pupils have for their teachers, a feeling that develops in after years into a warm interest and regard for the old school and its associations. This feeling is very characteristic of the relations that exist between the 'old boys' of the Marist Brothers' School and the Brothers who have in hand the direction of that institution. Every year, just before the Brothers leave on their annual retreat, they are entertained by the members of the Catholic Young Men's Club, originally founded by, and now largely composed of, ex-pupils of the school. Thursday evening's gathering was a very pleasant one indeed. The large room of the old school was for the time being transformed and filled with faces young and old assembled to do honor to an Order that is doing so much to place our schools in the forefront. The chair was taken by Mr. A. H. Casey, who had on his right Brother Paul and Mr. J. J. Devine, on his left Mr. Martin Kennedy and Mr. J. McGowan. The first toast honored was that of the 'Pope and King.' 'Our Alma Mater' was proposed by Mr. H. McKeown, who made reference to the great regard that old boys had for the school and its teachers. He wished the Brothers a happy Christmastide and a prosperous and bright New Year. Brother Paul, in a speech delightfully reminiscent of the very first days of Catholic schools in Wellington, suitably acknowledged the kindly sentiments expressed by the proposer. He sincerely thanked his young friends for the warm interest they took in the doings of the school. The toast of the 'Catholic Young Men's Club' was proposed by Mr. J. J. Devine, who founded the first club of this kind in Wellington. He paid a tribute to the good work being done by such an institution, and trusted that the fortunes of the club would increase, and that its members taking the place of the older ones, would help in holding aloft the banner of Catholicism which had been borne so well in the past by those which he might now aptly term 'the old guard.' The toast was acknowledged by Mr. McGowan, who spoke of the remarkable progress made by the club during the year. Mr. Martin Kennedy, in proposing the toast of

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'Catholic Education,' referred to the great sacrifices made by Catholics in this connection. He paid a warm tribute to the splendid services rendered to the community by the religious Orders, who had raised the standard of our educational system to such a high place. He expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be present that evening to take part in the ceremony of entertaining the Brothers. The toast was acknowledged in a brief and forcible speech by the Rev. Father Kimbell. Several other toasts were duly honored during the evening. Musical items were given by Messrs. C. Gamble, P. J. McGovern, Cobolet, Foote, R. Sievers, A. Searle, and T. Lawless. The accompaniments throughout were played by Mr. T. Lawlor.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., reached Dunedin on the 26th inst., to conduct a retreat. He proceeds to Invercargill on January 4 and later on to Oamaru.

About eighty members of the Hibernian Society in regalia approached the Holy Table at the nine o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday.

At St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, on Christmas Day Masses were celebrated at 7, 8, 9, and 11 o'clock. There was a very large number of communicants at the early Masses, about five hundred having approached the Holy Table. The Rev. Father Howard preached at the last Mass on the day's festival. The music, which was Gounod's, was efficiently rendered by the choir under the conductorship of Mr. Bush, Mr. Eagar presiding at the organ.

The Rev. J. Slattery, C.M., of St. Stanislaus' College, Bathurst (N.S.W.), is at present the guest of his Lordship the Bishop in Dunedin. The Rev. Father is well known throughout Australia for his acquirements in various branches of science, and especially for his researches in electricity, in which he has made a mark for himself and for his college. He is brother of Mother M. Peter, O.S.D. (Dunedin), and has taken advantage of his midsummer holidays to see her after a separation of many years.

On last Sunday afternoon a presentation, consisting of a number of handsome toilet articles, was made to Miss Purton by the Mornington Sunday school. The function took place at the residence of Mr. P. Carolin, the presentation being made by Rev. Father O'Malley at the close of a happy speech, in which he paid a well-merited tribute to the admirable work done by Miss Purton in connection with the Mornington Sunday school. Mr. J. O'Neill replied on behalf of Miss Purton, and the function terminated with votes of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Carolin.

Masses were celebrated at 6, 7, 8, and 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Christmas Day, and Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock, at which his Lordship the Bishop presided, Rev. Father Cleary being celebrant, Rev. Father Slattery, C.M., deacon, Rev. Father D. O'Neill subdeacon, and Rev. Father O'Malley Master of ceremonies. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., preached on the feast of the day. The music of the Mass was Gounod's 'Messe Solennelle,' which was rendered in a finished and devotional manner by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. W. T. Ward. Mr. A. Vallis presided at the organ, and as an outgoing voluntary played Guilmant's 'Sur deux Noels.' After Mass the choir was entertained by his Lordship the Bishop in St. Joseph's Hall. The Rev. Father Coffey, who in the unavoidable absence of his Lordship presided, thanked the members for the very finished manner in which the music was rendered, and in particular Mr. Vallis for the interest he was taking in the training of the new members. In the evening the sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Slattery.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 23.

The various committees in connection with the combined Catholic railway excursion to, and picnic at, the Riccarton racecourse on Boxing Day have devoted a great deal of energy, time, and hard work to the details, and there is every anticipation that the event will prove a success.

Miss Katie Young, organist of the Cathedral, and honorary pianiste and accompanist of the Christchurch Musical Union, was on last Tuesday evening presented by Mr. A. Kaye, president, with a very substantial purse of sovereigns, on behalf of many admiring friends. Mr. Kaye spoke eulogistically of Miss Young's work. The secretary, Mr. T. Garrard, also acknow-

ledged, in enthusiastic terms, the splendid services rendered by this accomplished musician. Dr. Bradshaw, organist of the Anglican Cathedral and conductor for the Union, responded on behalf of Miss Young, and thanked the members for the marked expression of appreciation which was to her quite unexpected.

Waimate

(From our own correspondent.)

December 26.

The Rev. Father Lezer, of Meanee, is at present staying at the presbytery, being the guest of Father Regnault.

At the evening devotions on Sunday the Rev. Father Regnault made feeling reference to the death of the late Dean Foley.

A movement is on foot to present Sir W. J. Steward with a purse of sovereigns, he having represented the electorate in the 'House' for the past 24 years.

On Christmas Day Masses were celebrated at 7, 9, and 11. At the last Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Regnault, the choir rendered special music for the occasion. The Rev. Father Lezer preached in the evening on the feast of the day. There were large congregations at all the services. After the evening devotions the choir were entertained at the presbytery by the Rev. Father Regnault. At the same time a presentation was made of a dinner service and tea service to Misses Lucy and Dolly Kent, in connection with their approaching marriages. The Rev. Father Regnault and Mr. G. J. Goldstone made reference to the great loss the choir was about to sustain, Miss L. Kent having been one of the foremost members for the past twelve years.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

December 19.

Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., arrived here on Sunday from Sydney, and will at once commence the retreat of the religious.

On Friday afternoon the bazaar in aid of the Sacred Heart parish and St. Mary's convent will be opened by his Lordship the Bishop, his Worship the Mayor and the Right Hon. the Premier are expected to be present.

Very Rev. Dean Foley passed away last Sunday. Rev. Father Kerley, of Temuka, arrived from the South a few hours before the Dean's death. After Mass at the Cathedral, the organist, Mr. Harry Hiscocks, played the Dead March from 'Saul,' both morning and evening. At 9 o'clock on Monday a Solemn Requiem Mass was sung at St. Patrick's by the Rev. Father Kerley, assisted by the Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., Very Rev. Dean Egan, and Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Buckley, Cahill, Edge, McMillan, Dignan, and Furlong. His Lordship the Bishop was also present. The body lay in state at the Cathedral during Monday, and was afterwards taken South to be buried.

Death of the Bishop of Port Augusta

The death is reported of the Right Rev. Dr. Maher, Bishop of Port Augusta. Dr. Maher was born in the parish of Ballyneil, Tipperary, about 63 years ago, and studied classics at Mount Melleray, and philosophy and theology at St. John's, Waterford. In 1868 he was ordained priest at Maynooth, and landed in South Australia in the December of the same year. After laboring at Kadina, Mount Barker, Adelaide, and Kapunda, he was appointed to Pekina. When Dr. O'Reilly took charge of the newly created diocese of Port Augusta in 1887 he appointed the deceased his Vicar-General. On Bishop O'Reilly being transferred from the episcopal charge of the diocese of Port Augusta to the Archiepiscopal See of Adelaide, in 1895, the administratorship of the vacant diocese fell upon the Vicar-General. Dr. Maher was appointed Bishop, and was consecrated in St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide, on April 26, 1896. There are in the diocese 36 churches, 11 priests, 1 boarding school (girls), 1 superior school, 11 primary schools with over 800 pupils, and a Catholic population of nearly 12,000.—R.I.P.

The Railway authorities have a notice in this issue with regard to the train arrangements during the New Year holidays.

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An Extra Express Train for Oamaru will leave Dunedin at 11.0 a.m., arriving Oamaru at 2.50 p.m. Will stop at Waitati, Seaciff, Puketeraki, Waikouaiti, Palmerston, Shag Point Junction, Hillgrove, Hampden, Herbert, and Maheno.

Train for Oamaru and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 11.15 p.m.

Train for Christchurch will leave Dunedin at 10.45 p.m., arriving Christchurch 9.10 a.m. on Sunday.

Train for Dunedin will leave Christchurch at 10.35 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 8.55 a.m. on Sunday.

Holiday Excursion Tickets for Milton, Stirling, Balclutha, and stations on Lawrence and Catlin's River Branches will NOT be available by Down Mail Train leaving Dunedin at 8.25 a.m.

An Express Train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin at 9.5 a.m., arriving Balclutha 11.25 a.m. This Train connects with Lawrence and Catlin's River Branch Trains, and will stop at Caversham and Mosgiel to pick up passengers, and at Henley, Waiholo, Milton, and Stirling to pick up or set down passengers.

The Train usually leaving Dunedin for Clinton at 8.55 a.m. will NOT leave till 9.40 a.m.

Train for Invercargill will leave Dunedin at 11.20 p.m.

Train for Dunedin will leave Invercargill at 11.25 p.m.

MONDAY, 1st JANUARY.

SPORTS AT OAMARU.

RACES AT PALMERSTON.

SPORTS AT MIDDLEMARCH.

The 5.45 a.m. Dunedin-Palmerston Train WILL NOT run.

Holiday Excursion Tickets from Dunedin and stations north thereof to Waitati, Oamaru, and intermediate stations will NOT be available by Up Mail Train leaving Dunedin at 8.0 a.m.

Holiday Excursion Tickets from Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seaciff, and Waitati to Dunedin will NOT be available by Down Mail Train arriving Dunedin at 9.15 p.m.

Special Express Train for Oamaru will leave Dunedin at 7.30 a.m., arriving Oamaru 11.5 a.m. Will stop at Ravensbourne, Upper Port Chalmers, Waitati, Seaciff, Waikouaiti, Palmerston, Shag Point Junction, Hillgrove, and Hampden only.

Special Express Train will leave Oamaru at 7.0 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 10.45 p.m. Will stop at Maheno, Herbert, Hampden, Hillgrove, Shag Point Junction, Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seaciff, Waitati, Upper Port Chalmers, and Ravensbourne only.

Train for Middlemarch will leave Dunedin at 7.45 a.m.

Trains for Dunedin and intermediate stations will leave Middlemarch at 5.15 p.m. and 6.35 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

SPORTS AT OAMARU.

RACES AT WAIKOUAITI.

The 5.45 a.m. Dunedin-Palmerston Train will NOT run.

Holiday Excursion Tickets from Dunedin to Waitati, Seaciff, Waikouaiti, and Palmerston will NOT be available by Up Mail Train arriving Dunedin at 8.0 a.m.

Holiday Excursion Tickets from Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seaciff, and Waitati to Dunedin will NOT be available by Down Mail Train arriving Dunedin at 9.15 p.m.

Train for Christchurch will leave Dunedin at 8.50 p.m., Christchurch arrive 7.15 a.m. on Wednesday.

Train for Dunedin will leave Christchurch at 9.0 p.m., Dunedin arrive 7.5 a.m. on Wednesday.

Train for Invercargill will leave Dunedin at 9.40 p.m.

Train for Dunedin will leave Invercargill at 10.15 p.m.

MONDAY and TUESDAY, 1st and 2nd JANUARY.

An Extra Express Train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 9.25 a.m., stopping at the following stations:—Waitati 10.26 a.m., Seaciff 10.55 a.m., Puketeraki 11.4 a.m., Waikouaiti 11.18 a.m., arriving Palmerston 11.40 a.m.

Extra Express Train will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.50 p.m. and 6.40 p.m., stopping at the following stations: Waikouaiti, Puketeraki, Seaciff, Waitati, arriving Dunedin 8.0 p.m. and 9.3 p.m. respectively.

Trains for Palmerston and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 8.15 a.m., 9.50 a.m., and 10.30 a.m.

Return Trains, stopping at intermediate stations, will leave Palmerston at 4.5 p.m. and 6.0 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.16 p.m. and 8.45 p.m. respectively.

Train will leave Oamaru for Dunedin and intermediate stations at 10.15 p.m.

The 5.10 a.m. Dunedin-Balclutha Train will NOT run.

Holiday Excursion Tickets for Milton, Stirling, Balclutha, and stations on Lawrence and Catlin's River Branches will NOT be available by Down Mail Train leaving Dunedin at 8.25 a.m.; nor will Holiday Excursion Tickets from stations on Catlin's River and Lawrence Branches and from Balclutha, Stirling, and Milton be available by Up Mail Train arriving Dunedin at 7.5 p.m.

An Extra Express Train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin at 9.5 a.m., arriving Balclutha 11.25 a.m. This Train connects with Lawrence and Catlin's River Branch Trains, and will stop at Caversham and Mosgiel to pick up passengers, and at Henley, Waiholo, Milton, and Stirling to pick up or set down passengers.

An Extra Express Train will leave Balclutha at 4.30 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.56 p.m. This Train connects with Trains from Catlin's River and Lawrence Branches, and with Train for Outram. It will stop at Stirling, Milton, Waiholo, Henley, also Mosgiel to Caversham inclusive, to pick up or set down passengers.

The Train usually leaving Dunedin for Clinton at 8.55 a.m. will NOT leave till 9.40 a.m.

Train will leave Outram for Mosgiel at 6.10 p.m., returning leaving Mosgiel at 7.5 p.m., connecting at Mosgiel with Trains to and from Dunedin.

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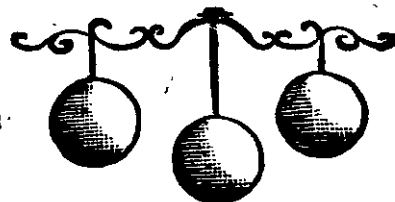
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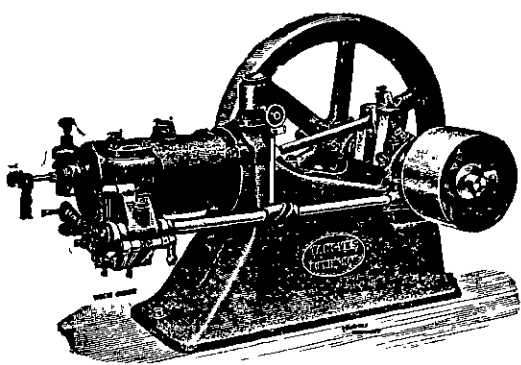
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Now, if this particular dwelling, known familiarly as No. 23, was not haunted by disembodied spirits from the immaterial world, it was, at least, pervaded by that sense of mystery, a something uncanny, which marked its isolation from its neighbors to the right hand and to the left. It was an ordinary-looking structure, such as in the little metropolis was frequently seen; red-brick painted, white shutters obtrusively closed, and a dull green door, to which a few steps led. These details were everyday and conventional, but were rendered gruesome, as the neighbors averred, by the fact that none knew positively whether or no the tenement was inhabited. Now, as the neighborhood was quite a populous one, and as its denizens certainly had their full share of curiosity, it was altogether remarkable that such a state of affairs could continue for so many years, and that the habitation in question could remain enwrapped in a very veil of secrecy.

It is true that peeping Toms, not a few, had climbed back fences and, as shall be seen hereafter, some there were who had gone farther into the mystery, but without being able to bring it to a satisfactory solution. So that No. 23 remained an extremely uncomfortable place to pass by, especially on dull, autumnal evenings, and those who were acquainted with the history of the house, or rather with its lack of history, were sure to hurry past with furtive glances at the closed shutters, as if expecting to catch a glimpse of ghastly faces peering thence. Two things were certain—no light ever shone from any window, and no living being had been seen to enter or to come forth from the closed door.

A certain number of the most veracious, as well as the most prying of the neighbors, testified to having heard on divers occasions sounds resembling groans, which were said to have proceeded from the lower storey of the apparently tenanted tenement. These rumors gave a filip to the popular tenor, and stimulated a very proper pride with which the quarter was animated, in possessing a genuine and awe-inspiring mystery, certainly a valuable asset in its way.

For the fame thereof spread abroad and attracted adventurous spirits from other and less favored portions of the town, who gathered about the unsociable mansion, and, in the course of their investigations, very frequently paid visits to local merchants in quest at once of information and refreshment. No. 23 unquestionably brought money to the neighborhood and fame to those who had hitherto lived in a sylvan solitude of obscurity. The nearest neighbors became subjects of envy, as well as almost of civic importance. In due sequence ranked the favored ones who dwelt directly across the way, those who occupied quarters of any sort in the rear, and the grocer at the corner, who was understood to keep in stock the latest and most reliable bits of gossip concerning the untenanted house.

Bolder spirits, who were drawn to the spot by a love of adventure, invariably put the question as to whether or no the premises had ever been invaded by the curious, who had, as it seemed, every right to satisfy their legitimate curiosity. This query came to be regarded as an imputation on the courage or the enterprise of the locality, and to be resented accordingly, while loquacious tongues hastened to assure all comers that no less than three persons still living within reasonable distance of No. 23 had actually crossed its mysterious threshold, and their version of what they had seen, though varying in some particulars, was thus far uniform. The house, they agreed, was divided into several apartments, all of which, at the time of visitation, had undoubtedly been uninhabited. Yet the rooms were one and all handsomely furnished, the carpets were rich, the wall paper well preserved, and the whole showing evident signs of care and watchfulness. There was not a cobweb, inseparable accompaniment of deserted houses, to be seen anywhere, and the dust which might have been expected to have gathered in a dwelling long closed up was noticeably absent. Pretty ornaments and expensive trifles lay scattered about in profusion, and the larder showed such a stock of groceries as might have been in evidence where an occupant was shortly expected to take possession of a residence.

So the years went by, and the boys who had climbed the back fences or peered in at windows became bearded men, weighed down with the anxieties of life, and the maidens who had clung to their sweethearts

with pretty tremblings as they passed the mysterious edifice became wives and care-burdened heads of families. The neighbors to right and to left, across the way, and in the rear, impelled by the exigencies of time and circumstance, abandoned their posts of vantage, and removed to newer, if less picturesque, portions of the town. The grocery at the corner was torn down and replaced by a modern apartment building.

One by one, the adventurous three who had penetrated to that strange interior paid the debt of nature, and only the voice of tradition, gradually growing fainter, carried on the result of their investigations. The shades of oblivion threatened to close about the dwelling. Even its mystery ceased at last to attract.

Suddenly, however, the old house blazed out into a new glory. The solution of the mystery, which had hung about it like a veil, brought to its doors some hundreds of busy idlers or idle busybodies who throng the streets of every town—or village, for the matter of that. The story was a singular one, worthy of being chronicled among curious happenings. It came to light upon the death of a prominent civic official, who had for many years occupied a position of trust. He had been noted for his strict integrity and exact fulfilment of the duties of his post. Little else had been known about him. His business acquaintances frequently wondered if he were married; his few friends why he had never married. In the course of years, his singular and pathetic story had been forgotten. He was a silent man, reticent to a fault, shunning the society of his fellows and spending his leisure hours none knew how or where. At his death, however, the whole history became public property, and may be epitomized in these few and brief lines, as is the case with so many a life-story.

When David Dalton was thirty years of age he was good-looking, agreeable in manner, and possessed of a moderate inheritance, which, together with the lucrative position he had obtained by family influence, made him in every respect emphatically a good match. As he was a favorite in society, a universal wish seemed to prevail there to see him happily married and to the 'right girl.' Needless to say, that as to the latter particular opinions varied indefinitely, contrary ones being held by marriageable maidens, by their mothers, by grave and serious papas, bachelor friends, and by the few who really had David Dalton's welfare seriously at heart.

The young man steered his way successfully through this vortex of popularity, and if matrimony appeared at all to his mental vision, it was at a point very distant, indeed, upon his horizon. One clear, frosty night of January—how the stars did sparkle in the blue empyrean and the hoar-frost did glisten on the branches of the trees!—David set forth, unsuspecting that Destiny lay in wait for him at the first street corner. Usually he went home from the 'quiet evenings' to which persevering friends continually invited him, heart whole and as fancy free as the snowdrifts that blew down from the mountain-side. On this occasion he entered a room where stood a young and slender girl in a soft, evening gown of gray, with deep, violet eyes, a pretty flush on either cheek, hair that shone as gold in the firelight, and a smile which met David Dalton at the threshold and held him for evermore in bonds.

It has long been unfashionable to talk of love at first sight, or love at all, for the matter of that. But this story deals not with fiction—a love which lasted till his death and forms the basis of this narrative. Local tradition, grown vague in the lapse of time, hints that the favored lady did not at once reciprocate. She was a belle, conquest is sweet, and she felt no disposition to relinquish her undoubted advantages for those less apparent, of becoming the wife of an older, and, to her mind, a prosaic man. David Dalton was deterred by no obstacle, however, and his persistent, devoted, and tender courtship of the lovely lady reads like those pages from the great romancists which forever have power to stir the human heart. One has to be reminded that that lover of the far away, invested with a curious halo of romance, in the chronicles of a city, was only a public official, fulfilling the sordid duties of his office to the letter and yet finding time to write letters which breathe the very soul of a noble and enduring passion.

At last the little lady was touched, and dainty missives, worn and time-stained, remain in her delicate handwriting. Among these is one in which she thus consents to name the wedding-day:—

'I suppose, then, David, I must at last name the wedding-day. I suppose I must say the 4th of May, since you have so often reproached me with unreasonable delay. Otherwise, I should have been tempted to put off our marriage until June, since May is so unlucky. But let it be as you please. I must learn to please

you now. Think of that, David, and perhaps you will become a tyrant, such as we often read of, and I a little white slave. I believe I would rather die, dear, though who knows? Life is sweet and death far too mournful a subject to put into a letter in which I am naming my wedding-day. My wedding-day—only think of that!!

David, on receipt of this letter, forthwith set out to prepare a home for the bride-elect. He rented the red-brick mansion and had it painted. The vivid scarlet of the bricks and the glaring whiteness of the shutters may be forgiven to the exuberance of his joy. He set paperhangers and decorators to work within, and effected a veritable transformation in an interior somewhat dull and squalid, and there was no pretty device or tasteful ornament which this devoted lover did not strive to procure for the dainty lady of his love. The bride that was to be became deeply interested in the work, and the now devoted pair made almost daily visits to their future home, adding continually to its beauty and comfort.

The marriage day dawned fair and dreamy, with blossoming of trees and chorus of young birds and the May sun shining with almost unearthly beauty over the town. The ceremony which united the young pair was celebrated in the church very early in the morning, and the wedding breakfast was held in the red-brick mansion, whither had flocked the friends of the bride and the groom. The occasion was a very merry one, long remembered; toasts were drunk, speeches made, and long life and happiness prophesied to the happy pair in every possible form of words.

In the afternoon, as the bride was about to change her white wedding-gown for a travelling dress, she was taken suddenly faint and led to a great arm-chair in the centre of the modest drawing-room, where she sat, lovely as a vision, in her wedding finery. The event, chronicled by some of those present, gives minute details, impossible of reproduction here. But the bride stretched forth her hand to David. He took it, sinking upon his knees in a mute agony of dread, while the little lady said, with her pretty smile: 'I am going to die, David; and so you shall never have a chance to be a tyrant.'

'It is you who will be the tyrant and hold me forever from the grave in bonds unbreakable!' cried David, in a terrible voice, which caused all who heard it to tremble.

Medical aid was summoned, but in vain; spiritual consolation barely stayed her lovely spirit an instant on the confines of the world invisible. In little more than an hour death claimed its victim.

Thenceforth David Dalton was a changed man. Society knew him no more. After that intimate friends had little more than a bowing acquaintance with him, until, in course of time, 'the world forgetting, by the world forgot,' he retired in profoundest solitude, emerging only in so far as the strict routine of office work was concerned. He purchased the brick house, that it might never pass into other hands, and preserved inviolate each detail of what was to have been his home. Every evening in the dusk, every morning in the dawn, he visited that untenanted domicile, spending his free time there in a chair placed opposite to that in which his bride had died. To him, no doubt, her presence was very real, as appears from the chronicle he has left; he pictured her in the bravery of her wedding garment, a blossom which faded from earth in that month of May which she had so plaintively deplored as unlucky for a bride. It pleased him to invent new names for her, and to inscribe in his journal imaginary answers which she had made him, and to describe 'the look in her eyes' as he had seen her last, and the May sunshine glinting in her hair, and the smile, sweet as that early springtime, hovering on her dying lips.

For thirty-five years, in sunshine or rain, in the pitiless storms of winter or the beauty of summer weather, David Dalton made his daily pilgrimages to No. 23, unmarked by even the most curious. He never admitted any one to the dwelling, as he resolutely shut out the whole world from his confidence. His erect form grew bent and shrunken, his hair, prematurely gray, became silvery white.

At the expiration of thirty-five years, the great summons came for David himself, came suddenly and unexpectedly. Then, by the irony of circumstance, the veil of privacy was torn away; the most private records, which no doubt David had intended to destroy, became public property, and the harsh hands of the law were laid upon the furniture and the other accumulations of those brief, evanescent days of pre-nuptial happiness, when David Dalton had been furnishing his house. No. 23 was advertised for sale or to rent, and, having lost its 'mystery,' subsided after a few years more into the most ordinary of urban residences.—'Benziger's.'

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—The Bishop of Southwark

The Bishop of Southwark was recently presented with 700 guineas on the tenth anniversary of his consecration. He has decided to use the bulk of the money for providing vestries for his Cathedral, after using a small sum to purchase some memento of the kindness of his many friends in presenting him with the gift.

Death of a Leading Catholic

The death occurred recently of Mr. Henry Liddell Grainger of Ayton Castle, Berwickshire, a large Border landowner, and a prominent Catholic of the district. Deceased was fifty years of age, and leaves a widow and young family. He was a brother of the late Lady Jerningham, of Berwick Towers, Berwick, the wife of Sir Hubert Jerningham, ex-Governor of Trinidad. Mr. Liddell Grainger was an officer of the Berwick Militia, a county magistrate, and an active worker in the Catholic interest. He purchased Ayton Castle and the adjoining estate from the Mitchell-Innes family, for something over £120,000. He held a prominent position in local affairs, and his death is a serious loss to Berwickshire Catholics.

Catholic Schools

The following statistics, taken from Government returns, throw a light on the denominational ownership of English voluntary schools which is very often lost sight of. In the year 1902, when the present Education Act was passed, there were in existence 14,539 voluntary schools, with an average attendance of 2,486,597. Of these, 11,777, with an average attendance of 1,885,802, were built by the Church of England; 458, with an average attendance of 125,727, by the Wesleyans; 1,045, with an average attendance of 255,036, by the Catholics; and 1,079 British schools, with an average attendance of 220,032, by subscribers of various creeds; while 5,758 Board schools, with an average attendance of 2,201,049, were built out of the rates to which all subscribe. Further, out of £23,121,000 subscribed since 1870 to voluntary schools, £18,000,000 was given by the Church of England; £421,600 by the Wesleyans; £2,000,000 by the Catholics; and £2,600,000 by the supporters of British schools.

A Remarkable Painting

Quite recently the Right Rev. Dr. Fenton, Bishop of Amycla, unveiled a remarkable painting at the Church of St. Mary, Moorfields, the Rector of which, the Very Rev. Canon Fleming, is a distinguished Irishman. The painting represents the Scene of Calvary, and was originally produced in 1820 by one of the most distinguished Italian painters of the time, Signor Aiglio, who executed his work on the walls of the old Church of St. Mary. Some years ago, when it was decided to pull down the ancient building, Canon Fleming resolved upon having a miniature copy of the painting made, in order that it should be reproduced for the new church. This having been done, the zealous Irish priest brought over one of the most distinguished painters attached to the Vatican, and for over four years he has worked in order to reproduce upon canvas a work which is acknowledged to be a masterpiece. It now adorns the canopy of the new Church of St. Mary, Moorfields, and all who have seen it—and many prominent artists have so—agree that it is a religious picture which will last for all time.

Death of a Canon

Rev. Canon Pope, St. Robert's Catholic Church, Harrogate, died recently at the presbytery in his 80th year. He was one of Cardinal Newman's converts, joining the Catholic Church in 1853.

ROME—The Rector of the Irish College

The Very Rev. Michael O'Riordan, D.D., Ph.D., D.C.L., arrived in Rome on the Feast of All Saints, and proceeded to take possession as Rector of the Irish College.

Papal Reception

The Holy Father on Sunday morning, November 5, received the Most Rev. Dr. Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, in farewell audience in his private library. His Holiness greeted Dr. Bourne most affably, receiving him at the door of the library. Dr. Bourne presented the sum of £700 as Peter's Pence from the archdiocese of Westminster, and also the sum of £295, the proceeds of a collection in aid of the sufferers from the Calabrian earthquake.

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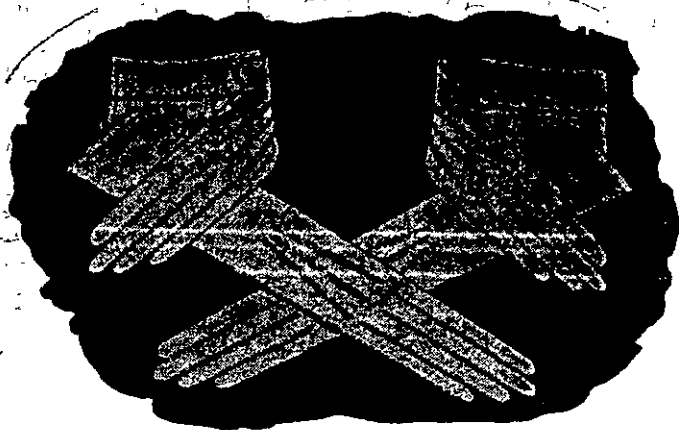
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The Victims of the Earthquake

The Rome paper 'Civiltà Cattolica,' edited by the Jesuits, opened a subscription among the clergy throughout the world to succor the victims of the earthquake in Calabria, and has succeeded in collecting up to the present about £12,000. Father Salvatore Brandi, editor of the 'Civiltà Cattolica,' presented the money and a list of subscribers to the Pope, who noticed a large proportion of English contributors. The Pontiff sent to all the subscribers and their families the Apostolic Benediction.

SCOTLAND—A Catholic Barrister Honored

The highest honor it is within the power of his brethren of the Scottish Bar to bestow has been conferred on Mr. William Campbell, K.C., of Skerrington, the eminent Catholic advocate of the Scottish capital. He has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Advocates—a distinguished position which his wide and varied legal learning, no less than his conspicuous ability as an impassioned pleader and pointed speaker at the Scottish Bar, entitle him pre-eminently.

A Benefactor

Monsignor Lennon, who has devoted his ample means munificently to the support of the Scots College, Rome, and to the extension of the Church in Scotland was presented to the Pope on November 4 by Monsignor Fraser, of the Scots College. His Holiness praised the generosity of Monsignor Lennon and presented him with a gold medal in recognition of his gifts.

SOUTH AFRICA—Catholic Progress

Writing in the Liverpool 'Catholic Times' of the progress of the Catholic Church in South Africa, the Rev. Father O'Hare says:—So recently as 1896-7, I was the guest of the late Bishop of Natal, Dr. Jolivet, O.M.I., and of the Trappist monks, and travelled all over Natal, Transvaal-Tembuland, Pondoland, Griqualand East, etc., visiting nearly every Catholic mission, convent, and school in those enormously large regions of South Africa. Now, when I first went to South Africa in 1863 all the Catholics in the districts I have named could be comfortably accommodated, if brought together, in one church of moderate size, whereas I found in 1896 so many Catholics—natives—Bushmen, Hottentots, Betjuanes, Matabeles, Basutos, and Zulus—as could not be crushed together in the new Cathedral of Westminster. I found the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the Trappists, the Jesuits, the Fathers of St. Francis de Sales, and the Order of the Holy Spirit having missions and good congregations of natives dotted all over South Africa. I myself preached to congregations—where myself and the resident missionaries alone were white men, all the people blacks—in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Oakford, Natal, in the Catholic church on the Promontory called Bluff, near Durban, and in the Zulus' church, Maritzburg—all under the direction of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. I celebrated the Holy Sacrifice in the Church of St. Joseph, 'Lourdes,' under the Trappist monks, where I found in what was in '63 a desert, a big congregation of Kaffirs (in '96). On one occasion I said Mass in another Catholic church for the Zulus—where myself and the Trappist priest who preached were the only Europeans—there was no seat in the church; all sat on the ground or knelt or stood, but the church was not half large enough, the big front door was flung open, so that the Zulu crowd outside might assist at Mass. The work to be done still in South Africa for the conversion of the heathen tribes is too vast for expression, but the work achieved since 1863 is almost incredible. The Jesuits have penetrated into Matabeleland, Rhodesia, and are pushing their conquests still further north with marvellous success. The Trappists, priests, Brothers, and nuns, are making Zululand captive to the Church of God. The Fathers of St. Francis de Sales are doing splendid work among the Hottentots—the lowest race on earth—while the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the pioneers of missionary work in South Africa, have hoisted the banner of Christianity over the Basuto Kaffirs.

Sacred Heart College, Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual concert and distribution of prizes in connection with the Sacred Heart College, conducted by the Marist Brothers, took place in St. Benedict's Hall last Tuesday evening. There was a crowded at-

tendance, and Monsignor O'Reilly presided. A capital entertainment was provided by the pupils as follows:—Overture, 'Myosotis waltz,' college orchestra; chorus, 'Boys of the old brigade,' students' recitation, 'King Connor MacNessa,' Master Vincent Mason; solo, 'Sweet Vale of Avoca,' Master J. Quinlan (violin obligato Master H. Quinn); debate, 'Is Socialism desirable,' affirmative—Masters C. McDavitt, G. Turnbull, E. Mahoney; negative—Masters H. Alley, E. Blake, P. Amodéo; chairman—Master J. O'Donoghue; overture, 'Humors of Donnybrook,' college orchestra; duet and chorus, 'Distant voices,' students; drill, 'Indian clubs,' students; instrumental trio, 'Il Trovatore,' Master M. Higgins (piano), Master J. Kelly (violin), Master P. Amodéo (flute); choruses—(1) 'The harp that once,' (2) 'The wearing of the green'—pupils.

The annual report stated that scholarships had been established, which were open for competition to the boys attending the Brothers' school in Pitt street, and a boarding scholarship was shortly to be established, which would be open to the boys of the Marist Brothers' schools throughout New Zealand. The health of the boys had been excellent during the whole year, and a splendid spirit had existed among them. The prizes were then presented by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, in the absence of the Bishop, as follows:—

Special prizes.—The Coolahan gold medal for good conduct, George Hanson; dux of the school, gold medal, Peter Amodéo; Christian doctrine, gold medal, Claude Simmons; essay-writing, Peter Amodéo; essay descriptive of Westfield chemical works, Edmund Mahoney; handball championship gold medal, Brendan Lavery; bat for best all-round cricketer, Peter Amodéo; silver medal for best fielder at cricket, Thomas Higgins; rep. caps for football, won by E. Mahoney, P. Amodéo, and G. Hanson.

Senior Civil Service Class.—Dux of the school, Peter Amodéo; prize for mathematics, chemistry, and French, Peter Amodéo; prize for English and Latin, Edmund Mahoney.

Matriculation Class (in the class subjects the first name in each instance indicates first prize and the second next in merit).—Matriculation aggregate, Rupert Knight; Civil Service aggregate, Herbert Alley; arithmetic, Herbert Alley, Oliver Alley; English, Rupert Knight, Herbert Alley; history and geography, Herbert Alley, Brendan Lavery; Latin, Cecil McDavitt, Rupert Knight; French, Rupert Knight, Cecil McDavitt; Christian doctrine, Claude Simmons, Peter Amodéo; chemistry, Herbert Alley, Claude Simmons; mathematics, Claude Simmons, Rupert Knight; book-keeping, Brendan Lavery.

Class IV.—Aggregate merit, William Buckler, George Ball, and George Turnbull (equal); Christian doctrine, Edward Blake, Joseph Fischer; arithmetic, William Buckler, James Corbett; mathematics, Warrington Simmons, William Buckler; English, William White, George Turnbull; Latin, George Turnbull, George Ball; French, George Turnbull, George Ball; history, George Ball, Edward Blake; geography, Joseph Fischer, Edward Blake, and George Ball (equal); book-keeping, Nesbit Sneddon, Walter Webb; reading, John Kelly, George Ball; writing, Thomas Higgins, Warrington Simmons.

Class V.—Aggregate merit, Henry Quinn, John Quinlan (second prize), English, Edward Kavanagh, Daniel O'Connor; writing, Vincent Mason, Everard McClellan; geography, Henry Quinn, Daniel O'Connor; book-keeping, Bert Clarke, Henry Quinn; Latin, Cyril Sneddon, William Keenan, and Daniel O'Connor (equal); drawing, Henry Quinn, John Paul; Christian doctrine, John Quinlan, Everard McClellan; reading, Ernest Fraser, John Quinlan; history, Everard McClellan, Cyril Sneddon; arithmetic, Daniel O'Brien, John Quinlan; French, Daniel O'Connor, Henry Quinn; shorthand, William Keenan, Daniel O'Brien.

Class VI.—Aggregate merit, Thos. McLaughlan, Leo Cullen; English, Thomas McLaughlan, Francis Kelly; history, Leo Cullen, Thomas McLaughlan; arithmetic, Thomas McLaughlan, Francis Kelly; orthography, Francis Kelly; Reginald Amodéo; Christian doctrine, James Boylan, Leo Cullen; writing, John Phelan, Thos. McLaughlan; geography, Reginald Amodéo, Thomas McLaughlan; French, William Fischer, Reginald Amodéo.

Class VII.—Aggregate merit, Leonard Buxton 1, William Floyd 2; Christian doctrine, William Sullivan, William Tobin; arithmetic, Leonard Buxton, Laurence Quirk; orthography, Patrick Cooney, Clarence Cobourne; writing and drawing, Laurence Quirk, Patrick Cooney; geography, William Floyd, Laurence Quirk; English grammar, Laurence Quirk, William Sullivan; reading and recitation, Robert McVeagh, Clarence Cobourne.

Class VIII.—First in aggregate marks, Mervyn Bartley; Christian doctrine, Walter Brophy; reading, Arthur Christmas; arithmetic, Mervyn Bartley.

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George W. Dawson, Kahutika (age 14), 7th prize	...	0 10 0
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Number of Papers.

A statistician has learned that the annual aggregation of the circulation of the papers of the world is estimated to be 12,000,000,000 copies. To grasp the idea of this magnitude we may state that it would cover no fewer than 10,450 square miles of surface; that it is printed on 781,250 tons of paper; and, further, that if the number (12,000,000,000) represented, instead of copies, seconds, it would take more than 333 years for them to elapse. In lieu of this arrangement we might press and pile them vertically upward to gradually reach our highest mountains.

Topping all these, and even the highest Alps, the pile would reach the magnificent altitude of 490, or in round numbers 500 miles. Calculating that the average man spends five minutes in the day reading his paper (this is a very low estimate), we find that the people of the world altogether annually occupy time equivalent to 100,000 years reading the papers.

The Art of Daguerre.

Although the improvements in photography are made so rapidly nowadays that even the professional photographer can hardly keep track of them, there are many picture-makers (says the 'Century Magazine'), who believe the world will turn back to the daguerreotype for its beautiful and most artistic portraits.

It is more than sixty years since the scientific world was aroused by the announcement that Daguerre, a Frenchman, had discovered a method of fixing the image made by the camera obscura. It was a crude method then. The first picture, of a tree standing in the sun, required half an hour or more of exposure. That was the same year in which Samuel F. B. Morse went to Europe to exhibit his new electric telegraph. The two inventors met by appointment in Paris and explained their work to each other.

Daguerre's plate was of pure silver. It was thoroughly cleaned and polished. In a dark room it was next coated with a film deposited by the vapour of iodine, and then exposed to the camera. Still protected from the light, it was placed over the fumes of hot mercury, which developed the image, and it was then made permanent with chloride of gold.

This process was soon improved, until on bright days the sitting for a daguerreotype was reduced to ten, sometimes to five, minutes. Even with this short exposure, however, the likenesses were remarkable. It is possible to assume an artificial expression and hold it for a brief second before a modern camera, but to remain motionless for the long time required for a daguerreotype, it was necessary that the features should be in repose in their natural position.

The daguerreotype was a positive, impossible to retouch. It was a soft, flesh-like tone, which even today, in the specimens of the art preserved in collections and among family relics, wins admiration. The daguerreotype gave way to the cheaper ambrotype, which was on glass, and required a dark background to show it off; and this in turn was succeeded by the glass negative and the paper positive print. None of them has ever attained the delicacy or the softness of the daguerreotype, and the Frenchman's method, expensive and slow as it is, may win its way back into the popularity it had more than half a century ago.

The Home

By 'Maureen'

Tomato Sauce.

To 6lb of tomatoes add $\frac{1}{2}$ oz pepper corns, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sugar, 1oz salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz cloves, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz allspice, 2 onions, and 2lb apples. Put in pan and cover with vinegar and boil 4 hours. When cold put through sieve, add a little Cayenne.

Raspberry Vinegar.

Put the required quantity of raspberries into a basin after cutting off stalks. Cover with best white wine vinegar and leave for 8 to 10 days till a crust has formed on top. Remove crust and strain juice through hair sieve. Weigh this, and to every $\frac{1}{2}$ lb loaf sugar allow 1lb juice. Boil sugar and juice for 10 minutes, when cold bottle for use.

The Welfare of the Baby.

The Mayor of Huddersfield has issued cards to mothers, with the following instructions printed on the back:—

When the mother cannot suckle the child it should be fed on new milk and water mixed in certain proportions according to age.

At first one part of milk and two parts water, with a teaspoonful of cream and a little sugar. Then as the child grows older less water to be added. When cream cannot be obtained a small piece of suet may be shredded into the milk.

The amount of food placed in the bottle each time the child is fed should not be more than enough to satisfy it for the time, beginning with two ounces and increasing as the child grows. Should any be left, when the child is satisfied, it should be thrown away, the bottle and teat washed and kept in cold water until again wanted.

What to do.—Always feed the baby at regular intervals, every two hours at first, gradually lengthening the interval to three hours.

Always wash out the baby's mouth twice a day, night and morning.

Always keep a baby very clean.

Always bathe (or sponge all over) the baby once a day in warm water.

Always let the baby sleep in a cradle or cot (a wicker basket makes a good cot), or even an empty packing case, but never let the baby sleep in the same bed with its mother.

Always use fuller's earth to powder the baby, not starch or flour.

Always attend to the baby when it cries. The baby cries for one of three reasons—(1) The baby is hungry; (2) the baby is uncomfortable or something hurts; or (3) the baby is ill.

What not to do.—Never give the baby soothing syrups, fever powders, or anything of that sort.

Never give the baby bread or sops, or gravy, or any other food, except milk, till it is more than seven months old.

Never give the baby skimmed milk, or milk that is not perfectly fresh and good.

Never use a feeding bottle with a long tube. Nobody can keep the inside of the tube clean.

Never use a 'comforter' or dummy teat. It is most injurious.

Never carry the baby 'sitting up' until it is five months old.

Never neglect to send for a doctor if the baby is ill. Babies are soon overcome and easily die.

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INTERCOLONIAL

His Eminence Cardinal Moran blessed and opened a new wing of the Convent of Mercy, Parramatta, a few Sundays ago.

Mr. P. F. Kiley, district secretary of the H.A.C.B. Society, has been unanimously elected president of the South Australian Friendly Societies' Association for the ensuing year, at the annual meeting held on Wednesday, November 29.

The Bishop of Wilcannia (Dr. Dunne), who has returned to Broken Hill after an absence of nearly three months, eulogised the congregation upon the manner in which it was setting itself to meet, by the payment of monthly subscriptions (totalling about £60), the interest charges on the Cathedral building fund, and also to reduce the principal indebtedness.

In connection with Bishop Duhig's consecration at Rockhampton on Sunday, December 10, it is interesting to note that he was the first student received by the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney when that prelate was Rector of the Irish College in Rome, and he was the first Bishop that Dr. Kelly has consecrated. Further, Dr. Duhig's chaplains on Sunday were the Rev. Fathers Fitzpatrick (Maryborough) and Wolfe (Blackall), both of whom were at college with the new prelate.

On Monday, November 27, a serious accident was averted by the brave act of the Very Rev. M. J. Shanahan, at Hamilton, Vic. A pair of horses were bolting through the streets, and were travelling straight towards two little children, one of whom was seated in a go-cart, in Cox street. Father Shanahan rushed out, and caused the animals to swerve. He then grasped the reins, and was knocked down, but succeeded in stopping the runaways.

Master Eugene Gorman, a pupil of the Marist Brothers' School, Bendigo, who some months ago won the Austral Society's scholarship, has again distinguished himself at St. Joseph's College, Sydney, where he is now pursuing his studies. He won a special gold medal for an essay in competition with the whole of the college, besides gaining several other valuable prizes in various subjects. Master J. Ryan has this year gained the Hibernian scholarship at the Marist Brothers' School, Bendigo, also a very valuable gold medal, presented by Mr. Lewis, B.A., for the dux of the school.

Among the presentations to Dr. Duhig prior to his departure from Brisbane for Rockhampton was a gold crozier and an episcopal ring set with an amethyst. These were given him at Dara by Brother Barrett, under whom Dr. Duhig was a pupil. Archbishop Kelly and Mr. Justice Real spoke on the occasion, and Dr. Duhig noted the coincidence that he should have been the first student to be received by Archbishop Kelly at Rome, and the first Bishop to be consecrated by him. Nudgee College students presented Dr. Duhig with a 'History of the Church,' and a great number of handsome vestments were presented by other donors.

Mr. J. G. Duffy, the Melbourne barrister, who appeared in a recent law case, trapped a witness neatly. As a practical test of handwriting, Duffy asked him to turn his back while two of his friends at the barristers' table wrote something on slips of paper that was to be submitted to him for examination. But when the man's back was turned Duffy wrote both the samples himself, but one of them in a disguised handwriting. Then he asked the expert for his opinion. The latter pointed out many proofs that the handwritings were quite dissimilar, and gave his opinion that one was the work of a man of morose, gloomy nature, and the other of the opposite sort of character! Then Duffy told the expert what had been really done while his back was turned, and the witness retired for a deep, solid think.

The consecration of the Right Rev. James Duhig as Bishop of Rockhampton took place in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton, on Sunday, December 10. The ceremonies lasted two and a half hours. The Cathedral, which holds several thousand people, was filled with a representative congregation, which included members of both Houses of Parliament and visiting prelates. The consecration ceremony was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney, assisted by Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, and Dr. Murray, Bishop of Cooktown. The Papal Briefs were read by the Very Rev. Father Walsh, of Townsville. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Archbishop Kelly delivered an impressive address, during which he reviewed the life and work of the Church. Afterwards several hundreds knelt before the newly-consecrated Bishop, kissed his hand, and received his blessing.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

December 31, Sunday.—St. Sylvester, Pope and Confessor.

January 1, Monday.—The Circumcision of Our Lord.

" 2, Tuesday.—Octave of St. Stephen, Protomartyr.

" 3, Wednesday.—Octave of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.

" 4, Thursday.—Octave of the Holy Innocents.

" 5, Friday.—Vigil of the Epiphany.

" 6, Saturday.—Feast of the Epiphany.

St. Sylvester, Pope and Confessor.

St. Sylvester, a native of Rome, was called to rule the Church during the twenty-one years which followed the accession of Constantine. One of his principal cares was to provide churches for the faithful, who were now, for the first time, allowed perfect liberty in the exercise of their religion. The most important event in the pontificate of St. Sylvester was the celebration of the First General Council, which was presided over by the Papal legates, and in which the errors of Arius were condemned. St. Sylvester died in 335.

Feast of the Circumcision.

This is a festival celebrated on January 1 to remind us of the humility of our Lord in allowing Himself to be seemingly numbered among sinners, by submitting to the law of the Jews. Circumcision was a religious practice among the Jews in the observance of which a distinctive mark was placed on male children the eighth day after their birth, and on all adults who embraced their religion. It was established as a distinctive sign of the people of God, a sign of the covenant made by God with Abraham, and as the figure of Baptism in the New Law. The feast of Circumcision is very ancient in the Church, as is proved by the homilies and sermons of the Fathers of the Church.

Feast of the Epiphany.

This festival is set apart to solemnly commemorate the coming of the three wise men from the East, guided by a miraculous star which appeared to them, and directed them to Bethlehem, where they found Christ in the stable; here they honored and adored Him and offered gifts to Him.

The Octave of a Feast.

The octave of a feast is the period of eight days assigned for its celebration during which is repeated every day a part of the office of the feast, as the hymns, antiphons, or verses, with one or several lessons referring to the subject. On the eighth day, the octave properly speaking, the office is more solemn than that of the preceding days. Generally the most solemn feasts, like Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, the feast of the patron saint, are accompanied by an octave.

Father O'Hanlon, of Tamworth, has been transferred to Inverell as assistant to Father English, and has been succeeded by Father Keane, a recent arrival from Ireland.

On Friday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, a solemn ceremony took place in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, St. Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, when Rev. Arthur E. O'Brien, of Glebe Point, Sydney, was raised to the dignity of the priesthood.

Mrs. Thomas Hynes, who died recently at Gulgare (S.A.), at the ripe old age of 98 years, was a native of County Galway, and came to Australia in 1851 accompanied by her husband and family. Their ship, the 'Marion,' was wrecked on a sandbank near Kangaroo Island, the occupants having to proceed to Adelaide in bullock drays.

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