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MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiæ causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.
Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

TRANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.
April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.

Current Topics

The Casualty List

The Christmas holidays have brought their usual lists of casualties among pleasure and sporting parties. The sail-boat that is 'as safe as your own house' and the gun that isn't loaded have proved themselves as deadly as ever. But 'twas ever thus. 'What misery,' said Sydney Smith of the holiday-makers of his day, 'human beings inflict on themselves under the name of pleasure!'

For Married Folk

Few married couples have, either by nature or acquired habit, the bump of benevolence as highly developed as that friend of Douglas Jerrold's who would hold an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain. But they should at least try to have enough tact, and patience, and good-sense illumined by grace, not to outrage each other's feelings or aggravate each other's failings during the year that is now young. We recommend them to keep before their mind's eye the following quaint advice of Dr. Parr: 'Married people should study each other's weak points, as skaters look after the weak parts of the ice, in order to keep off them.'

In Russia

Artemus Ward says that revolutions are the only kind of exercise taken by the Central American. The Frank is fairly ready in resorting to the same kind of 'divarshun.' But it takes the less practised and slower-moving Russian more time to get under way. The events of the past twelve months—and especially of the past few weeks—tend, however, to show that his impetus when once he has got fairly in motion may yet be greater, and his impact against obstacles in his path more severe, than those of his lighter and more volatile friends west of the Rhine. Disraeli says that 'great revolutions, whatever may be their causes, are not lightly commenced, and are not concluded with precipitation.' That which shook France to the roots in 1789 was no sudden volcanic upheaval. Its coming had been long foreseen by those who had eyes to read the signs of the times. The present revolution that has got so far-spreading a grip on Russia is merely the natural and predicted outcome of causes that have long been at work in the realms of Muscovy. And if, too, is not likely to be 'concluded with precipitation.'

Under the autocratic and oppressive rule that prevails in Russia, discontent is the normal condition. The reform movement, so far as it has taken shape, has run on two lines—that of constitutional agitation and of revolution. The policy of driving discontent beneath the surface has strengthened the hands of the party of violence, who have been at work for half a century in one way or another in what Stepniak calls 'underground Russia.' The movement has received a fresh impetus from dissatisfaction with the war; exasperation at the monotony and gravity of defeat; the keen distress among the workers caused by industrial depression and the added burdens of the struggle in the Far East; the harsh rejection of, or trifling or temporising with, popular demands; the suppression of free speech and of the right of public meeting; the partial corruption of the army and navy; and, finally, the feeling that the Autocrat's difficulty was the revolutionary's opportunity. So far as we can trust the cable-messages, the revolutionary kettle seems, as we write, to be bubbling fiercely. Wellington remarked to some of his staff at Waterloo: 'Hard pounding this, gentlemen; let's see who will pound the longest.' The outcome of the 'hard pounding' in Russia will be watched with eager interest by the civilised world.

George IV., Bigamist

Speculation has long been probing with sharp guesses the relations that existed between George IV. and the fascinating Catholic lady, Mrs. Fitzherbert. But all controversy on the subject has been at last set at rest by the action of King Edward VII. General belief has now become a certainty, that she was the lawful wife of the last of the Georges. A sealed packet that long lay in Coutts's Bank has been, through the good offices of the King, given to the world in Mr. W. H. Wilkins's recently published work, 'Mrs. Fitzherbert and George IV.' It contains, among other interesting documents, the duly witnessed certificate of the private marriage between the melodramatic and persistent George—then the handsome and not yet over-spoilt Prince of Wales—and the young Catholic widow of noble lineage, whose beauty and goodness had made her the idol of the highest circles of the time. The sequel is a sordid tale. The royal moon-calf got heavily involved in debt. In order to meet the clamor of his creditors and secure State grants, he acceded to the wishes of George III. and went through a form of marriage with a German Protestant Princess. Within a year they were separated—for ever. George IV. died at Windsor in 1830 as

King of England, with his true wife's miniature upon his breast. He left no direct heirs. The crown therefore went to William IV., with whom, as with his family, Mrs. Fitzherbert remained on terms of close and intimate friendship—her servants even being, by special authorisation, allowed to wear the royal livery. Her relations with George IV. have been on and off—ever since her marriage in 1785—the subject of head-shaking, curious speculation, and even of open ill-report. Her vindication is now complete and final. Some one has compared scandal to fuller's earth—it daubs your coat a little for a time, but when it is rubbed off, your coat is so much the cleaner. The Coutts's Bank documents and the rest of the work of Mr. Wilkins not alone rub off the fuller's earth of the suspicion-monger, but show Mrs. Fitzherbert to have been an innocent and much-wronged woman.

Their Real Object

The object of the French Freemason-Radical 'Bloc' is once more set forth with the customary brutal directness—this time by an anti-clerical journalist at Lille. 'In a few weeks,' said this 'candid friend,' 'the separation of Church and State will be an accomplished legislative fact. That legislative fact constitutes the first stage—and a very modest stage it is—towards that final and complete opposition to all Churches and dogmas of religion.' In another quarter of the country—Grenoble, to wit—M. Combes has been singing a paean of rejoicing over the plunder and banishment of so many religious of both sexes whose sole crime was the free and devoted services which they rendered to the cause of charity and education. And yet

'The Ten Commandments will not budge,
And stealing will continue stealing'

despite ministerial majorities, whether in or out of France.

'Torpedo' Whitehead

An intending biographer once asked Emile Augier, the great French dramatist, for some notes about his life. 'Sir,' replied Augier, 'I was born in 1820. Since then nothing has happened to me.' The biography of Mr. Whitehead—who passed to the majority some weeks ago—might be written in terms as brief. He invented a new torpedo nearly forty years ago. After that nothing happened to him—except his taking-off. And even the cable-man paid no attention to that, although he is a faithful chronicler of such small beer as the death of a greyhound, or the latest limp of a race-horse, or the amours of a ballerina. 'And this is fame!'—as the late Mr. Vincent Crummies used to say.

The late Mr. Whitehead was one of the many men of peace who invented the most deadly weapons of war. Who, for instance, has not heard of the blood-letting devices of Lord Armstrong, Mr. Gatling, Mr. Maxim, Mr. T. E. Vickers, and the man from Galway—'Torpedo' Brennan? Before the days of Mr. Whitehead's invention, the torpedo was a crude bombshell—a sort of big iron pot filled with gunpowder and perhaps some scrap-iron, and tied to the end of a stick. It was used on sundry occasions, and with somewhat variegated results, during the great American Civil War of the sixties. But the Thing had an uncanny trick of hoisting friend as well as enemy, with a serene but discouraging impartiality. Sometimes the friend went up first and furthest. This was, for instance, the case when the Confederates crept up and exploded an iron-pot torpedo under the ribs of the 'New Ironsides' (Federal) off Charleston in 1863. The big puff set the 'Ironsides' rocking and dancing about like a wounded boar. But the water did not get beneath her skin, and the attacking torpedo-boat was crushed into smithereens. Three months later the Confederates sank the Federal 'Housatonic' off Charleston; but the

torpedo-boat accompanied her to the floor of the Atlantic. A few days later, however, Lieutenant Cushing blew up the Confederate ram 'Albemarle' in Roanoke River; and he got back with a whole skin in an undamaged launch. In 1866 the old torpedo was again successfully used on the Paraná River, when Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay were banded together and trying to convince Paraguay with hypodermic injections of iron and lead. The allied ironclad, the 'Rio Janeiro,' struck her nose against two anchored torpedoes laid by the Paraguayans, took a 'header' to the bottom, and stayed there.

As a rule, good blood-letting devices are introduced slowly, and at the point of the bayonet, so to speak, into the British army and navy. Sighted and rifled guns, for instance, were not introduced into the navy for long years after these inventions, in the hands of Americans, has sent balls through the British ships 'as a knife goes through cheese' in the war of 1812-15. The British War Office clung to the old muzzle-loader until it had been flung on the scrap-heap by almost every army in Europe. Its 'experts' rejected the Maxim gun, the new rifle-sights, the magazine rifle, and the Vickers-Maxim or 'Pom-pom'—which is now voted 'the handiest piece of light artillery in existence.' In the case of the Maxim gun and of the Whitehead torpedo, however, the naval authorities were wiser in their generation. But the world has moved at the speed of the Scotch express since the days when Whitehead invented his travelling torpedo at Fiume, on the Adriatic. The torpedo of the Russo-Japanese war, with its two hundred pounds or more of high explosives, was a much more formidable dealer of destruction and death. When the Japanese torpedoers got to work on the Russian ships in the Straits of Tsushima, they sent seven costly warships to the bottom in an incredibly short time. That famous battle bore out the verdict passed some years ago by a United States naval commission, which (says Bloch in his 'Modern Weapons and Modern War') 'came to the almost unanimous conclusion that torpedo-boats will certainly destroy an armor-clad if they escape destruction during the two minutes in the course of which the vessel attacked will be able to use its quick-firing guns. But,' adds Bloch, 'the effectiveness of defence is weakened by the fact that in all navies the number of torpedo boats is from three to seven times greater than the number of armor-clads, and the loss of several torpedo-boats cannot be compared in gravity with the loss of a single armor-clad carrying an incomparably larger crew, and costing an incomparably larger sum.'

This remarkable revolution in naval warfare was made possible by Whitehead. And yet his passing goes unchronicled by the cable-man. Well, after all, fame is a relative thing. Ruskin, for instance, was known to a certain class as 'the old gent wot teaches drawin' at the Taylorian.' Among the simple folk of Haslemere, Tennyson's reputation is said to have largely depended on the fact of his being a lord and wearing 'an 'at big enough for onythin'.' And once on a time a literary stranger was introduced to James Carlyle, the youngest brother of the sage of Chelsea. The stranger ventured the remark: 'You'll be proud of your great brother?' But James replied in his broad Annandale: 'Me proud o' him! I think he should be proud o' me!' Which leads us back once more to Mr. Crummies' remark: 'And this is fame!'

Persons requiring carriages, buggies, waggonettes, or other vehicles for hire should call on Messrs. T. Fitzgerald and Son, MacLaggan street, Dunedin, where they will receive every attention and civility. This old-established firm has a very comprehensive stock of carriages for hiring purposes, also ladies' and gentlemen's riding hacks, and patrons will find both horses and vehicles satisfactory in every respect.

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 29.

His Lordship the Bishop desires me to state that the annual diocesan retreat of the clergy is fixed for January 17, at the Cathedral, and is to be conducted by the Very Rev. the Rector of the Redemptorist Fathers. This may be accepted as the official notification.

The Feast of the Nativity was ushered in on Sunday evening at Vespers, when the Rev. Father O'Connell preached an impressive sermon on the subject. The choir sang the 'Adeste Fideles,' solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament being afterwards given by his Lordship the Bishop, attended by the Rev. Fathers Mahony and Peoples.

Speaking in the Cathedral on Sunday morning the Very Rev. Vicar-General, referring to the approaching festive occasion, said although not given to paying compliments, he could not refrain from thanking all those in various capacities of church and parochial work for cheerful, generous, and whole-hearted services rendered year after year. The gratitude he felt was beyond him to adequately express.

At St. Joseph's Church, Lyttelton, on Christmas Day, besides the earlier Masses there was a Missa Cantata at 10.30 o'clock at which Gregorian music was rendered for the first time. The Rev. Father Cooney celebrated all the Masses. In the evening there were the usual devotions. There were large congregations, and the church was beautifully decorated by the Sisters of Mercy.

The first Christmas of the Sisters of Nazareth in New Zealand was fittingly celebrated at Nazareth House. With kindly thoughtfulness his Lordship provided a Christmas tree laden with toys for the little ones, and was also present at the distribution. On Christmas morning Masses were celebrated by the chaplain (the Rev. Father Mahony), and in the afternoon Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by his Lordship the Bishop, prior to which he addressed in appropriate terms the community and inmates. An abundance of all needed to gladden the hearts of everyone, old and young, was dispensed on the festive occasion.

The numerous friends of the great institute of Mount Magdala and Sacred Heart Orphanage and Industrial School, by supplying the necessities, enabled the good Sisters to provide for the Christmas festivities, and make the occasion one of great rejoicing. The children of the orphanage were particularly gladdened by a well stocked Christmas tree, furnished by his Lordship Bishop Grimes.

In the Cathedral on Christmas Day Masses were celebrated continuously from six o'clock until ten, each largely attended, and very many approaching the Holy Table. At eleven o'clock there was Pontifical High Mass. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., assistant priest, the Rev. Father Mahony deacon, Rev. Father Peoples subdeacon, and Rev. Father O'Connell master of ceremonies. The music was Gounod's 'Messe Troisième,' capably rendered by the choir, Mr. H. H. Loughnan conducting and Miss Katie Young presiding at the organ. His Lordship the Bishop briefly addressed the congregation on the lesson of the Nativity. The people, he said, were invited by the Church to gather around the crib and adore that Child Who was God from the beginning, and was now made flesh. That Child, Who had been born in a manger, might have come down in splendor, might have been born in a gilded palace, but He had chosen to lower and humiliate Himself, to be wholly poor. He had abased Himself to uplift humanity, to give men power to become the sons of God. His Lordship impressed his hearers with this lesson of humility and love, telling them finally that the Church took up the song that the angels sang on the eve of the first Christmas, 'Glory be to God on High, and Peace on earth to men of good will.' At the conclusion of the Mass the Bishop imparted the Papal blessing.

In the evening there were Solemn Pontifical Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, his Lordship being attended by the same clergy as in the morning. The Bishop, after giving his episcopal blessing, said that, on behalf of all his clergy and himself, he was pleased to wish the people all the joys of the season. He thanked all his priests for their untiring efforts during the year, and, on behalf of the parish, he expressed gratitude to all who had contributed in any

way to make the magnificent ceremonies of Sunday evening and Monday the success which, he hoped, they had been. He would also thank those who had given their time and taste to the adornment of the Cathedral, the sacristan, the sanctuary boys, the choirmaster, and the collectors. His Lordship concluded with making an appeal to the congregation to remove the incubus of debt from the Cathedral. He warmly expressed thanks to all who had helped to raise the magnificent basilica, but he mentioned that the first Christmas services celebrated within its walls were not without a shadow. In the middle of the joy, he said, there was a note of sadness. He would have liked to have seen this offering to God free and untrammelled. Though the debt was still heavy, he added, he had, during the past few days, enjoyed a certain consolation. A gentleman filling an important position in New Zealand had remarked to him: 'There is nothing like this Cathedral in Australasia. It is a national monument, and, as such, I would like you to allow me to give you a few pounds for a few years till the church is paid for. You have a national monument, and all should contribute to it.' This gentleman, the Bishop explained, was not a member of his diocese, and he instanced a parallel case. A third person had stated: 'It is a dreadful debt; it is an awful burden. I will give you £100 if some others will do the same.' 'I have great sympathy for you, and the people of the diocese should make an effort to support you. I would give £10 or £20 if you could only get others to contribute. The fulfilment of these promises, his Lordship continued, rested with the people of the diocese. If they helped themselves, others would help them. If ninety-nine persons would give £100 each there would be no need to trouble about the debt. It was not necessary that ninety-nine individuals should provide all the money. People could band together in groups and furnish quotas of £100 between them. 'It is very simple,' he concluded. 'There is the plan, and it only wants being put into execution. There is a resolution for the new year—to remove this incubus of debt. Then we will have no more annoyance with material, financial affairs, but will be able to work, as we are intended, for the spiritual welfare of the diocese.'

The decorations of the sanctuary and high altar were very beautiful. Palms and pot plants were so arranged in the sanctuary as to effect a delicate green tracery on the pure white stone pillars and colonnades. Arum lilies, Christmas lilies, and bright red blooms most tastefully adorned the high altar, the whole affording a spectacle chaste in the extreme. The altars of the side chapels, notably those of the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin, were also beautifully adorned, the same loving attention being bestowed on those of St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Anthony, and others. The whole scheme of adornment and material provided were due to Miss Rose White, whose devoted labors cannot be too highly appreciated.

The customary crib, symbolic of the Stable of Bethlehem, was erected by Mr. Frank Geoghegan, sacristan, and a few willing helpers. After Vespers the members of the choir were entertained by the Bishop at the episcopal residence. His Lordship had previously congratulated the choir for its service during the year, especially those who had striven to help to carry out the instructions of his Holiness the Pope with regard to church music, and he supplemented this with thanks for the day's work, making special reference to the choir-master (Mr. H. H. Loughnan) and the organist (Miss Katie Young).

Although the best accommodation the Railway Department felt disposed to grant for the Catholic excursion to the Riccarton Racecourse on Boxing Day was open waggons, still his Lordship the Bishop was contented to take his seat among the happy throng and appeared content to extract all the enjoyment possible from such a method of transit. Needless to remark the whole trainful of passengers felt highly honored at his presence amongst them. The local and visiting clergy found themselves dispersed among the people in all parts of the train. Outward and homeward every detail passed off with punctuality and dispatch, thanks to the foresight and admirable management of the secretary, Mr. E. O'Connor.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

December 25.

On Saturday evening Father Le Floch received a welcome Christmas gift in the shape of a cheque for £30 to erect a bell for the church. This thoughtful offering came from one of the staunchest Catholics in the St. Andrews district.

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Rev. Father Le Floch celebrated Mass at St. Andrews on Sunday and Christmas Day. The church has been further beautified by the erection of two beautiful statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, which just came to hand in time for the festival. Both are the generous gifts of Mrs. J. O'Leary.

St. John's Tennis Club tried conclusions with the Victoria Park Club on the latter's ground at Temuka on Monday last. In the doubles, mixed doubles, and men's singles the local team was decidedly the stronger, but in the ladies' singles St. John's more than held their own.

The church looked more than usually bright this year for the Christmas festival, willing hands having culled for its decoration the choicest offerings of the fernery and garden, and further enhanced their efforts by skilful drapings. The Masses were well attended, large numbers approaching the Holy Table. The choir sang with devotion and expression the 'Kyrie,' 'Sanctus,' 'Benedictus,' and 'Agnus Dei' of the Mass of the Sacred Heart, and the 'Gloria' and 'Credo' of E. Silas. In the evening the boys' choir assisted the adults, both choirs doing full justice to Rev. Father Finnerty's tuition in the mysteries of plain chant. The evening service concluded with Benediction. Miss E. McGuinness presided at the organ throughout, and played some appropriate voluntaries.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

December 23.

The bazaar, organised for the purpose of raising funds for the completion of the tower of St. Patrick's Church, and for which preparations had been going on for a considerable time, was opened in the Town Hall on Friday evening, December 22, in the presence of a very large assemblage of people. The body of willing and energetic workers who had charge of the arrangements deserve the greatest credit for the admirable manner in which they carried out the work. The limited time at their disposal to create order and beauty out of something like chaos was utilised to the utmost, and the result was that the hall presented a very artistic appearance. The stalls, of which there were four—'Erin Go Bragh,' 'Bonnie Scotland,' 'England,' and 'New Zealand'—were laden with articles useful and ornamental. Off the main hall was the tea kiosk, where refreshments were obtainable. The opening ceremony, performed by the Mayor (Mr. J. A. Petrie), was brief, and was followed by the first part of Signor Borzoni's great spectacular production, 'The Birth of the Empire,' the graceful dances eliciting continued rounds of applause. After an interval to allow buying and selling to proceed the remainder of the spectacle was given, and like the first part it created the greatest enthusiasm.

The Very Rev. Dean Carew and the Mayor were greeted with applause on appearing on the stage. The Mayor said that for many years the Catholics of Greymouth had striven to raise a building wherein to celebrate public worship that would be a credit to the town. Most of them would remember the old building in Arney street which, in addition to being subject to be flooded, had many disadvantages. Some years ago they had decided on erecting a more suitable building, and the result of their energy, perseverance, and patience was the fine building they now possessed. The festival was organised to put the finishing touches to that building in the form of a tower which would be a mark to all who arrived in the town either by land or sea. They had taken full advantage of the romantic site they possessed, and when the tower was completed it would signify to all that the spiritual wants of the town had not been neglected. He congratulated the members of the congregation on the zeal and enthusiasm shown in pursuing such a worthy object and said that he understood that to the ladies would be due, in no small measure, the success which he was sure, from present indications, would attend the festival. He had much pleasure in declaring the bazaar open. He was quite sure they would not regret the assistance they gave, and he was also sure that the result of the festival would be that the spire would be finished.

Without doubt (says the 'Grey River Argus') the series of spectacular displays entitled 'The Birth of the Empire' differentiates the festival from anything of its class ever previously held here. The idea running through the displays is to mark the characteristics, chiefly in dress and dances, of the British Empire. Some additional features, not quite relevant to the main theme, are introduced, and heighten and accentuate the purely British portion. Only a faint idea of the scope of the displays can be given here; no description could convey the graceful manner in which the different

dances were performed, or the beauty of the dresses, or the artistic ensembles, all of which make the performance a unique one.

The ladies who presided at the different stalls were: 'England': Mesdames Hannan, Noonan, and H. Doogan. 'Ireland': Mrs. J. Doogan, Misses Roche, Fogarty and M. Barry. 'Scotland': Mesdames McDonnell, Heaphy, and Miss Hudd. 'New Zealand': Mesdames Foot, Sheedy and Mahoney. 'Refreshments': Mrs. Wilson and Miss Phillips. They were each assisted by a number of able assistants, who also took part in the spectacular displays. Each and all worked with a will, and did all in their power to make the festival a great success.

Nelson

(From our own correspondent.)

December 27.

Large congregations attended St. Mary's on Christmas Day, the Rev. Father Clancy being the celebrant of the Masses, which were at 7, 8, and 10 o'clock. The junior choir sang the music of the children's Mass very well, showing that they had made considerable improvement under Miss Duff's tuition. The senior choir rendered Farmer's Mass at 10 o'clock, assisted by an orchestra under the baton of Mr. W. H. Redwood, Miss Duff presiding at the organ. After Mass the choir was entertained at the presbytery by the Rev. Father Clancy.

Wanganui

A very large congregation (says the 'Wanganui Herald') assisted at Midnight Mass at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Eve, when the Very Rev. Dean Grogan was the celebrant. The 'Kyrie,' the 'Gloria,' and the 'Benedictus' were taken from Mozart's 'First Mass,' while the 'Credo' and the 'Agnus Dei' were taken from Mozart's 'Twelfth Mass.' Mrs. Lloyd presided at the organ, and Mr. W. Holden conducted. At the conclusion of the Mass the choir and orchestra were entertained at the Presbytery.

In acknowledging the receipt of Christmas gifts, Sister Bridget, in charge of the Jerusalem Home, writes as follows to Mrs. R. W. Comyns:—'Your welcome letter came to hand this evening, so with my heart full of gratitude I hasten to thank you for all the trouble and time you have taken and good things you have procured and given for our poor little foundlings. What a lovely Christmas they will have with so many beautiful toys. We have no children here over 11 years or under 5. When we ask them how they will thank the kind friends who have sent them so many nice things they will answer that they will pray every day for all who are kind to them.'

Why Nations Revolt

The terrible massacres that have lately taken place in the dominions of the Czar, and the brutal manner in which those who have petitioned for greater freedom and a redress of their wrongs have been treated, lend a peculiar interest to a brief account of the past century's revolutions.

Sweden was the first country to break into the nineteenth century with a revolution. In 1809 it began with the dethroning of Gustavus IV. and the assumption of the government by his uncle, who reigned thereafter as Charles XIII., and ended three months later by the establishment of a representative Constitution.

Four years later Holland was in revolt, and again in 1830, when Belgium was separated from it and declared to be independent; while the same year witnessed the revolution which brought about the downfall of the eccentric Charles Frederick William, who was stated by the German Diet to be incapable of reigning.

In that year, too, an insurrection broke out in Poland. The Grand Duke was obliged to quit the city, and General Chlopicki was appointed Dictator. A few months later a large Russian army entered the country, and for nine months a series of sanguinary battles took place, in which the Poles were at first successful. By the capture of Warsaw, however, the insurrection came to an end, and with it Poland lost her independence, for in the following year she was declared an integral part of the Russian Empire.

Next came, in 1848, the mighty revolution which shook the very foundations of Austria and Hungary for the two years following. It began with the rebellion of the Hungarian people, who had long been dis-

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contented with Austrian rule; and ended, after a score of battles—mostly in favor of the Hungarians—had been waged, by the incapacity and unpardonable surrender of the Hungarian leader, Gorgei, to the combined forces of Austria and Russia. A fortnight afterwards the surrender of Komoru to the Austrians closed the war.

Towards the end of 1848 also occurred an insurrection at Rome. The Pope escaped from Rome to Gaeta, whence he issued an appeal to the Catholic Powers, and very soon had the satisfaction of learning that the Romans had capitulated to Marshal Oudinot.

Yet the same year France herself was in revolutionary tumult, at the hands of the Red Republicans, because of the prohibition of the grand reform banquet at Paris. Fearful disorders were then committed. The prisons were opened, the Tuileries was ransacked, and barricades were thrown up. Not until some 16,000 persons were either killed or wounded, and the nation had suffered a loss of 30,000,000fr., was the insurrection crushed.

More trouble was yet to come for France. Another small revolution took place in 1851, and then came the affair of 1870 and 1871, immediately after the defeat of the French arms in the terrible Franco-Prussian War. The Prussian guns about Sedan were hardly silenced when the people of Paris dissolved the Senate, proclaimed a Republic amid tumultuous excitement, and sent the Empress-Regent a fugitive to England. In the following spring a further insurrection, this time by the Communists, threatened France with disaster, but after great bloodshed and grievous damage to public and private property, the disturbance was eventually quelled by the regular army.

In 1860 was witnessed the revolt of Southern Italy from the rule of Francis II., when Garibaldi and his volunteers defeated the Neapolitan generals on the Volturno. It was the year, too, when began the five years' revolution in America, between the Federal army under General Grant, and representing the Northern States, and General Lee's Confederate army of the South.

Though it rescued the South from the incubus of slavery, and settled the question whether the United States was one nation or merely an aggregate of nations, it cost the American people £2,000,000,000 and a loss in life of 600,000 men, besides as many more wounded.

Spain in 1868 was in revolt through corrupt administration. In the two years following she adopted provisional government, the chief event of which, by the choice of Amadeus of Savoy as King, was to furnish the pretext for the Franco-Prussian War. In 1874 the country was again split up by the differences of the Federalists and the Conservative Republicans, which brought about the second Carlist war.

There was no revolt of any importance after this till that of Brazil in 1889, when Dom Pedro and his family were exiled and the country was made a republic. Finally, there is the civil war of 1891 in Chili, caused by the unconstitutional government of President Balmaceda, who was severely defeated in a couple of battles by the Congressionalists, but not before several thousand lives had been left behind on the field of battle.

A Great Surgeon

In an age (says an English periodical) when honors are lavished on men for the skill with which they compass the death of thousands of their fellows, one cannot pay too much homage to those whose mission it is to save, and not to destroy, life; and happily there still remains among us the king of them all, a man on whose monument may some day be inscribed this remarkable legend: 'He saved a quarter of a million lives.'

To no other man who has ever lived can such a tribute be paid; but to assert that Lord Lister, the 'Grand Old Man' of surgery, has snatched 250,000 men from the grave is probably to understate the truth. When Joseph Lister first made his acquaintance with a hospital, about sixty years ago, an operation of any importance meant almost certain death, and even quite simple operations were full of risk. The wounds made by the surgeon's knife refused to heal, putrefaction was followed by suppuration, the patients became delirious, and a startling majority of cases died.

It was Lord Lister who discovered the deadly secret of all this mortality. He found that the putrefaction

of the wound was due to the presence of germs which were introduced from outside; and in carbolic acid he discovered the means to kill these germs, thus by this simple discovery revolutionising surgery and saving countless lives. An early result of this antiseptic treatment was that 'gangrene, which had infected 80 per cent. of the wounds, disappeared entirely'; and to-day operations which would have meant certain death half a century ago are performed daily without the least risk of fatal consequences. Such in briefest outline is the change Lord Lister has wrought in surgery; and one has only to read of the horrors of the hospitals in pre-Listerian days, with their delirious and dying patients, and then to pay a visit to a hospital of to-day, to realise how revolutionary is

The Change Wrought by This One Man.

It is sixty years since young Lister began to study surgery and medicine at University College, London. He was the son of a very clever man, a Fellow of the Royal Society, and the inventor, practically, of the modern microscope; and, as might be expected from the son of such a father, he quickly distinguished himself among his fellow-students, graduating brilliantly and taking the coveted F.R.C.S. before he was twenty-five. Then followed a period of splendid training at Edinburgh under the great surgeon, Mr. Syme, whose daughter he married; and in 1860, at the early age of thirty-three, he was made Regius Professor of Surgery at Glasgow.

It was here that he became so deeply impressed by the terrible mortality due to operations; and he set to work to discover the cause, with the results which we have described. There are still living students who saw him first experiment in antiseptic surgery by making a paste of carbolic acid over the wound; and it was soon admitted that 'Lister's wards' were the healthiest in the world. But like many another prophet he found least appreciation among his own countrymen. Germany, France, and other Continental countries adopted his methods with avidity, and his fame was European before Great Britain became a tardy convert to his teaching.

However, unlike so many world-benefactors, he has lived to see the universal triumph of his discovery, and to reap honors such as fall to few men in a century.

Long years ago the University of Budapest conferred an honorary degree on him amid a scene of unparalleled enthusiasm. In Germany he has long been hailed as the greatest surgeon in all the world—except perhaps Virchow, their idol; and the principal hospital in Rome, the Clinico Umberto I., has over its chief entrance a bas-relief representing Lister in the act of dressing a wound. He has been made a Fellow of the Royal Society; Universities have vied with each other in conferring degrees on him; in 1883 he was created a baronet; and eight years ago he was made a peer and Privy Councillor (the first man in his profession to receive such an honor).

And never, perhaps, did so great a man bear his honors so modestly. At seventy-eight he remains, to quote a great surgeon, 'as simple and lovable as a child.' His old pupils adore him; his numberless friends, respect and love him; the world counts him one of its greatest benefactors. For the rest, he is an ardent lover of nature, skilled in botany and woodcraft; and he declares that the sweetest music on earth is the song of birds.

The 'Irish Independent' had a popularity competition the other day, asking its readers to name the twelve most popular people in Ireland. It is interesting to note the result:—1, Mr. John Redmond, M.P.; 2, his Eminence Cardinal Logue; 3, his Grace Archbishop Walsh; 4, Dr. Douglas Hyde; 5, Mr. John Dillon, M.P.; 6, Sir Antony MacDonnell; 7, Mr. William O'Brien, M.P.; 8, the Lord Lieutenant; 9, Mr. T. M. Healy, M.P.; 10, Mr. Michael Davitt; 11, Countess of Dudley; and, 12, Lord Dunraven. Amongst those whose places come immediately after the favored twelve were:—T. W. Russell, M.P.; W. Redmond, M.P.; Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, T. F. Kiely, Sir Wm. Butler, Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Lord Iveagh, Most Rev. Dr. Peacocke, Lady Gilbert, Sir Horace Plunkett, M.A.M., Judge Adams, Father Dineen, Mrs. M. T. Pender, Richard Croker, Seamas MacManus and Miss Alice Furlong. The sporting fraternity did not fail to stand by their own—'Major May,' Denis Horgan, T. F. Kiely, Richard Burke, M.F.H.; Anthony and John Roche topping that particular section.

ORDO FOR JANUARY

Pending the arrival of the official 'Ordo' from Sydney, we publish for the benefit of the secular clergy the calendar for January, taken from the 'Austral Light' for the current month:—

1. Fer. 2. alb. Circumcisionis D.N.J.C. dup. II. cl. Off. pr. sine ulla com. Miss. pr. Cr. prf. et Communic. Nativ. In 2. V. com. sq. tant.

2. Fer. 3. rub. Oct. S. Steph. Protom. dup. Off. ut in festo. Ll. pr. com. 2. oct. in L. et Miss festo. or. pr. Cr. prf. Nativ. V. a cap. sq. com. praec. et oct. Ss. Innoc.

3. Fer. 4. alb. Oct. S. Joan. Ap. et Evg. dup. Off. ut in festo. et. pr. loc. com. Ss. Innoc. in L. et Miss. fest. Cr. prf. Ap. In 2. V. com. sq.

4. Fer. 5. rub. Oct. Ss. Innoc. Mm. dup. Off. ut in festo. (omiss. 9. R. dic. Te Deum). et pr. loc. Miss fest. prf. Nativ. In 2. V. com. sq.

5. Fer. 6. alb. Vig. Epiph. semid. Off. ut in festo Circumcis et pr. loc. (sine suffr. et prec). Miss pr. 2 or. Deus qui salutis, 3. Ecclesiae vel pro Papa prf. Nativ. V. sq. hymn. concl. pr. et per totam oct.

In Ad. Adelaid. 4. or. Deus Omnium pro Revmo. Archiep. in an transl.

6. Sabb. alb. Epiph. Domini dup. 1. cl. cum oct. privileg. Off. pr. ad prim. Qui apparuisti hodie (et per oct.) Miss pr. Cr. prf. et Communic. pr. per tot. oct. In 2. V. com. Dom. infr. oct. Cras. incip. Solemn. Nupt.

7. Dom. infr. oct. Epiph. alb. de ea semid. Off. fest. et pr. loc. Init. I. ad Cor. com. oct. in L. et Miss pr. cum Gl. Cr. prf. etc. ut heri. In 2. V. Com. oct.

8. Fer. 2. alb. de 2. die infr. oct. semid. Off. ut in festo et pr. loc. Miss. fest. 2. or. Deus qui salutis, 3. Ecclesiae vel pro Papa. Cr. prf. et Communic. fest. V. de oct.

9. Fer. 3. alb. de 3. die infr. oct. semid. Off. fest. et pr. loc. Miss. ut heri. V. de oct.

10. Fer. 4. alb. de 4. die infr. oct. semid. Off. ut heri et pr. Missa ut heri. V. de oct.

In dioc. Bathurst an. obit. Revmi. Patritii Byrne ult. antist.

11. Fer. 5. alb. de 5. die infr. oct. semid. Off. ut heri et pr. Miss. ut heri. V. de oct.

12. Fer. 6. alb. de 6. die infr. oct. semid. Off. ut heri et pr. Missa ut heri. V. sq. (1. V. fest. rit. dup.) or pr.

13. Sabb. alb. Oct. Epiph. dup. Off. fest. et pr. loc. Missa pr. et ut in fest. V. sq. com. Dom. tant.

Cras legentur decr. conc. Syd. de Matr., N. 143.

14. Dom. II. post Epiph. alb. Ss. Nominis Jesu, dup. II. cl. Off. pr. 9. I. hom. et com. dom. et S. Felicis, M. in L. (ad prim. Qui natus est) et Missa pr. (com. S. M. non fit in solem.) Cr. prf. Nativ. Evg. ult. Dom. In 2. V. com. sq. Dom. et S. Mauri abb.

15. Fer. 2. alb. S. Itae, V. dup. maj. (P.H.) Off. V. hym. pr. LII. N. De Virginibus II. pr. 9. I. et com. S. Abb. in L. et Miss. Dilexisti, or. pr. V. a cap. sq. com. praec.

16. Fer. 3. alb. S. Fursaei, Abb. dup. maj. (P.H.) Off. C. non P. I. N. Init. II. ad Cor. (Dom. praec.) Miss. Os justi, Abb. In 2. V. com. sq.

17. Fer. 4. alb. S. Antonii, Abb. Off. C. non P. Miss Os justi, Abb. Evg. pr. V. sq. com. S. Pauli, praec. et S. Prisca V.M.

18. Fer. 5. alb. Cathedrae S. Petri Rom. dup. maj. Off. C.P. et pr. loc. 9. I. S.V.M. et com. S. Pauli et S.V.M. in L. et Miss. pr. Cr. prf. Ap. In 2. V. com. S. Pauli, sq. et Ss. Marri et Soc. Mm.

19. Fer. 6. rub. S. Canuti, Reg. M. semid. ad lib. Off. I. M. suffr. et prec. 9. I. et com. Ss. Mm. in L. et Miss. pr. 3. or. Deus qui salutis. V. sq. com. praec.

20. Sabb. rub. Ss. Fabiani et Sebastiani Mm. dup. Off. pl. Mm. et pr. loc. Miss. pr. V. a cap. sq. com. praec. et Dom.

21. Dom. III. post Epiph. rub. S. Agnetis V.M. dup. Off. pr. I.N. Init. ad Gal. 9. I. hom. et com. Dom. in L. et Miss. pr. Cr. prf. Trin. Evg. ult. Dom. V. a cap. sq. com. praec. et Dom.

22. Fer. 2. rub. Ss. Vincentii et Anastasii, Mm. Off. pl. Mm. Miss. pr. V. sq. com. S. Joseph, praec. et S. Emerentianae V.M.

23. Fer. 3. alb. Desponsat B.M.V. dup. maj. (Aliq. locis.) Off. B.M.V. et pr. loc. 9. I. S.V.M. com. S. Joseph et S.V.M. in L. (ad prim. Qui natus est) et Miss. pr. Cr. prf. B.M.V. et te in Desponsatione. In 2. V. com. S. Joseph et sq.

In D. Perth, 4. or. Deus omnium pro Rmo. Matthaео, in an consec. ejus.

In D. Aucupol. an. obit. Joannis Edmundi Luck, ult. ant.

24. Fer. 4. rub. S. Timothei, E.M. dup. Off. I. M. et pr. loc. I.N. Init. ad Ephes. Miss. Statuit, ep. pr. V. sq. com. S. Petri et praec.

25. Fer. 5. alb. Conversionis S. Pauli, Ap. dup. maj. Off. pr. com. S. Petri in L. et Miss. pr. Cr. prf. Ap. In 2. V. com. S. Petri et sq.

26. Fer. 6. rub. S. Polycarpi, E.M. dup. Off. I. M. et pr. loc. Miss. pr. V. a cap. sq. com. praec.

27. Sabb. alb. S. Vitaliani, P.C. dup. (P.C.R.) Off. C.P. et pr. loc. Miss. Statuit. V. a cap. sq. com. praec. Dom. et S. Agnetis V.M., (II.)

In dioc. Sandhurst. or. Deus omnium, pro Rmo. Stephano in an. consecrat ejus.

28. Dom. IV. post Epiph. alb. S. Joannis Chrysostomi, E.C.D. dup. (Br. heri.) Off. C.P. (m.t.v.) I.N. Init. ad Philip. 9. I. hom. et com. Dom. et S.V.M. in L. et Miss. pr. Cr. prf. Trin. evg. ult. Dom. V. a cap. sq. (Ant. O Doctor) com. praec. (ant. Amavit et Dom.)

In Dioc. Armidal. an. obit. Rmi. E. Torregiani, ult. antist.

29. Fer. 2. alb. S. Francisci Sales, E.C.D. dup. Off. C.P. (m.t.v.) I. N. Sapientiam. Miss. In Medio. cr. V. a cap. sq. com. praec.

30. Fer. 3. alb. S. Felicis IV. P.C. dup. (P.C.R.) Off. C.P. I. N. Init. ad (Coloss. Miss. Sacerdotes. V. a cap. sq. com. praec.)

31. Fer. 4. alb. S. Petri Nolasci. C. dup. Off. C. non P. et pr. loc. (m.t.v.) Miss. Justus or. pr. V. sq. com. praec.

New Publications

The Christmas number of 'Cassell's Magazine,' which we have received from Messrs. Cassell and Co., Ltd., Melbourne, is one of the most interesting of the publications issued in connection with the festive season. Among the contributors are some of the best known English writers, such as H. Rider Haggard, Harry Furniss, M. E. Braddon, and Arnold White. In addition to articles on various topics there are half a dozen complete stories as well as the opening chapters of an African romance, which gives promise of being one of Mr. Haggard's best works. The magazine is abundantly illustrated, and on the whole well maintains its reputation for high literary excellence. Accompanying it are two artistic photogravures representing scenes from some of Dickens' works.

Like cookery books works on gardening are without number, but the majority of them, having been written for other climes and conditions, are of little practical use to the people of New Zealand. This cannot be said of 'Gardening in New Zealand' by Mr. M. Murphy, F.L.S. When the first edition appeared some years ago it was at once recognised that the author had supplied a long-felt want, as it contained information exactly suited to the requirements of this Colony, and that in language that was easily understood by the merest novice in matters horticultural. The popularity of the work has ever since been steadily growing, and now the publishers have issued a fourth edition, which has been almost entirely re-written and brought up-to-date, and for the first time illustrated throughout. All sections of garden management are dealt with from a practical standpoint, and in the same simple style and language which tended so materially to make former editions so popular. The subjects are arranged in a manner that cannot fail to convey the necessary information to the most inexperienced. In the present edition the author has considerably enlarged upon operations in the greenhouse, vinery, and orchard; chapters on trees and shrubs suitable for small gardens, and on injurious insects have been added, so that it is a most comprehensive and compact volume, full of information on every horticultural subject. (Whitcombe and Tombs, Ltd., Christchurch. Pp. 312; cloth 3s 6d.)

All classes in the community—business men, professional men, and those engaged in agricultural and pastoral pursuits—will find Messrs. Mills, Dick, and Co.'s Directory and Almanac a very useful and an almost indispensable publication. The information contained therein is of a varied character, and will be found to be of interest to all classes. It is a convenient and compact volume, the matter well arranged, and the information carefully compiled and up-to-date.

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Irish News

ARMAGH—Cardinal Logue on Persecution

His Eminence Cardinal Logue, in the course of a letter enclosing a subscription to Mr. Barry O'Brien for the memorial which it is proposed to erect to the Irish Brigade at Pontenoy, says the monument will be one not only to the bravery of Irishmen, but also a monument to the folly which, by persecution and misgovernment, turned them into enemies. Unfortunately the folly still goes on. The persecution, though more covert and insidious, is not less real. Irish Catholics are still excluded from almost every position of emolument in their own country, denied equal and even-handed justice, and placed beneath the heel of an aggressive and intolerant ascendancy. And the olden consequence repeats itself in the flight of what is best, most promising and energetic of our people, to other lands, which they enrich by their labor, adorn by their talents, and strengthen by their bravery.

CAVAN—An Australian Visitor

Lady Parkes, widow of the late Sir Henry Parkes, at one time Premier of New South Wales, has been on a visit to her relatives residing near Virginia, County Cavan, where she lived before she emigrated to Australia.

CORK—The League of the Cross

Very Rev. Canon O'Connell, P.P., V.F., Kanturk, has established a branch of the League of the Cross Sodality in his parish. Large numbers have already joined it, and everything goes to show that it will prove a flourishing society.

Sent to Gaol

Mr. Eamon O'Neill, B.A., Kinsale, who refused to pay a fine of sixpence for not taking out a dog license in English instead of in Irish, has been arrested and sent to Cork Gaol for five days.

DOWN—Death of a Newry Man

The death is announced of Mr. Walter Burke Savage, which occurred at Monaghan street, Newry, after a brief illness. Deceased was son of the late Dr. John Savage and brother of Dr. M. Burke Savage, of Rutland square, and of Mr. S. B. Savage, Manager Baggot street branch Belfast Banking Company, both of Dublin.

DUBLIN—The Under-Secretary

General regret was felt in Dublin when it became known that the state of Sir Antony MacDonnell's health necessitated his undergoing another operation. By his pluck and honesty the Under Secretary has lived down much of the prejudice which was raised up against him by bigots at both sides of the Channel. Even those who are most vehemently opposed to his policy sympathise with the distinguished patient in the severe ordeal which he has undergone, and join with his friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Death of a Religious

The death has occurred at the Convent of the Incarnate Word, Texas, U.S.A., of Rev. Mother M. Mechilde, eldest daughter of the late Mr. James Doyle, Queen street, Dublin. Deceased, who took a deep interest in educational matters, was in the twenty-fifth year of her religious life. She was a sister of Mr. T. W. Doyle, J.P., to whom much sympathy is extended.

A House with Historic Associations

Grove House, Rathmines, County Dublin, once the residence of Henry Grattan, was to be sold by auction about the middle of December.

Appointments

The Archbishop has appointed as Canons of the Diocesan Chapter of Dublin the Very Rev. C. J. Ryan, D.D., P.P., Dolphin's Barn; and the Very Rev. J. O'Keefe, P.P., V.F., Athy.

The Late Canon O'Hanlon

Steps are being taken to perpetuate the memory of the late Canon O'Hanlon, either by the erection of a memorial over his grave in Glasnevin or in whatever other way it may be deemed advisable. The undertaking will not be confined to the parishioners, for it is felt that many outside friends will be anxious to take part in paying a tribute to the memory of the author of the 'Lives of the Irish Saints.'

Answering the Critics

At a meeting held recently to take steps to improve St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church the Lord Mayor of Dublin said the charge brought against them of spending too much money on their churches was one that their critics would never make if they were wise, because they knew that if Catholics were left the churches that their forefathers had built in years gone by they would be saved a lot of money, and it would not be necessary for them to build more churches. Let those critics preach the honest doctrine of advising those who had confiscated the churches to give them back.

The Fight Against Proselytism

In his appeal on behalf of St. Brigid's Orphanage, Eccles street, Dublin, Father Maher, S.J., gave a graphic account of the work undertaken some forty-nine years ago in Dublin by Miss Aylward, under the guidance of the venerable Father John Gowan. The Sisters of Faith could look back upon a splendid record of over 3000 children of the Catholic poor saved from the allurements of proselytism and placed beyond the dangers of apostasy. The rev. preacher quoted from Lord Macaulay to show the futility of persecution and proselytism to destroy the Catholic Faith in Ireland. There were very many members of the Protestant Church whose broad-minded views and large-hearted, noble philanthropy were a source of admiration to all, like that lately deceased Irish baronet, Sir John Arnott, who said that he wished it to be understood that he strongly disapproved of proselytism. Catholics should show every Christian kindness towards Protestant fellow-countrymen. But that should not prevent them showing at the same time that they were determined to defend their poorer brethren.

GALWAY—Clerical Appointment

Very Rev. Father Begley, Moone, County Galway, has been appointed to the combined parishes of Roundfert and Robeen, rendered vacant by the death of Rev. Father Prendergast, P.P.

KERRY—The Temperance Pledge

In his report, which was read at the annual meeting held under the auspices of the Irish Temperance League in Cork, Mr. Wilkinson, secretary, stated that he had been in Killarney recently and met the Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, who told him that during the last year he had given the pledge to 6000 young people.

Outwitting the Police

Dublin Castle proclaimed a meeting called at Milltown, County Kerry, to discuss some local evictions. The people, as usual, outwitted the police. A crowd gathered to watch the erection of a platform for the proclaimed meeting, the police waiting its completion before interfering. Meanwhile the actual meeting was proceeding elsewhere without interruption. Then just to bait the authorities, a dozen cars were despatched in a dozen different directions, and the police were nonplussed which to follow. As a result fifteen meetings were held in all without police interference.

LIMERICK—Patronising Home Industries

Professor Windle, President of the Queen's College, Cork, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture in the Limerick Athenaeum recently. He gave some startling statistics regarding goods imported into Ireland last year, while similar goods of a better quality were manufactured at home.

MAYO—Spread of Temperance

Speaking on the occasion of the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Colman's parish church, Clarendon, his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, congratulated the clergy and parishioners on the progress made in the building of the magnificent new church, and exhorted all to co-operate with their pastor and lighten the great burden of his undertaking. Referring to the question of temperance, his Grace said he was delighted to see everywhere a vast improvement in the people who were now beginning to realise the great folly of intemperance. It was high time they should know that they were spending fourteen millions of money each year on drink. If the people could get rid of half the drink tax what a blessed state the country would be in. It was the duty, therefore, of everybody that has the welfare of the people at heart from a spiritual and temporal point of view to promote the great cause of temperance. Sober persons would lead pure lives, would have more money, more happiness in their households, and they would commit less sins. The Anti-Treating League had been

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doing wonderful work throughout the country. He felt ashamed when reading the local newspapers to see persons brought before the magistrates for being drunk and disorderly. There was nothing that brought more discredit upon the Catholic Church than to see people drunk and disorderly. For every glass of whisky taken they put threepence into the pocket of the English Chancellor of the Exchequer. They were patriotic Irishmen and the best way to prove their patriotism would be to abstain from drink and lighten the pocket of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

MEATH—Death of a Priest

On November 11 the Rev. Patrick J. Fagan, pastor of Kilbeg, Kells, passed away, to the great sorrow of his parishioners and friends throughout the diocese of Meath. The deceased was zealous in the cause of religion and education, and did much for the improvement of the people under his care.

MONAGHAN—A Centenarian

Francis M'Cabe, Annaghraw, Clones, has just died, having attained the age of 103 years. Deceased, who was a farmer, and died in the same house in which he was born over a century ago, had a clear recollection of O'Connell's agitation, and maintained his mental faculties until the last.

ROSCOMMON—Death of a Millionaire

The death is announced of Mr. Charles S. Devlin, a Kansas millionaire of enormous means. His wages bill ran to £20,000 weekly. He died suddenly after returning to the States from his native Roscommon.

SLIGO—Peaceful State of the County

County Court Judge Wakely, in addressing the Grand Jury at Sligo Quarter Sessions, said he had great pleasure in congratulating them on the peaceful state of the county. Considering that it was four months since the July Assizes, he thought it very creditable to the county.

WATERFORD—A Good Idea

At the Waterford County Council the other day a resolution was adopted in favor of purchasing all the rural court-houses in the county, with the object of using them as public libraries and lecture halls.

WEXFORD—A Presentation

Rev. Father Kavanagh, for many years spiritual director of the Women's Confraternity, Enniscorthy, has been presented by the members with a gig and harness. Also an illuminated address.

GENERAL

An Anomaly

An instance of the anomalies of the Irish railway system was given at the last meeting of the Cattle Traders' Association, when it was pointed out that a farmer was charged 3s 11d for the carriage of a lamb from Enfield to Carbury, a distance of six miles, whereas the first-class passenger fare was only 1s 4d.

The Flour-milling Trade

At the fourth annual meeting of the Flour Millers' Association of Ireland, held recently in Dublin, the president, Mr. Perry Goodbody, stated that flour-milling in Ireland at the present time was in a good condition, and was on the way to become still more flourishing. They had beaten the Americans out of the market, but they were confronted with unfair competition from across the Channel.

Horse Breeding

About a year ago one of the Agricultural Department's 'experts' proved more or less to his own satisfaction, that the race of Irish hunters is slowly dying out, owing to the steady disappearance of the Irish half-bred draught horse. So, in order to meet the pressing demands of the small farmers, in 1900 the Department admitted Clydesdale and Shire stallions to their horse breeding scheme. These breeds, however, were almost universally objected to, and the large farmers would not have them at any price, declaring that their introduction would mean the ruin of the Irish hunter. The Clydesdales and Shires, therefore, were dropped. It is worth observing that when the raising of Irish hunters was most successful there was no Agricultural Department; and, indeed, the 'expert,' in his article, expresses his amazement at the success with which, without any regular method, hunters had hitherto been reared in Ireland. But they are being reared as successfully to this day, as the Italian buyers who visit the Horse Show in increasing numbers every year can testify.

People We Hear About

Mr. Timothy Francis Quinlan, the new Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of West Australia, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1861, and was still in his infancy when his parents left for Western Australia. At the age of 29 he was returned by the electors of West Perth as their representative. He now represents Toodyay, for which he was returned in 1897.

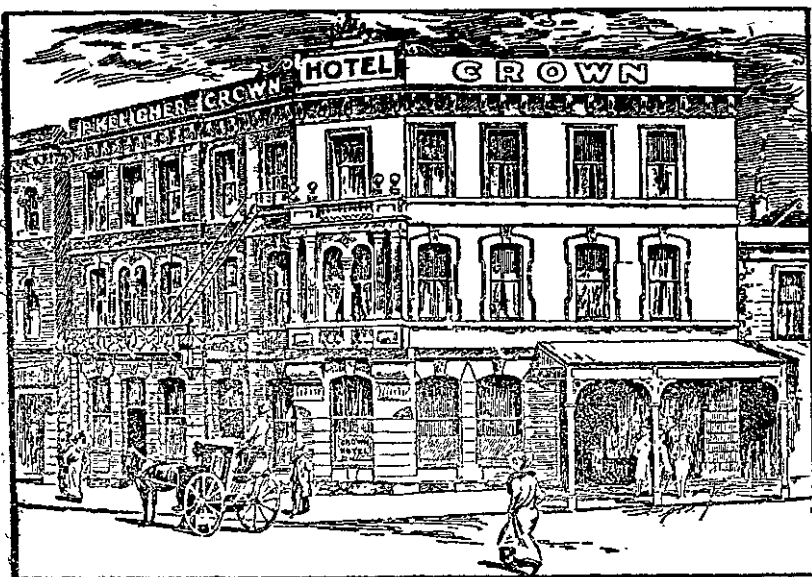
Sir Henry Irving was once chatting with some brother actors about stage animals, and a certain pony was referred to as having proved an excellent actor when engaged in a well known play. 'Why,' said a famous player, as if to prove the fact, 'he used to go on the stage and yawn all the time I was busy at the footlights.' 'H'm,' said Sir Henry, slyly; 'I don't know about his being a good actor, but I should say he was a good critic.'

A correspondent of the 'Daily Chronicle' writes:— 'The other morning I went to "see off" a friend who was going north by the train leaving King's Cross at ten o'clock. As we pushed our way searching in vain for a vacant seat, we saw two uniformed Salvationists putting into a specially reserved first-class carriage baggage that boldly proclaimed itself the property of "General Booth." My friend, after turning a rather envious glance at the spare seats in the carriage by now occupied by the Citizen General and one attendant, changed his ticket for a third-class one, and got a thoroughly comfortable compartment all to himself.' 'It was a pleasure,' adds the correspondent, 'in these days of the simple life, to see among the third-class passengers an iron magnate of the North country; also a Catholic Bishop.'

Lord Brampton, better known as Mr. Justice Hawkins, was appointed a judge in November, 1876, and resigned the post in January, 1899. He was created a peer under the title of Baron Brampton immediately after his retirement. Lord Brampton became a Catholic when he was about 80. Asked soon after as to the reasons which led him to become a Catholic, he replied as follows:— 'It is not very easy to write a definite reply to the question—Why I became a Catholic? I will not, therefore, make the attempt. To reason the matter out would require much more time than I have at my command, and I would not undertake the task unless I felt that I could accomplish it thoroughly and with satisfaction to myself. To undertake a work and fail to perform it would distress me. Those, therefore, who look for my reasons for taking the important step I took so late in life cannot have their expectations satisfied by me. It must suffice them to know that it was the result of my deliberate conviction that the truth—which was all I sought—lay within the Catholic Church. I thought the matter out for myself, anxiously and seriously, uninfluenced by any human being, and I have unwavering satisfaction in the conclusion at which I arrived, and my conscience tells me it is right.'

A few weeks ago Mr. Justin McCarthy launched the last volume of his 'History of Our Own Times,' on which he has been engaged for more than a quarter of a century. It was in the 'Daily News' office that the plan originated. To Sir John Robinson, then manager of the 'Daily News,' a leading firm of publishers mentioned their intention of publishing a history of the reign of Queen Victoria, and Sir John suggested Mr. Justin McCarthy, a member of the staff, as the man for the work. It was entrusted to him, and he was busy on the earlier chapters when an event which altered the course of his life occurred. Mr. McCarthy was invited to stand as Nationalist candidate for Longford County, for which he was returned unopposed. That was in 1879. With that kind of wisdom which has ruined many enterprises, Mr. McCarthy's publishers believed that their author's political support of Parnell in the Commons would be fatal to the fortunes of the projected history. So they proposed the cancellation of the agreement, offering Mr. McCarthy compensation. An arbitration committee, presided over by Sir John Robinson, satisfactorily settled the terms. Afterwards Mr. McCarthy showed the opening chapters of the work to Mr. Andrew Chatto, of the firm of Chatto and Windus, and he agreed to publish it under the title of 'a History of Our Own Times.'

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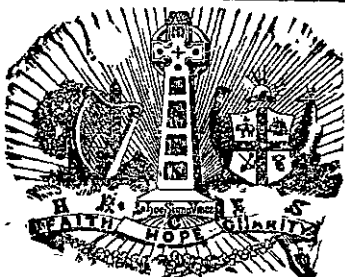
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Marist Brothers' School, Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

There was a large attendance at the Marist Brothers' School, Pitt street, on the occasion of the annual concert and distribution of prizes. The Rev. Father Holbrook, Adm., presided. The annual report was read by Bro. George. It was stated that the year had been a very successful one, necessitating an increased staff. The roll number had been well maintained, and a large number of boys were ready to join the school after the vacation. Prizes were distributed as follows by the Rev. Father Holbrook:—

Special Prizes.—Campbell gold medal for good conduct, W. Whiteman; gold medal for Christian doctrine, A. Lees; gold medal for regular attendance, R. Ward; gold medal for best pass in standard VI, C. Williams; gold medal for dux of school, F. Bacon; prize for general proficiency in Standard V, W. Taylor.

Prizes for Arithmetic.—Standard VI, D. Russell; Standard V, J. Gosling; Standard IV, C. Slade; Standard III, F. Sayegh.

Standard VI.—General proficiency—A. Lees 1, C. Molloy 2, J. Molloy 3; geography, O. Robertson; English, F. Bacon; writing, C. McCarthy.

Standard V.—Good conduct, W. Taylor; regular attendance, J. O'Loughlin; Christian doctrine, Joseph Martin; general proficiency—W. Taylor 1, C. Cusack 2, A. Smith 3; English, J. Wickstead; writing, W. Dwyer.

Standard IV.—Christian doctrine, Francis Mangan; good conduct, Claud Bacon; general proficiency—Gregory Slade 1, Edward Carver 2, Sidney Dunn 3; English, Michael Mahoney and Francis Foreman; arithmetic, Gregory Slade; writing, Alfred Sims.

Standard III.—Good conduct, Alfred Whiteman; English, Michael Ferris; writing, George Morris; arithmetic, Frederick Sayegh; regular attendance, Edward Early; general proficiency—Alfred Whiteman 1, Harold O. Taylor 2, Gordon Bryant 3.

Class I.—Christian doctrine, Gordon Clarke; arithmetic—Joseph Hayes 1, W. Corbett 2; drawing, John Hayes; writing, Salvatore Trapani; spelling, Salvatore Trapani; reading—Salvatore Trapani 1, J. Molloy 2.

Class II.—Regular attendance, W. Lussich; Christian doctrine, E. Begueley; reading—M. Hendron; writing, W. Kieley; spelling, M. Sayegh; drawing, E. Penwarden; arithmetic, W. King.

The Rev. Father Holbrook, at the conclusion of the presentation, eulogised the Brothers for the admirable work done in the past year. He would like to see our schools supported in such a manner as to make them practically free. Until that were done we were severely handicapped. A scheme with this end in view was practical, and he lived in the hope of seeing it soon in force. He thanked all present on behalf of the Brothers for their attendance and support.

St. Patrick's Convent, Auckland

An enjoyable entertainment was given in the Federal Hall by the pupils and ex-pupils of St. Patrick's Convent Schools. There was a good attendance. An action song, "Scarf Drill," by the young pupils, was nicely represented, and the youthful performers were warmly applauded. The tableau "The Annunciation," in which Miss V. Speight represented the Virgin Mary and Miss M. Metcalfe the Angel Gabriel, and the accompanying chorus, "The Angelus," by ex-pupils, merited the warm approval they received. Miss K. Rogers was applauded for her singing of "Gondola Dreams," and the duet "Nocturne," by this young lady and Miss N. Rist, also proved a very acceptable number. A number of pupils and ex-pupils were very successful in the chorus and dance, "Raise the Tambourine," as were also the pupils of St. Joseph's School in the chorus and skirt drill, "Mullarney." Miss O'Connor gave a recitation, "The Exile's Return," and Miss Foley posed in a tableau as "Erin." Pianoforte duets and trios (two pianos) were played by Misses Silva, Keenan (2), Robinson, O'Connor (2), Molloy, K. Little, A. McDonald, Rogers, and Clayton. The accompaniments were played by Misses J. Rist and Foley.

St. Benedict's School

The annual concert in connection with St. Benedict's Convent School, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, took

place at St. Benedict's Hall, when there was a large attendance. The programme was an enjoyable one. A number of dances and choruses were given by the pupils, and songs were contributed by Miss Fernandez and Master J. Quinlan. The certificates won at the musical examination during the year were presented to the successful pupils.

The Cathedral Girls' Parish School

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

December 18.

The annual Christmas vacation entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with the Christchurch Cathedral Girls' Parish School, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, took place on last Friday afternoon. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and among those present, including the local clergy, were the Rev. Fathers M'Donnell (Rangiora) and M'Donald (St. Mary's). A very interesting and enjoyable entertainment was provided by the pupils, consisting of a drama ("The Countess of Echenfels"), recitations, and singing. His Lordship the Bishop presented the prizes, and remarked in complimentary terms on the progress attained and the pleasure derived from the young people's efforts at entertaining, the whole reflecting the utmost credit on the devotedness and self-sacrificing labours of the teachers.

Cathedral Boys' School

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

December 18.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Christchurch Cathedral Boys' School, conducted by the Marist Brothers, took place on last Friday morning. His Lordship Bishop Grimes presided and distributed the prizes; there being also present the Very Rev. Vicar-general, the Rev. Fathers Ahearn, Mahony, O'Connell, and Peoples. The Director (the Rev. Bro. Basil), before the prize distribution, said that these were contributed by the friends and parents of the boys, and they were awarded on the results of a written competitive examination. After the prizes were presented, Bishop Grimes congratulated the winners and sympathised with those who had been unsuccessful. He urged all to make renewed efforts in the future. He congratulated the boys on their success at athletics, especially on their having secured the Public Schools' Senior Football Flag, as well as their success so far on the cricket field. The prize list is as follows:—

Civil Service.—Aggregate of Merit—P. Dwyer 1, J. M'Aloun 2, W. Murphy 3.

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Standard VII.—Aggregate of Merit—J. Steinmetz 1, W. Rodgers 2, B. O'Connor 3. Christian Doctrine—W. Rodgers 1, B. O'Connor 2. English—F. Ruck 1, J. Steinmetz 2. Reading—W. Dobbs 1, C. Mahan 2. Writing—G. Gill 1, J. Walsh 2. Arithmetic—B. O'Connor 1, F. Ruck 2. French—F. Ruck 1, W. Rodgers 2. Attendance—E. Moyna 1, J. Steinmetz 2.

Standard VI.—Aggregate of Merit—R. Boswell 1, M. M'Keefry 2, L. Beary 3. Christian Doctrine—R. Boswell 1, M. M'Keefry 2. English—L. Beary 1, R. Boswell 2. Reading—C. Mullaney 1, F. M'Greal 2. Writing—J. Murrane 1, E. Peterson 2. Arithmetic—J. Moran 1, R. Boswell 2.

Standard V.—Aggregate of Merit—E. O'Brien 1, J. M'Keefry 2, T. Dwyer and J. Twomey (equal) 3. Christian Doctrine—J. Riordan 1, E. O'Brien 2. English—R. Lafferty 1, T. Christopher 2. Arithmetic—S. Edmonds 1, J. Twomey 2. Attendance—R. M'Connell 1, R. O'Shea 2.

Standard IV.—Diligence—T. Brosnahan 1, K. Boswell 2. Aggregate of Merit—E. Brosnahan 1, J. M'Aloun 2, M. O'Riordan 3. Christian Doctrine—H. M'Kearney 1, J. Foster 2. English—F. Cronin 1, F. Bennetts 2. Arithmetic—P. Mahan 1, E. M'Quillan 2. Attendance—B. Khouri 1, C. M'Swigan 2.

Standard III.—Aggregate of Merit—R. Grant 1, D. Evans 2, H. Cronin 3, B. Creevey 4. Christian Doctrine—P. D. Sloan. Reading—W. Brosnahan. Attendance—P. Sloan.

Standard II.—Aggregate of Merit—Charles Williams 1, P. Dowd 2, J. Dowd 3, J. Leathwick 4. Christian Doctrine—P. Dowd 1. Attendance—Rufus Courtney.

Standard I.—Aggregate of Merit—P. O'Loughlin 1, L. Brosnahan 2, D. Sloan 3, J. Clark 4.

Special prizes were given by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant, V.G., for written notes on conferences given by him to the boys during the year. The winners of these were P. Dwyer, M. M'Keefry, John M'Keefry, and James M'Keefry, in the order named.

St. Agnes's Day School, Halswell

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Agnes's School, Halswell, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, took place on last Wednesday, the clergy being represented by the Rev. Father Peoples, who has charge of the district.

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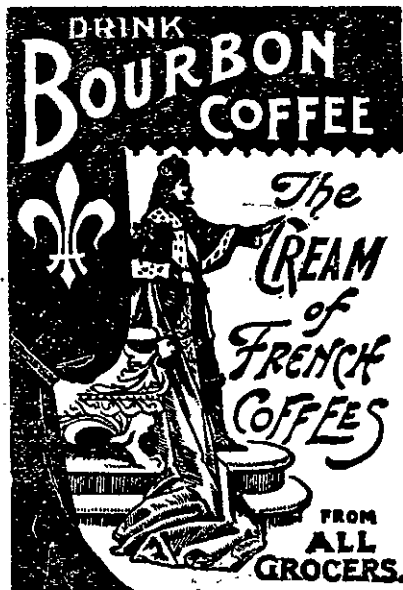
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LICENSED VICTUALLING REFORM



THE Local Option polls are over. In the few
weeks that have elapsed since then the
licensed victuallers have had ample time to
survey the situation and cast up and bal-
ance accounts with their friends of the Pro-
hibition party. For a variety of causes—
which have already been sufficiently indica-
ted in our editorial columns—there has been
a check in the hitherto triumphal march of No-license,
as regards its immediate object and anticipated results.
But, taken all round, the movement shows a gain in the
numerical strength of the votes that it has polled.
There are two significant and warning lessons in the
recent polls that 'the trade' will—unless they wish to
live in a fool's paradise—take to heart in a practical
way. The first is this: that the Moderates—who, at
the Local Option polls, hold the balance of power—
look, not indeed with full satisfaction, but with approval
and hope, upon the improved tone of the drink traffic
during the past three years. Their verdict at the
polls was that of fair-minded neutrals who said: So
far, good. But you can—and ought—to do better. See
that you do so.' The other lesson is one of more
emphatic warning. However they may differ on the
vexed question of a remedy, a vast and growing body
of the electors of New Zealand are not convinced that
the licensed victualling business is, as a business, even
yet conducted in a manner that should merit their ap-
proval. The saner—and, we hope, the major part—of
those engaged in the trade, admit and deplore its short-
comings. As matters stand, it makes the judicious of
every color to grieve. In all the circumstances, it is
therefore high time that those engaged in the avocation
of licensed victuallers should take prompt and effica-
cious steps to set their house in order.

We, for our part, are strong advocates of temperance
reform. But for various reasons we do not hold with
the specific principles that serve as guide-rails to the
Prohibition party. (1) The Catholic Church, for in-
stance, while she teaches that intemperance is a heinous
and soul-wrecking sin, nowhere asserts or suggests that
the manufacture, sale, or moderate use of alcoholic
drinks is of itself a violation of the moral law. (2)
In the second place, whether in this or in other mat-
ters, our logic is not so bankrupt as to argue from
abuse against legitimate use. Moreover, (3) we do not
share the Prohibition party's hard and fast refusal to
recognise the principle of compensation. (4) We are
not satisfied that No-license, as it exists either in this
country or in the United States, is a real remedy for
the admitted evils that have grown up around the drink
traffic. And (5) we believe in the possibility, and even
in the practicability, of so regulating and reforming the

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business and its surroundings, that it may become as free from just reproach as any other, and as unobjectionable, from the temperance point of view, as it has long and generally been in Catholic countries such as Italy and Spain. For the rest, if, apart from these considerations, many of our faith view the Prohibition movement with suspicion and distrust, it is because these feelings have been burned into their souls by the virulence and persistency with which many of its leaders have for years attacked and outraged the most cherished religious sentiments of Catholics in every part of New Zealand.

But, despite the improved conditions that have generally prevailed during the past three years, the traffic in alcoholic drinks has a long and arduous road to travel before it satisfies the reasonable aspirations of the friends of temperance. The trade is one that is peculiarly liable to abuses. For this very reason it should be entrusted only to men that are specially fitted to carry it on. It should, moreover, be placed under specially stringent control, and be hedged around with every reasonable safeguard. Under both these aspects—that of selection and of control—there still remains much scope for reform in New Zealand. There are, no doubt, many in the business who merit the encomium bestowed some time ago by an earnest Prohibitionist on a strict and greatly respected hotel-keeper of Dunedin whose soul had just flitted—we hope to the Better Land: 'If all publicans were like him, there would be no Prohibition.' The lesson is not new. It received a fresh illustration at the recent Local Option polls. But there seems, on the part of many licensed victuallers, a disposition to keep it out of sight and out of mind. We once more remind all concerned that the real leaders and organisers of Prohibition are not those who are nominally at the head of the crusade against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks. No, the real plumed generals of the movement are the scallywags of 'the trade'—the wretched dollar-grubbers who bend every energy to create a demand for liquor, even beyond what sobriety should dictate, and to squeeze the utmost coin at the speediest rate out of cask and bottle, regardless alike of the law of God and of the proper restrictions with which, in the public interest, the Civil Power has surrounded the occupation of the licensed victualler. The motto of this sordid fringe of the licensed business is that set forth by Pope:—

'Get place and wealth; if possible, with grace;
If not, by any means get wealth and place.'

The Fathers of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore laid down the following elementary rules for the guidance of publicans:—

'They should sell no drink to minors, or to persons who are likely to take it to excess. They should close their saloons on Sundays. At no time should they allow within their saloons blasphemy, cursing, or obscene language. If, by their fault or co-operation, religion is dishonored, or men led to ruin, they must know that there is in heaven an Avenger, Who will surely exact from them most severe penalties.'

But the scallywag is, so far as he dares—and he dares much—a law unto himself. He recognises—when he safely can—no law that conflicts with his shekel-raking principles. Appeals to his conscience are frequently as futile as dosing the dead with pink pills. Such men are pests of society. They are a constant menace to the public weal. And the first step towards public-house reform is to eliminate them permanently from the business of licensed victualling. The Prohibition movement owes its rise and growth and gathering influence to the grave and acknowledged abuses of the scallywag—abuses which, however, we believe to be no more inherent to the traffic in alcoholic drink than to the trade in jack-knives or diamond-grain sporting-powder. But it is high time that the antecedents and personal character and fitness of applicants should be made

the subject of closer scrutiny by the police, licensing committees, and the Association which represents 'the trade' in New Zealand.

We have more than once expressed our conviction that the licensed victualling trade in New Zealand is placed between the two alternatives of substantial reform or gradual abolition. And from time to time we have pointed out that any real reform must come from within—although it may be powerfully aided by legislative enactments, which, like Father O'Flynn, may serve a good purpose by 'lifting the lazy ones on wid the stick.'

We understand that a conference of the licensed victuallers of the southern provinces will be held shortly with a view to effecting sundry improvements and reforms in 'the trade.' If—as we hope—they will set about their work in a serious, practical, and thorough-going manner, they will probably lay the foundations of a genuine reform that may in due course search every licensing district in New Zealand. We commend to them the following suggestions:—

1. Steps to be taken to rid the business of the scallywag—by moral suasion and altered conduct, if possible; otherwise by more emphatic means, such as formal opposition to his license by the L.V. Association, aiding in prosecutions, etc.

2. An organised and systematic effort should be made to aid in enforcing the provisions of the law, especially in regard to (a) trading on Sundays and after hours; (b) gambling; and (c) the supplying of strong drinks to minors and intoxicated and prohibited persons. No infraction of the moral law should be tolerated, and not one tittle of the provisions of the civil law should be inoperative or ineffective.

3. Fresh legislation should be proposed on some such lines as the following: (a) In the interests of the home life of both publicans and their clients, ten o'clock closing to be made compulsory throughout New Zealand. (b) To raise to twenty-one years the age at which young persons may be supplied with liquor. (c) Imprisonment without the option of a fine to the person who actually supplies alcoholic liquor to anyone who is under the influence of drink. (d) Endorsements of license to be compulsory and non-cancellable for Sunday trading, and supplying liquor to minors and intoxicated and prohibited persons. (e) Three such endorsements to constitute a perpetual disqualification for holding a license. (f) Provision to be made for the more effectual 'prohibition' and safeguarding, not alone of the habitual toper, but likewise of the usually more stormy and tempestuous drunkard who indulges in occasional or periodical bouts of intemperance. (g) The abolition of private bars. (h) Effective and perpetual abolition (and not mere paper abolition) of tied houses. (i) Cessation—say on January 1, 1909—of the employment of young women behind the bars of hotels.

We should be sorry to see the methods of the American saloon ever acclimatised in New Zealand. But in one respect, at least, it offers an example deserving of imitation: female bar-tenders are unknown under the Stars and Stripes. From personal knowledge we are prepared to vouch that the employment of young women in bars is the cause of a very serious amount of the opposition manifested towards the licensed victuallers' trade in New Zealand. For everything that tends towards increasing the demand for spirituous drinks beyond the needs of reasonable refreshment, is bad both in morals and in policy. Now the ground of opposition arising from the barmaid is one which the respectable licensed victualler has, alike with the rascal, in the trade, long been supplying to the Prohibitionist party. This objection is intensified by the fact that in, perhaps, the majority of cases personal attractiveness is a chief—if not the chief—factor in determining the employment of an applicant for a position behind the bar.

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The fact that great numbers of these young women are in mind and heart and manners irreproachable, is no justification for exposing them to the unwholesome atmosphere of a public bar. It only goes to show that many persons—those of the gentler sex included—rise through the grace of God and early training, superior to their occupations and surroundings. The elimination of the barmaid, after a fixed and reasonable period, would work no injustice in a country where the field of employment for young women is so wide and varied; and it would remove one grave and well-grounded objection to the traffic in strong drinks. The abolition of one of the real and ingrained curses of the country—the treating habit—is a further consummation devoutly to be desired. It would round off a scheme of drink-reform which every lover of temperance would rejoice to see.

Notes

In the Fatherland

Germany is, of all others, the land of the Verein or association. In the matter of unions for social work, German Catholics furnish an example to their co-religionists all over the world. Among those enumerated recently by a Catholic contemporary there are '1700 confraternities of Our Lady for young people and adults, and they number over 300,000 members who take an active interest in practical charities. There are 1,320 Catholic workers' societies with 230,000 members; they are interested in questions of education and popular instruction, as well as in the formation of beneficial unions, of popular banks and similar institutions. They maintain three special papers, with 90,000 subscribers; they organize committees for the study of social questions which they discuss in frequent conferences and fortnightly meetings; they also train the directors of the Christian syndicates. Finally, there are 1123 "Gesellenvereine" with 182,795 members. The Pope has expressed his wish that the Italian Catholics should follow the example of their German brethren in organizing their social strength.'

Divorce

An American Judge (Judge Gaynor) in a recent charge to a jury (recorded in the New York 'Freeman' of November 18) 'said things' that may give pause to some of the misfit or evil-tempered couples that swarm in such hordes into the divorce mills. Said he:—

'I charge you, gentlemen, that so far as concerns any religious or sacramental or Church bond existing between these people we have nothing whatever to do with it. If these people are bound by any sacrament or any religious or Church bond you and I are not seeking to sever that obligation. When we are through with this case that obligation is left untouched. We do nothing whatever to it. If there is a bond of matrimony between these people which, according to Church law, cannot be severed until death severs it, we leave that bond scrupulously alone.'

'They are just as much bound by it after we get through with them as they were before. We do not sever it, we do not break it, and that is something that it seems to me is very generally misunderstood.'

The speaker (says the New York 'Freeman') added that even great prelates who are supposed to know something about marriage and divorce often lead people to understand that they think that the law can dissolve the sacramental or Church tie of marriage. 'We never do,' says Justice Gaynor, 'We do not interfere with it at all. If such a bond exists, we leave it alone. Church and State in this country are absolutely separated. Whatever Church obligations exist the civil law leaves severely alone.' Our New York contemporary approves of this interpretation of the civil

law. It says that 'according to it, the effect of a civil divorce is equivalent to a declaration of the court that the divorced man and woman are immune from civil punishment, from prosecution for bigamy, in case either should consort with another man or woman, and that this consorting will be recognized by the State as a marriage valid enough for all legal purposes.'

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 30.

Rev. Father T. McCarthy preached his first sermon last Sunday week at St. Anne's, Newtown.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood left here this morning to administer Confirmation at Hunterville.

Rev. Father Cleary, C.S.S.R., is preaching the annual retreat to the Sisters of Mercy at St. Mary's Convent.

Very Rev. Father Lane's picnic and sports at the church grounds, Lower Hutt, were also a most successful and enjoyable gathering.

On Sunday and Christmas Day Rev. Father James Tymons, of St. Patrick's College, celebrated Masses at Mangaweka and Ohingaiti. Father Le Croix celebrated Midnight Mass at Taihape on Christmas Eve.

The many friends of Mr. P. J. O'Regan will be pleased to learn that his sister, Miss O'Regan, who has been in a critical state of health for some weeks, has taken a turn for the better.

The December issue of the 'Catholic Federated Young Men's Societies' Magazine' is a very creditable production, and well up to the standard of previous numbers.

Rev. Father O'Hallohan, of Kumara, is lying dangerously ill. It is only a year ago since he returned from a trip to the Old Country. Rev. Father Walsh, of Lower Hutt, who was for a number of years assistant priest at Kumara, has left for the West Coast to visit him.

Wellington had an unusually large number of visitors for Christmas. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, his Grace Archbishop Redwood being celebrant, Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., assistant priest, Rev. Father Holley deacon, Rev. Father Bartley subdeacon, and Rev. A. McDonald master of ceremonies.

The annual Catholic picnic of the combined parishes of Wellington was held in the Bellvue Gardens, Lower Hutt, on Boxing Day. The weather was delightful, and a record number attended this popular gathering. Among those present were his Grace Archbishop Redwood, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Sir J. G. Ward, and a number of the clergy of Wellington. The sports programme included wrestling, tug-of-war, and various games. Two brass bands added to the enjoyment of the proceedings.

Messrs. E. Fitzgibbon and T. Lawless left here for a holiday trip to the West Coast last Saturday. Both are practical and prominent members of the Catholic Young Men's Club, the former being president of the federal executive, and the latter one of the committee of the local executive. Mr. Fitzgibbon has thoroughly earned a respite as he has of late years applied himself closely to his studies, and hopes next year to pass the final section of his LL.B. examination. He is president of the Newtown Hibernian Society, and is quite an authority on all matters appertaining to the Catholic Club and the Hibernian Societies.

Lower Hutt.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The picnic and sports held on Father Lane's grounds on Boxing Day were the most enjoyable and successful yet held on the old spot, notwithstanding the fact that there were many counter attractions. During the day a large programme of sports was gone through, the prizes for which were the best yet competed for, and gave every satisfaction. During the afternoon Sir Joseph Ward attended, and was accorded three cheers, and in return called for three cheers for Father Lane. Later in the afternoon the Premier arrived, and briefly addressed those present, after which he was given three hearty cheers. Mr. T. W. McDonald (Mayor of Lower Hutt) and Mr. Rix-Trott (engineer) were also present during the day, as well as an old and esteemed friend and former college companion of Father Lane, the Rev. J. O'Brien, of Warracknabeal, Victoria. In the evening an enjoyable social was held in the Oddfellows' Hall.

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DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Very Rev. Father Keating, S.J., of Melbourne, is conducting the retreat of the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin.

The Rev. Father O'Brien, of Warracknabeal, Victoria, who had been paying a brief visit to New Zealand, left for Melbourne by the 'Maheno' on Sunday.

The Rev. J. Slattery, C.M., of Bathurst (N.S.W.), who had been for some days the guest of his Lordship Bishop Verdon, left last week for the cold lakes district.

At the close of the distribution of prizes at the convent school, Port Chalmers, Miss Nellie Drake was presented with a gold medal for having passed two musical examinations (theoretical and practical) with honors. Miss Lucy Osborne was presented with a silver medal for having secured honors in the musical knowledge examination.

We regret to record the death at Treesbank, Palmerston South, of Miss Dorinda Mary Horan, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Horan, which occurred on December 18. The deceased, who was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, always took a practical interest in Church matters, and was ever to the fore in works of religion and charity.—R.I.P.

A heavily-built, dark-bearded foreigner, who professes to be a 'Catholic priest' and a priest of the Nestorian denomination, has been soliciting contributions from Catholics in and about Dunedin. So far as we know, there are no Nestorians in New Zealand. The individual in question is not a priest of any rite in union with Rome, and he has no authorisation from his Lordship the Bishop to collect money from Catholics in the diocese of Dunedin. The Rev. Father Dahdah, now ministering to the Syrians in Dunedin, is the only priest at present in the diocese belonging to any Eastern rite in communion with Rome.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 1.

By the generosity of members of the family of the late Mr. A. J. White the Cathedral has been enriched by several costly gifts. Magnificent dalmatics, embroidered in gold, and used for the first time on Christmas Day, were presented by Miss Alice White together with a splendid Brussels carpet for the sanctuary. The latter was procured specially for the occasion. Some handsome candelabra were also added to numerous previous benefactions of these young ladies.

The Catholic picnic at the Riccarton racecourse on December 26 was nearly marred at the very outset by a double fatality. A little boy, aged three, by some means fell into an artificial lake containing from eight to twelve feet of water; an elder sister went to his assistance, and locked in each other's arms they sank. An alarm was raised and a brave boy named Philip Dwyer, hardly in his teens, without a moment's hesitation divested himself of coat only and dived in to the rescue, brought both children to the surface and to the bank. The younger child was apparently dead, but young Dwyer's father, Sub-Inspector Dwyer, who was speedily on the spot and skilled in 'first aid,' after ten minutes' persevering effort succeeded in restoring animation. This incident proves the advantages of a knowledge of swimming—a knowledge possessed by few if any of the boys attending our schools, owing to the absence of a swimming bath of their own, a privilege enjoyed by almost every other school in the city, and a disability, it is to be hoped which will soon be removed. Young Dwyer learnt the art while at Wanganui, and the practical use he made of it on the occasion under notice should most certainly be recognised by the Royal Humane Society. In this connection it is worthy of note that Sub-Inspector Dwyer has received awards on two occasions for saving life from drowning, one of whom was a brother of Lord Kitchener.

The second anniversary of the Ashburton branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was celebrated by a social gathering on Monday evening, December 18. The president, Bro. O'Carroll, occupied the chair; the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell was present, and a large attendance of members. The Druids and Foresters were represented, also St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, Christchurch, by P.P. Bros. F. J. Doolan and Jas. McCormick. It being quarterly night a considerable amount of general business was transacted, including nomination of officers, for which in every instance a ballot will be necessary. The membership roll now stands at 125, and four additional members were nominated. A lengthy toast list, interspersed with musical items, was gone through. The toast of the Christchurch branch was accorded musical honors. The representatives in

reply congratulated the Ashburton branch on the position attained in so short a time—numerically the sixth in the Colony. Reference was made to matters of local and colonial interest to the society, especially in regard to the scale of clearance values, which is to come before the N.Z. District Meeting at an early date. The chaplain, the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, was greeted at various stages of the meeting with expressions of appreciation and gratitude for the sustained interest manifested by him in the affairs of the branch. His keen perception and business ability were acknowledged as being invaluable.

The hard-working and energetic committee which took in hand the promotion of the excursion, picnic, and children's treat deserve to be complimented on having achieved one of the notable successes of the year. The day's proceedings commenced with a procession of school children from the Cathedral to the railway station, after which at short intervals four trains left for the scene of the day's festivities. Rain threatened during the early hours of the morning, but when the last train arrived at the race course the sun shone out brightly, and the day proved an ideal one for an outing. It is estimated that fully three thousand persons were present, including many from surrounding districts. His Lordship the Bishop and a number of the clergy were on the ground throughout the day. The beautiful park of the C.J.C. looked at its best, and all portions, including the buildings, were generously placed at the disposal of the committee. On the lawn Derry's Band played inspiring music during the day. The little ones were amply provided with luxuries and toys, and a special committee, aided by the Marxist Brothers, arranged and carried out a sports programme for them, presenting prizes at the end of each event. In this department his Lordship the Bishop was keenly interested, spending a great part of the time in the company of the children, and evidently enjoying the proceedings.

Christchurch: Retreat of the Clergy

We are requested by his Lordship the Bishop of Christchurch to state that the annual retreat of the clergy of the diocese begins on Wednesday evening, January 17.

The Late Dean Foley

The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, and nephew of the late Very Rev. Dean Foley, has received the following letter from the secretary of the New Headford branch of the H.A.C.B. Society:—

'On behalf of the New Headford branch I beg to forward you a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting held on December 28: "That this meeting record its deep regret at the decease of their former chaplain, the late Very Rev. Dean Foley, and also the appreciation of the branch for his very valuable services during the time of his chaplaincy." The members could not, I am sure, express in words their deep and heartfelt regret on the death of such a warm-hearted, faithful, and devoted priest. During the seven years he was chaplain of our branch he made himself so endeared to all of us that he can never be forgotten. It was he, I might state, who was mainly responsible for doubling the membership of the branch, and apart from his good work in other parts, we feel sure that his efforts in our little parish have been a benefit to every one of us. Promising you that we will always remember him in our prayers, and asking you to accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear relative.'

The Foodless Maoris

The Rev. Father Maillard (Jerusalem, Wanganui River) writes us acknowledging the receipt of £2 7s from Mrs. Keeney (Thistle Inn) and friends. 'The Maoris,' says Father Maillard, 'are digging the blighted potatoes and eating them. The tubers are not bigger than pheasants' eggs, and not a crop has been spared by the blight.' Further contributions are earnestly solicited.

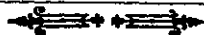
ORDO FOR JANUARY

We publish on page 6 of this issue the 'Ordo' for January, which will be found most useful by the clergy pending the arrival of the official one.

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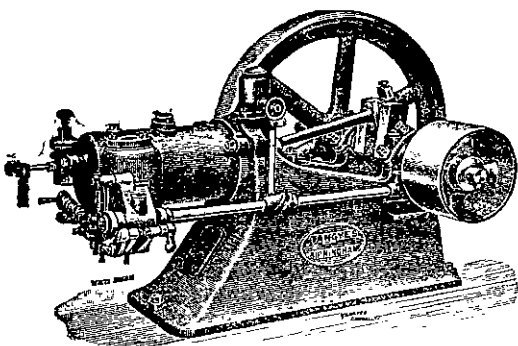
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A BELATED WOOING

It was a sultry afternoon of mid-summer, but through the Probate Office, in the new Municipal Building, a refreshing breeze blew from the river, and the clerks bent resignedly over their desks, knowing that the spacious room where they worked was the coolest place in Detroit.

Outside, in Cardillac Square, the stretch of green that connects the building of the courts with the City Hall was bright with flowers, but on the asphalt pavement of the Campus the sun beat down with the dazzling light that recalls to any one who has braved the Roman climate at this season the yellow glare of the Piazza Vaticano or del Popolo on a July day.

For more than two hundred years the Campus has been the common of the people. Even before the coming of the white settlers, when the place was still a forest, the red men were wont to gather here to hold their councils, to plan their fierce wars, or to smoke the pipe of peace. Here Indian lovers wandered through the trails made by the hunters and warriors of the tribes, and as the moonlight stole through the over-arching branches of the trees, the gentle Ojibway maidens listened to the old, old story that yet is ever new.

But love often strolls as happily through the dust and heat of the city's streets as it ever did beneath the green boughs and rippling brooks of the woodland; and, since the world is quick to recognise a lover, among the throng of passers-by in the Campus many glances were cast at a gray-haired gentleman and a placid-faced, elderly lady, who having with some difficulty crossed the network of trolley tracks that are like a snare to entrap the unwary, took their way down the centre of the green-bordered path of the square, as though it were a royal carpet spread beneath their feet.

The man was tall, and still erect, though his years must have been at least three score. His complexion was fresh, his features clear-cut, the nose being slightly aquiline, and he carried himself in a soldierly manner. His clothes were of broadcloth, and a soft gray felt hat, set a trifle at an angle, silk gloves of the same color, and a spray of syringa blossoms in the lapel of his coat, completed his festive air.

The lady who walked contentedly beside him was not more than two or three years younger than her handsome old cavalier. She was short and a little thick-set; her hair, which she wore turned back over a high roll, had many threads of silver, but her eyes were bright and vivacious, and the smile which some comment from her escort brought to her lips revealed girlish dimples in her round cheeks. Her gown was of the color of a dove's plumage, and had a little dove-colored fichu or scarf. Of the same quiet hue was the bonnet whose silken strings she had untied because of the heat.

'Your gown is as pretty as a poem, Marie,' said the old gentleman fondly, as they walked on.

'I am glad you like it, Phil. I cut it by a fashion paper pattern, and set every stitch in it myself,' she answered with a naive pride in her own industry and skill, albeit the practised eye of a 'ladies' tailor' would at a glance have characterised the latter as hopelessly amateurish.

'You were always clever, dear,' continued her knight gallantly. 'My word, what dainty frocks you wore when you were a girl! Sometimes you looked like a rose, all in red—'

'Pink, Phil, pink!'

'Rose color, anyhow! Again you were a marigold in orange.'

'No, no, lemon color,' she objected.

'Often you were a lily-of-the-valley in green.'

'Philip, I never wore green in my life,' she laughed.

'I was too pale for it when I was a girl, and now it is too bright.'

'Well, it was blue then; yes, I remember, it was blue,' he went on serenely. 'And I suppose you put all those cobwebby things together too?'

'Yes, I did, Phil. I was apt with the needle in my best days.'

'Pouf, pouf!' he interrupted with affectionate protest. 'Madam, your best days are just beginning.'

She rewarded him with one of the sweetest of her dimpled smiles, and, as he glanced down at her, the delicate flush that his compliments called to her faded face reminded him of how easily she used to blush with pleasure at his praise in the long ago.

Now the congenial companions reached the Municipal Building, and mounting the broad marble steps, traversed the corridor and entered the Probate Office.

The clerks looked up from their tasks. On this dull afternoon, when even the buzzing of the flies was somniferous, a diversion was delightful.

'There is a picture,' said Tom Hackett to his neighbor, as the elderly visitors advanced up the room. 'How politely the old codger steps aside to let the lady pass first; how deferential she is to him. No doubt they have travelled the path of life together. You can see at a glance how fond they are of each other.'

'Ah, good afternoon; come to deposit your will, have you, sir?' As Tom spoke he advanced from his place and bowed to the strangers.

His inquiry, natural though it was, rather disconcerted the gentleman.

'Well, no, I was not exactly thinking of wills or last testaments to-day,' he stammered, while Tom upbraided himself as a blunderer. 'The fact is, we have come to see if this is any good at the present late date?'

So saying he took from the breast-pocket of his coat a folded paper yellow with age, and handed it to the clerk.

Tom opened and glanced over it with business-like brevity.

'Why, this is not a will,' he exclaimed; 'it is a marriage license, and, as I live, dated forty years ago! It was issued in 1861 to Philip W. Brendin, aged twenty-three, and Marie Roy, aged twenty, by Judge Jones, the first Probate Judge of this County. You have probably brought the wrong paper, sir! How did you manage to keep the license? By Jove, it has never been used!'

Raising his eyes, he stared blankly at the couple before him.

'That is all right,' said the old gentleman pleasantly. 'Is the paper any good, I asked?'

'I think so, sir; but you have made a mistake in the department,' explained Tom. 'The desk of the license clerk is in another room; I shall be happy to pilot you there. You are, I suppose, Mr. Brendin, and this is—Miss Roy?'

'Yes, yes,' replied Brendin hastily, as the lady inclined her head. 'And may I inquire your name, young man?'

'Hackett,' answered Tom.

'What, not the son of Tom Hackett, the lumberman of Alpena?'

'That is my father's name, too, and he was engaged in lumbering up north before he came to the Strait.'

Mr. Brendin grasped his new acquaintance by the hand.

'Your father was my dearest friend, boy,' he said warmly. 'Is he in good health?'

'Hale and hearty as ever in his life,' Tom responded.

'Glad to hear it!' reiterated the old gentleman.

'Tom Hackett always urged me to marry,' he continued reminiscently. 'I'd like him to know that I'm going to have the knot tied at last. He will be interested to hear my life-long romance, so I will tell you about it. You won't forget to repeat the story to him?'

'I will try to remember every word of it,' promised Tom, now greatly interested, for he saw that Brendin was something of a character.

'Very good. Were you ever in love, boy?'

The young fellow's countenance crimsoned to the roots of his sandy hair.

'I see; you will be wanting a license yourself soon,' went on his amiable tormentor. 'Well, about this paper. Forty years ago this lady and I were engaged to be married. She was the prettiest girl in Michigan, and lived down near Monroe. She belongs to an old French-Canadian family in these parts. A few years earlier I had come over the Alleghanies from Virginia to seek my fortune, and when I met Marie I was sure I had found it. I was right; but, you see, fortune sometimes dodges one nearly all one's life.'

'The day was fixed for the wedding. Marie had all the sewing done, she said; the wedding-cake was made, the guests were invited, and I obtained the license. With all our preparations, however, until shortly before the appointed day we had never decided who should marry us. When the question came up, Marie, being a Catholic, declared that, of course, no one but a priest should perform the ceremony. I, being a hard-shell Baptist, wanted a preacher of my own way of thinking. Marie was so conscientious and I so stubborn that neither of us would yield. Thus it happened, young man, that the wedding did not take place; but I kept the license, with the hope that it might be of use some time in the future, if Marie changed her mind or I did.'

'That was the first year of the Civil War. In a desperate mood, but still, I trust, with some motive of patriotism, I enlisted and went to the front with a Michigan regiment.'

'If I had left a loving bride at home, weeping away the sight of her pretty eyes because I had to go, no doubt I would have been killed in the first battle. But despite the fact that I was a poor devil who had no one to love or to pray for him—'

'Now, Phil, I have told you that I prayed for you every day,' interposed the old lady sweetly.

'In spite of the fact that I had no right to expect any one to love or pray for me,' continued Mr. Brendin correcting himself—'I fought through the war unscathed, except for a shot through the shoulder, where the bullet yet is.'

'I came home to find my sweetheart (this lady), but friends told me that another suitor and a rich one had gained her favor.'

'I had made up my mind to surrender on her terms, but this news sent me up into the northern peninsula, among the pine woods. The soldier boys who came home were all looked upon as heroes, as well as those who gave their lives for our country, and I was made something of, because my wound meant that I had saved the colors of our company in a sharp skirmish. But no word of congratulation on the gaining of my laurels came to me from Marie, and so disappointed was I that I did not wait to see her.'

Here the visitors, led by Hackett, reached the license office; but the clerk being engaged, they seated themselves on a bench by the wall and, having found in Tom a willing listener, the chatly old gentleman proceeded with his story.

'With a few hundred dollars that came to me as a legacy I bought a piece of timber land,' he said, 'and that was the beginning. Up there in the solitudes I prospered, boy; true, I saw few people except the rough men of the lumber camps, but the years were golden ones to me. It was there I knew your father; he was of a different stamp to many of the men. For a long time I was too engrossed with my work and business plans to think of taking a wife, but I supposed Marie had married her other suitor, who was of her religion, and possessed a fine farm on the river.'

'I did not come to Detroit for years; my business took me to Chicago instead. After a while I began to tell myself that I might as well marry, instead of knocking around the world alone. But I couldn't find anyone like Marie, and no one else seemed to suit me.'

At this point Mr. Brendin paused to glance at the lady, who laughed in a dignified way, shook her fan at him in mild protest, and rising, devoted her attention to the study of a portrait of one of the former judges of probate, that hung above her head.

'And how did you make it all up in the end, sir?' inquired Tom. Young lover and old had met on the equal ground of romance, that fascinating 'field of the cloth of gold.'

Notwithstanding his gentle companion's appealing glance, warning him to be less communicative. Mr. Brendin talked on with the loquacity of one launched on the all-absorbing theme of the love that has influenced his life.

'Well, it did come about in a strange manner,' he admitted. 'It is years since I left the woods, and I've lived in Chicago and on a ranch in California; but I still own timber in the northern part of this State. Last summer I went up to look after it and spent Sunday at camp. It happened that the night before a Catholic priest travelling through the region, asked hospitality of the men. He said he was preaching around in the neighborhood, looking out to see if any of his people were up there. Now, on Sunday in a lumber camp, there is nothing doing but drinking and gambling, unless the men get into a quarrel, when things are lively enough. There were no Catholics in our camp; but, for the sake of the novelty, the men asked the priest to stay and preach to them.'

'This he did, and I went to hear him with the rest. He gathered in a clearing; the men sat on logs or tree-stumps or on the ground, and he stood on the platform they had built for a dance a while before. My word, but he spoke to the point; no shilly-shallying, not too much fire and brimstone, but it seemed as if he flashed a searchlight into every man's heart! Didn't reveal him to his fellows, you understand, but just showed every man his own conscience as it was.'

The next day the priest and I travelled on together for some hours, and before we separated I promised to call on him in Chicago. I did go more than once, and soon I began to see many things in a different

light, and found that upon some matters I had been wrong-headed all my life. The upshot of it was, my boy, that I became a Catholic.'

Young Hackett had listened with ever-increasing interest. 'I too am a convert,' he here interjected.

'Then you know all about it,' said Mr. Brendin beamingly. 'Well, some time after I had joined the Church the thought came to me that I would like Marie to know. The husband whom she has loved and made happy all these years will surely not grudge me the opportunity to tell her of my conversion,' I said to myself. 'And she, in her gentle charity, will be glad for my sake.'

'So I came to Detroit, made inquiries among former acquaintances, and found to my astonishment and happiness that Marie had not married at all. Then I went down to Monroe by the next train. She was living in her old home still, and the place seemed little changed, except that the trees about the house are taller and cast a deeper shade, and the vines about the gallery are thicker than in the evenings when we used to linger there, oblivious to the hum of mosquitoes.'

Marie received me cordially, but when I turned the conversation to old times she showed a coldness that discomfited me. Beginning at the wrong end of my story, and without telling her of my conversion, I blurted out:

'Marie, like a worthless penny I have come back to you, after all these years. I thought you had married long ago; to my joy I find you free. I love you far more dearly than I did when we were both young, although I gave you all my heart then. No other woman has ever had my love. In the years since we last met I have had much time to think. I have come back to you to say that if you marry me now I shall be more than willing to be married by the old cure here, or any one whom you may select.'

'Of course I was far too presumptuous,' pursued Mr. Brendin with a side glance at the lady, who pretended to be deaf to what her old lover was saying, since she could not check the exuberance of his spirits.

'So confident was I that the one obstacle to our union was removed that I expected her to say "yes" without demur,' he acknowledged. 'But, bless my heart, no matter how well a man thinks he knows a woman, she will surprise him after all.'

'Instead of answering demurely that she was willing to become my wife, that she had waited for me all these years, as I know she did (here his eyes twinkled with sly humor)—instead of this, Marie flared up.'

'During the years that have gone by I too have had time to think, Philip Brendin,' she said. 'And if you want to know the result of my reflections, here it is. You have taken almost a lifetime to make up your mind to be married in the Catholic Church, and you have yielded at last only because you could not win me in any other way.'

'Marie, you are mistaken; I thought you were married,' I interrupted; but she would not hear me.

'What kind of a life would I have with a man as bigoted and prejudiced as you are,' she went on earnestly. 'No, no, I shall pray for you as I have always done; but (and here her voice broke a little) I have lived to thank God, Philip, that He has saved me from the trials and dangers of a marriage with one not of my faith. And so, if you please, we will remain only friends—but, I hope, we shall be good friends always.'

'What if I told you that now, even to win the one woman who is all the world to me, I would not be married by anyone but a priest?' I said, looking into her sweet eyes that, bright with unshed tears, told me her heart was still mine. 'What if I told you that now, thank God, we are both of the same faith?'

For a moment Marie looked at me in dazed amazement. Presently, as those tears fell in a glistening rain, she smiled, and in that smile I read the answer she could not then speak.

'And what happened next?' queried Hackett, good-humoredly twitting the old gentleman.

'Well,' answered Mr. Brendin, pulling himself together, 'I did what you, my boy, or any young fellow would have done under similar circumstances. I went over and sat beside her and kissed it. Then, as I took her hand in mine, there upon her finger I saw the very ring I had given her when we were young. I had refused to take it back when we parted. How women treasure the keepsakes and the memories of their early love!'

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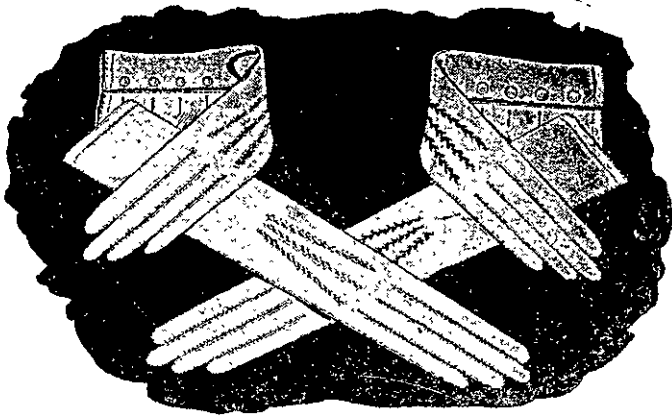
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The lady laughed softly at the impetuosity of her long errant lover. The clerk, having read over the time-yellowed paper with as much astonishment as Hackett had displayed on perusing it, said at last:

'A marriage license holds good until used, sir, unless it is cancelled by another, but, to prevent any question of the legality of this one, I will make out another for you, which you may also present.'

Five minutes later the sweet-faced elderly bride-elect, and the chivalrous silver-haired bridegroom, departed with the license, for which the clerk declined to accept payment, saying, that the office did not see such a romance every day. The same evening the newspapers of Detroit contained the following notice:

This afternoon, at the Cathedral, Mr. Philip Brendin, a wealthy lumberman of Chicago, and Mademoiselle Marie Roy, of Monroe, were married by the Rev. Father D—. The wedding is said to be the outcome of an early romance. For the bridal trip Mr. and Mrs. Brendin will make a tour of the lakes. On their return they intend to reside for a time here in the City of Straits.—'Catholic World Magazine.'

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ENGLAND—A Rumor

Before the date of Archbishop Bourne's leaving the Eternal City on November 7 (writes a Rome correspondent), intelligence about a coming Consistory began to take shape. During the summer, the promises that had been given out by the press about what would be done were quite lost sight of, so much so that the list of names mentioned, now that the event is approaching, differs very greatly from that given out in the springtime. The name of the Archbishop of Westminster is on the new list, and report that he will be created a Cardinal in December has been accepted generally in Rome. In the best informed circles, however, it is not accepted as certain, simply because it was announced so late. But Pius X. is beginning to be known as a Pope of surprises, as was Leo XIII., and it is possible that matters are to be kept secret until almost the last moment, so that the rumour now given circulation might come true early in December. Certain it is, that the name of the English Archbishop has been considered.

FRANCE—A Family of Missionaries

About a year ago (says the 'Ave Maria') we noted the somewhat remarkable fact that an Irish mother in Madras had given no fewer than eight daughters to the cloister. Under the title of 'A Family of Missionaries,' a contemporary French author discusses a household almost equally fruitful in religious vocations. Of the eight children of Nicholas Biet, a citizen of Langres, the eldest became a Trappist; four other sons were priests on the mission field of the Orient, one of them becoming Bishop of Diana; and two daughters joined the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul. The only child to remain in the world was a third daughter, Marie-Francoise, whose son, the well-known poet, Edmond Haraucourt, is at present curator of the Cluny Museum, Paris.

ITALY—The Final Act

The Rome correspondent of the 'Pall Mall Gazette' writes to that journal on the Italian monasteries: 'When the State, at the time of the making of Italy, suppressed various monasteries, the general mode of procedure was to leave the monks already there in possession, with the prohibition to any others to enter. When reduced by death to six, the monastery was to be closed and the remaining monks to find refuge in other houses of the Order. Now, after thirty-five years, this dread, has come to several communities, and the lonely old monks, with tears in their eyes, are obliged to leave the place they have made an Eden. The case of the Barefoot Trinity Order at San Oreste is particularly touching. The spot has been dedicated to religion since the fifth century, and the Trinity have been there for over five hundred years. That a change must be made they knew, but they

did not realise until the other day, when they were informed that the whole place had been sold by the Government to a private person. The blow had fallen, and, like true saints, they packed their modest belongings and left quietly the home where they had hoped to die. But the town people did not take the news of the departure of their beloved friends and benefactors so quietly, and got up a popular demonstration, in which hundreds of women took part.'

Catholic Bluejackets

On the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen of Italy to Genoa, where they inaugurated the new works for the enlargement of the port, beside the Italian and the French fleets, which were in the harbor to do honor to their Majesties, there was also a British fleet composed of three men-of-war and two destroyers. Arrangements having been made by the Rev. G. Hay with the commanding officer, on Sunday morning, October 29th, the Right Rev. Abbot A. Alaria went on the quay to meet the Catholic bluejackets to the number of about seventy, and took them, in charge of a lieutenant, to the Abbey Church of St. Teodoro, where he preached to them. After having heard Mass and assisted at Benediction, they returned to their ships. The devout behaviour of the British sailors in the church greatly edified the congregation.

A Defence Association

The Bishop of Bergamo (writes a Rome correspondent) has drawn up the constitution of the promised association for the defence of the Italian clergy, given to the work the name of 'Segretariato del Clero' (secretariate of the clergy), and assigned his episcopal curia as its seat. By the first statute the association is declared diocesan. The second enunciates the purpose of the society to be the procuring of counsel, assistance, and protection in public and private controversies for the clergy, and for institutions of a religious nature, Catholic societies, asylums, oratories, etc. By the fifth article of the constitution, the Segretariato undertakes the defence, even the legal defence, of the good name of the priests of Italy. Those persons, then, who read shocking or scandalous reports about the Italian clergy in English newspapers may, after the work gets fairly afloat, address:—Il Segretariato del Clero, Curia Vescovile di Bergamo, Bergamo, Italy.

JAPAN—The Papal Envoy

Monsignor O'Connell, Bishop of Portland, Maine, Papal Envoy to Japan, had audience of the Mikado on November 10. He was introduced by the Premier, Viscount Katsura. The Bishop informed the Tokio correspondent of the 'Daily Telegraph' that his mission was of a confidential character. The Emperor appeared to attach considerable importance to it. Dr. O'Connell, the correspondent states, was received with the greatest respect and the Mikado expressed the gratification it gave him to see a representative of the Holy Father, especially as he was an American prelate. The visit, he said, would tend to draw closer the bonds between his Catholic subjects and himself. As an exceptional mark of honor the Bishop was invited to an imperial garden party over which Prince Fushimi presided. Are we not justified in assuming that the Mikado, already favorable to the Catholic Church, wishes to give increased facilities to missionaries engaged in Catholic work in Japan? At the close of the war it was predicted that Western ideas which have been of so much service to Japan could scarcely fail to become more popular in the East, and that this result would be of advantage to Christianity. It would seem as if the prediction were already coming true.

ROME—The Rector of the Irish College

The Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, the new Rector of the Irish College, Rome, was admitted to a private audience with the Holy Father on November 8. Dr. O'Riordan handed the Holy Father Peter's Pence from the diocese of Galway. The Rector also presented to his Holiness five new students of the College, and Dr. and Mrs. Malone and Mrs. and Miss Shine, of Limerick. At the same time Monsignor O'Riordan placed in the Pope's hands an address of loyalty from the Men's Confraternity of Limerick. The Pope expressed satisfaction at hearing that the Society comprised 5000 men and 2000 boys, and wrote his thanks and his benediction on the address, which will be returned to the Confraternity. The Rector then presented to the Pontiff an oak box from Limerick Cathedral, carved by Mr. Joseph Lynch after an old Irish interlacing design drawn by Miss Mary Ebrill, of Limerick. The box contained some white silk gloves and an address of loyalty to the Holy See. The Pope wrote his autograph to the donors.

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The Coldest City.

The coldest city in the world is Yakutsk, Eastern Siberia, in the Empire of the Czar of Russia. It is the great commercial emporium of East Siberia, and the capital of the province of Yakutsk, most of whose area of 1,517,063 square miles is a desert, the soil of which is frozen to a great depth. Yakutsk consists of about 400 houses of European structure, standing apart. The intervening spaces are occupied by winter yooorts, or huts of the Northern nomads, with earthen roofs, doors covered with hairy hides, and windows of ice.

Postal Employees.

Some interesting statistics have recently been published by the Universal postal Union as to the number of postal employees in the different countries composing the union. Germany heads the list with 242,000, the United States comes next with 239,000, and Great Britain is third with 184,000. None of the other States in the Postal Union possesses 100,000 postal employees. France has 81,000, Austria 59,000, Russia, 57,962, and Japan 57,985. Every other country falls below 50,000.

Durability of Posts.

Convincing evidence of the relative durability of posts set in natural position and those inverted has been given by Andrew Whiton, an American mechanic. Posts set in Connecticut in both positions were carefully marked, and after nine years the inverted ones were found to be practically sound while others were much decayed.

The 'Mountain-High' Waves.

The size of the Atlantic waves has been carefully measured for the Washington Hydrographic Bureau. In height the waves usually average about 30 feet, but in rough weather they attain from 40 to 48 feet. During storms they are often from 500 to 600 feet long and last ten or eleven seconds, while the longest yet known measured half a mile and did not spend itself for twenty-three seconds. In a storm the average speed of waves is 81 feet per second, and this may increase when the wind reaches a cyclone to 91 feet. It is about 56 feet in an ordinary high wind, 34 in a good breeze, and only 23 when the breeze is gentle.

The Cost of Coal Mining.

Lecturing at Newcastle (England) on the increased cost of coal-raising, Alderman Briggs remarked that everything that could throw light upon what to do and what not to do in the introduction of electricity to mining must be of the greatest use to all who were interested in the mining industry. It would follow in an increasing extent from the much higher price of labor which ruled to-day, and which was likely to rule for a long time to come, that they would be driven to the use of machinery more largely in coal mining operations than they had been in the past. When he looked to the cost of mining fifteen or twenty years ago, without machinery at all, and by hand labor only, raising coal in small quantities by primitive methods, he found they were then able to get coal at 2s a ton less than they could get it to-day. That was accounted for entirely by the increased cost of labor in coal-getting—not only by the higher remuneration which miners had obtained, but by their doing less work than they used to do, and the consequent employment of more men. This only showed that the use of machinery would be forced upon them whether they liked it or not, and among the agencies they would have to use electricity was the foremost one.

The Very Rev. Dean Phelan in a letter to the managing editor of 'The Austral Light' states that he will leave London on January 19, and will probably arrive in Melbourne about February 23.

The Home

By 'Maureen'

The Kitchen Sink.

Too much care cannot be given the kitchen sink. More dangers arise from one that is not well cared for than from anything else in the house. The waste pipe should have boiling water and soda or ammonia poured into it at least once a day and once a week it should be thoroughly scalded with a strong solution of chloride of lime.

Uses of Ammonia.

Ammonia is of such value in household matters that no housekeeper should be without it. Machine oil stains can be removed by rubbing them with ammonia. When the garment is washed the stains will have disappeared. When acid has been spilled on cloth and has taken out the color, if ammonia is rubbed on the spot and chloroform afterwards applied, the color will be restored. It is useful in cleaning and for removing grease, and added to the water in which glass and silverware are washed, they are easily cleaned and will be very brilliant.

Etiquette Notes.

Widows on being re-married wear neither the wedding veil nor orange flowers. The dress should not be white, but of some light, delicate color.

In making an introduction the gentleman is presented to the lady. 'Mrs. G., allow me to present Mr. D.,' being the usual formula.

A gentleman after an introduction to a lady on a subsequent meeting must wait for her to bow first before he may venture to claim her further acquaintance.

A lady does not call upon a gentleman unless professionally or officially. When such a call is made she should send in her card and make her call both ceremonious and brief.

Good manners may be said to be the result of a good heart and a good training; bad manners show selfishness, a coarse nature, and the lack of training it is a duty for every child to receive.

The servant should always be informed beforehand what he or she is to say to all comers. It is very embarrassing for a caller to be admitted by the servant and afterwards informed that the mistress of the house cannot see her; for this reason every caller admitted should be seen if possible.

How to Spoil Umbrellas.

'In most cases umbrellas are not fairly worn out; they are ruined through carelessness of their owners,' said A. L. Kent, an umbrella and cane man, of Boston, recently. 'When I see a man walking with an umbrella tightly grasped in his hot hand I smile to myself, because I know very soon that man will be wanting a new umbrella. There is no surer way of making an umbrella wear out quickly than the habit of carrying it about by its middle. Again, after being out in the rain you should turn your umbrella upside down and let the water drain off as it stands with the handle downward. By doing this you will prevent the water from getting in the framework and thereby protect the ribs from rusting. Some men open their umbrellas before they stand them up to dry, but this is a bad plan, because the umbrella may stretch when it is wet. Another thing, too, never roll your umbrella up, as to do so cuts the silk.'

Maureen

Dr. W. A. West, of the Glebe, Sydney, who died at the comparatively early age of 46, was fourth son of the late George W. West, barrister, of Kildare, Ireland. Dr. West was educated in Dublin, and was but 24 when he arrived in Sydney.

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INTERCOLONIAL

The Rev. M. Murphy, of Meredith (archdiocese of Melbourne), will leave for New Zealand on January 10 on a three months' holiday for the benefit of his health. This will be his first holiday during 27 years' ministration as a priest.

The many friends, clerical and lay, of Dr. M. U. O'Sullivan, F.R.C.S.I., the eminent surgeon of Collins street (says the 'Melbourne Advocate'), will be pleased to learn that he has been made a Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great (K.C.S.G.).

The Rev. Brother Carroll has been transferred from the Christian Brothers' schools, St. Kilda East, to the charge of the Adelaide College, Wakefield street, and the Rev. Brother Fogarty, of the Victoria Parade College, takes charge of the St. Kilda schools.

The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Armidale, the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Bathurst, the Very Rev. Dean Marshall, Maryborough (Victoria), the Rev. M. J. Shanahan, Hamilton (Victoria), Rev. Father Dunne (brother of Bishop Dunne), and the Hon. John Meagher, M.L.C., leave for a trip to Europe by the 'Ortona' on February 13.

The following priests for Australia and New Zealand arrived during the week (says the Melbourne 'Advocate', December 23):—Rev. J. McKeon and Rev. C. Conlon (archdiocese of Melbourne); Rev. Joseph Rowan and Rev. Father Healy (diocese of Rockhampton); Rev. John Finegan (diocese of Maitland); Rev. James Molloy (diocese of Auckland); Rev. Thos. Lynch (diocese of Goulburn); Rev. Father O'Rourke (diocese of Perth).

The Rev. Father O'Sullivan, who was connected with the Goulburn diocese for a number of years, has now been affiliated to his native diocese of Cloyne, County Cork, Ireland. When going to Australia at first it was necessary he should receive his Bishop's permission, which was given conditionally that he should return after a limited term. It is possible, however, he may return to Goulburn in the near future. For the present he has received an appointment in a most picturesque locality between Macroom and Kilbarney.

'I think that Australia should be proud of her children,' said Bishop Dubig, in speaking on prize day at the Convent High School, Rockhampton. 'Visitors here are generally brought to our goldfields, or to our coal-mines, or to our pastoral lands to see the wealth of this great country; but had I the doing of it, I would lead the visitors into our schools, for I believe that in her bright children Australia has her grandest and her greatest asset. Although not an Australian born, I know something of the Australian children. I have, I might say, grown up with them. I have been to school with them, and I love the Australian children, and I am proud of my association with them.'

A recent issue of the London 'Daily Chronicle' contains the following:—The Hon. Hugh Mahon, who has tabled a motion in the Commonwealth Parliament inviting the London papers to send special correspondents to inquire whether the Australian laws impede British immigration, was Postmaster-General in the short-lived Labor Government of Mr. Watson. Except Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, he has been the only Irish political prisoner to attain Cabinet rank in Greater Britain. He was in Kilmainham with Mr. Parnell and other eminent Irish politicians of the stormy Land League period. He afterwards emigrated, and joined the staff of one of the Sydney papers, subsequently moving to the Western Australian goldfields, where he founded and edited a paper of his own.

Prior to distributing the prizes won by scholars at the Loreto College, Albert Park, the Archbishop of Melbourne made an announcement as to the provisions to be made for the higher scientific training of teachers in Catholic schools. His Grace said that the Bishops of the province of Melbourne had resolved to establish a central training college, situated in Melbourne, under the supervision of the Sisters of Loreto, at Albert Park. They would be charged with the general administration of the institute, and the material, moral, and religious welfare of the students. The services had been secured of a lady of considerable experience in school organisation, Miss Barbara M. Bell, a diplomée of Cambridge University. In her relation to the pupils she would fill the position of mistress of studies, and method, supervising their scholastic work, and stimulating their efforts to reach the highest point of efficiency. At the Provincial Synod (Sydney) it was decided to establish a training college in each State of the Commonwealth.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

January 7, Sunday.—First Sunday after the Epiphany.
 „ 8, Monday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 9, Tuesday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 10, Wednesday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 11, Thursday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 12, Friday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 13, Saturday.—Octave of the Epiphany.

Bishop Strossmayer's Aphorisms.

Faith is ever the best guardian of freedom.
 Worldly goods have no other value than their use in the attainment of moral ends or national ideals.
 Fame is not to be bought with small change in the market-place.
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 Whatever lives in a nation's soul must sooner or later receive expression in public deeds.
 Alone constant, beautiful, and advantageous to the holiest aims of humanity, is that which is upheld, not by force, but by justice.
 Politics knows neither pity nor affection.
 Wisdom, moderation, and conciliation are all virtues and are the fruits of political ripeness and adaptability.
 Nothing is more detrimental to national development than self-deception and self-laudation.
 As is the marriage contract and the life of married couples, such will be the nation.

Banns First Published.

The custom of publishing the banns of marriage dates back to the primitive Church. Tertullian, who died A.D. 240, states that warning of intended marriages was given among the early Christians.

It appears that the publication of banns was habitual in many places long before there was any general law on the subject, since Gregory IV. (1198-1216) speaks of the banns being given out in church, according to custom. The practice was introduced into France about the ninth century, and in 1176 was enforced in the diocese of Paris.

The earliest enactment on the subject in England was an order made in the Synod of Westminster in 1200 to the effect that no marriage should be celebrated till the banns had been published in the church on three several Sundays or feast days. This was made obligatory throughout the Church by the fourth Lateran Council, held in Rome in 1215.

Good Thoughts from Various Sources.

The Almighty is too just to interweave with our nature any passion which it is not in the power of our reason to subdue.

He that falls into sin is a man; he that grieves at it may be a saint; he that boasts of it is a devil.

The primal duties shine aloft like stars; the charities that soothe and heal and bless are scattered at the feet of man like flowers.

Conventionality is not morality. Self-righteousness is not religion.

It is well for men to give good advice when they are too old to set bad example.

Every crime destroys more Edens than our own.

Duty, like death, enters every abode and delivers its message. Conscience, like reason and judgment, is universal.

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OUR SCHOOLS

St. Patrick's College

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The annual prize distribution ceremony in connection with St. Patrick's College, which took place on Tuesday evening, December 19, was attended by a large number of parents and friends of the scholars. Amongst the guests were Archbishop Redwood, the Right Hon. the Premier, the Hon. T. W. Hislop (Mayor), Mr Firth (Principal of Wellington College), and Mr Hogben (Inspector-general of Schools). Lady Ward and Miss May Seddon were amongst the ladies present. The visitors were entertained with a first-class musical programme during the evening.

The Rector (the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M.), after the students had received their awards, thanked the Archbishop for hurrying from North Taranaki to be present; and also the Premier for curtailing his Christchurch sojourn so that he might be with them that evening. He regretted the absence of Sir Joseph Ward. He also expressed pleasure at the presence of his Worship the Mayor and Messrs Hogben and Firth, as the attendance of all these prominent gentlemen tended to enhance the prize-giving ceremony of the college. Likewise, he thanked the many friends of the college for their liberality in the matter of prizes. In addition, the Sports Committee desired to return its thanks to those who had contributed prizes at the annual athletic gathering. Dealing with the school work of the year, he had the honour to report that this had been of a very satisfactory nature. The attendance had been 82 boarders and 34 day pupils, and although the attendance was 10 lower than last year, the boys had made up for this deficiency by the earnest manner in which they went to work. In regard to the school work, the college had anticipated the action of the Imperial Government by giving the boys "Iloilo Rule," with, of course, due submission to the Crown, and the college authorities in this respect had every reason to be satisfied, for their hopes and anticipations had been more than realised. The conduct of the boys and the harmony existing between them and the Fathers and masters had come up to everything that was expected. Another thing which had added considerably to the interest and zest of education had been their outdoor sports and the military life which they had led so strenuously. He referred to the work of the College Cadets and the military contests with the boys of Wellington College. In regard to the latter contests, he acknowledged the kindly help of Mr Firth, principal of Wellington College.

His Grace the Archbishop said he was very happy to be present that night. He complimented the boys on their singing, and particularly upon the progress they had made with the violin—the king of instruments, which was too often neglected. He was delighted to hear the rector speak of the "Home Rule" which had been established in connection with the college, and he hoped this would be the forerunner of a greater Home Rule in the land which they all loved. He was also pleased to hear of the scholars' military prowess. Last year, when the prize-giving distribution was taking place, he was in Rome, but he was present in heart and sympathy. It gave him great satisfaction to hear of the success of the college during the year. He wished the scholars pleasant holidays and a happy Christmas, and trusted when they returned on February 15 they would enter upon their work with renewed vigour, and do honour to the school. Their great school began when they left the institution, and he was sure, if they had the same pleasure in competing for the prizes of the future as they did at school, they would be happy indeed. There was a freshness, purity, and charm about a prize-giving ceremony that was never forgotten. He urged the boys to study well and be exemplary in their conduct, so that when they went out into the world they might be well equipped for the battle of life.

The Right Hon. the Premier, who was very cordially received, expressed great pleasure at being present. As Minister for Defence, he was particularly interested in the reference to the success of the school cadets. Personally, he was delighted, as it made for the good of the cadet movement of the colony. He said without hesitation that if the Mother Country had some such system as we had here, in training the boys of the school in this direction, they would never have spoken about conscription, a term which, he thought, should never be mentioned in connection with the British race. He was pleased to say that in the colony now they had something like 19,000 on the roll, including volunteers, rifle corps, and cadets; in addition to that, they had about 10,000 on their college and school rolls; and in this respect he thought he could say that New Zealand was the best-equipped part of the British Empire. As the rector had mentioned the military tests that had taken place between the two colleges, it struck him that they might go further, and have an educational test. By this time next year the Christchurch Exhibition would be in full swing, and he thought that in connection with that Exhibition their university, colleges, and schools might meet. As Minister for Education, he thought that might be a glorious opportunity

that should be embraced by the scholastic institutions of the colony, and it would be well for them to know, educationally, where they really were. He was happy to say that in New Zealand they were now beginning to realise the full benefits of higher education. In young countries this was to a great extent overlooked. In this colony he did not hesitate to say that in the past there had been a feeling of indifference in respect to this question. They had heard much said of the three "R's"—that a knowledge of these was quite sufficient, and that if the pupils could go through these they were well equipped for commercial life. That idea, however, was now entirely exploded. In the battle of life, unless they were as well equipped as their competitors, they could not succeed. He wished the youth of this colony to be as well equipped as those in any part of the world, and he felt sure that the schools of this colony were equal to those of any other country. He would say to the boys: "Look at the students who had gone before you. You have marked, no doubt, the progress they have made in the battle of life. You have seen many who have succeeded. Follow their example. Endeavour to keep up the reputation of your college, and by so doing you will not only do justice to your teachers, but you will also bring honour and credit to the colony. I wish you all a merry Christmas."

The Mayor said he had been at many prize distributions in the time of his old friend Dr Watters, and also during the time of the present rector, and it gave him pleasure to congratulate the teachers upon the continued success of the operations carried on within those walls.

Mr Firth (Wellington College) said he was genuinely pleased at hearing the rector's report of the success of the year's work. He wished to express the good feeling Wellington College had for St. Patrick's, a feeling he was sure was reciprocated. He desired to assure Father Keogh and all of them that Wellington College was always willing to join hands in any work that was for the good of both institutions, for he fully realised that healthy rivalry was an excellent thing.

The musical programme included items by the students, Rev. Father Hills, Masters Geaney (violin) and Seymour (piano); vocal solo, Master D. Ryan; violin solo by Miss Moran (whose success in teaching the boys was favourably commented upon by the Archbishop); piano solo, E. Quill; and concerted pieces, vocal and instrumental, by the students. The gathering concluded with hearty cheers for the Archbishop, the Premier, and the visitors.

PRIZE LIST.

General Excellence.—Medal presented by the Old Boys' Association—R. B. Hill. O'Connor, Cullen, Kavanagh, Jos. Ryan, G. Miller, Miles.

Good Conduct.—Medal presented by his Grace the Archbishop—Stewart. Seymour, Devoy, Campion, F. O'Connor, Geaney, Hill, E. Burke.

Application.—Medal presented by the Venerable Archdeacon Devoy—F. O'Connor. Seymour, Stewart, M'Laughlin, Devoy, Duggan, Geaney, Fraher, Hill, Campion.

Christian Doctrine.—Medal presented by the Bishop of Christchurch—Senior: Cullen. Prize: Hill. Walshe, Boyce, Fraher, Kavanagh, Kelly. Junior (prize presented by Bishop of Auckland): Seymour. O'Leary, Duggan, F. Kelly, Lavery, Bennett, London, Stewart.

AVERAGES.

First Class.—Cullen. Hill, Kavanagh, Boyce, Walshe.

Second Class.—Jos. Ryan. F. O'Connor.

Third Class.—J. Duggan. F. Kelly, W. Ryan, Seymour, O'Leary, Lavery, London.

Fourth Class A.—M'Lean. Geaney, B. Ryan, Jas. Ryan, O'Sullivan, Stewart. Fourth Class B.—T. Malone. H. Jansen, Lynch, Moyrihan.

Fifth Class.—Cleary. B. Malone, C. Miller, Lambert, O'Malley.

First Class.—Essay: Kavanagh. Hill, Cullen. English: Hill. Kavanagh, Cullen. Latin: Cullen. Hill, Herring, French: Boyce. Hill, Herring. Algebra and arithmetic: Cullen. Kavanagh, G. Miller.

Second Class.—Essay: Jas. Ryan. F. O'Connor. English: Jos. Ryan. F. O'Connor. Latin: F. O'Connor. Jos. Ryan. French: Jos. Ryan. Mathematics: Miles. Jos. Ryan.

Third Class.—Essay: Seymour. F. Kelly, Duggan, B. Miller, Lavery. English: Duggan. F. Kelly, O'Leary, W. Ryan, London. Latin: W. Ryan. F. Kelly, Duggan, Lavery, M'Grath. French: F. Kelly. O'Leary, Duggan, W. Ryan, Lavery. Mathematics: Algebra and arithmetic—Seymour. F. Kelly, London, Duggan, O'Leary. Geometry: Duggan (hon. mention), Nelson (prize). Lavery, Seymour, W. Ryan.

Fourth Class A.—Essay: M'Lean. M'Leary, Butler, Jas. Ryan, Geaney, Stewart. English: M'Lean. Jas. Ryan, Stewart, Rochford, Geaney, Dore. Latin: M'Lean. Rochford, Jas. Ryan, Butler, B. Ryan, Stewart. French: M'Lean. Rochford, Jas. Ryan, Butler, B. Ryan, Stewart. Arithmetic: Rochford, B. Ryan, Geaney, M'Leary, J. O'Brien, O'Sullivan. Euclid:

Stewart. E. J. Burke, O'Sullivan, M'Lean, B. Ryan, Carmody. Algebra: Rochford, B. Ryan, Geaney, E. J. Burke, O'Sullivan, Jno. O'Brien. Science: Geaney. M'Lean, M'Leary, Jno. O'Brien, Stewart, O'Sullivan.

Fourth Class B.—Essay: Lynch. W. Maher, Monaghan, Cronin. Latin: T. Malone. Kerehoma, Downey, Cronin. French: H. Jansen. T. Malone, Downey, Moynihan. Arithmetic: H. Jansen. Malone, Lynch, Moynihan. Algebra: Malone, H. Jansen, Moynihan, Maher. Euclid: Malone. Cronin, Lynch, Monaghan. Science: Downey. Jansen, Lynch, Monaghan.

COMMERCIAL.

First Division.—Chapman. Hennessy, Latham.

Second Division.—H. Jansen. Garvey, Green, Lambert, O'Connor.

Fifth Class.—Essay: Cleary, Malone, Green, Ratima. English: Cleary, Malone, Miller, Lambert, Green. Arithmetic: Miller, Cleary, Lambert, Malone.

Drawing.—Kelly. Cullen, Boyce, O'Connor, Duggan, Miller, Maher, Jas. Ryan, Chapman, Campion, Stewart, Geaney, Burke, Jas. Ryan, John O'Brien.

Writing.—Fraser. Kelly, Kavanagh, James Ryan, Hill, O'Connor, Cullen, Miles, Duggan, Seymour, Quill, O'Leary, Miller, Campion, Ryan, Kerehoma, Andrews, Ryan, J. Ryan, Moynihan, Quinlan, Bennett, M'Laughlin.

MUSIC.

Piano.—Seymour. Ryan, Quill, M'Kenna, Duggan, M'Evedy, Burke, Ryan, Cleary, Malone, Kerehoma.

Singing.—Miller. Ryan, Malone.

Violin.—Geaney.

Marist Brothers' School, Wellington

December 16.

The concert and distribution of prizes at the Marist Brothers' School took place on Thursday evening. His Grace Archbishop Redwood, who presented the prizes, praised the parents of the scholars for the sacrifices they were making in order to preserve the faith of their children. By sending them to a Catholic school, where the Government inspectors' certificates showed they were well taught, they were fulfilling a solemn obligation.

Among the musical items were the glees, "Now tramp o'er moss and fell" and "The cough and crow." Solos by the solo medallist for 1905, O. Foote and J. Walsh, were much appreciated, the latter being twice recalled.

Following is the prize list:—

Medallists.—Hilary Henderson, R. Davis, George Newton, John Scott, James Smith, and John Coleman.

Civil Service Class.—Hilary Henderson, English, geography, geometry, and algebra; Richard Davis, Christian doctrine, algebra (second); James M'Grath, dictation, Christian doctrine (second), geography (second).

Standard VII.—John Scott, general proficiency, diligence, composition, writing, arithmetic, and algebra; George Newton, Christian doctrine, English, good conduct, arithmetic, and algebra; Francis Cimino, reading and composition; Valentine Ross, drawing, composition, and home exercise; Percy Coshman, diligence and drawing; Louis Roseingrave, arithmetic and geography; James Walsh, Christian doctrine and recitation; Edward Ryan, algebra and arithmetic; William Dwyer, history and algebra; John Young, arithmetic; Stephen Coffey, writing and composition; Hector Carruthers, diligence; Frederick France, writing; Augustine Durney, reading; James Fitzgerald, composition.

Standard VI.—James Smith, English composition, spelling, geography, English history, attendance, and religious instruction; Daniel M'Kivitt, arithmetic, shorthand, geography, and home work; John Devlin, shorthand, attendance, and home work; John Helgesen, spelling and arithmetic; Thomas M'Grath, English composition and reading; Ignatius Whitaker, good conduct and spelling; Francis Forster, reading; Patrick Lawlor, good conduct; Leslie Brooky, mapping and arithmetic; John Jones, drawing; Francis Leary, recitation; William Sullivan, writing; Roland Edge, spelling; Alonzo Dwan, reading; Joseph Coleman, religious instruction; Francis Davis, mental arithmetic; Michael Bowzaid, recitation; John Burke, arithmetic; Laurence Butler, mental arithmetic; James Carrigan, English history; Cecil Gasquaine, good conduct; John M'Guire, mapping; James Levin, writing and mapping; Thomas Lennox, attendance; Jeremiah M'Laughlin, mapping; John Nolan, writing; James Smith (medal), general proficiency; Daniel M'Kivitt (medal), general proficiency.

Standard V.—Good conduct—Fergus Yourelle, Leonard Daniel, Maurice Kenny; Christian doctrine—Patrick Scanlon, John Coleman, Robert Ready; general proficiency—John Coleman, John Smith, Leonard Daniel; English—Patrick Scanlon, Fergus Yourelle, Maurice Kenny; dictation—John Coleman, Vernon Haydon, John Smith, Leonard Daniel, Maurice Kenny; composition—Vernon Haydon, John Coleman, Edward Newton, Ovide Fennell; reading—John Coleman, John O'Brien, Michael Heavey, Douglas Muir; recitation—Leonard Kearney, Arthur Sievers, Thomas Devine, Edmund M'Carthy; arithmetic—John Coleman, Robert Scott, Robert Ready; geography—Robert Scott, Alphonsus Chapman, Leo Pope; history—Leo Pope, John O'Shea, Michael Heavey; penmanship—John Coleman, Fergus Yourelle, Robert Scott; freehand drawing—Fergus Yourelle,

John Coleman, Arthur Sievers; mechanical drawing—Aloysius J. MacDonald, John Coleman, Patrick Scanlon; mapping—Fergus Yourelle, John Smith, Walter O'Neil; singing—Robert Ready, Leonard Daniel, Maurice Kenny; physics—Aloysius J. MacDonald, John Coleman, Maurice Kenny; attendance—Hilmore Johnson, Edward Byrne.

Standard IV.—General proficiency—Patrick Hopkins, Thos. Foster; good conduct, Clarence Fennell; Christian doctrine—Augustus Syron; reading, John M'Elligott; recitation, Bernard Benson; arithmetic, Charles Tandy; mental arithmetic, Cuthbert Hill; orthography, Edward Duggan; penmanship, Eustace Galvin; composition, Denis Burke; drawing, Patrick Keeney; geography, Robert Nolan; singing, Frank Ryan; home exercise, Walter Jennings; English, George Marra; attendance, George Sievers.

Standard III.—General proficiency, Eric Casey and Robert Mackay; good conduct, George Wynne and Paul Stratford; Christian doctrine, Frank O'Driscoll; reading, Shawn O'Donovan; recitation, Gilbert M'Grath; orthography, Richard Taylor; arithmetic, John Maher; mental arithmetic, Alfred Sievers; composition, Harold Corrigan; English, Frank Moore; penmanship, James M'Murich; geography, Benjamin Mathews; memory work, Duncan Campbell; drawing—Albert Johnson 1, William Tobin 2; attendance—William Wareham 1, William Bowden 2.

Standard II.—Catechism—Louis Crigg 1, William O'Dea 2, James Hyde 3; general proficiency—William O'Dea 1, James Hyde 2, A. Newton 3; reading—Louis Crigg 1, James Hyde 2, John Cuming 3; penmanship—James Tandy 1, James Hyde 2, William O'Dea 3; arithmetic—Clarence O'Shea 1, William O'Dea 2, Hugo Godfrey 3; orthography—Godfrey Hanify 1, William O'Dea 2, Louis Crigg 3; mental arithmetic—Hugo Hanify 1, William O'Dea 2, R. Scanlon 3; history—Robert Scanlon 1, H. Wrixon 2, E. Prestidge 3; geography—Ernest Prestidge 1, John Cuming 2, H. Wrixon 3; composition—John Cuming 1, James Hyde 2, Louis Crigg 3; home work—Clarence Corrigan 1, J. Tandy 2, L. Crigg 3; drawing—Alfred Dibley 1, James Tandy 2, H. Wrixon 3; attendance—James Keeney 1, Francis Archer 2; poetry—Francis Fama 1; singing—Daniel M'Laughlan 1, J. Carrig 2.

Standard I.—Good conduct—Mathew Kehoe; Catechism—Vincent O'Dea 1, George Seymour 2, U. Campbell 3; general proficiency—Ulysses Campbell 1, L. Ryan 2, F. Reynolds 3; reading—Kenneth Smith 1, U. Campbell 2, William Quinn 3; penmanship—Kenny De Muth 1, J. Curry 2, M. Kehoe 3; arithmetic—James Heavey 1, K. De Muth 2, U. Campbell 3; orthography—Francis Reynolds 1, L. Ryan 2, J. Curry 3; mental arithmetic—George Seymour 1, U. Campbell 2, F. Reynolds 3; composition—Leonard Ryan 1, K. Smith 2, U. Campbell 3; home work—John Curry 1, M. Kehoe 2, F. Reynolds 3; drawing—John Carrig 1, L. Templeton 2, A. Johnson 3; attendance—Leonard Templeton 1, Finian O'Donovan 2.

Preparatory.—Catechism, Denzil Corrigan; spelling, Daniel Haggerty; reading, Arthur M'Parland; writing, Vicent Revell; tables, Charles M'Parland; diligence, William Ryan; arithmetic, Vincent Roberts.

St. Patrick's High School

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

December 16.

The prizes at St. Patrick's High School, Dixon street, were presented as follows by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy:—

Special Prizes.—Good conduct: Senior (gold medal, gift of Very Rev. Father Devoy), Magdalen Lawlor; junior, Jessie Ward. Christian doctrine: Senior (gold medal), Nellie Carmody; junior, Jessie Weight. Music: Higher division, Hilda Flanagan; intermediate, Mabel Outtrim; elementary, Grace Barrett; highest marks (medal), Lelia Flanagan. Needlework: Senior, Prissie Weight; junior, Minnie Curran. Regular attendance: Maggie Gallagher. Class I.—Grammar and composition, Nellie Carmody; French and science, Hilda Flanagan; arithmetic and algebra, Nellie Carmody; history and geography, Hilda Flanagan. Class II.—Grammar and composition, Grace Jennings; arithmetic and algebra, Lelia Flanagan; science and literature, Magdalen Lawlor; geography and history, Magdalen Lawlor; mental arithmetic and French, Lelia Flanagan. Class III.—Grammar and composition, Prissie Weight; spelling, geography, and history, Maureen Griffin; arithmetic and algebra, Katie Madden; writing and drawing, Katie Madden; French, Violet Murphy. Class IV.—Arithmetic (equal in merit), Veronica Flanagan and Lizzie Madden; composition and grammar, Florrie Saunders; geography and history, Lizzie Madden; French and algebra, Kathleen Weight; reading and recitation, Veronica Flanagan; writing and drawing, May Doherty; diligence, Kathleen Weight. Class V.—Composition and grammar, Phyllis Hannify; arithmetic and spelling, Maureen O'Donovan; reading and recitation, Maureen O'Donovan; writing and drawing, Maudie Kutchen; history and geography, Eileen M'Kittich.

Preparatory School.—Standard IV.—Grammar and composition, Marie Doherty; arithmetic, Minnie Curran; reading and recitation, Teresa Hyland; dictation and spelling, Agnes Hastie; French, Agnes Hastie. Standard III.—Arithmetic and reading, Grace Barrett; dictation and spelling, Jess. Ward; geography, Gerty Tredgold; writing, Jack Hyland; drawing, Frank Walker. Standard I.—Arithmetic, Grace Jarman; recitation, Aileen Flanagan; reading, Maggie M'Murich; spelling,

Maggie Mitchell; writing, Ray Doherty. Second Primer.—Reading, Mary Ready; spelling, Aileen Jarman; recitation, Doris Sullivan; tables, Bert Walker; A B C, Percy Tredgold. The Sisters of Mercy tender their thanks to the following donors of prizes:—Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Fathers O'Shea and Kimbell, Messrs Segrief, M'Ardle, M. O'Connor, White, and Whitaker.

Convent Schools, Wellington South

(From our own correspondent.)

December 16.

The annual entertainment given by the pupils of the Convent Schools, Wellington South, prior to their breaking up for the Christmas vacations, was held in the Victoria Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and reflected much credit on the performers and on the good Sisters, who have spared no trouble in training them. On Wednesday evening the annual prize distribution took place. The Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., presided. The following is the list:—

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL.

Christian doctrine (equal in merit), Valentine Barton and Horace Wimsett.

Standard VI.—Highest marks, boys Rohan M'Cardell, girls Mary Delaney; best attendance, boys Valentine Barton, girls Mary Drury; good conduct, Cecelia O'Connor; general proficiency, Frances Delaney; arithmetic, Mary Delaney; composition, Nellie M'Kelliget; needlework, Winifred Patterson.

Standard V.—Highest marks, boys Percy Stitt, girls Nora O'Neill; general proficiency, Patrick Bourke; best attendance, boys Frank M'Donald, girls Nora Drury and Fanny Hickey.

Standard IV.—Highest marks, boys Fergus O'Sullivan, girls Kathleen Huddy; general proficiency, Joseph Ross; Christian doctrine, Bessie Delaney; drawing, boys James M'Erlean, girls Ruby Lee and Ruby Peters; Nature-study, William Rouse.

Standard III.—Highest marks, boys Raymond Kirk, girls Ellen Dunne; proficiency, Vera Beveridge; Christian doctrine, Jeanne Kruse; regular attendance, William North.

Standard II.—General proficiency, boys Joseph O'Neill, girls Mary Rigg.

Standard I.—Regular attendance, Eric Schrader; general improvement, Ferdinand Wimsett; spelling, Nellie Mears; writing and drawing, Agnes Ellis; reading, May Keogh; arithmetic, Mary Cullanan.

Singing.—Valentine Barton 1, Joseph Ross 2.

ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL.

Good conduct (silver medal), May Ryan; Christian doctrine (silver medal), Annie Flanagan; dux (gold watch), Moya O'Sullivan; class singing (silver medal), Grace Ridler; pianoforte playing (gold medal), Mabel Bourke; intermediate grade, first prize, Mabel Fownes; higher division, improvement in singing and music, Kate Jameson; lower division (equal in merit), Clarice Nash and Annie Hickey; improvement, Agnes Fitzgibbon and Teresa Flanagan; elementary division, Winny Batcheler 1, Fanny Hickey 2; popularity, Annie Flanagan; wood-carving, first division, Arthur Ridler; wood-carving, second division, Eileen Carrigan 1, Annie Tonner 2.

Class I.—Composition, Molly Molloy; arithmetic, Eileen Carrigan 1, Kate Jameson 2; English grammar, Annie Flanagan; Latin, Elizabeth Kruse; algebra, Eileen Carrigan 1, Grace Ridler 2; drawing, Nellie Beagley; reading, Myrtle Leydin; spelling, Molly Molloy; penmanship, Nellie Beagley.

Class II.—Christian doctrine, Kathleen Sullivan; English composition and reading, Kathleen Sullivan; spelling and penmanship, Eileen Lavery; drawing and recitation, Josephine Keogh; arithmetic, Bessie Jameson; composition, Eileen Lavery; singing, Bessie Jameson.

Class III.—Christian doctrine, Louis Becker; composition, reading, and drawing, Jack Fitzgerald; arithmetic and geography, Louis Becker; penmanship, recitation, and brushwork, Myrtle Wylie; English grammar, spelling, and needlework, May Read.

Class IV.—Christian doctrine, Eileen Corby; arithmetic, reading, and drawing, Victor Becker; spelling, penmanship, and brushwork, Eileen Corby; geography, recitation, and Nature-study, Kathleen Corby.

The Sisters of Mercy tender their thanks to the following donors of prizes:—Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Fathers Ainsworth and M'Carthy, Messdames Bourke, Hislop, Collins, O'Sullivan, Reardon, Messrs Maurice O'Connor, North, H. Barber, J. Corby, W. Redmond, J. J. Bourke, H. G. Houldsworth, G. Winder, James O'Sullivan, and Laurenson.

Hawera Convent School

(From an occasional correspondent.)

December 20.

The annual entertainment by the Convent School children came off on Wednesday at the Opera House, and attracted a very large audience. It seemed ambitious for the children of a primary school to appear in so large a hall, but that they were eminently successful is beyond a doubt. They kept the attention of the house for over two hours, and for every item won most generous applause. While the programme gave satisfaction to those of the most varied tastes, it showed how com-

petent the Sisters were to undertake every branch of a sound primary education. There were graceful drills and dances, showing that great attention must have been paid to that form at least of physical culture. We had music and her sister song. Then there came a beautiful little drama entitled "Through Darkness to Light," into which the children down to the youngest entered with a spirit that would do credit to much older amateurs. The finest points about the whole programme were the perfect articulation of the children—not a word being lost in either the choruses or the drama—and the beautiful singing of the boys. For the most part in New Zealand the boys seem to be more or less neglected when there is question of the graces of education; but this is not the case in the Hawera Convent School. The Sisters intend the singing of the boys to be a special feature of our school concerts for the future, and they know by experience that with a little care and patience much can be made of the voices of boys. At the end of the programme the Very Rev. Father Power returned thanks, on behalf of the audience and on his own behalf, to the children who had given them such a treat. Now that there was such a demand, not only for the elements of a sound education, but for those accomplishments that enabled the educated to grace their position in life, he was glad to find that the Convent Schools here and elsewhere were meeting that demand, and generously pouring out the supply; and he was grateful to the audience for their acknowledgment of that so far as the Hawera Convent School was concerned. The report of the Government inspector was proof of the Sisters' good work in a more important branch of education, and the examination which he himself had held in Christian doctrine showed that the highest branch of all had not been neglected.

The Manaia Convent School children were unable to have their annual display through there being no suitable hall, but the sacred concert given by them in the church on Monday evening showed that they had been well taught.

Otaki Convent School

The concert held in the Town Hall in connection with the Otaki Convent School (says the local "Mail") proved highly successful, and was one of the best yet held here. The programme was a first-class one. The first item was a nicely-played pianoforte solo by Miss Ida Buck, followed by a song by the juniors. Master R. Williams's recitation caused great laughter, while the song "Physiology" by the boys also caused great merriment. A pianoforte duet by Misses Tompsitt and E. Stansell was splendidly given. The song by Miss A. Hannan, in character, proved effective, and created considerable amusement; while the gun drill by the infant boys in uniform was well executed, the little ones acquitting themselves in rare style. "Our beautiful mountain home" was a chorus nicely rendered by the senior girls. The dumb-bell exercises by girls was also fully appreciated, their movements throughout being perfect. A song, in which Master A. Hombersley took the leading part, was warmly applauded; likewise the splendidly-played duet by Misses Quill and M'Leavey. The Spanish dance, by the senior girls, proved one of the most attractive items of the evening. "Bid me discourse," by Miss Dora Carroll, an ex-pupil of the institution, was a pleasing number. The pianoforte solo by Miss Rena Bartholomew was capitally played. An item by the junior pupils was received with applause, while Master A. Hombersley made the hit of the evening by his comic song. As a finale a striking tableau was staged, "The Crowning of the May Queen," and, with a well-rendered chorus, had a very nice effect. The accompaniments during the evening were played in a highly creditable manner by Misses Rena Bartholomew, Kathleen Quill, Flora M'Donald, Eileen Tompsitt, Ruby Stansell, Eva M'Leavey, and Ida Buck. Prior to the distribution of prizes Mr J. R. M'Donald stated that no doubt the parents of the children who had performed during the evening would be both pleased and happy to see the way their children had progressed. Every credit was due to the Sisters, who had been untiring in their efforts in helping the children, and at the speaker's desire three hearty cheers were given for them.

The following was the prize list:—

Christian Doctrine.—Class III (medal presented by Rev. Father Melu)—Lily Williams 1, Eileen Tompsitt 2; next in merit—Eva M'Leavey and John Gordon. Class I—Courtney O'Rourke 1, Kathleen Quill 2; next in merit, Mary Ahern. Class III—Athol Bennett 1, Brida O'Rourke 2; next in merit, Mary Ahern. Class I—Queenie Russo 1, Joseph Ayre 2; next in merit, Ruby Batten and Kathleen Lima.

Good Conduct (medal presented by Mrs O'Rourke).—Girls—Eva M'Leavey 1, Violet Landall 2; boys—Joseph Bennett 1, Christie Russo 2.

Politeness.—Senior girls, Flora M'Donald; junior girls, Victoria Chorley. Boys—Reginald Ryder 1, George Landall 2. Amiability.—Emma Jensen.

Singing.—Girls—Ruby Stansell 1, Agatha Hannan 2; next in merit, Maggie Kerrigan and Kathleen Quill. Boys—James Griffin 1, Arthur Hombersley 2; next in merit, Joseph Bennett.

Music.—Senior division—Reana Bartholomew 1, Kathleen Quill 2; junior division—Maggie Kerrigan 1, Aveline Dixon 2.

Sewing.—Senior division—Kathleen Quill 1, Enid Wallace 2; junior division—Eva Landall 1, Emma Bell 2.

Cooking.—Gertrude Weitzel 1, Flora M'Donald 2. Gardening.—Hugh Ahern 1, Joseph Ahern 2. Attendance.—Christie Russo 1, Winnie Hall 2, Eileen Tompsitt 3, Cyril Batten.

Diligence.—Inez Karsten 1, Gertrude Hall 2, Pearly Noble, Hilma Noble, Harold Batten.

Highest Marks in Class Work.—Standard VII—Maggie Kerrigan 1, John Gordon 2; Standard VI—Eileen Tompsitt 1, Courtney O'Rourke 2, Mabel Karsten 3; Standard V—Winnie Hall 1, Katie Kerrigan 2, Mary Ahern 3; Standard IV—Florence M'Clelland 1, Agatha Hannan 2, Hanna Cootes 3; Standard III—Brida O'Rourke 1, Athol Bennett 2, Darcy Ryder 3; Standard II—Ruby Batten 1, Melville Ryder 2, Leslie M'Donald 3, Harriet Gordon; Standard I—Kathleen Lima 1, Cyrill Batten 2, Lawrence M'Donald 3.

Special prize for competition (prize presented by J. T. H. Carter), Mary Griffin; brush work, Florence Hall; science, Lucy Thorner.

General Improvement—John Griffin 1, Esther Berretty 2, Elva Wallace 3, Markham Ayre.

Special Prizes for the Boarders.—Prize for good conduct, Gertrude Hall; generosity, Emma Jensen; the brightest and most cheerful girl of the school, Lily Williams.

St. Mary's Convent High School

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

December 15.

The annual exhibition and distribution of prizes took place at St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, on Thursday evening. The schoolroom was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and was crowded to the door. Among those present were the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly and Very Rev. Dr Egan. Later on in the evening his Worship the Mayor and Mrs Myers arrived. The musical items were as follow:—"Polonaise," on two pianos, Misses K. Ralph, W. Hipkins, M. Cronin, and A. M'Caig; chorus, juveniles; trio (three pianos), Misses G. Frodsham, Rosie Ralph, Q. Knock, F. Histed, C. Gallagher, H. Dalby, N. M'Garry, S. Fraser, and I. M'Garry; song, "Rosebud," Miss A. Sarah; duo (two pianos), Misses E. Brown and J. Amodeo; song, "Ave Maria," Miss Kelly (violin Miss E. Brown, cello Miss Jones); solo, Miss J. Amodeo; choruses, senior pupils; duet, "Polonaise" (two pianos), Misses M. Kelly and J. Amodeo; duet (three pianos), Misses K. Mahoney, M. Kelly, J. Amodeo, A. Sarah, M. Gibbons, and E. Cullen; chorus, senior pupils. The duets, solos, songs, and choruses were admirably rendered, the song "Ave Maria," by Miss Kelly, being deservedly encored. An address to his Lordship, Dr Lenihan (who was unavoidably absent), was read by Miss Cushla Gallagher, and was responded to by the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly. Miss Flo Histed read an address of welcome to Mr and Mrs A. Myers, in answer to which his Worship spoke in eulogistic terms of the entertainment and of the good works of the Sisters of Mercy and of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The visitors then examined the paintings, carvings (relief and chip), fancy work, plain needlework, and dressmaking, the work of the pupils, all of which was greatly admired by the visitors.

The following is the prize list:—

Matriculation and Civil Service Class.—Aggregate marks, K. Mahoney; music, J. Hutchinson; French and painting, M. Kelly; French and science, M. Gibbons; chip carving, A. Sarah; essay writing, E. Maguire; penmanship, J. Amodeo; mathematics, K. Ralph; English and music, W. Hipkins.

Sub-matriculation Class.—Aggregate marks, A. M'Caig; mathematics, S. M'Ginley; geography, M. Cronin; essay writing, F. M'Lean; mathematics, E. Cullen; English, M. Glenister; general proficiency, G. Frodsham; essay writing, W. Eddowes; general proficiency, K. Finane.

Class VI.—Aggregate marks, D. Webber; arithmetic and French, Flo Histed; application, Lulu Bailey; bookkeeping, Ida Histed; general proficiency, C. Gibbons and D. Johnston; reading, D. M'Garry; general proficiency, Madge Polton and E. Gallagher; science, E. Eddowes; geography, E. O'Brien; general proficiency, Q. Knock.

Class V.—Aggregate marks, Hazel Dalby; arithmetic and reading, Cushla Gallagher; essay writing, V. Bevan; mathematics, Alec Sneddon; general proficiency, A. Gibbons.

Class IV.—Aggregate marks, Edith Dalby; application, Rosie Ralph; history, Madeline Tole; general proficiency, Margaret Ralph; conduct and composition, S. Fraser; penmanship, I. M'Garry; composition, G. Wakefield; general proficiency, G. Tole and E. Thomson.

Class II.—Aggregate marks, Ion Dalby; arithmetic, D. Sneddon; reading, D. Murphy; general proficiency, Patricia Darby; reading and orthography, M. Noton; general proficiency, Rena Ralph; orthography and reading, H. Gallagher; general proficiency, I. Beckett and Joe Darby; recitation and reading, D. Malavey.

Class I.—Arithmetic, Monica M'Veagh; reading, Gertie Darby; general proficiency, Louis Cullen.

Preparatory Class.—Reading, Marie Hahn; writing, Irene Noton; orthography, Rosetta Beckett; general proficiency, Louisa Harris; arithmetic, Evie Lynch; general proficiency, A. Ralph.

Trinity College (London) Theoretical Examination.—Senior pass—Eileen Cronin and Jenny Hutchinson; intermediate pass—Winnie M'Ginley, Katie Mahoney, and Nora Webbe. Trinity College Practical Examination.—Senior pass—Jenny Hutchinson, M. Kelly, and Katie Mahoney; junior pass—Winnie Hipkins and Cushla Gallagher; preparatory—Hazel Dalby, Gladys Frodsham, and Stella Frazer. Royal Academy.—Advanced section, J. Amodeo; intermediate grade, Miss M. Bedford.

Gold medals were awarded to Katie Mahoney, for good conduct; Ellen Brown, matriculation pass; and Janie Amodeo, music. Advanced Grade, Royal Academy.—Special prize was given to Holly Badger for obtaining a junior civil service pass with credit. Special prizes for Christian doctrine (given by his Lordship Dr Lenihan) were awarded to — Kelly, M. Bolton, — M'Veagh, and A. Gibbons. Extra prizes were given to Ellen Brown for relief carving and pyrography; — Kelly, music and singing; Katie Mahoney, French; A. Sarah, music and singing; — Hutchinson, chip carving; Katie Mahoney, M. Gibbons, E. Cullen, A. M'Caig, Lulu Bailey, G. Frodsham, Margaret Ralph, Flo Histed, C. Gallagher, Stella Fraser, and H. Dalby, music; Sadie M'Ginley, painting and drawing; Katie Ralph, E. Maguire, A. M'Caig, K. Finnie, E. Dalby, G. Wakefield, needlework; certificates for music to M. Cronin, H. Ralph, S. M'Ginley, Rosie Ralph, Q. Knock, Patricia Darby, Ion Dalvey, Edith Dalby, H. Gallagher, M. M'Veagh, Evie Lynch; certificates for painting to M. Cronin, G. Frodsham, and E. Gallagher; certificates for chip carving to S. M'Ginley and A. M'Caig; certificates for French to D. Johnston, D. Webber, M. Bolton, E. O'Brien, M. Tole, D. Sneddon, and Rena Ralph; certificates for needlework to D. Johnston, H. Dalby, Monica M'Veagh, and Evie Lynch; certificate for kindergarten to Marie Hagar; certificates of proficiency to Leillie M'Ginley, F. M'Lean, and G. Frodsham; certificates of competency to M. Cronin, E. Cullen, and W. Eddowes.

Sacred Heart College, Auckland

The following is the report, read at the recent annual entertainment by the students of the Sacred Heart College, Auckland:—"Before the prizes are distributed it may not be uninteresting to you to hear a summary of the work of the college during the past year. And from the outset I may say that all, both the members of the staff and the boys themselves, have been working hard to make our college a model Catholic College. We have fully realised that the future of the Sacred Heart College, and therefore the future of Catholic secondary education in Auckland, depends to a very large extent on our initial efforts. We have therefore used our best endeavours to make the college, as constituted by the boys and teachers, as solid and efficient as the material edifice itself. The main object of a Catholic educational institution such as ours is, and ever must be, to turn out men of strong practical faith—men who will take their places in the very forefront of every Catholic movement, and whom the Church will ever find among her staunchest and most loyal children; but while this is the main object, it is by no means the only one. And we shall not be satisfied until we see students going forth from us, not only fully equipped for the struggle they must engage in if they wish to attain to prominence in the eyes of their fellow-countrymen, but fired with a lofty ambition to persist in that struggle with indomitable perseverance, until they reach the highest positions in the land. Perhaps one of the things that conduces most towards this object is a sound training in debate, and consequently a few months ago a Debating Class was established in the college. You can judge for yourselves by the performance of the members to-night whether that class has been successful or not. But if a man wishes to push his way to the front in this progressive age, the most essential asset is not necessarily debating powers, but rather a good, modern up-to-date education. That the students of the Sacred Heart College are receiving such is evidenced by their success in the public examinations, for in 1904 Master E. Mahoney secured a matriculation and solicitors' general knowledge pass, while Masters E. Mahoney, A. Tobin, C. Cosgrove, and V. Blake secured passes in the civil service. Master E. Mahoney continued his studies with us this year; Masters A. Tobin, C. Cosgrove, and V. Blake accepted Government appointments in Wellington. In the athletic field the boys have entered into the inter-college competitions with their usual zest. They got good places both in the football and cricket competitions. The good old Celtic game of handball has become very popular with the boys, and a tournament recently held resulted in some most exciting contests. A gold medal was awarded by Mr F. B. O'Connor to the successful competitor. To promote the spiritual welfare of the boys, a short retreat was preached early in the year by the Rev. Father Brodie, himself an ex-student of our college in Sydney. The retreat was very successful, and proved a valuable stimulus to the boys in their attention to their spiritual duties during the rest of the year. The Sodality of the Children of Mary was formally established on August 15 of this year. Master H. Kearin was the first president of this Sodality. We are proud to be able to state that he is now prosecuting his studies for the priesthood at the seminary in Thurles, Ireland. In order to give more Catholic boys in Auckland an opportunity of receiving a secondary education, two day scholarships have been established, open to the boys attending the Brothers' School in Pitt street, who have passed the Sixth Standard. These scholarships are offered annually, and are tenable for three years. We are able to announce that in future years a boarding scholarship, open to the boys attending the Marist Brothers' schools throughout New Zealand, shall be offered annually. We are pleased to be able to report that the boys have been blessed with excellent health throughout the year, the presence of a doctor being rendered practically unnecessary for the whole of the year. In conclusion, I beg to thank most sincerely those kind friends who have subscribed to the Prize Fund, and to assure them of the deep gratitude of myself and staff for their kindness."