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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

Bible-in-Schools

The New Zealand Educational Institute represents the great bulk of the State school teachers of this Colony. During the past week, the sessions of its annual meeting were held in Invercargill. One of its resolutions 'shivers the timbers' of the scheme for introducing a sectarian version of the Bible, at the public expense, into the State schools of New Zealand. The resolution in question runneth thus: 'That the New Zealand Educational Institute, whilst acknowledging the importance and necessity of Bible instruction for the children of our schools, strenuously protests against the proposal that the primary school teachers of New Zealand shall be asked to give Bible instruction during school hours.'

Air ye listenin', Dr. Gibb?

Army Veterans

Far off in our gosling days we knew a veteran who brought back from the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny a limp, a blind eye, and tuppence a day—or thereabouts. He seems, however, to have fared better, in the matter of pension, than the aged warrior of the Crimea who 'passed, in his checks' last week in Southland. And his position was even more enviable than that of the hundred and forty hungry ex-fighters of the late South African war who recently, in a single day, in London, besought work or bread from the National Association for the Employment of Soldiers. The army authorities will do nothing for these military unfortunates beyond the bestowal of some cheap advice to seek that grave of decent poverty, the 'work-us.' But 'twas ever thus: An old Irish ballad tells the fate of many a gallant fighter that helped to carry the flag of Empire round the world:—

'At the side of the road, near the bridge of Drumcondra,

Was Murrough O'Monaghan stationed to beg;

He brought from the war; as his share of the plunder,

A crack on the crown and the loss of a leg.'

The man in 'the thin red line' is feted and huzzaed when there's trouble in the air, and a straight-seeing eye and a hard-hitting right arm are needed. But in the piping times of peace he is to the British bourgeoisie what the negro is to the good American—a 'fix'd statue on the pedestal of Scorn.' Well, this is one way of 'popularising' the army.

Lunacies of Wealth

'Nonsense!' said Neuchatel in Disraeli's 'Endymion,' 'great wealth is a great blessing to a man who knows what to do with it.' But there are so many that do not know what to do with the shekels that fortune or inheritance has placed in their hands. Some wealthy Americans and Parisians, for instance, are given to foolish, useless, and even grotesque ways of parting with portions of their wealth—mere debaucheries of senseless extravagance that recall the days when Lucullus and his guests dined on peacocks' brains and nightingales' tongues and other barbarous and fantastic luxuries in the gorgeous villas of Tusculum and Neapolis. One of the latest crazes is the extravagant adornment of poodles and other fancy creatures of the dog-kind. Among the sordid decadents the Japanese poodle and the 'Dandie Dinmont' and the fierce 'bull' too often usurp the place that happy childhood fills in the Christian home; and the petted brutes are tricked out in costly furs and fine laces and golden gewgaws and collars studded with rubies and brilliants. They are the Beau Brummels of the canine tribe. The dog-tailor, the dog-modiste, the dog-barber, and the dog-jeweller now take a place among the recognised institutions of a growing section of the childless wealthy lower orders. And a few blocks away from this garish and insane splendor, the pinched children of the slums cry for a crust of bread. Those stale degenerates give a point to the 'Foolish Dictionary's' definition of 'family': 'Originally a wife and several children, a matter of pride to the possessor. Now obsolete among the careful, or confined to the wife, a bull-pup, and a canary bird.' In New Zealand there are, alack! many who imitate the northern decadents in their greater crime. The cult of the prattling infancy declines amain among our advocates of race suicide. The worship of the bull-pup will follow in due course.

Worth Remembering

Some thirty years or more after he had left Cambridge University, Chesterfield looked back with sore regret upon the errors and follies of his younger days. He (metaphorically) struck his breast as he made the following confession to his son, for the latter's guidance and warning: 'When I first went to the University, I drank and smoked, notwithstanding the aversion I had to wine and tobacco, only because I thought it genteel, and that it made me look a man.' One sometimes gets good advice from a queer quarter—we remember that Zola once wisely cautioned an inquiring

French maiden not to read the brutal publications of his that are by courtesy called books. Chesterfield, and even Zola, had within them at least a sufficient relic of Christian sentiment to know that certain things are, socially, 'bad form.' And sundry of our youths and boys and hobbledehoyes might do worse than to recall the verdict of the polished British pagan when they fancy that swilling beer and withering the bloom of their early promise with nicotine are necessary, or sufficient, to make them 'look men.'

Truth in Anger

A well-worn quotation from one of Horace's satires asks the rhetorical question:

'Quaquam ridentem dicere verum
Quid vetat?'

Which, being interpreted, meaneth that there is nothing to prevent a man telling the truth with an inch-deep laugh upon his face. But neither is there anything to prevent him letting go a fact or two with a face as sour as a green gooseberry. In this latter way one Rev. C. R. Hewton told some unpalatable truths to his confreres at a meeting of the Orange-hued fraternity that—on the principle of 'lucus a non lucendo'—is known as the Victorian Protestant 'Defence' Association. 'Roman Catholicism,' said he, 'is a wonderful power, and a power which is not abating. In this colony of Victoria we are confronted by a power which is not abating, but gaining. As far as I can see, you are making no impression on Roman Catholicism. You are making no headway in this movement. I am reminded of the story of a child who said to his grandmother: "Oh, Grandma, that dog is killing your chickens!" "Oh!" said Grandma, "let me catch that dog and I will cut off his tail." "But," he said, "it's not the tail that's killing the chickens!" Now, we are in much the same position; we are cutting off the tail of the Roman Catholic monster, when the other end is doing all the damage. We must fight them through education. The general opinion is that Roman Catholics are ignorant people, and that Romanism depends on the keeping of the people in ignorance and darkness. To my mind this is a popular delusion. Take, for instance, Roman Catholic schools. People send their children to convent and secondary schools, and even people who profess to be good Protestants do so, and why? Because they say they get a first-class education there at less cost than any other secondary school. Protestants should provide cheaper schools, cheaper education, to compete with these schools. There should be more colleges, like the Methodist Ladies' College.'

We are very much obliged to the Rev. Mr. Hewton for the high, though angry, testimony which he bears to the superiority of Catholic 'convent and secondary schools.' Thus far, his fellow-Protestants have been content to leave to Catholics a practical monopoly of Christian education in Australia and New Zealand. We should cordially welcome a division of the glory and of the sacrifice associated with this noble work. Many of the non-Catholic clergy are willing to have it done, in any slipshod way, at the expense of others—just as Artemus Ward was nobly ready to sacrifice his wife's relatives for his country's weal. But the sacrifice of self and purse—ah, there's the rub! Judging by past experience and present appearances, the Rev. Mr. Hewton's fair hope is the chasing of a rainbow—that will hardly be caught when the Archangel's trumpet sounds the crack o' doom.

Another 'Hesperus'

Some gloom-pampered man may yet rise to harrow people's souls with a history of famous shipwrecks. That of the steamer 'Hilda'—which went down a few weeks ago in sight of St. Malo in Brittany (France)—

would find a place in such a chronicle of woe with the harrowing tales of the ending of the 'Pomona,' and the 'Lay-ee-moon,' and the 'Wairarapa,' and the 'Drummond Castle' and the 'Bourgogne.'

'And fast through the midnight dark and drear,
Through the whistling sleet and snow,
Like a sheeted ghost, the vessel swept'

to her doom. She was entering the harbor 'through the whistling sleet and snow' that dimmed the guiding lights ashore. And thus it came to pass that she missed the channel, charged the rocks at full speed, was gored to pieces, and sank in ten fearful minutes, just as the chimes from over the old ramparts rang the midnight knell.

There were one hundred and thirty-four persons on board when the vessel struck. When daylight came six of them were rescued, frozen almost to death. The remainder had their souls battered out against the cruel rocks. Most of the victims were the pious Breton Catholic peasants who cross to England with the produce of their little onion-farms in the late summer and early autumn of every year. 'They are,' says a sympathetic writer in an English paper, 'among the most desirable of aliens, and from Bristol to Hastings and Dover one may see them, with their cleanly and sweetly-clad women-folk, going on Sunday to the Catholic church. The Breton onion seller who has come into conflict with the police,' he adds, 'would take a deal of looking for.' The human freight on the ill-fated 'Hilda' compressed into those last fearsome minutes enough of life to make the youngest of them feel the touch of age. Yet there was no panic. The passing of the vessel was lighted up by a quiet heroism that would convert a cynic—even a youthful one. The Breton onion-sellers busied themselves, along with the two devoted stewardesses, in fastening life-belts around the women and children. Then they quietly and prayerfully waited for the end. For most of them it came speedily amidst

'The trampling surf
On the rocks and the hard sea-sand.'

When daylight came, gallant fellows risked their lives among the jagged black rocks and the tossing white waters to rescue the little handful of survivors. 'The behaviour of the Bretons,' says the Christchurch 'Press,' 'in searching for the bodies of the victims and caring for them when found was beyond praise, and correspondents note that although there were rings on the dead women's fingers, bank notes in the pockets of the men, and thousands of pounds worth of gold in the belts of the drowned onion-sellers, nothing was touched. "No thanks are due," was the reply of a parish priest to a correspondent who spoke of the delicacy and extreme kindness of the people. "We have done what was meet for people who are our friends."'

A few years ago a somewhat different scene was enacted when the French ocean-liner, the 'Bourgogne,' went down. Five hundred and seventy souls were carried with her to their account. There was a mad scramble for life as the deadly waters crept up the vessel's sinking sides. It was a story of wild struggle and primitive savagery. But it was lighted up and soon in great part calmed down by the noble courage of five priests (four French and one German) who went about among their terrified shipmates absolving them and consoling them on the brink of their liquid grave. These men died with sublime simplicity, each surrounded by kneeling and praying groups, and with consecrated hands raised in final absolution as the vessel gave her last lurch and disappeared beneath the waves. Some ten years ago a British vessel, the 'Drummond Castle,' was pounded to pieces by the rocks further down the coast of Brittany than the spot that witnessed the wreck of the ill-starred 'Hilda.' There, as at St.

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Malo, the peasantry, under the direction of the parish priest, reverently collected the dead that were washed ashore, and interred them with marks of honor that won a special and gracious act of recognition from the British Government. But the Bretons take high rank among the most devoted children of the Church. And one naturally expects from them the gentle humanity and the deep charity which they displayed towards the victims of the wrecks of the 'Drummond Castle' and the 'Hilda.' Well, 'Christ save us all from a wreck like this!' And peace to the souls of those who went to their death when the ship went to her doom!

'The Church and the World'

The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., Christchurch, has received the following letter from the Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn:—

Bishop's House, Goulburn,

December 20, 1905.

Very Rev. and Dear Father des Chesnais,—

I owe you an apology for not having written sooner to acknowledge receipt of and thank you sincerely for the copy of your excellent book, 'The Church and the World,' which you were so good as to send me. I have read it through and through with pleasure and profit. 'It is truly a mine of information for our own Catholic people first of all, and perhaps especially for those who, anxious to become Catholics, would wish to have all their difficulties briefly, clearly, and satisfactorily answered. It will be also most useful for our hard-worked priests as a handy book of reference on subjects most necessary to be explained to the people. I doubt whether any more opportune and useful little book of instruction has hitherto been given by any of our clergy to our young Church of Australasia. Hence it will be a source of pride and pleasure for me to call the attention of our Goulburn priests to it when they assemble for our annual Retreat at St. Patrick's College on the 23rd of January.

With renewed thanks and good warm greetings of the holy Christmas season, I am, dear Father des Chesnais,

Gratefully and sincerely yours,

✠ JOHN GALLAGHER.

Australian Catholic Truth Society

The latest publications of the Australian Catholic Truth Society are of a varied character, and will be found instructive reading. In his 'Veneration for our Dead' the Rev. M. Watson, S.J., deals, among other matters, with the religious ceremonies which precede burial, and also gives some good advice regarding the incurring of needless expense, especially by those not in a position to do so. In his second booklet under the title, 'Christian Self-sacrifice and Father Damien,' the same writer tells in a sympathetic and appreciative manner of the labors and noble devotion of the heroic priest of Molokai. For those who desire to be prepared to refute the oft-repeated and untruthful statements regarding the prevalence of crime in Catholic countries Mr. Benjamin Hoare's 'Catholics and Crime' will be found a most useful little pamphlet. In 'Indifference in Religion' Rev. J. J. Malone traces the cause of this evil, and shows that the only effective remedies to arouse the masses from that fatal lethargy of the soul are the essentially dogmatic character of our religion and the jealously conservative character of our progressive but infallible Church. In the limited space at his disposal the same writer gives an interesting outline of the life and work of St. Francis Xavier, the Apostle of the Indies. Under the title of 'Catholicism in Japan,' Mr. R. Stewart tells of the introduction of Christianity in the middle of the sixteenth century by St. Francis Xavier, the success of the missionaries who came after him, the persecution which followed later on, and the position to-day. In his little work on 'Socialism' the Rev. Dr. Kelly treats of the subject from various points of view, and shows how some of its principles are in harmony with, whilst others are antagonistic to the teaching of the Catholic Church. He feels that the future belongs to some sort of Socialism, and in conclusion thinks it is the duty of the clergy to study the movement, and guide it.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

January 6.

Very Rev. Dean McKenna, after closing a successful bazaar in New Plymouth, is in Wellington for a few days' rest.

Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., is to conduct the annual retreat of the priests of the archdiocese, which begins at St. Patrick's College on February 7.

Mr. A. H. Casey, chairman of the Wellington C.Y.M. Club and a member of the federated executive, successfully established during the holidays a branch club in New Plymouth.

The Rector of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney (Rev. Father Gartlan), passed through Wellington last Wednesday on his way to the West Coast, where he intends preaching a retreat to the Sisters of Mercy at the Westport Convent.

A cottage chapel has been opened by the Rector of St. Patrick's College (Very Rev. Father Keogh) at Rona Bay, a popular resort across the harbor. No fewer than fifty persons attended Mass on Christmas Day.

The Sisters of Compassion were the glad recipients of the amount of £22 8s 3d, being one-half of the net proceeds of the political debate between Messrs. Fisher and O'Regan during the election for the Wellington Central Seat.

A very nice property has been acquired in Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, and it is hoped shortly to build a church there. The electric tramway rails are being laid, and as soon as the trams run there will be great increase of population in this elevated suburb. The church when built will be on the highest situation in or around Wellington.

This morning, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends, Miss Herring (Palmerston North) and Miss T. Rowe (Wellington) made their religious profession, Misses Blake and A. McDonald (Wellington) and Miss Minogue (Palmerston North) were received into the Sisterhood of Mercy by his Grace Archbishop Redwood at the Sisters of Mercy's chapel in Hill street.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 8.

His Lordship the Bishop was at Cheviot on Sunday, where he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation.

St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, was very effectively decorated for the Christmas festival. There were the usual early Masses. The Rev. Father Mar-nane celebrated the 11 o'clock Mass and also officiated at Vespers. The music was selected from the Masses of Mozart and Gounod, the choir being conducted by Mr. A. H. Blake.

On New Year's eve members of the Hayward family and a few friends entertained the inmates of Nazareth House at a musical afternoon. The dining room of the institution was utilised as a concert hall. Young and old were gathered together, and for some hours were delighted with a programme of music, songs, and gramophone selections. His Lordship the Bishop was present, and on behalf of the Sisters and their charges cordially thanked those who had so thoughtfully planned and contributed to the enjoyable event. He wished the Sisters continued success in their noble mission, and to the old people health, happiness, and length of years.

The appearance of the Catholic Club rooms on last Wednesday evening must have favorably impressed the casual visitor with the excellent tone prevailing, and proved encouraging to those whose efforts are directed in making the club useful and attractive to the members. Although scarcely through the holidays, quite a number were in attendance and engaged in various favorite pursuits. Some were comfortably ensconced behind the latest number of the 'Tablet' and other Catholic papers and magazines, others found relaxation at billiards, ping-pong, draughts, and the piano. Good-humored banter and seasonable greetings were passed to some coming or going member, whilst those not inclined for recreation stood in groups chatting and enjoying the social pipe. The newly-formed tennis club was a theme of general discussion. All around the fun was pure and plentiful, and the club as a place of entertainment for our Catholic men and boys after their

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day's toil was shown distinctly and undeniably. In an adjoining room the executive committee were engaged at their periodical meeting, adjusting accounts, discussing methods, and devising means for the progress of the institution.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

January 5.

Rev. Father Hills, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, is spending his holidays here, and is the guest of the Bishop.

Rev. Father Murphy, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, will arrive by the 'Zealandia' on Sunday week on a short holiday.

Dr. Holbrook Chatfield, from the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., dental surgeon, has been appointed hon. dentist to St. Mary's Orphanage, Ponsonby.

Rev. Father Molloy arrived here on New Year's Day from Home. He received his education at All Hallows College for this diocese, and was ordained just before he left. Rev. Father Edge, of St. Patrick's, was for a time in All Hallows with Father Molloy.

On Friday last the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration began at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock, at which his Lordship the Bishop presided, Rev. Father Hills, S.M., being celebrant, Rev. Fathers Holbrook and Cahill deacon and subdeacon respectively. The ceremonies closed on Sunday.

Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., at present conducting the retreat for the Sisters of the Mission at Pukekohe, will open the retreat at the Sacred Heart College on January 7 for the Marist Brothers, and on January 14 for the Sisters of Mercy at Ponsonby, and on January 22 for the clergy at the Sacred Heart College.

On New Year's Day the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society at Onehunga held an excursion down the Manukau on the 'Weka,' when 250 excursionists were on board. They stopped at the Huia until 5 p.m., reaching Onehunga at 7.30 p.m. Sports for the children were held. Several members of the Auckland branch attended. The branch will clear £10 out of the trip, which will be devoted to renovating the Hibernian Hall.

On Sunday last, the last day of the old year, special services were held at the Cathedral. At 11 o'clock Mass and in the evening the choir rendered the 'Miserere,' 'Te Deum,' and 'Veni Creator.' A very fine sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Edge.

At St. Mary's Orphanage, Ponsonby, great excitement prevailed on Christmas eve, when the children entered their spacious dining-room and saw Santa Claus with his snowy head and his arms laden with presents waiting to greet them. It was quite amusing to watch the joy and eagerness depicted on the faces of the little tots as they feasted their wide open eyes on the many gifts which Daddy Christmas had to share among them. Numerous scrolls and appropriate mottoes decorated the walls, and with the festoons and bunting had quite a picturesque appearance, and showed plainly that Christmas was indeed among those little ones, eighty of whom are inmates of St. Mary's Orphanage, and on their behalf the Sisters acknowledged with sincere thanks gifts from many kind friends.

Christmas Day was celebrated with the customary religious ceremonies at the city and suburban churches. At the Cathedral the first Mass was said at 6.30 o'clock, and from that time continuously until 11 o'clock Masses were said. Large congregations assembled at all the Masses. His Lordship the Bishop briefly addressed the large congregation at the last Mass. He spoke to them of the holy season and the momentous Christian events of which it is the anniversary. The great lessons it brought home to us of salvation, hope, charity, and peace should be ever before us. In the midst of our rejoicings it was sad to record the deplorable tragedy which took place in our harbor on Saturday evening when several lives were lost. He would ask their prayers for the repose of the soul of John Fletcher, who was amongst those drowned. Turning from this sad story, he wished all his people every blessing of God. He sincerely thanked the priests, choir, collectors, and all those who assisted in the good work of the church throughout the year. Rev. Father Hills was celebrant, Rev. Fathers Holbrook and Cahill deacon and subdeacon respectively. The choir, under Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, contributed invaluable service. At St. Benedict's Masses were said at an early hour and continued throughout the morning. Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., assisted during the day. Rev. Father Dignan journeyed to Avondale, where he said three Masses. At St. Benedict's the altar was very

tastefully decorated by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and looked exceedingly well. The choir, under Mr. Jackson, rendered the music in a finished manner. At the Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist churches the various Masses were largely attended. The choir at the former church, under Mr. Adams, rendered signal service.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

Auckland, January 8.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne and his Lordship Bishop Higgins, accompanied by Rev. Fathers Sheridan and O'Hare, arrived on Sunday from Sydney. The distinguished visitors were met at the wharf by Bishop Lenihan and driven to the Cathedral. After Mass they were driven around the suburbs to the Bishop's Palace. In the evening there were Pontifical Vespers, when the Archbishop preached an eloquent sermon on the feast of the Epiphany, in the course of which he dwelt at length on the qualities of divine faith, and urged the congregation to emulate the example of the Wise Men. Solemn Pontifical Benediction was given by his Lordship Bishop Higgins. The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan was present in the sanctuary. In the evening Bishop Lenihan gave a dinner at the Palace in honor of the visiting prelates, to which several of the clergy and prominent laymen were invited.

The distinguished visitors left on Monday morning for Rotorua, where they will make a stay of three weeks. They will return to Sydney from Wellington, going from Rotorua to the Empire City by way of the Wanganui River.

THE RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN FRANCE

THE FREEMASONS THE REAL AUTHORS

One of the chief means employed by the Freemasons to carry out their plan of dechristianising France (writes the Countess de Courson in 'The Month') is, logically enough, the ruin of all schools directed by religious, and recent events have, unfortunately, given them full scope for their activity. The laws of which M. Combes is the responsible author were not the outcome of a sudden explosion of anti-clerical fury, but the result of a carefully-matured plan, which was gradually and ably executed by the Freemasons. Their chief instrument in this evil work was a league called 'Ligue de l'Enseignement.' It was founded in 1868 for school teachers, and at first seemed comparatively harmless in its tendencies, as its leaders professed to be strictly neutral as regarding religious questions.

By degrees, however, the real spirit of this association betrayed itself. Its founder, Jean Mace, is a Freemason, and though at first he kept his real opinions in the background, he acknowledged in 1879 that the task he had set himself to accomplish was, par excellence, a Masonic undertaking. In a public congress held at Lille in 1885, he made the following statement:

'We used to say that our league was neither political nor religious. This is no longer the case, and to-day we must own that it is truly a Masonic institution.'

And another Freemason, F. Duvand, has since owned that the educational laws that have been lately voted owe their existence to the crafty and patient work of the 'Ligue de l'Enseignement.'

This league is now extremely strong; it binds together the school teachers of the country, those to whose hands is committed, alas! the intellectual training of the children of the people. It draws its inspirations from a body of men whose avowed object is to 'crush God.' These bare facts open a terrific vista upon the mental condition of the rising generation of French citizens!

In most cases, especially in large towns, the school teachers no longer even pretend to be neutral. Only a few weeks ago, in a suburb of Paris, the master of an école primaire inquired of his pupils which among them intended to make their First Communion. A comparatively large number stood up, and were in consequence scolded and ridiculed for their stupidity, superstition, etc. 'And which amongst you,' then said the master, 'have made up your minds not to make your First Communion?' Another group of children stood up, and were warmly congratulated upon their enlightened views, superior intellect and 'up-to-date' opinions. Truly, there are many small heroes and heroines among the children of the Paris faubourgs!

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It has been noticed of late years that the number of youthful criminals has increased in an alarming manner, and those who have studied the subject trace back this increase to the time when the crucifix was expelled from the schools and the devoted Christian Brothers and teaching Sisters were sent adrift.

Doing away with Baptism and First Communion.

If not so miserably sad, the pompous ceremonies invented by the Freemasons to replace Catholic Baptism and First Communion would provoke our laughter. They have instituted what they call the adoptions, where children of six and seven are presented to the assembled brethren. On their heads these poor infants wear black veils, on which are inscribed the words 'Misery, Ignorance, and Fanaticism.' These veils are torn from their heads with many emphatic speeches, in which allusions are made to the 'political and religious fanaticism' against which the youthful adepts must one day wage war. The ceremony is a long and complicated one. Flowers, cakes and wine are bestowed upon the 'adopted' children of the sect, but these apparently harmless rites are followed by bitter denunciation against 'religious congregations * * * the so-called divine revelation and its inhuman precepts * * * the odious precepts professed by St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Thomas and Bossuet, who are stigmatized as curses of the human race—maux du genre humain.'

One of the chief objects that the French Freemasons have in view at the present moment is to enroll women in their ranks. Although the primary schools are now in the hands of lay teachers, who may be trusted to mould the minds of children according to their views, the influence of French mothers is, as a rule, a strong one. We are speaking here of the women of the people, who may be ignorant and indifferent, but who, as a rule, are not hostile to religion. Many a boy or girl in the Paris 'faubourgs' still finds in his or her home atmosphere the saving influence that keeps the faith alive in spite of outside temptations to disbelief and to blasphemy. The men who wish to 'crush God' are well aware of this. In a Masonic assembly, held at Besancon as far back as 1879, a deputy, B. Beauquier, declared that his party would not be victorious over superstition 'until women come to our assistance and fight at our side,' and in the congresses and assemblies that have been held since that date the same idea is repeated over and over again.

In the Masonic congress held only four years ago, in 1901, an account was given of the different means by which the sect endeavors to gain the women of France to its cause. To serve its purpose mixed meetings, where women as well as men are admitted, have been instituted in different towns. These meetings, called in Masonic language 'Tenues Blanches,' take the form of balls, concerts, and lectures, but their object is, to quote the words used in the congress of 1901, to make women acquainted with the aspirations and mission of Freemasonry, compared to the intentions and work of the Church.

Masonic Marriages.

The members of the sect also, 'in order to impress the imagination of women,' endeavor to give a certain pomp to the civil ceremonies, by which they seek to replace Christian baptism and marriage.

The first Masonic marriage was celebrated at the 'Grand Orient' in 1880. The head of the 'loge,' in his speech to the young couple, congratulated them 'for having shaken off the prejudices that are the strength of the black men, and for preferring to the blessing of a paid priest the respectful greetings of their Masonic friends.'

Since then similar ceremonies have been celebrated in different towns, their forms varying according to the fancy of the parties. Thus, at Toulouse, in 1881, the bride laid her bouquet at the feet of a statue of the Republic. In 1895, however, an official programme was drawn up, and is now applied to every Masonic marriage that takes place in the French temples of the sect. Its chief features, apart from a variety of complicated and grotesque ceremonies, are the virulent denunciations that are hurled at the Catholic doctrine of marriage. For instance, the bride and bridegroom are taught that, contrary to the 'doctrine libicide' of the Church, their union 'may be legally and freely dissolved'; and to exemplify this a piece of crystal is broken in their presence by the brother who performs the ceremony.

Masonic funerals are, like Masonic weddings, regulated by a ritual that was drawn up for the purpose, and first put into execution in 1886. Its chief characteristics are the vagueness of the doctrines that are expounded, the utter hopelessness that underlies the empty

rhetorical forms by which the adepts of the sect seek to replace the soul-inspiring petitions of the Catholic liturgy.

Of later years, in order to strengthen their position, the French Masons have started a plan for admitting women to their meetings, not only as guests, but as fellow-workers. The subject was discussed in 1900, 1901, and 1902. The idea has been adopted in theory, but it has not so far been put into a practical form. B. Morel in 1902 declared that the general assembly of the sect 'having admitted the principle that it is necessary, in order to secure the progress of republican ideas and the ultimate defeat of clericalism, to attract the feminine element, in which the Church finds her strength,' commissioned the 'loges' that belong to its jurisdiction to study the ways and means that can best serve this purpose.

We know, however, on the authority of the members of the 'Association Antimaconique,' that so far the women of France show scant willingness to co-operate with the Freemasons in their evil task. Here and there a few 'strong-minded' sisters have responded to their appeal, but these are exceptions to the general indifference.

Openly Declare War Against God.

Strong in the support of a Government whose prominent members belong to the sect, they (the Freemasons) no longer conceal their real aims, and openly declare war not only against religious men and women, but against God Himself.

From the fact of the French Government being in the hands of Freemasons at the present day, it naturally follows that the safest, indeed, the only certain, way of obtaining preferment is to enter the sect. We speak here of the professions or careers that are more or less under Government control. Hence the extraordinary progress made by the brotherhood within the last few years. The members of the 'Association Antimaconique' have carefully drawn up a list of the French Freemasons, and so accurate is their information that their assertions on this head have never been contradicted. On these lists we find many names of employees in the different Government offices, prefets and sous prefets, some officers, a certain number of small tradesmen and shop-keepers, a large proportion of doctors and lawyers.

Pitiable instances might be related of the way in which, principally in small towns, the poor, the timid, and the weak are tyrannised over by the sect. We might give names of places where a Government employee, who happens to be a practical Catholic, knows as a certainty that if he goes to Mass on Sundays the small post that affords him his one means of supporting his family will be taken from him. His colleagues, who belong to the sect, are ever on the watch. By denouncing a 'clerical' they are certain to gain the good graces of the 'brethren.' That a similar system of secret denunciations was organised in the army was sufficiently proved last October by M. Guyot de Villeneuve's startling statements in the French Chambers.

If an outsider interested in the subject inquires from the members of the 'Association Antimaconique' what may have been, so far, the practical results of their campaign, they will reply that these results are difficult to put down in black and white. What is absolutely certain is that their work is carried on with unflagging perseverance; that they never allow their zeal to get the better of their prudence; that all their statements are carefully proved; that slowly, steadily, with unerring accuracy, they are endeavoring to show the deluded French people what are the true aims of the men into whose evil hands the Government of the country has been given up. The task is an arduous one. It implies long and continuous efforts, but its practical value at the present day is undoubted, and, with God's blessing, it will in time be crowned with success.

The W.A. 'Record' of December 15 says: Dividends paid for the expired 11 months of this year by Western Australian gold-mining companies amount to £1,905,033. Inclusive of December distribution, which already total £300,625, the aggregate for the year so far figures out at £2,205,058, and the total to date at £13,777,873.

The Rev. Father Jas. Dalton, who was for some time stationed at Kogarah, was entertained at St. Joseph's Hall, Rockdale, prior to his departure for Canterbury, which has recently been created a parish, to the charge of which Father Dalton has been appointed. Alderman J. F. Hegarty presided, and amongst those on the platform were Alderman D. O'Brien (Mayor of Kogarah), Rev. Fathers J. J. O'Driscoll, J. Whyte, and P. Walsh. The chairman presented the guest with an address and a purse of sovereigns.

Wanganui Convent Schools

The annual concert by the pupils of the Sacred Heart School, Wanganui, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, was held in the Opera House, when there was a very large attendance. The programme submitted was a very lengthy one, but was most enjoyable, the various items being much appreciated by the audience. It must be said that the performers displayed marked ability, and the Sisters responsible for their training are to be congratulated on the excellent results accruing from their careful tuition. The following items were contributed:—Chorus, pupils of the Select High School; pianoforte solo, Miss A. Sullivan; vocal solo, Miss J. Lloyd; flag drill, senior pupils of Select High School; chorus, pupils of St. Joseph's School; pianoforte solo, Miss L. Shanley; vocal solo, Miss A. Sullivan; chorus, pupils of Select High School, hornpipe, Convent boarders; vocal solo, Miss M. Robson; pianoforte solo, Miss M. Robson; pianoforte solo, Miss Dora Carroll; vocal duet, Misses Robson and Carroll; vocal duet, Junior Pupils; vocal solo, Miss D. Carroll; character song, 'Flowergirl,' Miss K. Wood; Representatives of the Muses—Misses V. Summers, L. Shanley, A. Sullivan, K. Quillinane, E. Sullivan, L. Gray, Nellie Dwyer, S. McDonald, N. Duffy; vocal solo, Miss M. King; pianoforte solo, Miss R. Perrett; vocal solo, Miss Hughes; vocal duet, Misses Barker and L. Shanley. After an interval a three-act play entitled 'The Mystery of the Will,' was staged, the different characters being filled by Misses M. King, M. Robson, N. Dwyer, D. Carroll, A. Manson, J. Lloyd, K. Quillinane and N. Duffy. The piece went off very smoothly indeed, the performers filling their parts capably, and at the finish were accorded a well-deserved applause by the audience.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the distribution of prizes took place, his Worship the Mayor officiating. Mr. Bignell took occasion to refer in very complimentary terms to the excellent work done by the pupils, and paid a thoroughly deserved tribute to the valuable work performed by the Sisters in training the children. The following is the prize list:—

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Amiability (chosen by votes of her companions).—Ella Mahoney.

Good Conduct. (gold medal).—Ella Mahoney.

Christian Doctrine (gold medal, gift of convent).—Maggie Quirke; second prize, Lucy Shanley.

Senior University Class, in connection with Victoria College, Wellington, for keeping 'terms.'—This is the highest class in the school, and the medal awarded is regarded as the principal prize of the year. Gold medal has been won by Miss M. Robson, who succeeded in passing her 'first term' in the recent examination of Victoria College in October last.

Matriculation Medal.—Dux, Nellie Dwyer.

Senior Essay Writing (prize presented by a gentleman of this town).—Gold medal, Josephine Lloyd.

Instrumental Music.—Certificated pianist, gold medal, Dora Carroll.

Senior Division.—Singing, Dora Carroll; piano, Ruby Perrett.

Intermediate.—Piano, Lucy Shanley.

Junior.—Singing, Annie Sullivan; piano, Winnie Neylon.

Gymnastics (gift of Rev. Father Sullivan).—Lucy Shanley 1, Nellie Duffy 2.

Junior Division.—Kathleen Holmes.

Art Needlework.—Katie Quillinane 1, Sophie McDonald 2.

Plain Sewing.—Phyllis Clapham 1, Mary Herlihy 2.

Painting.—Dora Carroll 1, Nellie Dwyer 2, Lucy Shanley 3.

Drawing.—Phyllis Clapham 1, Evelyn Herlihy 2.

House Prize.—Ethel Parker.

Typewriting (speed).—Annie Sullivan 1, Annie Manson 2.

Shorthand.—Katie Quillinane 1, Annie Sullivan 2.

CLASSES.

Matriculation Class.—(1) Latin, French, English, and algebra, Nellie Dwyer. (1) Euclid, arithmetic, geography. (2) French. (2) English, Ella Mahoney.

Civil Service Class (gold medal, held over until results are out).—(1) French, Latin, and English, Josephine Lloyd. (1) Arithmetic and geography, (2) French, Agnes Gallagher. (1) Physiology, mapping, and brushwork, Lucy Shanley. (1) Bookkeeping, (2) geography, algebra, arithmetic, Maggie Malone. (1) Algebra, (2) bookkeeping, (3) geography, Nellie Duffy.

Class VII.—(1) English, (3) arithmetic, (3) physiology, (1) French, (2) bookkeeping, (1) algebra, Mabel Loitus. (2) English, (1) geography, Mary Keane. (3) English, (1) arithmetic, (1) physiology, (2) French, (1) bookkeeping, (3) algebra, Phyllis Clapham. (2) Algebra, Phyllis Clapham. (2) Algebra, arithmetic, Lily Clark. (2) Physiology, (3) French, (1) botany, (2) geography, Lina Clapham. (3) Botany, geography, Maggie Quirke. (1) Writing, Lizzie Littlewood. (3) Bookkeeping, Annie Sullivan. (2) Botany, Lella Gray.

Class VI.—(1) English, (2) geography, (2) arithmetic, E. Herlihy. (1) Geography, (3) physiology, Annie Manson. (1) Reading, (3) English, (2) physiology, O. Olberg. (3) Geography, arithmetic, (1) physiology, M. Herlihy.

Class V.—First in all subjects, Emily Sullivan. (2) English, Kate Hatrick. (2) Arithmetic, Winnie Neylon.

Class IV.—(1) Geography, (2) English, (1) arithmetic, (3) reading, (1) drawing, (3) spelling and writing, Ethel Parker. (1) English, (2) geography, (1) reading, (3) spelling, (2) writing, Mary Mahoney. (2) English, (3) geography, Fileen Carvel. (3) English, (2) arithmetic, (2) reading, (2) spelling, Kathleen Holmes. (3) Geography, Ivy Hildberg. (3) Drawing, Ivy McDonnell and C. Brownlie.

Class III.—(2) English, (1) geography, (1) drawing, (2) arithmetic, E. Swan. (1) English, arithmetic, spelling, Minnie Power. (3) English, (1) reading, (2) spelling, Uira Mahoney. (3) Geography, Ily Sullivan, L. Sullivan (equal). (2) Reading, Kathleen Neylon. (3) Arithmetic, Bernard Kitchen and Lexie Hatrick. (1) Writing, Grace Brownlie. (2) Geography, Muriel Swan. (2) Drawing, Maggie O'Brien.

General Improvement.—Fileen Quillinane and Irene Esau.

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Standard IV.—Jennie McNair, Katie McManus, Eileen O'Neill.

Standard III.—Catherine Conder, Doris Tyer, Ethel Eastbury.

Special Prizes.—Catechism—(1) Kathleen Hogan, (2) Teresa Quirk.

Good Conduct.—Bella McLean.

Attendance.—Eileen O'Neill.

Singing.—Eileen McGuire.

Sewing.—Mary Follett.

Gymnastics.—(1) Norah Meehan, (2) Gertie Greener.

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A list of the winning numbers in the Grand Christmas Fete art union, New Plymouth, appears in this issue...

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Irish News

CORK—O'Donovan Rossa

O'Donovan Rossa, who has received the appointment of corresponding secretary of the Cork County Council, arrived in Queenstown on November 18, accompanied by his wife and two daughters. On arriving in Cork he was accorded a very enthusiastic welcome.

A Practical Suggestion

In the course of a speech at the second annual exhibition of the Cork Industrial Association the Rev. Father Dowling, C.M., gave a few figures to illustrate what a difference might be made if Irish people showed a little bit of industrial patriotism. In County Cork alone, he showed, if the 150,000 adult males of that county bought their annual suit of clothes of Irish cloth, they would keep going three first-grade mills, employing from 250 to 300 hands each, and each paying a yearly wage bill of £10,000. Applying these figures to Ireland in general, he found that they might support thirty woollen mills of the first grade, giving employment to 9000 hands, and directly or indirectly supporting 45,000 people, and paying £300,000 a year in wages. Yet, at present, there are only 15 first grade mills in Ireland, and even a great deal of their production is sold outside the country. But this does not exhaust the economic possibilities of the situation. The making of suits referred to, in Cork, as Father Dowling pointed out, would mean a wage bill to the tailors of Cork County amounting to over £100,000 a year, or £100 a year to 1000 families. Father Dowling's figures may not be strictly correct, either on the one side or the other, but they suggest what a great industrial revival in Ireland might bring about.

DUBLIN—A Venerable Priest

The oldest priest in the diocese of Dublin, Very Rev. Canon Leahy, P.P., Sandycroft, passed away on November 15, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He was a member of an old and well-known Dublin family, which gave three sons to the Church. Canon Leahy was ordained in 1848, at Maynooth College, and, after some time spent in Kingstown, was appointed to the pastoral charge of Sandycroft, where he spent the remainder of his long life doing good quietly and unostentatiously. He was an ideal Soggarth Aroon.

GALWAY—An Appointment

At the meeting of the Committee of Management of the Ballinasloe Asylum Mrs. Nora Harris O'Connor, daughter of the late Mr. Matt Harris, M.P., was appointed Governess by 12 votes to 9 for Miss Connaghton, Loville, Ahascragh.

Wireless Telegraph Station

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company have purchased 350 acres of land from Mr. Kendal, landed proprietor, at the village of Derrygenila, convenient to Clifden, for the sum of £1,800, and are about opening up communication with America when they have the station erected, for which the material has already arrived.

Finding of Pearls

The wife of the owner of the Ardagh oyster fishery at Clifden, Connemara, was recently on the oyster beds with her husband and picked up a mussel which she opened. Inside she found a small pearl. Orders were given to one of the men to bring in about a ton weight of mussels, and from these some sixty pearls were extracted, varying from the size of a small rape seed downwards.

KERRY—Death of a Priest

At Glenflesk, Co. Kerry, on November 15, Rev. Maurice O'Flaherty, P.P., died in his 61st year, for 18 years of which period he was pastor of the district in which he ended his days. Father O'Flaherty was a native of Listowel, and was educated at Louvain. By his kindly nature he endeared himself to all classes.

LIMERICK—Visiting the Sick Poor

Fourteen thousand nine hundred separate visits to the homes of the sick poor of Limerick were paid last year by four nurses of the St. Vincent de Paul Nursing Association.

Appointed Dean

On the nomination of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, the Pope has appointed the Very Rev. T. R. Shanahan, St. Munchin's, to the Deanery of

Limerick diocese, in succession to the late Dean Flanagan, Adare. Father Shanahan is one of the oldest priests in the diocese. He was ordained in 1856, and was parish priest of Ballingarry for 20 years. He was transferred to St. Munchin's ten years ago, and was made Vicar-General of the diocese in succession to the late Very Rev. Father Moloney. The new Dean is a brother of Monsignor Shanahan, Thornaby-on-Tees, England.

MAYO—Sporting Rights

At Ballina Petty Sessions a case was heard which shows the importance of tenants acquiring the game rights when purchasing out their holdings under the Land Act. A tenant named Patrick Fox, on the Townsend-Kirkwood estate, was fined 5s and costs for trapping a snipe on his own land, the summons being brought by Dr. Laing, Ballina, who has rented the game rights from the landlord. Mr. M. V. Coolican, who appeared for the complainant, said the game rights were reserved to the landlord.

MEATH—An Appreciation

The following editorial note appeared in a recent issue of the 'Church of Ireland Gazette':—'The Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath is about to resign his office owing to increasing ill health. In a letter of admirable expression and much pathos he thanks those members of his flock who have offered him their sympathy. "My days of labor," says Dr. Gaffney, "are numbered, and the only hope I can entertain is that God may leave me a little sight to help me to spend the weary hours with profit." The dignified sadness of language like this must touch the general heart of men apart from all questions of creed or politics. In paying a tribute to the fidelity and affection of his flock, Dr. Gaffney says: "Outside its fold there are many noble spirits to whose genuine worth I bear glad testimony. A spirit of harmony prevails on all sides and a toleration not known in the past." We are glad to be able to endorse in a large measure these encouraging words in politics and in social affairs. Dr. Gaffney has displayed during his term of office a genuine desire for friendliness and good feeling among all classes in the district, and in this respect the conditions of life in Meath are better than in the majority of Irish counties. Irish churchmen in Meath and elsewhere will not fail to sympathise with this Roman Catholic gentleman whose fine submission to a great infirmity recalls the thoughts of one of Milton's noble sonnets.'

ROSCOMMON—A Remarkable Find

In the early part of November in a bog near Roscommon town, while a farmer was engaged thereon in digging work, his spade came in contact with a small wooden box, which he unearthed. In opening it the wood went to pieces. Inside was a leathern covering, which was also deteriorated by age, and inside this again was another covering, and the last that met the finder's gaze was a book entitled 'Discourses on the Sacraments, by King Henry VIII.,' in a splendid state of preservation. On the inner leaf is the following: 'A Defence of the Seven Sacraments against Martin Luther, by Henry VIII., King of England, France, and Ireland, to which are adjoined his epistle to the Pope, the oration of Mr. John Clark (Orator to his Majesty) on the delivery of this book to his Holiness, and the Pope's answer to the oration, as also the Bull by which his Holiness was pleased to bestow upon that King (for compiling this book) that most illustrious, splendid, and most Christian-like title of Defender of the Faith.' The book is bound with leather, and on the first page are the following words, apparently written by the person who consigned it to this strange place: 'This is a most valuable book, being the work which was written by Henry the Eighth of England, and which procured him the title of Defender of the Faith.' The find has aroused great curiosity, and the lucky farmer has received some substantial offers for purchase.

TIPPERARY—Roscrea Bacon Factory

The establishment of a bacon factory in Roscrea on co-operative lines is now a certainty. Of the £10,000 share capital aimed at over £9000 has been subscribed, and in addition all the shareholders have individually signed a guarantee to supply all the pigs they need for a period of five years under a penalty of 10s for each pig if otherwise disposed of. The disused military barracks in Castle street have, after considerable negotiations with the War Office, and through the kindly offices of Sir Horace Plunkett, who is interesting himself very much in the movement, been purchased from the War Office at a merely nominal price. The work of fitting up the factory will be commenced almost immediately, and it is expected it will be in full working

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order by May, next. The prime mover all through has been the Rev. John Cunningham and the clergy of the surrounding parishes, who acted as trustees and gave their practical sympathy and support.

WATERFORD—The Emigration Evil

At a meeting held in Lismore to establish a branch of the Irish Industrial Development Association, the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan delivered an address which was replete with sound, practical advice to those who wish to put a stop to the emigration evil. They would never keep the people at home, he said, until they made Ireland a country worth living in, and they would never make Ireland a country worth living in until they provided for every young man and every young woman in the country the means of earning an honest livelihood. His Lordship appealed to all classes for support of the Irish Industrial Movement, which was as universal as it was practical. It appealed to every man and every woman in the land. It appealed to rich and poor, Protestant and Catholic. Dr. Sheehan's remedy is the true antidote to emigration. It is useless advising hungry people to stay at home, as they believe they cannot be much worse off elsewhere. Support of existing industries and their extension, for which there is ample room, is the great cure for emigration.

WESTMEATH—A Sad Fatality

At Ballinghort, seven miles from Mullingar, on the night of November 19, a servant named Mary Anne Smith and two children, aged 4 and 6, daughters of Michael Kearney, farmer, were burnt to death. The servant took a lighted candle to put the children to bed, and falling asleep herself, the candle ignited the bed clothes.

GENERAL

Left for the West Indies

After having visited several parts of Ireland, the Most Rev. Dr. Flood, accompanied by three Irish Dominicans, sailed for Trinidad early in November.

Flour-milling

A circular issued by the Irish Flour Millers' Association gives information as to the different milling centres and a list of mills. It estimates the annual output of the Irish mills as seven million hundred-weights of flour, value £3,500,000, and three million hundred-weights of bran and pollard value £1,500,000, the total value of the output being five million sterling.

The Origin of 'Boycott'

The 'Westminster Gazette' draws attention to the fact that the word 'boycott' is just a quarter of a century old. Captain Boycott, in October, 1880, wrote his famous letter to the 'Times,' detailing his experiences in the West of Ireland, out of which the substantive 'boycotting' and the verb 'to boycott' entered the English language. According to Dr. Murray's dictionary, the first instances of the use of the word are taken from the 'Times' of November 19 and 20, 1880, and, as he shows, it very quickly passed into nearly every European language.

A Strong Indictment

In the course of a letter to the London 'Standard' Lord Dunraven, who is a strong opponent of Home Rule, writes: 'After over one hundred years the fact is undoubted that the union of Ireland with great Britain has not justified itself in the prosperity of Ireland. At the present day, while in every other part of the United Kingdom, as of the whole Empire, population is growing, in Ireland it is steadily falling. Since 1841 the population has diminished by nearly 50 per cent. Year by year the emigrant ships are taking away from Ireland the best of the population, both physically and mentally. Every year the cloud of mental gloom settles down upon the people of Ireland with deeper intensity. Since 1851 the ratio of lunatics and imbeciles has increased from one in 657 of the population to one in 178. Ireland's birth-rate is the lowest in the world, and pauperism is increasing. Ireland is steadily and persistently slipping back. According to their relative capacity to bear it, the burden of taxation falls far more heavily upon the people of Ireland than upon the people of any other portion of the United Kingdom, and, at the same time, Ireland contributes relatively more than any other portion to the Imperial Exchequer. Her administration is so wasteful as to leave only a small balance, as it is, and before long, if her downward career is not checked, she will become a burden, a pauper in receipt of out-door relief, for the amount of taxation derived from her will not cover her administrative expenses.'

People We Hear About

By the retirement of Sir William Butler (says the London 'Daily News') the British Army loses the services of one of the most honest and able soldiers of this generation—a soldier, too, who never became a mere professional parrot, but had the eye of the statesman and the point of view of the citizen to correct the military tendency of his training.

Sir Joseph Ward, Postmaster-General, leaves about the middle of next month for the Postal Conference, which opens at Rome on April 21. Every country in the Postal Union will be represented. The Minister will be accompanied by Lady Ward and daughter, Mr. W. Gray (Secretary to the Post Office), and Mr. B. M. Wilson (private secretary). They will return via America, arriving in the Colony about the middle of July.

Mr. Victor Daley, the popular and well known poet and journalist of Sydney, passed away the other day at the age of forty years. He had been in poor health for a considerable time. Mr. Daley was born in Ireland, but spent nearly the whole of his life in Australia, and was a writer by instinct. As a writer of verse he stands amongst the first flight of Australian composers, and his prose work was always interesting.

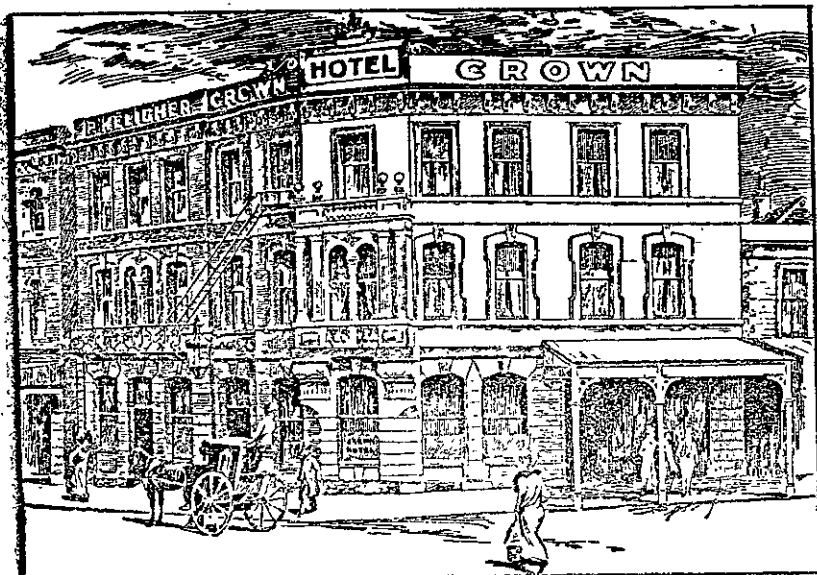
Mr. Wilfrid Ward, who is announced as the new editor of the 'Dublin Review,' is the son of a former editor, Dr. W. G. Ward, the proto-martyr of the Oxford Movement, being 'degraded' at the University sixty or seventy years ago for the beliefs that have since become commonly held among Anglicans. Mr. Wilfrid Ward, who has made a name as the biographer of Cardinal Wiseman, and has in hand the authorised Life of Cardinal Newman, has almost hereditary honors, and is a notable addition to that very select company, the editors of quarterlies.

Denmark has played an important part in filling the thrones of Europe in the last half-century, and the aged King Christian must feel proud of the way in which his descendants have acquitted themselves. He himself came to sovereignty in an unexpected fashion. He was the fourth son of the Duke of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg, a sufficiently remote relationship to make high distinction very uncertain. But by a protocol the succession to the Danish throne was vested in him when he was thirty-four years old, and on the death of the King in 1863 he ascended the throne amid troublous events which threatened his security. However, he has lived through the storms, and now, at the age of eighty-seven, can regard his country's position with much satisfaction and hope.

Mr. Swift MacNeill, in a lecture on 'The Irish Parliament from Within,' delivered at Manchester, unearthed from the Irish Parliament debates the incredible story of a member for a rotten borough in the Irish House of Commons who actually forgot the name of his constituency. Mr. Thomas Sheridan, in a Reform debate in the Irish House of Commons, told the story of a friend of his, then a member of the Irish House of Commons, who wished to avail himself of the privilege offered to Irish members of admission to the English House of Commons to listen to the debates. The doorkeeper desired to know what place he represented. 'What place? Why, I am an Irish member.' 'Oh, dear, sir, we are obliged to be very particular, for a few days ago Barrington, the pickpocket, passed as an Irish member.' 'Why then, upon my soul, I forget the borough I represent; but if you will get me "Watson's Almanack" I will show it to you.'

Viscount Massereene is descended from John Foster, Lord Oriel, last Speaker of the Irish House of Commons, of whom he has unique memorials. It fell to him to put the motion for the dissolution of the Parliament, and he was almost overpowered with emotion. As many as are of opinion that this Bill do pass say "Aye," the contrary say "No." The affirmative was indisputable. A momentary pause ensued. His lips seemed to decline their office. At length, with an eye averted from the object which he hated, he proclaimed with a subdued voice, 'The Ayes have it.' The fatal sentence was now pronounced—for an instant he stood statue-like, then indignantly, and with disgust, flung the Bill upon the table, and sank into his chair with an exhausted spirit. But he did not surrender his insignia of office. When the mace was demanded of him, 'No,' he said, 'until the body that entrusted it to my keeping demand it, I will preserve it for them.' And he took it home to Antrim Castle. With it went the Speaker's chair, and there they have ever since been kept.

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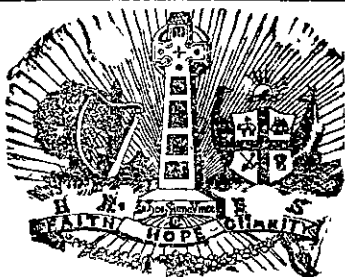
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Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Oats.—Business is limited pretty well to smaller lots of good to prime quality, and quotations are as follows: Prime milling, 2s 1½d to 2s 2d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1½d; medium to good, 1s 1½d to 2s per bushel.

Wheat.—The demand is chiefly for lines of prime quality and for fowl wheat. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—There is a good demand for all lines of prime quality, which are readily disposed of.

Chaff.—The demand is restricted pretty well to lines of prime quality, for which there is a good demand. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 2s 6d to £4 7s 6d (extra choice to £4 10s); medium to good, £3 10s to £4; inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue was not large, but included most of the lines at present in demand locally. For all of these there was good competition, and, with the exception of a few lots of inferior chaff, for which there is little demand, the whole catalogue was cleared at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Since the resumption of business after the holidays no export trade of any importance has been done. Sales are confined chiefly to smaller lots of good to prime quality for local consumption, and such lines were well competed for at our sale. Prime milling sold at 2s 1½d to 2s 2d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1½d; medium to good, 1s 1½d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Local millers are not disposed to increase their holdings to any great extent, and in the meantime their purchases are chiefly confined to small lots of choice quality. Medium milling lots are, therefore, not so readily quitted, but fowl wheat, although offering for export on more favourable terms at northern ports, is scarce locally, and has good inquiry. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley.—Malsters' requirements at this season of the year are extremely small, and in consequence a meagre business is being done. Quotations for prime malting are nominally unchanged, milling and feed lines have some inquiry, and are saleable at 2s 6d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—All good lines coming forward are readily quitted at late values. We had none to offer at Monday's sale.

Chaff.—Consignments have not been coming forward freely, and prime oaten sheaf being still in good de-

mand, all such lines are readily quitted on arrival at satisfactory prices. For medium and inferior sorts there is absolutely no inquiry, and sales are almost impossible to effect. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 2s 6d to £4 7s 6d (a small lot of choice Central Otago chaff realised £4 10s); medium to good, £3 10s to £4; inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Oaten has fair inquiry, but there is practically none offering. Wheatens is in moderate demand at 35s to 37s 6d per ton (pressed).

WOOL.

Sydney, January 8.—The wool sales, which have been resumed, are animated. There is a strong demand for good sorts, and though there is no quotable advance on the prices ruling at the close of last year there is a tendency in sellers' favor.

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

Rabbitskins.—Owing to the wool season sales are held somewhat irregularly, and we held our rabbitskin sale on Friday last. Prices, however, are still satisfactory, as the following quotations will show: Spring bucks, 14d; spring does to 10½d; winter bucks to 16d; winter does to 19½d; and blacks to 26½d.

Sheepskins.—This sale was held yesterday, when competition was keen and prices were maintained. Butchers' pelts sold up to 2s 8d and lambskins to 2s 7d.

Hides.—We offered a fair sized catalogue at our sale to-day, bidding being spirited and prices quite up to those lately ruling. Our top price for ox hides was 7½d, and for cow hides 5½d. We can confidently recommend consignments being sent in at present.

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Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co., report as follows:—

There was a rather mixed entry of horses for our sale last Saturday, very few of which were worthy of being specially mentioned. There were several buyers present on the lookout for heavy draughts for town work, but owing to this class being poorly represented, they had to go away unsupplied. There is a keen demand at present for useful, sound, young horses of this stamp. Light harness horses and hacks as a whole were also poorly represented with one or two exceptions. We were offered £23 for a small mare four years old, but the owner wanted a higher figure, so we had to pass her in. Considering the quality of most of the stock forward we had a very fair sale, and if the right kind of horses had been in the yard much more could have been done. Sound young horses of any class are selling very well in Dunedin at the present time, and we would specially recommend consignments of draughts and spring-carters. We quote: Superior young draught geldings at from £50 to £55; extra good do (prize horses), £50 to £65; superior young draught mares, £60 to £75; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £45; aged, £17 to £30; upstanding carriage horses, £25 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £25 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28; light hacks, £10 to £18; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £8.

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Fat Cattle.—202 head yarded, the most of these being good to prime bullocks, with a few pens of prime heifers. The sale was a fair one for prime cattle, but medium sorts met with only limited demand. Best bullocks, £9 10s to £10 15s; medium to good, £7 10s to £8 5s; best cows and heifers, £6 to £8; others, £4 10s to £5 10s.

Sheep.—There was a small yarding of 1300, most of these being medium sorts. Best wethers, 19s to 22s 9d; medium to good, 16s to 17s 9d; best ewes, 15s 6d to 18s 9d; extra heavy, 21s 9d.

Lambs.—There was a fairly large yarding of 500, and prices ruled slightly higher than at last week's sale. Best lambs, 13s to 15s 9d; good, 10s to 13s.

Pigs.—177 penned. These were mostly suckers and slips, prices for these being on a par with last week's rates. Porkers and baconers were firmer. Suckers, 6s 6d to 10s; slips, 11s to 17s; stores, 18s 6d to 24s; porkers, 23s to 38s; light baconers, 40s to 46s; heavy do, 47s to 52s; choppers, up to 60s.

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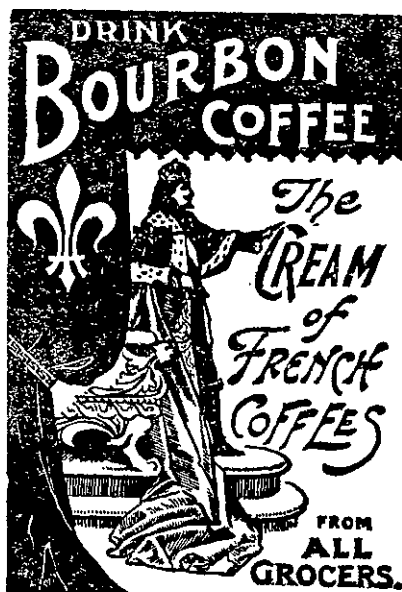
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LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1906

THE BURNING QUESTION



ACTS are chiefs that winna ding. And Home Rule is the question that will not down. It has been in the Irish mind ever since the Act of Union was passed 'by force and fraud.' It has been growing in organisation, unity, and volume ever since the dawn of the Repeal movement. And to-day it is voluminously alive and active—the great burning question of politics on both sides of the Irish Sea.

The broad grounds of the demand for Home Rule remain as urgent and unanswerable as when O'Connell started his crusade for Repeal in the days of 'Scorpion Stanley.' The hapless country—from which the people are fleeing in shiploads as from a pest-stricken land—is to this hour ruled, not by its people (who have no right of control whatever over her affairs), but by a Parliament sitting in Westminster. The Executive Authority consists of a knot of imported oligarchs sitting in Dublin Castle, and foreign in race, religion, and political aspirations to the people whom they govern. They are wholly independent of popular responsibility or control. And, in unbroken succession, they have ever acted in the interests of a sectional and sectarian Ascendancy that is as real, if not as omnipotent, a factor in Irish public life to-day as it was before the Catholic Emancipation Act was placed upon the British Statute Book. Vacillation, incompetence, and ignorance of the conditions of the country were (as Mr. Redmond lately remarked) the hall-marks of the late Administration, as they have been of every British Government that ever attempted to rule the 'Sister' Isle. And caprice and callous disregard of the rights and feelings of the people have been the outstanding characteristics of the institution that is known in Ireland by the hated name of Dublin Castle. In a recent speech in Glasgow Mr. Redmond said:—

"The Irish people have no voice in the management of their own affairs. I do not mean by that that they have no voice in the House of Commons. The curious thing about their position in the House of Commons is this: that while we are powerless in the settlement of Irish affairs, we sometimes play a very important part in English affairs. The Government of Ireland has been, and is to-day, the most inefficient and costly Government of all Europe. In proportion to population, Ireland is the most expensively governed country in the whole world. The cost of government is double that of Belgium, and yet we have the admission of English statesmen that, as far as education is concerned, Ireland is far behind the least progressive country in Europe. And yet Irish industries are falling back—thousands of acres of land are lying derelict, her waterways are left neglected and the railway rates in Ireland are fifty per cent. higher than those in any other country in Europe. Nothing is being done for the better housing of the poor, and all this vast costly machinery of Government is carried on for the benefit of a small section of the people whose loyalty has always been conditional upon their own profits and emoluments. The cost of government in Ireland is increasing. Ten years ago the total taxation was seven millions; to-day it is over ten millions. This is monstrous, in view of the

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rapid decrease in the population of the country. Only those who have place, or expect to get place, are content with the present condition of things in Ireland.'

It has been Ireland's crowning misfortune that for centuries past racial and religious prejudice have been the guiding principles on which she has been ruled. It is an evil tradition,

'But 'tis a bitter woe
That love or reason cannot change.'

Time, says Byron, strips illusions of their hue,

'And one by one, in turn, some grand mistake
Casts off its bright skin yearly, like the snake.'

The time is more than ripe for the casting off the evil and bitter prejudice which refuses to Ireland what is accorded as a matter of course to every British colony, the right to manage her own internal affairs in her own way.

In his better days Lord Rosebery was an outspoken Home Ruler. He declared that the Irish question was the first and most urgent to dispose of, and that it should be settled by the consent of the Irish people, because (said he) 'when you wish to give a benefit to a nation, it is better to give it something that it likes, than something that it neither likes nor understands.' Even the Tory Administration, when they sent Lord Dudley to Dublin in 1902, gave him (says Mr. Morley) the message that Ireland was to be governed in accordance with Irish ideas. Sir Antony MacDonnell—Indian statesman and Irish Catholic Nationalist—was selected to carry out the new regime. He conferred with patriotic Irishmen. Then (says Mr. Morley) 'the rat-tat was heard on the Orange drum, and the whole thing was "broke" by this Government of courage. Lord Dudley was ignored. Sir Antony MacDonnell was censured. Mr. Wyndham was cast to the wolves. And Mr. Balfour, who was privy to everything from the first, sat snugly in the Treasury, studying his day's lessons.'

'Neither heat nor frost nor thunder
Shall wholly do away, I ween,
The marks of that which once hath been.'

The overwhelming majority of the Irish people demand Home Rule, Scotland and Wales stand for Home Rule. A Home Rule Bill was carried in the British House of Commons by the substantial majority of thirty-four votes. It was, of course, killed in 'the other place'—the non-elective chamber. Even the lame, the halt, the blind, and the imbecile of high-titled capitalism were brought from anear and afar to thwart the will of the people's representatives. The Parliaments of the Australian Commonwealth and the Dominion of Canada have pronounced for Home Rule. 'It will,' says the 'New Zealand Times,' 'be extremely difficult to convince the people of the Britain beyond the seas that a policy which has made them prosperous and loyal would not produce similar results in Ireland. Mr. Balfour and his friends know very well that a denial of self-governing powers to the colonies would have led to separation, as it did in the case of the American colonies, and it is surely idle for them to pretend, in the face of experience, that a policy of coercion and subjugation is fitted to make Ireland contented and loyal.' 'In answer,' says Mr. Redmond, 'to the statesman who asks us to think Imperially, I recommend that gentleman to think Imperially regarding Ireland, whose demand for Home Rule has the support of all the Legislatures of all the Colonies of the British Empire. The cause of Ireland is moving on, not, thank God, by riot, as in Russia, but by reason. The whole civilised world to-day sympathises with our movement. If they took a poll of the Empire they could carry Home Rule any moment by an overwhelming majority. My profound conviction is this: that the day is near when the whole people of

Great Britain will wonder how it was that British statesmen hesitated for a moment in restoring the powers of self-government to Ireland—those powers which, when that day comes, will be proved to have been the means of changing our country from what she is to-day—the one danger in the Empire, the one disgrace, the great disgrace of British statesmanship—into a peaceful, contented, and friendly nation.'

Notes

A Hot Spell

Our tourist traffic is likely to receive a sprightly flip from the conquering heat—ranging up to 134 degrees in the shade—that, as we write, prevails over great stretches of Australia. Two weeks ago our friends across the water were stewing in a torrid glow;

'And now another fervent flood succeeds,
Pour'd on the head profuse.'

It is well to be here in New Zealand—amidst the softly fanning breezes and by the clear running streams of the Green Isle of the South.

The Kaiser

If we are to believe the cable-man, the Kaiser has written 'a sharp and mandatory letter' of an extremely platitudinous character to the distinguished prelate that bears the archiepiscopal staff of Posen, in Prussian Poland. The 'sharpness' of the letter was presumably due to the fact that the Poles do not take over-kindly to the fierce and too often savage repression of their native customs and their native tongue that has disgraced the last few years of Prussian administration in that misgoverned Catholic province. National sentiment is not to be crushed, either in Poland or in Ireland, by the methods of the coercionist and the armed bully. And a combination of dyspepsia and scrofula and imperious temper don't commonly produce a letter that bears the stamp of Vere de Vere.

Nearer Home

Castle officialism in Ireland looks with as little favor on the 'language movement' as does Prussian officialism upon the national tongue of Poland. But even Dublin Castle, much as it dares, cannot at this hour of the twentieth century adopt the fierce coercive measures that are in operation for the suppression of Polish speech and Polish customs in the province of Posen. And yet the last few weeks have witnessed some scenes that reflect the last discredit upon British administration in the place that is called the 'sister' isle. Eamon O'Neill, B.A., of Kinsale, was, for instance, sent to Cork Gaol for the crime of signing in Irish an application for a dog-license. Alderman Cole, of Dublin, has been repeatedly fined for using Irish characters upon his carts. So have sundry scores of others throughout the country. And the Local Government Board (consisting of a number of English nominees sitting in Dublin Castle) have compelled the members of the Wicklow County Council to pay out of their own private purses the cost of having the street-names painted in Irish characters. And is not the old law still in full force which makes it a felony to report in Irish the proceedings of any court of justice? Yet there are some good people who wonder why Ireland is discontented and wants Home Rule.

Jew-baiting

The voice of the Jew-baiter is still heard amidst the 'sturm und drang' of the Russian revolution. In this connection the 'Catholic Sentinel' recalls the attitude of Pope Sixtus V. towards the persecuted Hebrew people at a time when they were sorely buffeted in Wes-

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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 (Maheno), 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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DELANY-TRAYNOR.

A marriage which had been looked forward to with considerable interest by the relatives and friends of both parties, took place in the Catholic church, Wyndham, on December 27, when Miss Jane Traynor, youngest daughter of Mr. P. Traynor, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. Francis Delany, second son of Mr. James Delany, of Lyttelton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. P. Delany (brother of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. P. J. O'Neill. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a costume of cream crepeline, trimmed with silk lace, and the identical veil and wreath of orange blossoms worn by her mother on the occasion of her marriage. She was attended by three bridesmaids—Misses Mary and Maggie Traynor (sisters) and Miss Delany (sister of the bridegroom), while Miss Mary Timpany was flower girl. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold brooch, set with diamonds and rubies, and to the bridesmaids gold brooches. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where the breakfast was laid. The Rev. Father Delany presided, and several toasts were proposed and responded to. The newly-wedded couple were the recipients of several valuable gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Delany left in the afternoon for Dunedin, where the honeymoon was spent, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends for their future welfare. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Traynor, sen., entertained a number of friends at their residence in honor of the joyful event of the day.

OBITUARY

MISS PATRICIA M. KILBRIDE, SOUTHBRIDGE.

It is with extreme regret (says the 'Ellesmere Guardian,' December 30) that we have to record the death of Miss Patricia Margaret Kilbride, eldest daughter of Mr. John Kilbride, of Southbridge. The deceased young lady had been ill for some time, and had only recently returned from Christchurch, where she had undergone a course of treatment at Nurse Maude's camp. The best of medical skill was requisitioned, and for a time hopes were entertained for her ultimate recovery, but the dreaded malady from which she suffered slowly, but surely, gained the upper hand, and despite the efforts put forth to save her life, the sufferer gradually sank and passed peacefully away on Christmas evening. The deceased was a young lady of retiring disposition, and a general favorite with all who knew her, and was possessed of excellent musical abilities. The late Miss Kilbride was only 19 years of age at the time of her death. Much sympathy is felt for the parents of the young lady. The funeral took place on Thursday, many friends and sympathisers showing their last mark of respect for one who was so much loved and respected. The burial service at the graveside was read by the Rev. Father Goggan.—R.I.P.

Patea Convent Schools

The Harmonic Hall, Patea, was crowded on the occasion of the presentation of prizes to the pupils attending the Convent School, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph. An excellent programme had been provided, and many items in which the junior pupils were eminent bore testimony to the careful training they had received. The following was the programme: Overture, Misses Mahony and Lawson; song, pupils; song, senior pupils, pianoforte duet, Misses Fowkes, Dickson, Lawson, and Mahony; song, junior pupils; recitation, Miss E. O'Brien; vocal solo, Miss Fowkes; fan drill, senior pupils; pianoforte trio, Misses M. and E. Dickson, A. and W. Lawson, E. McKenna, N. Bennett; vocal duet, Mesdames Mitchell and Edwards; vocal solo, Miss Carroll; pianoforte duet, Misses E. Dickson, M. Casey, A. Williams, and E. McKenna; tableau and song, 'Erin the tear and the smile,' Erin, Miss Dickson, angels, Misses Fowkes and McComisky, song by Miss McComisky; vocal solo, Miss Robson; Japanese song and dance, junior girls; instrumental trio, Mesdames Mitchell (piano), Edwards (violin), and Miss Jacomb (cello); gavotte, senior music pupils. The accompaniments were played by Misses Mahony, Jacomb, Robson, and Mrs. Edwards. The entertainment was brought to a conclusion by a farce entitled 'Blunder-bug Dick,' the characters being filled by Masters F. Gilligan, J. Mahony, and F. Williams.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Archbishop Redwood, accompanied by the Mayor, Father M'Grath, and Mr. H. O. Clarke, took their seats on the stage.

The Mayor announced that Archbishop Redwood had very kindly consented to distribute the prizes, and on behalf of the meeting he had to extend to his Grace a very hearty welcome.

Archbishop Redwood thanked the Mayor for his kind welcome. He was sure that they had all enjoyed themselves that evening. An excellent programme had been submitted, and many of the items would have done credit to a performance in a large city. He admitted he was surprised to find so much talent in Patea, and he congratulated the various performers. He referred to the success the convent in Patea had been, and said he was very pleased to see that the number of pupils had caused the school to be enlarged. He paid a high tribute to the devoted Sisters who had charge of the school and to whom the success was solely due.

Mr. Clarke, whose rising was the signal for applause, in a neat speech referred to the success the convent had been, which he attributed to the refined, sympathetic, and highly trained teachers whose teaching had proved very beneficial to the pupils placed in their charge.

The Archbishop then distributed the prizes, the list being as follows:—

Special Prizes.

Christian Doctrine (prizes presented by Rev. Father M'Grath).—Senior grade, Patrick Gilligan; junior grade, Joseph McKenna; preparatory grade, Norah Bergin.

Amiability (chosen by vote of pupils).—Mabel Mahony (crown by Mrs. Keane).

Good conduct (chosen by vote of pupils).—Francis Gilligan (medal by Mr. J. McKenna).

Dux of School.—Francis Gilligan (prize by Mr. G. Williams).

Music.—1st, Mabel Mahony (prize medal by Mr. C. Casey); 2nd, Nellie Bennett (medal by Mr. Travers).

Singing.—Francis Williams, John Cribb, Norah Dempsey. Drawn by Frank Williams.

Attendance.—1st, Joseph McKenna (prize by Mr. J. Boyle); 2nd, Thomas Keane (prize by a friend).

Best flower garden (prizes by Mr. O'Donnell).—1st, Beatrice Dickson; 2nd, Ethel O'Brien and E. McKenna.

Sewing.—Beatrice Dickson, Ada Williams, Elizabeth McComisky, Kathleen McKenna. Drawn by Ada Williams.

Class Prizes.

Standard VII.—General merit, shorthand and book-keeping, Mabel Mahony (prize presented by Mr. Hogan); shorthand and brushwork, Edith Dickson (prize by Mrs. Mahony).

Standard VI.—1st, Patrick Gilligan (prize by Mr. G. Williams); 2nd, Eileen McKenna; 3rd, Erwin Ashton; 4th, Margaret Casey.

Standard V.—1st, Rita Brenner (prize by Mr. Bergin); 2nd, Joseph Mahony (prize by Mr. G. Williams).

Standard IV.—1st, Beatrice Dickson (prize by a friend); 2nd, Norah Dempsey (prize by Mr. Gilligan); 3rd, Olive Ashby (prize by Mr. G. Williams); 4th, Sylvia Power.

Standard III.—1st, Kathleen Glenney (prize by Mrs. Mitchell); 2nd, Maurice Lawson; 3rd, Elizabeth McComisky; 4th, Walter Fitzwater.

Standard II.—1st, James Bergin (prize by Mrs. Burke, Kakarama); 2nd, Flossie Hunger; 3rd, Enid Cargill; 4th, Constance Lister.

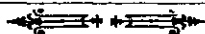
Standard I.—1st, Margaret Gilligan (prize by Mrs. Deane); 2nd, Maud Fitzwater (prize by Mrs. Deane); 3rd, Wilfred Cribb.

The Archbishop, at the conclusion of the distribution of prizes, wished the pupils 'a Merry Christmas' and a happy holiday.

Mr. Thomas Jenkins, having purchased the tailoring business carried on by Mr. W. Iles at 79 Princes St., Dunedin, has removed into his new premises. Mr. Jenkins assures the customers of the late firm that nothing will be wanting on his part to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed on his predecessor....

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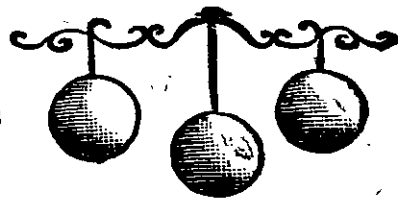
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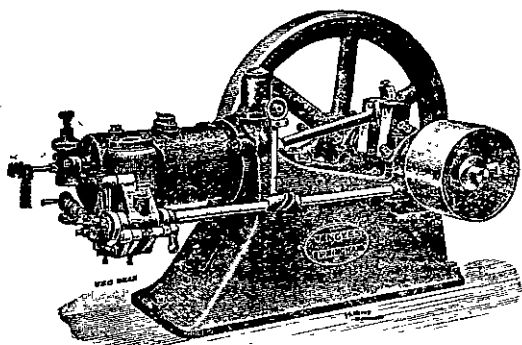
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THE VACANT LOT

Clanlpin had only one serious drawback to its urbane loveliness. It had a vacant lot. A vacant lot right in the heart of the town.

Nature had done lavishly for Clanlpin ere the name was known or its first shingle had been placed. A panorama of billowy hills had been set about the spot. A dark sea of undulating forests cinctured it round and stretched away into the mists out of which peered the cones and curves of the mountains. A noble river coiled snake-like, with silver scales, through the woods and meadows above and below, and sent its surplus waters flying in a lacework cascade down a deep verdure-edged ravine a little below the plateau on which the first settlers had pitched to perpetuate in civic form the name and fame of Clanlpin. No town between the St. Lawrence and the Rio Grande, in short, had a handsomer location. So Clanlpin grew up and flourished, and was happy as any town could be, save for the one drawback already specified. Its repose was broken and its beauty marred by that ugly blemish—that scar or mole upon its fair countenance, the vacant lot.

The time had been when Clanlpin had many other vacant spaces, and then its mind was tranquil. But that period was long ago. When the railway came to the town, every old person remembered, it was settled in a rush. In a few months every piece of land in and about the spot was bought up and built on—all but this one square. It stood, too, in the handsomest part of the town, where the best sort of people had gathered to gether and conspired, as it were, to keep it an exclusive aristocratic place, free from the abomination of stores and the banal blight of the street car and the engine whistle. There it stood like the ancient Anarchy amid the beauty of Eden, a constant source of misery and a reproach to Clanlpin.

A blessed haven for travelling tinkers was this vacant lot. In the summer season they came along with their wives and their children, their budgets and their soldering irons, and hammered away with a horrible clangor on damaged kettles and saucepans all day long, and when the peaceful shades of eve descended they yielded themselves up to the gentle pleasures of Clanlpin whisky and settled marital disputes, in nomad fashion, with the implements of their trade. The collective police force of Clanlpin was usually employed on these festive occasions in maintaining the guarantees of the American Constitution in regard to life, liberty, and happiness in and around the vicinity of the vacant lot.

Circuses, too, came along in due course, and then the aristocratic denizens about the lot had a glorious time. The masses came in might and majesty to their quarter, and the din of diseased and dinged brass instruments and the yelling of the touts and the uproar of the struggling crowds imparted variety to the scene while the equestrian visitation lasted.

Twice within a decade had the vacant lot been taken possession of by a band of gypsies. Whilst their queens were revealing the secrets of the stars to fair furtive visitors, their male members made some interesting experiments in horse and poultry raising on a non-commercial system. The memory of these things embittered the Clanlpin mind. The dogged owner of the vacant lot was regarded as a sort of public enemy.

A descendant of one of the original Scotch settlers, he, Malcolm Macalpin, had inherited all the religious fervor of his Covenanting ancestry. Two members of the family had sealed their devotion to the principles of the Covenant on the bloody field of Killcrankie with their life blood. This circumstance was regarded as a sort of family possession—a memory to be lived up to until the day of Armageddon. And it was this memory which caused all the trouble in Clanlpin, for this was what perpetuated the vacancy of the disreputable unkempt, and disorderly vacant lot.

'The Jesuits hae their een upon that lot, Malcolm,' old Macalpin often said to his son during the illness which preceded his dissolution. 'They will try mony a shift and skirl, mony a tune to get around ye, but haud them a' at arm's length and gie no ear to any offer for the place. Ye hae plenty to live on without that.'

These injunctions of Malcolm the elder were always kept in mind by Malcolm the younger when the patriarch lay under his brown stone mausoleum, with all his virtues and none of his failings inscribed on it, in the cemetery where all the rude forefathers of Clanlpin ceased to take snuff.

Still, the whirligig of time softens rigid memories and dulls the edge of acerbity. The growth of business connections has a liberalising tendency and keeps bigotry in the background. Malcolm Macalpin was largely in business, for, although fairly wealthy when his father died, he could not resist the commercial instincts of his race or lead an idle life. Hence he was soon mixed up in the chief industrial enterprises of the place, and became in due course a leading personage in all the affairs of Clanlpin.

It is the fate of leading men to be seized upon by men who do not lead, but are content to follow in politics. Malcolm Macalpin did not escape. The fires of ambition in him were fanned by those who professed to be skilled in the devious ways of politics. The trouble with Mr. Macalpin was that he had no very clear ideas on political matters himself. He never could make up his mind to join either the Republican or the Democratic camp, and the only thing definite about politics in his mind was a hatred of Populism. This he regarded as only another name for Socialism and Socialism as only another name for diabolism. 'I would rather have a Jesuit than a Populist any day,' he warmly explained once when discussing politics with a legal friend, who was trying to get him to declare himself definitely on one side or the other, with a view to some good electioneering business in the next political campaign.

'That may be quite right and a first-class principle to act on in politics,' rejoined the friend, 'but it would not be wise to put it in that way if you intend ever to enter politics. The Roman Catholics are a powerful element in this constituency, you know, and if you want their vote you must take care not to offend their sensibilities by any reference to the Jesuits, or the monks, or persons of that kind, you know.'

An esteemed and eminently respectable citizen of Clanlpin, who held the important post of city treasurer, was missing from his office one morning. A suit of summer clothes which he had worn the previous day, a new straw hat, and a pair of russet shoes were found by the riverside a little outside the town, and it was charitably supposed that he had gone in to take a swim and swum farther than he had intended—swam over the river Styx, in fact. But his body was never recovered; neither was the sum of 25,000 dollars which it was supposed the city of Clanlpin had to its credit in the bank. His loss was deeply felt by the church-going community, for he had been a most zealous promoter of every movement for the benefit of religion and the reclamation of the unregenerate.

This event made things hum in Macalpin. A meeting of indignant citizens was held and a committee of investigation into everything was at once appointed. It was suddenly discovered that many things were not as they should be.

The absence of a high public spirit amongst the police and the department of street cleaning was a fact which all at once became painfully apparent. It was suspected that these bodies exercised a sinister influence over all public departments, and that the judges and magistrates were in guilty collusion with the common enemy. Then a cry for reform, loud and deep, arose. Mr. Macalpin's friends immediately perceived their opportunity. A man of rigid and unblemished civic virtue, they felt, was what was wanted, and not a politician. Mr. Macalpin was just that sort of man.

Yielding to the solicitations of his many friends, though not without some unaccountable misgivings, Mr. Macalpin allowed himself to be nominated for Congress. He stood unpledged to anything but good government and civic reform. In the interests of great communities, he declared, all other considerations were matters of minor import. The Monroe doctrine, protection or free trade, free silver or monometallism were all mere shibboleths as long as the great municipal system of the country was rotten at the core. When you have set your own house in order, you may begin to look around you for other fields of progress, he said. The sanitary condition of the Macedonian cities was doubtless piling up doctors' bills all the time Alexander was conquering the whole world and blubbering for more.

Were the issue to be now decided a straight and simple one, Mr. Macalpin's chances of success would have been slender. There was a pretty even muster-roll of Democrats and Republicans in Clanlpin; while the class who belong to neither category were ordinarily small in number. Now, however, their ranks were swelled by large accessions from both the other camps, and the whole constituted a third party, priding in the name of Reformers. One of the first questions which presented itself to the new party was the need of a town hall. The building which up to this point had been used for the purpose was found to be entirely in-

adequate for the proper transaction of business. Had the necessary facilities existed there, it was discovered, the huffer-mugger over the city accounts could not have well gone on, and the city might have been richer by 25,000 dollars.

Only one site was available for a new town hall in the city. This was Mr. Macalpin's vacant lot.

As great bodies move slowly, no action was deemed necessary in this matter until the committee had drawn up its report. No doubt was felt that so public-spirited a man as Mr. Macalpin would at once accede to the wishes of the city in so important a matter as this.

But promptitude is better than dignified leisureliness in all such cases, as the committee soon found.

Whilst they were deliberating on their report the old-fashioned frame building which served as the principal Catholic church was burned to the ground. No time was lost by the energetic parish priest, Father Malone, about retrieving the disaster. A meeting of the parishioners was at once convened, and a goodly fund for a new church was there and then subscribed. The old church had stood on a back street. It had long been a cherished dream of Father Malone's to see a fine structure worthy of its divine purpose standing in the best portion of Clanalpin. There was the site ready to hand—Macalpin's vacant lot.

Mr. Macalpin was not then in town. He did not think it to be judicious to stay in town in the early stages of the canvass. All the preliminary skirmishing he deemed it good strategy to intrust to his fuglemen. He lived in a magnificent mansion in Poughkeepsie. From the style kept up in this establishment he had acquired the popular title of 'the Laird of Poughkeepsie.'

Mr. Monteith MacIan, the trusted lawyer of Mr. Macalpin, watched after his client's interests in town, and kept him posted from day to day on all that passed with regard to the canvass.

'You'll have to play a cautious card, laird,' he wrote, 'about that vacant lot. The reform party are after it for a new town hall, and the Papists for a new Mass house. You can't afford to offend either, ye ken; so you must be diplomatic. The extreme sections of these two parties, combined with the few utterly indifferent in both the Republican and Democratic camps, who wouldn't leave the house to vote if the day was wet, are what will decide the election.'

The Laird of Poughkeepsie wrote back in a couple of days:—

'Tis all right about the vacant lot, Monteith. I've settled the confounded thing at last. I have long been negotiating with a big syndicate over the place. A new line of railway to open up trade with the West is going to be laid down, and the vacant lot is wanted for the depot in Clanalpin. As the negotiations stand at present, I am not at liberty to disclose the business more specifically, but you might get an item into the "Tomahawk" announcing vaguely that Mr. Macalpin is just now engaged in promoting a vast project calculated to confer enormous benefit on Clanalpin and necessitating the erection of a splendid structure on the vacant lot. You know how to word the announcement so as to make it striking and grand. Do it in your best style.'

With a splendid flourish, strong in fine adjectives and full of Ciceronian dignity, the 'Tomahawk' came out with the masterly piece of news. The shot told. Neither Demorest, the Republican candidate, nor Antrobous, the bearer of the Democratic colors, had a single gun to answer this big howitzer. Practically speaking, they had no armament at all to enter upon the fight. They had no more programme to unfold than the audacious Disraeli under similar circumstances, content to rely, as he expressed it, upon 'the sublime traditions of an ancient people.'

In a couple of days Mr. Macalpin appeared upon the scene and began the operation of laying regular siege to the electorate. His headquarters soon began to fill. Deputations soon commenced to appear on the scene—deputations from prohibitionists, deputations from woman's suffragists, deputations from liquor dealers, deputations from labor leagues, deputations from anti-union employers, deputations representing every antagonistic principle in human society. Amongst the other deputations was one representing the burned-out Catholic congregation. Father Malone and three of his most influential parishioners came to urge the claim of this section of the community to a site for a decent place of worship.

'Nothing would have given me greater pleasure, I assure you, Father Malone and you gentlemen,' answered Mr. Macalpin, with marked unction, 'than to be able to comply with your request. But I am committed irrevocably to other plans for the lot. What these plans exactly are I am not now at liberty to divulge,

but I am free to state they are such as must result in immense benefit to the commercial prosperity of Clanalpin. This and the expression of my regret that it is so completely out of my power to comply with your very reasonable request are all that I can offer in reply.'

He bowed his deputation out with an exhibition of elegant deportment, and then proceeded to deal with the next one in the same polished way. Every answer that he gave was a masterpiece of skilled evasion, thanks to the excellent coaching of Mr. Monteith MacIan. With the reform deputation, who desired the vacant lot for a new town hall site, he experienced the greatest amount of trouble. From the candidate of their own selection they had expected compliance with every wish they might express. But they dissembled their emotions quite as well as Mr. Macalpin did his, as there was nothing better for them to do just then.

But in politics it is good to be able to smile while you carry a stone up your sleeve. It shows fine art.

The campaign went on briskly. Whilst things looked badly for the old-fashioned candidates, they preserved each a cheerfulness of demeanor that was edifying and encouraging. Though they were promised but few votes, they individually spoke as men who were quite assured of victory.

Clanalpin possessed two daily papers normally, but a third one had been temporarily started to meet this emergency. This was the 'Tomahawk.' As no regular printers could be had, the managers were forced to fall back on what tramps they could get. These tramps, for the most part, were of a bacchanalian and easy turn of mind. They usually worked when they wanted money, and then revelled until they wanted more. They would have preferred to be paid for revelling if such were the custom in Clanalpin, but the civilisation in that place was not of that high plane as yet, hence they were compelled to work a little by way of variety.

There had not been any friendship between these men and the printers of the 'Sentinel' and 'Argus,' the respective organs of Republicanism and Democracy, until the eve of election. The 'Tomahawk' had come out with its 'Last word before the battle,' and the wearied tramps, kept for eight hours at work under threat of being shot in their tracks if they moved, swarmed out to drink in the air of liberty and as much liquor as was due them on the score of lost time.

Quite accidentally they fell in with a party of union hands from the 'Argus' office. There was, to their great surprise, a friendly greeting from these and an invitation to go for a sail up the river.

But whilst they were enjoying themselves the clever manager of the 'Argus,' who had planned the fraternisation with the Democratic leaders, was busy. All night long the remainder of his staff were busy printing a 'stop press' edition and thousands of large placards and handbills. This 'stop press' and these placards contained the subjoined announcement:

'The city of Clanalpin, one of the most prosperous and progressive centres in the United States, is to have a new music hall on the London pattern. It is to be built immediately on a vacant lot in the best part of the city. Negotiations to that end between the owner of the lot, Mr. Macalpin, and Mr. Harry Beasley, one of the most enterprising London managers, have just been successfully terminated.—London "Era."'

Clanalpin was thrown into a state of wild ferment over this news. Mr. Monteith MacIan rushed down to the office of the 'Argus' in a state of fury, demanding to know the authority for such an atrocious libel. There was nobody there but the office sweeper. Then he darted off to the office of the 'Tomahawk,' with a view to getting out a special edition to contradict the report. The place was a desert. He shouted for the editor, the manager, the foreman—all were not there. He sent out emissaries to scour the town for printers. All were reported to be dead drunk. Then he and many others went wildly about the city endeavoring to undo the mischief. But all their efforts were in vain. The poison had done its deadly work; the assassins of a spotless reputation had been only too successful. The day was lost to Macalpin. Triumphant Democracy, when the sun set, laughed over the funeral pyre of betrayed reform in Clanalpin.

When the hurly-burly was done and the tangle came to be unraveled, it was found that it was all owing to a blunder in the telegraph office. The answer to Mr. Harry Beasley's offer for the vacant lot had been put by mistake into the envelope addressed to the agent for the railway company, and the other found its way into the office of the general music hall manager.

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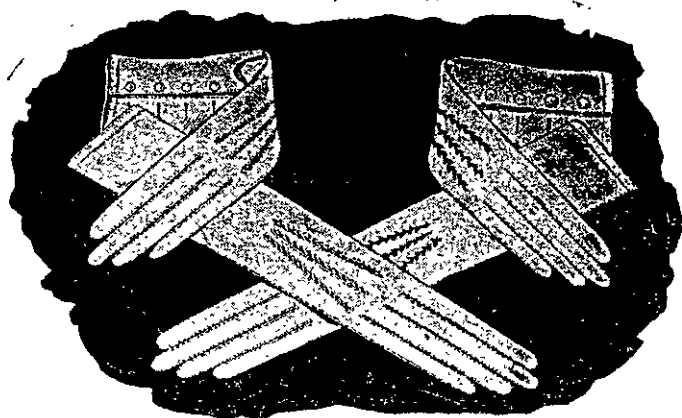
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This was more than Mr. Macalpin could stand—as a private citizen. As a member of the Legislature he might have endured it—for patriotic reasons, but his defeat at the polls put another complexion on the obligations of a patriotic citizen. He discovered that there was something inimical to American institutions in the Catholic habit of abstaining from meat on Fridays and in the belief of Purgatory. The climax was reached when a deputation of Clanalpin's most irresistible young ladies waited on him to solicit his patronage and presence at the opening of a grand bazaar and fancy fair for the benefit of the new church during the Christmas week. Then he forgot his election manners and allowed the Clanalpin people to see that the days of Lord Chesterfield were no more.

So it happened that while the Christmas bells were ringing in the period of glad tidings for man the bells of Mr. Macalpin's sleigh were jingling to the galloping of a pair of fast trotters as he fled from the town, not daring to face public opinion there again after his reception of the charitable deputation. Those Christmas chimes had no blessing for him, for their message spoke only to men of good-will. There was mockery in the sound of those bells, he thought; they were rejoicing over his discomfiture and flight from Clanalpin. It was a worthless place, he said to himself, and he was very glad that he was not called upon to represent it in Congress. It was, moreover, a priest-ridden town, and he would abandon it to the fate it had brought upon itself.

And so the Jesuits carried the day, with the help of the doubtful vote in Clanalpin.—'Catholic Standard and Times.'

The Catholic World

AUSTRIA—Catholic Congress

The fifth Austrian Catholic Congress was held in Vienna early in November. The Cardinal-Archbishop of Vienna and many other leading men were present, and various public questions of practical interest to Catholics were dealt with in the papers and discussions.

ENGLAND—Death of a Canon

The death is reported of Canon McGrath, who was for many years one of the best known and most beloved priests in South London. Born in Blackrock more than 70 years ago, Father McGrath began his duties as a priest in Melior street Mission, London Bridge, where hundreds of Irish dock laborers had settled, and where he very quickly became a great favorite with the men. Nearly thirty years ago he was appointed to the Mission at Camberwell, where he remained until his removal to Weybridge a few years ago. During his missionary life he gathered into the Catholic schools many hundreds of Irish children, and on more than one occasion fought strenuously with various authorities for the possession of Irish Catholic children whose faith was endangered. He was a warm and generous friend of the National cause in Camberwell, and frequently addressed meetings in the schools of the parish on Irish questions.

FRANCE—A Military Chaplain

A noble and venerable son of France has passed away. Monsignor Lanusse, the chaplain of the military college of St. Cyr, has died at the age of 87. He was of the type of the fighting priests of the middle ages, this white-haired, upright old man, upon whose soutane were half a dozen military medals. In 1865 he had, without leave from his Bishop, gone out to Mexico with the French army. Five years later he was with the army in the Franco-German war, was wounded at Sedan, and had the enamel of his Cross of the Legion of Honor broken by a spent bullet. When all the military chaplains of France were dismissed by law Gambetta retained the Abbe Lanusse, and each successive Government of France has confirmed his position. As Gambetta said: 'The lads who are to be the officers of the French army can never hope to find a better mentor.' During the last thirty years of his life Monsignor Lanusse compiled what is, perhaps, the most extraordinary manuscript history of his life and times, written in a small, neat hand and illustrated with pictures of battles in which he took part, and with portraits of famous men he has met, all drawn and painted by himself. The initial letters of the paragraphs

are beautifully illuminated. This book, a triumph of patience, is in 220 great folio volumes. Monsignor Lanusse has left it to the French National Library.

GERMANY—The League of the Cross

The League of the Cross appears to be making headway in Germany. A branch was established the other day at Elberfeld. The principle upon which it is conducted there is 'Moderation for all and total abstinence for some, especially for those who drink to excess.'

A Cardinal's Advice

Cardinal Fischer, Archbishop of Cologne, visited Essen recently and addressed a crowded meeting of Catholic working men in the large hall of the Stadtgarten. The advice he gave deserves the attention of Catholic toilers in every country. There were, he observed, some who would fain persuade them that the condition of the working classes was to be improved without any thought of the Author of life, nay in opposition to His holy law. Against these Catholic workmen must be on their guard. They denied the moral order ordained by God, set class against class, and spoke of a social revolution. Such men were like the people referred to by Our Lord in the Gospel who built their houses on sand. Whilst uttering this warning, the Cardinal-Archbishop was far from discountenancing union with non-Catholics in social organisations. On the contrary, he told his hearers that they ought to work hand in hand with non-Catholics of Evangelical principles who are endeavoring to find a solution for social problems. Denominational bickerings he unreservedly condemned, remarking that all who have national interests at heart should treat one another with mutual good-will and confidence. His Eminence's language bears the impress of genuine Christian charity.

ROME—Irish Prelates

The following members of the Irish hierarchy were in Rome about the middle of November: His Grace Most Rev. Thomas Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel; Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor; and the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross.

Impressions of the Holy Father

Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan's first impressions of the person of Pius X. will be found interesting. 'I was at once struck by the fact that not one of the photographs I have seen of the Holy Father represents him as he really is to-day. The strong, rugged features they show may describe him as he was twenty years ago, but Pius X., who is now in his seventieth year, looks considerably older than they depict him. Age had only deepened the expression of gentleness and amiability on his face. Everybody knows now about the sweetness of his smile when his features light up, but what fascinated me most of all was the wonderful blending, amiability and seriousness in his countenance.'

Lecture at the Irish College

The Rev. P. C. Yorke, of San Francisco, delivered an address about the ideals of an Irish student, at the Irish College, on November 9. Besides the Rector and students, there were present the Bishop of Salford and other guests, including a contingent of students from the English College. The Very Rev. Father David Fleming, O.F.M., occupied the chair. At the end, after the chairman's words of thanks, the Bishop of Salford spoke at length, arousing great interest, on the Gaelic revival movement, which he hoped would succeed and make Ireland bilingual; on the meaning of national sentiment in a country, the force of which in Italy had not, he said, been duly appreciated by the North-European nations; and the movement of social amelioration which is going forward in Ireland. These three subjects formed the theme of Father Yorke's lecture, which had been heard with much admiration by the auditory.

The Holy Father and Poland

The Holy Father, according to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, has sent to the Catholic Bishop of Kielce, in Poland, an instruction forbidding him to take part in Church processions of a political character.

Forthcoming Beatifications

It is stated that beatifications to take place in April next will include those of the Carmelites guillotined in Compiègne during the French Revolution, and Spanish Dominicans martyred in Tonkin.

UNITED STATES—The Catholic University

Cardinal Gibbons in a letter to the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States gives an encouraging account of the finances of the Catholic University, Washington. He says: 'What seemed for a time the gravest of disasters has served, in the Providence of God, as a means of proving the invincible devotion of Catholics to their institutions.'

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The bridge over the Zambesi river, Victoria Falls, East Africa, was formally opened recently in the presence of the visiting members of the British Association. Professor Darwin made the opening speech. He commented on the remarkable achievement which permitted a party travelling in electric-lighted saloon cars to visit a place which heroic explorers had spent months of fruitless endeavors to reach. The bridge over the Zambesi river, the highest in the world, was finished on April 1, 1905, thus completing another link in the Cape-to-Cairo railway. The bridge, which is of the cantilever style, is 420 feet above the river at low water and crosses over the gorge at Victoria Falls. The bridge was built by an English company on the girder pattern. It is constructed in three spans and has a width of thirty feet. The work was commenced simultaneously from both banks of the river, an electric motor cable with a span of 900 feet, the largest thing of its kind yet attempted, carrying the material from one side to the other. The bridge has ten bays in all, and at the rate of construction was estimated at about two bays a month.

Vagaries of the Gulf Stream.

The exceptional resistance encountered by trans-Atlantic steamers on their journeys to America has aroused not a little interest among oceanographers. So great indeed has been some of the resistance offered that some of the vessels fell short of their usual daily runs by 25 to 40 miles when within two days of the United States. Along the Southern Atlantic coast the velocity of the Gulf Stream fluctuates between one and a half and two knots an hour. As it travels northwards the speed gradually reduces until, when the Stream reaches Nova Scotia, it is so far widened and grown so shallow that it is almost imperceptible. It sometimes happens, however, that the speed does not diminish, and that it even increases as the current changes its course. At times the north-western limits of the Gulf Stream approach New England and Nova Scotia more closely than at others. Naturally, such marked changes are not without their effect on climate. A change is noted in the movement of the air over the ocean. Indeed, it is not improbable that the change in the direction of air motion is the direct cause of the change in the Gulf Stream's motion.

Home-made Electrical Machine.

Cut a stiff piece of paper into an oval or a circle of nearly the size of a common tea tray. Fasten it to two upright handles, one at each end, both made of paper, and attached by means of sealing wax. Now take any common tea tray that you may be able to borrow in the house and lay it on top of two glasses. These will furnish the insulation. Warm the paper disc thoroughly on the stove till it is as dry as it can possibly be. Then lay it on the table and brush it violently with a common cloth brush. If you spread a piece of silk or a rubber sheet under it so much the better, though it is not necessary. The friction has made the paper electric. Lift it from the table, lay it on the tea tray, and approach a corner of it with the knuckle of your finger or with a sharp metal point. A spark will leap out from it immediately. Now you have an electric battery in a most simple form. By rubbing the paper as often as it loses its electricity, it is possible to get enough sparks to load a Leyden jar or any other form of small electric storage battery.

A very simple Leyden jar can be made by filling a tumbler half full with shot and sticking an iron or silver spoon into it. By letting the sparks from the tea tray leap continually to the spoon the tumbler-jar finally will accumulate so much electricity that it will be extremely uncomfortable to get a shock from it.

St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, has received £251 19s 1d from the Hospital Saturday and Sunday fund and £15 from the Wilson estate annual subscription.

The Home

By 'Maureen'

COOKING FOR INVALIDS.

In the preparation of food for invalids three very important things should be remembered. Firstly, the food should be well cooked; secondly, it should be well served; and thirdly, it should be well under the amount allowed. If it be necessary when in health to have well cooked food, how much more so is it when the body is wasted, the digestion impaired, and the desire for food diminished. No trouble should be spared in the preparation of food for invalids, otherwise it is likely to become more hurtful than helpful. When properly cooked it is most essential that it should be served in a dainty and tempting manner, for there is always a certain amount of fastidiousness about invalids that must be allowed for, even those who in health are most easily pleased being no objection to the rule. So that every effort should be made to create an appetite. It is necessary that the quantity of food should be small, for nothing is more effective in inducing an invalid to try as just a little quantity. Often this little creates a desire for just a little more, where the full amount may cause a dislike for the food even when well cooked. Those having care of the sick will find attention to these points act like magic in dispelling fastidiousness in the matter of food.

Custard.

Beat up 1 new-laid egg, add 1 teaspoonful sugar and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk; pour into a greased cup and steam for about 20 minutes.

Arrowroot.

Mix a teaspoonful of arrowroot to a smooth paste with a little cold milk, pour on boiling milk until cup is full, stirring all the time to prevent it becoming lumpy, add a pinch of salt and sugar to taste. If wine is to be added use water instead of milk.

Fish for an Invalid.

Put $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk on the fire to get hot, when quite hot put in any white fish, and allow it to cook about 20 minutes. When done put on a hot dish. Mix 1 teaspoonful of cornflour to a smooth paste with a little milk, then add the milk in which fish was cooked, stir over the fire until it boils. Pour sauce over fish, and garnish with cut lemons and parsley.

Jelly for an Invalid.

Take $\frac{1}{2}$ oz gelatine, 6oz lump sugar, two eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint cold water, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint lemon juice. Rub sugar on to lemon rind, then put it into a saucepan with the sugar and gelatine; when quite dissolved add strained lemon juice; just let it come to the boil, then remove from fire. Have eggs well beaten in a basin, pour jelly gradually on, stirring all the time. Allow to cool a little, then pour into a wet mould, and turn out when quite cold.

Barley Water.

Put 2 tablespoonfuls of pearl barley and water into a saucepan on the fire. When water boils pour it away. Add 1 pint of fresh cold water, bring it to the boil and then let simmer until the water looks milky. A bit of lemon rind peeled thinly kept in it for a while to extract the flavor is an improvement. Then strain and sweeten.

In cooking for invalids remember that milk which has been standing any time in a jug should always be carefully poured into another, leaving a little at the bottom, for this portion of the milk is injurious to health and has been often known to cause typhoid fever.

Maureen

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CHRISTCHURCH

INTERCOLONIAL

A pleasing ceremony took place in the Cardinal's Hall, Sydney, on Christmas Day immediately after the 11 o'clock Mass, when the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran was made the recipient of a beautifully illuminated and framed address by the members of the Cathedral choir. The presentation was made by the popular conductor, Mr. J. A. Delany, who said it was the very great pleasure of the members of the choir to have an opportunity of offering their sincere congratulations on the high honor which his Holiness the Pope had conferred on Dr. O'Haran by elevating him to the distinguished rank of Prothonotary Apostolic, and their gratification was emphasised by the fact that Dr. O'Haran was the first priest in Australia raised to that dignity. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran sincerely thanked Mr. Delany and the members of the choir for the address, and referred to the great work accomplished by the choir under the direction of Mr. Delany.

The reappearance of Miss Amy Castles at the Queen's Hall, London, on November 21, after three years of study in Paris, drew a densely crowded audience. It was soon seen that Miss Castles had made a wonderful advance since her debut in St. James' Hall. She is now a highly-trained and finished vocalist, ready and qualified to appear in high opera with positive certainty of success, and every promise of developing into a second Melba. Her singing of the mad scene of Ophelia in Ambroise Thomas' famous opera, 'Hamlet,' was quite a revelation, and evoked prolonged and enthusiastic applause. In a pen-picture of the occasion by Mr. J. F. Hogan it is remarked that 'the scene of delight and spontaneous enthusiasm was a veritable crowning of the young Australian queen of song, who is evidently destined to eclipse all her predecessors from the land of the Southern Cross.' The 'Standard' says she is 'one of the very few singers who can give unqualified delight by sheer beauty of voice'; and the 'Daily News' remarks that her voice has 'more power of expression than Melba's, and is more varied in quality.'

The death of Bernard Bede Kieran, the wonderful swimming champion of Australia, in the flower of his athletic fame, at the age of nineteen (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), is one of the saddest reminders of the uncertainty of life. Kieran had just returned from England, where he had won laurels in the swimming season and put up records unapproached by others. Instead of resting at his home in Sydney, he entered for events in Brisbane with his usual brilliant success. That he was unwise in doing so is now apparent, for advices that followed him from England warned his friends that he needed rest. But the words of warning came too late to be acted upon, and Kieran was stricken down in Brisbane with appendicitis, an operation for which seemed successful, until he suddenly weakened and died. The funeral on Boxing Day was a great popular demonstration of sympathy. Ferry steamers and trains to North Sydney, whence the funeral moved to the pretty little cemetery at Gore Hill, were taxed to their utmost capacity. The Rev. Father O'Dowling, S.J., of St. Mary's, North Sydney, read the prayers for the dead prior to the removal of the coffin remains from the residence at Burton street, and also officiated at the graveside.

On Sunday, December 31, at the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Dr. M. U. O'Sullivan was invested with the insignia of the Order of Commendatore of St. Gregory the Great. A procession of the Archbishop, clergy, and acolytes, preceded by Dr. O'Sullivan and Mr. W. H. Archer, K.S.G., entered the sanctuary before Mass. His Grace proceeded to the throne, and Dr. O'Sullivan knelt before him. The most rev. prelate read the Latin formula, and having blessed the cross, etc., invested the recipient with the insignia of the distinguished Order of Commendatore. The insignia is a Maltese cross suspended from the neck by a scarlet ribbon. The new Knight Commander kissed the episcopal ring and, with Mr. Archer, took his place in the sanctuary. The ceremony, though short, was witnessed with much interest by the large congregation, which included a number of public men. In the course of his sermon the Archbishop said that a great honor had been conferred by the Pope on the city of Melbourne in bestowing that distinguished title on one of its worthy citizens. That favor showed how deep an interest the Supreme Pontiff took in this distant part of the Church. One of the most devoted children of his Holiness had been invested with a distinguished Order. The recipient was reminded by that to be ever ready to defend the interests of the Church and the Holy See.

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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- January 14, Sunday.—Second Sunday after the Epiphany. The Most Holy Name of Jesus.
- " 15, Monday.—St. Ita, Virgin.
- " 16, Tuesday.—St. Fursey, Abbot.
- " 17, Wednesday.—St. Anthony, Abbot.
- " 18, Thursday.—St. Peter's Chair at Rome.
- " 19, Friday.—St. Canute, Martyr.
- " 20, Saturday.—SS. Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs.

The Holy Name of Jesus.

St. Paul tells us that Our Lord 'humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. For which cause God also hath exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above all names; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.' The object of the Church in instituting the feast which we celebrate to-day was to bring before her children the sacredness of the name of Jesus, and to make atonement for the sins of those who use it irreverently.

St. Ita, Virgin.

St. Ita was born in the south of Ireland. She has always been held in great esteem in the district in which she lived, but, unfortunately, few details of her life have come down to us. She died in 570, and is styled by Colgan, the second St. Brigid of Ireland.

St. Fursey, Abbot.

St. Fursey was born in the west of Ireland, and was of noble parentage. He spent a portion of his life in England, where he founded a monastery, in the county of Suffolk. Passing over to France, he continued to labor zealously for the advancement of religion until his death in 650. The remains of St. Fursey are still preserved at Peronne, in the neighborhood of Amiens.

St. Anthony, Abbot.

St. Anthony was a native of Upper Egypt. He was left by his father in the possession of considerable wealth, but as soon as practicable he made over his property to the poor, and retired into the desert, where for many years he led a life of remarkable austerity. He died in 356, at the age of 105.

Chair of St. Peter at Rome.

This feast commemorates the residence and pontificate of St. Peter at Rome. At first he had fixed his See at Antioch, but thinking it advisable that the Supreme head of the Church should reside in the capital of the then known world, he came to Rome. His residence there extended, according to the more commonly received opinion, from A.D. 42 to his martyrdom in 67.

St. Canute, Martyr.

St. Canute was King of Denmark. He used every endeavor to solidly establish the Christian religion, which had some time previously been introduced into Denmark, and to bring about the conversion of those of his subjects who still adhered to paganism. His zeal won for him the martyr's crown, A.D. 1086.

Saints Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs.

St. Fabian was elected Pope in 236, and governed the Church for fourteen years. His life, like that of so many of the early Popes, was closed by martyrdom, A.D. 250.

St. Sebastian was an officer of high rank in the Imperial Guard. Owing to his virtue and courage, he was much esteemed by the Emperor Diocletian, and was enabled by the influence thus acquired to protect numbers of his persecuted fellow-Christians. He was beaten to death with clubs about the year 288.

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