

tern Europe. 'Like the present Pope,' says the 'Sentinel,' 'Felice Peretti was of humble origin—the son of a poor gardener. He was made Pope in 1585, and his practical reforms are strikingly suggestive of Pius X. The Jews were being persecuted very generally. Nine years had elapsed since they were banished from Calvinist Basle in Switzerland. One of the first acts of Sixtus was to censure most severely the method of the political machine known as the Spanish Inquisition—at that time under the control of Philip II. He abolished all statutes against the Jews, that had been enacted in the territory under his jurisdiction, allowing them to enjoy the free exercise of their religion and to settle and trade in every city in the papal dominion. Civilly and politically, he placed them on an equal footing with the rest of his subjects—procuring for them their rights in the administration of justice, and required from them—an unheard of thing outside the papal dominion—only their proportionate share of taxes.'

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from the last Mass until Vespers, after which the usual procession took place.

A ceremony of profession and reception took place at St. Dominic's Priory on January 4. The ceremony was performed by his Lordship the Bishop, the clergy present being the Very Rev. Father O'Neill (Milton), Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., Rev. Fathers Hunt (Cromwell), Cleary, Delany, O'Malley, Corcoran, Liston, Buckley, and D. O'Neill, and also many of the relatives of the young ladies. The newly professed were Sister M. Agatha Lynch (Wellington), Sister M. Catherine Oakley (Palmerston North), Sister M. Philomena McCarthy (Mabeno), Sister M. Lucy Murdoch (Waitahuna). Miss Annie Mullin (Tuapeka West) was received, and took the name in religion of Sister Mary Finbar.

A well attended meeting for the purpose of making arrangements for the holding of the annual schools' picnic was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday evening. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there were also present Rev. Father Howard (South Dunedin), Rev. Father O'Malley and Rev. Father D. O'Neill. It was decided to hold the annual outing on February 7, at Wingatui, provided the race course could be secured for the gathering. Mr. G. Columb, jun., was appointed secretary, and sports and other committees were set up. A ladies' committee was appointed for the purpose of procuring trophies and prizes for the children's contests. The next meeting of the general committee will take place on Sunday at the same hour and place.

## TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

January 9.

The annual retreat for the Sisters of St. Joseph is now being held in Temuka. It is conducted by the Rev. Father Cleary, C.S.S.R., and will last for a week.

On Sunday evening the Rev. Father Cleary, who is at present in Temuka, preached a fine sermon on 'Prayer' to a large congregation.

The contractors for the presbytery alterations have commenced their work, and hope to have the building completed within three months.

Owing to the fact of the Rev. Father Hoare not having to attend the retreat of the clergy this year there will be Mass at both Temuka and Pleasant Point on next Sunday week.

The local Catholic Club is unfortunate in losing the services of two of its prominent members, owing to their removal from the district—Mr. P. Clarke, of the Postal Department, who has been transferred to Wellington, and Mr. C. Spillane, who has accepted an engagement from a leading Wanganui firm. The club's best wishes are with both gentlemen in their new spheres.

Prior to his departure from Temuka the friends of Mr. C. Spillane assembled in the Star Hotel for the purpose of saying farewell to him. Mr. J. Moriarty (the chairman), on behalf of those present, asked Mr. Spillane to accept a silver-mounted purse and pocket-

book as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by his many Temuka friends. On their behalf he wished the departing guest happiness and prosperity in his new home. In a few well-chosen words Mr. Spillane thanked those present and assured them that he would treasure their gift as long as he lived.

## NEW ZEALAND : GENERAL

The literary and artistic features for which the 'Triad' is noted are well maintained in the January issue.

The discovery of extensive deposits of fuller's earth has been made in the Thames district by Gisborne people, who propose developing their find.

The Government is so satisfied with the success that has attended the establishment of State Maternity Hospitals at Wellington and Dunedin that it has been decided to establish similar institutions in Auckland and Christchurch.

Among those who represented the Christchurch branch (St. Patrick's) of the I.L.A.C.B. Society at the funeral of the late Very Rev. Dean Foley was Bro. J. Power, whose name was inadvertently omitted in our report.

The friends and supporters of Sir Joseph Ward in the Awarua electorate intend to banquet him at Winton before he leaves for Rome to attend the Postal Conference. The date of the function has not yet been definitely fixed.

We have received from Messrs. Wootton and Co. a new song, 'Teach me to forget,' with violin obligato. The words and music are by Raymond Hope, who has produced a tuneless and simple composition. The work is well printed, and the cover is designed with much taste.

In the official lists just issued by the University of London of the results of the recent examinations for the Degrees of M.B. and B.S., the following New Zealand name appears—Arthur B. O'Brien, student of Guy's Hospital, passed with honors, and described as 'Distinguished in surgery, in midwifery, and diseases of women.'

The export of gold from New Zealand last year was 500,486oz, of the value of £2,093,936, which is the largest quantity sent away since 1871. Since the year 1867 New Zealand has exported 17,146,620oz of gold, valued at £67,230,058. Last month's export of gold exceeded that of December, 1904, by about 8000oz. The export of silver last month was 183,663oz, valued at £18,479.

The Tourist Department reports that there have been phenomenal attendances at the tourist resorts of New Zealand during the Christmas and New Year holidays. At Queenstown, in the South, the people could not all get accommodation, and they slept all over the place. Hanmer Plains were very largely patronised by Canterbury and Westland people, while in the North, at Te Aroha and Rotorua, the capacious hostels and other accommodation places were filled to their fullest extent. The trains landed 1700 people in one day at Te Aroha.

The following are the details of the business done during the past year by the Public Trust Office:—Wills and trusts, 954 estates, valued at £1,922,303; intestate estates, 1070, valued at £277,779; lunatic estates, 940, valued at £256,045; Native reserves, 119, valued at £380,000; West Coast Settlement reserves, 333, valued at £715,000; unclaimed lands, 268, valued at £35,628. The total value of estates was over three and a half millions sterling. The total amount of funds invested at the close of the official year was £1,793,709, but at the end of 1905 this amount had increased to close upon two millions.

It is understood (says the 'Otago Daily Times') that Larnach's Camp, on the Peninsula, negotiations for the acquisition of which by the Government are about completed, will be used as an institution for the relieving of the lunatic asylums of patients not rightly classified as lunatics, and who should never have been accommodated in the ordinary asylums. These are people who, through age or other reasons, have become imbecile—harmless people requiring supervision, but not the rigorous supervision of the madman. The institution will be more in the nature of a hospital rather than an asylum as generally understood in New Zealand. The need for such a place has been long felt, and the authorities have recognised that a separate home should be provided, thereby effecting the double purpose of relieving the strain on the asylum accommodation and at the same time taking these unfortunate people, many of whom are old, away from contact with those for whom the lunatic asylums were originally established.

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