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Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

Current Topics

Our Girls

'Parents,' says an American contemporary, 'if you neglect to teach your daughters domestic work; if you fail to impress upon them that when marriage calls a girl to a high and holy state of life and motherhood, if they are ignorant of household duties, their existence and the peace of home will be imperilled. A young girl contemplating marriage owes it as a duty to herself and to her husband and offspring, that she should understand the practical care of a home. Unfortunately there are too many young girls who give heedless thought to domestic work, and who could not boil water without supervision. There will be no domestic bliss, no peace, no harmony in married life when a woman is ignorant of household duties. Learn all you can from mother, girls. When the "old folks" sleep in the City of the Dead, and the home is broken up, if you have made preparation, the struggle for life will be easy.'

Our convent schools were probably the first to take serious and systematic steps towards restoring the shattered balance between the useful and the ornamental in the education of our girls. Some of them have steadily insisted on their pupils learning the useful arts of cookery, housewifery, etc., as well as sundry accomplishments, and snippets of a dozen sciences that (in accordance with the present tyrant fashion in education) are forced, against time, into their minds. 'Art is long and time is fleeting.' But time is too often set before art. And the system of getting so many 'ologies beneath the skin in a given time tends to produce a mental condition akin to that which gives rise to the monstrous diseased liver (foie gras) in the Strassburg goose. In mental as well as in bodily patulum, sufficient time must be given for the process of assimilation. Marriage is (or ought to be) the common lot of the convent-trained girl. For that reason we plead, with our American contemporary, for the turning-out of sweet domesticated maidens rather than incipient blue-stockings or brilliant executants, or smart sayers of airy nothings. Give us more Margaret Ropers, and we shall be satisfied with fewer girl 'virtuosas' and matriculated infant prodigies.

Moreover, men (or women, for that matter) do not live on angel-cake or oyster-patties alone. Neither is their raiment, in the main, a labyrinth of fancy needle-work and velvet bazaar-cushions. These be merely the

frills and trimmings of life. Therefore, sweet gentle-folk, a little more plain sewing, and plain darning, and unromantic everyday mending, and plain cookery are in order. It is, no doubt, very pretty to be able to cook a dainty dish to lay before a king. But the average house-father has no special relish, after a hard day's grind, for a plate of fluffy-looking kitchen stuff with a foreign name that would break his incisor teeth to pronounce. And in many cases he cannot well afford to invest fifty shillings in a cookery-school battery of implements to grill sixpenn'orth of chops. Sit modus in rebus—which, being interpreted, is an appeal for common-sense and moderation in things in general, including the training of our budding maidens in the art and craft of housewifery. The young gudewife may be able to charm her lord with the strains of Beethoven's Sonata in B. But what is she in the home of the worker or bourgeois if her cookery would kill the king of all the microbes? Brillart-Savarin lays it down as a maxim in his 'Physiologie du Gout' that a nation's happiness depends upon the food it eats. The happiness of a family does, to a greater extent than some people imagine. The fond little wife of a noted English author once said of him to Max O'Rell: 'He says it is all owing to the way I feed him that he is able to give such great thoughts to the world, and that as long as I look after his digestion, and believe in him, he'll write the books. Isn't he a dear?' And (said Max) so was she. The same witty French writer traces the melancholy of the British character to the deadly weight of roast beef and plum-pudding—this latter was formerly and very appropriately written 'plumb' (that is, leaden) pudding. Max may be right or wrong. But among mere men, and among many women, the kitchen is said to be the seat of much domestic infelicity—the chief laboratory of our national dyspepsia. And this, in turn, is the grand asset of our army of physicians and pill-vendors and clamorous quacks. May this friendly growl be a word to the wise.

A Marriage Fiction Dissected

A New Zealand contemporary has on its staff a writer who is, like one of Sheridan's noted characters, gifted with a free tongue and a bold invention. 'Marriage,' said he in the latest issue, 'was not solemnised in churches or as a religious rite until the time of Pope Innocent III. (A.D. 1198), and was not considered a Sacrament till 1442.'

No evidence is, of course, tendered. No references are given. The public are seriously asked to swallow, without sniffing at it, the uncorroborated statement of

a writer without a name. The story is set down as a 'fact' about marriage. But the 'fact' happens to be a sheer fiction—the sort of slapdash romance that is all too frequently contributed to the columns of the secular press by slipshod amateurs who fancy they know something about Church history and theology, and can impart that knowledge to others. The subject is much too vast for anything but the most summary treatment in the limited space of an editorial paragraph. A few brief references, however, from Christian antiquity will suffice to enable our readers to mark how plain a tale can put down the anonymous writer's story.

The Anglican Dean of Lichfield, in his 'History of Marriage' (p. 43), says, writing of the presence and miracle of Christ at the marriage feast of Cana in Galilee:—

'None can doubt that the benediction which He gave to the bride and the bridegroom at Cana of Galilee must have impressed the guests and spectators with a new and sacred sense of its (matrimony's) forgotten dignity. The early Church, a true exponent of its Founder's mind, had no hesitation in interpreting His presence as indicative of His desire to sanctify afresh the union of man and wife, and to bless it in the name of Him "by Whose gracious gift mankind is increased."'

The great St. Ambrose, for instance, died in the year 397—over a thousand years in advance of the magic date 1112. Yet in his 'De Abraham' (i., 7) he describes matrimony as a 'grace-conferring mystery or Sacrament. So does St. Augustine ('Tract. IX. in Joann.'), who flitted to the Better Land in the year 130. So, too, does St. Cyril of Alexandria ('Joannis Evang.', cap. ii., 1-11), who passed to the higher life in 411. Much more might be said as to the mind of the Church, both in East and West, in regard to the sacramental character of Christian marriage before the year of grace 1112. The writer in question confounded two things that are quite distinct: the belief of the Church in regard to marriage, and the formulating of that belief in the shape of a dogmatic decree. The Catholic teaching regarding marriage is now held by a large and growing section of Anglican Protestants. In the fifth edition of 'A Manual of Instruction for Members of the Anglican Church,' by the Rev. Vernon Staley, we read, for instance, (p. 273): 'Holy Matrimony, or Marriage, is the Sacrament which hallows the union of man and woman, and bestows upon them the grace to live together in godliness and love.'

'There is no doubt,' says Procter (Anglican), in his 'History of the Book of Common Prayer' (17th ed., pp. 405-6), 'that marriage has been solemnised with religious rites from the earliest times of the Christian Church.' And in his 'History of Marriage,' Dean Luckock (also an Anglican), says (p. 43): 'From the very beginning of Christianity, the sacred character of the marriage rite asserted itself, and the presence of the bishop or priest to conduct the service was made indispensable.' St. Ignatius of Antioch, for instance, required the marriage ceremony should be performed only by the counsel or direction of the bishop (Ep. ad Polycarp., n. 5). And be it noted that St. Ignatius died about the year 107, in the very dawn of the Christian faith. Here is an extract from Tertullian, who died about the year 240 ('Ad Uxor. ii., 9):—

'Unde sufficimus ad enarrandam felicitatem ejus matrimonii quod ecclesia conciliat, et confirmat oblatione, et obsignat benedictione, angeli renunciant, Pater noster ratio habet?'

Thus, nearly a thousand years before the days of Pope Innocent III., Tertullian finds himself unable to express the happiness of a marriage that is brought about by the procurement of the Church, confirmed by the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass, and sealed and sanctified by the blessing of the priest. What further need is there to add testimony to testimony—to

cite Fathers and Councils for a matter that is within the knowledge of every tyro in liturgical and ecclesiastical history? But the scrap of dislocated historical romance which we have been criticising serves to point a moral. And the moral is, the danger to faith that is incurred by those of our co-religionists who bar the Catholic paper out of their homes, and make the secular press their sole journalistic gospel.

The Best-guarded Secret

A paragraph in the current issue of the 'N.Z. Grocer' (Wellington) has set some sensitive Catholic readers asking themselves:

'Are things what they seem?
Or is visions about?'

Here is how the story, as told by the 'Grocer,' runs:—

'A woman was charged at Greenwich with the unlawful possession of two Gladstone bags. A clergyman refused to give evidence which he had received from the woman "as a priest and in confidence," and which might have proved the woman's guilt. The magistrate informed him that for this refusal he could be committed to prison for seven days. He still declined to give evidence, and was accordingly removed to the cells. The woman was remanded. Subsequently the clergyman consented to give evidence.'

A big percentage of the readers of the 'Grocer' have probably taken this to be a case in which a Catholic priest revealed a sacramental confession, or part of a sacramental confession, to a civil court. But it was nothing of the kind. The clergyman in question was an Anglican. He described himself, in his evidence, as a 'priest' of the Church of England. Only that and nothing more. No Catholic priest appeared in the case. The seal of sacramental confession never entered into dispute. And there was no violation of that sacred priestly trust. The substance of this correction has been sent for publication to our Wellington contemporary, and will, no doubt, appear in its columns in due course.

It was said of von Moltke: 'Er konnte in sieben Sprachen—schweigen': he had learned the art of holding his tongue in seven languages. But the Catholic priest knows something better than the mere cunning that uses words to conceal thoughts. To him the seal of confession differs from every other form of human secret. Without the full and free consent of the penitent, no revelation may—even to save the life of the confessor—he made of any part of the matter of confession: of any mortal or venial sin disclosed in confession; nor of the circumstances of any sin; nor of any secret defect brought to light in the confession of sins; nor of the sins of accomplices; nor of the penance imposed; nor, in brief, of anything that goes to make confession burdensome to the penitent. And this sigillum or seal of confession binds the priest not alone to the outside world: it binds him even towards the penitent, so that he may not by word, act, look, gesture, sign, altered demeanor, or in any other way, reveal to him outside of the sacred tribunal his sense or remembrance of anything that he has heard within it. Moreover: the priest is bound never to disclose even the smallest tittle of what comes under the sacred sigillum. No door—not a chink—is left open for the gradual entry of laxity into this relation of sacred confidence between penitent and priest. The silence is—apart from the full and free consent of the penitent—absolute and eternal. The old Spanish proverbial saying phrases it well: 'A secret known to two persons is God's secret; a secret among three is all men's property.' The secret of the confessional is in an especial way 'God's secret,' for in a real sense it is less known than if it were never known. It is the figure of the sins of the truly repentant that are thrown into the deep and silent places of the sea, where they shall never again be cast up, either upon the shores of time or of eternity.

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History has furnished no instance in which a confessor has proved unfaithful to this sacred trust. It has furnished many cases in which priests have faced imprisonment, and even death, when occasion demanded it, rather than violate the obligation of perpetual secrecy. Thus, St. John of Nepomuk endured chains and dungeons rather than reveal the secret of confession to the tyrant Wenceslaus of Bohemia. And his lips were still sealed when the waters of the Moldav closed them in endless silence. But he is only one of many sufferers for the seal. Some of our Irish readers may, for instance, recall the long imprisonment of Father Gahan in a Dublin gaol for 'contempt of court' arising out of his resolute refusal to disclose matters which could have come to his knowledge, if at all, only through the confessional. Precisely similar experiences befell Father McLaughlin, of Ayr (Scotland) many years ago, and Father Giles, of Notre Dame, Montreal (Canada), in 1896. The locks of their prison-cells opened at last. But the bolt was never shot that held the secrets committed to them, not as men, but as ministers of the Most High God.

The present generation has witnessed at least two cases of more heroic mould. One was that of Father Kobylowicz, parish priest of Oranon, in Kiev (Russian Poland). In 1853 he was found guilty of murder and sentenced to penal servitude in the mines of Siberia. Twenty years later (in 1873) the organist of his church lay dying. He confessed that he was the murderer, that he had used Father Kobylowicz's gun to commit the deed of blood, and that, in a remorseful mood, he had confessed his crime to the priest. A 'pardon' was made out. But the martyr-priest's soul had flitted before it arrived. He had endured the slow martyrdom of the Siberian mines for twenty years. He had borne that far keener agony—the dread ceremony of public degradation, at Zhitomeer. And he spoke not. He carried his heavy cross with him in sacred silence to the grave. In 1891, Father Lutz, an American priest, endured in silence the shame of a conviction for robbery from a sick penitent, coupled with a sentence of ten years' penal servitude. But one happy day, a document was found among the papers of Father Lutz's supposed victim, then dead. It showed that the money supposed to have been stolen had been entrusted to the priest to be restored to a third person. So Father Lutz was released. The romantic story of the Abbe Dumoulin is more recent still. It was told by us some years ago in full detail, partly from the French press, partly from an appreciative article in the 'Sydney Morning Herald' in the early part of 1898. It was briefly this: that the Abbe (a priest of the archdiocese of Aix, France), with the secret of the confessional locked up in his breast, allowed himself to be tried, convicted, and sentenced for a murder committed by another. For three years, Father Dumoulin wore the prison garb, and toiled under a tropical sun in New Caledonia, herding with the basest outcasts of society. Then the real murderer's remorse compelled him to present himself before the authorities and declare his crime. Even among the human weeds that the Popes have thrown over their garden wall, every form of human frailty has respected the 'still-born silence' which guards for ever the portals of God's tribunal of mercy, the Sacrament of Penance.

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Christchurch Cathedral

First Anniversary Celebration

(From our own correspondent.)

The distinguished prelates, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat, who so graciously and generously acceded to the request of his Lordship Bishop Grimes to participate in the anniversary ceremonies in connection with the dedication of the Christchurch Cathedral on Sunday, arrived on Friday morning, journeying from Wellington in the 'Rotomahana.' The illustrious visitors met with a most cordial reception at Lyttelton. Those present included the Right Rev. Bishop Grimes, the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, Rev. Fathers Marnane, Cooney, Price, Ahern, Mahony, O'Connell, Peoples, and Rev. Gilbert. Representing the laity were Messrs. E. O'Connor, J. Barrett, T. O'Connell, and J. R. Hlayward. The visitors were greeted at the Christchurch railway station by a fairly numerous gathering, considering the somewhat inconvenient hour, and, entering open carriages, the party were driven to the episcopal residence. Here striking preparations had been made for their reception. Over the entrance gateway an arch of foliage and flowers bearing the inscription in golden lettering—'Welcome to our distinguished visitors and illustrious prelates' was erected, thence along the drive were festoons and garlands of flowers and foliage on each side. The children of the convent schools and Marist Brothers' boys' school were drawn up along the drive to welcome the guests, who were here received by the Very Rev. Vicar-General. As the visitors drove up the Cathedral bells rang out a merry peal, and on alighting the children of the Convent High School sang a song of welcome. At this the prelates were delighted, and the children were heartily thanked by his Grace the Archbishop, who afterwards gave them his blessing and added to the happiness of the occasion by announcing a holiday. The visiting prelates were then introduced to the teachers in charge of the children.

THE CEREMONIES.

There were the usual early Masses in the Cathedral on Sunday, that at half-past nine being celebrated by the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, of Oamaru. Just before eleven o'clock an imposing procession of prelates and clergy left the episcopal residence and entered the Cathedral. The musical chimes of the bells, greeting the approach, at this moment were stilled; the organ pealed out the 'Ecce Sacerdos Magnus,' the choir taking up the refrain as the procession filed up the Cathedral and into the sanctuary. Solemn Pontifical Mass was then proceeded with. His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch, was celebrant, the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., was assistant priest, the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty and Rev. Father Marnane deacons of honor at the throne, the Rev. Father Richards deacon, and Rev. Father Delany subdeacon of the Mass, and Rev. Father O'Connell and Rev. Father Cooney masters of ceremonies. The Rev. Father Mahony acted as chaplain to the Archbishop of Melbourne, and Rev. Father Peoples to the Bishop of Ballarat. Others of the clergy in the sanctuary were Rev. Father Khouri (Marounite) and Rev. Gilbert. The music of the Mass was Gounod's 'Messe Troisième.' Mr. H. H. Loughnan conducted, and Miss Katie Young was organist.

The preacher was his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat, who from the text 'I have loved O Lord the beauty of Thy house and the place where Thy glory dwelleth' delivered a very fine discourse, in the course of which he paid an eloquent tribute to the noble proportions of the building, to the untiring energy and zeal of Bishop Grimes, and to the generosity of his flock. Twelve months ago he said it had been their pleasure to be present at the opening ceremony by invitation of Bishop Grimes. The building which was then offered to the most High God was a gift that spoke more eloquently than human tongue could ever do; it was the outcome of years of anxious waiting, of patient exercise, of frugal thrift, and a general curtailment of personal needs in order that they might be enabled to carry out the work of the Church in this diocese. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the noble structure, standing out in its graceful details, spacious towers, and clustered columns, and praised the work of their illustrious prelate, Bishop Grimes, who had done so much towards its completion. It was

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right that the occasion should be made one of ceremonial pomp; the building spoke so eloquently of the love of the people for their Church. He congratulated them on an achievement that was not wanting in the proudest traditions of their faith, and concluded with an earnest appeal that they should rally round their Bishop with contributions for the fund. 'I ask you,' he said, 'to recognise that it is your sacred duty to contribute your share to the liquidation of the debt.'

VESPERS.

In the evening his Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat officiated at Solemn Pontifical Vespers, attended by the Very Rev. Dean Ginity and Rev. Father Marnane. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, Right Rev. Bishop Grimes, and Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay were present in the sanctuary, the various positions of the clergy being allotted as in the morning. The preacher was the Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne, who selected for his text IV. Kings, chapter xii., 20-21, 'And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the robbers from Moab came into the land the same year.' He delivered an eloquent, learned, and most instructive discourse on the Catholic doctrine of the veneration of saints and the holy relics. His Grace said that the distinctive ceremony of that night was not often witnessed. Though relics were often exposed on Cathedral altars, it was seldom that their number was large enough to need a special chapel where they would be enshrined. Many of the people's children, and their children's children, would kneel before that chapel to invoke the intercession of the saints whose relics were enshrined there. The Archbishop then gave reasons why the relics were subjects for veneration, and he gave an explanation of the relative meanings of devotion, veneration, and adoration. The first condition of proper devotion, he said, was a right understanding. Unless devotion was on an intelligent basis it was apt to degenerate into superstition. With regard to veneration, people outside the Catholic Church had very imperfect or exaggerated ideas. Veneration or worship was the acknowledgment of the superior excellence of another being and submission to that being, in consequence of that superior excellence. It was obvious that the excellence which one person might recognise in another might be natural or supernatural, founded on the gifts of nature or the gifts of God's grace. If a man excelled his fellow-men in any remarkable manner by natural gifts, they would be willing to extend veneration on account of those gifts. Thus England venerated her Shakespeare or Wellington, Ireland her O'Connell, and so on through every country. Even in Australasia, already monuments were being erected to men of either Australasian or European fame. This truth was so constant, so widespread, so universal, that it must be taken as the voice of nature herself. This veneration was not confined to the men while they lived or to their memories after their death, but extended to all things with which they had been associated. The sword with which the warrior had fought, the pen which the poet had used, even the clothes that great men had worn, were treasured as mementoes. But that night the people were considering the veneration that was shown to men on account of supernatural gifts, the gifts of God's grace, of which they had been the possessors. This might be a created and limited, or uncreated and infinite supernatural excellence. The first could be found in men, but the second belonged only to God. He alone was infinite in excellence, and, as the veneration for any being depended on the extent of the excellence, it followed that to God was due the supreme veneration. To creatures a veneration was offered, differing not alone in degree but in kind from the adoration offered to the Almighty. Catholics were accused of adoring the Blessed Virgin and worshipping the saints in the same manner as they adored the Almighty, but there was an essential and infinite difference in the two attitudes. The veneration exhibited towards any being might be either absolute or relative. For instance, members of Parliament bowed when passing the mace, out of respect for the authority that it represented, and veneration for pictures and statues was usually due to the associations connected with them. The cross was venerated, not for its own sake, but for the memory that it brought to mind, and this was, therefore, a relative veneration. Veneration was absolute when it depended on something intrinsic. All this would go to explain the veneration for the relics of Christ's saints. Was there proof that this veneration was acceptable to God? The preacher would answer that this veneration was both acceptable to God and profitable to the people. He gave instances which, he said, went to prove that God had given His sanction to the veneration of relics, mentioning the bones of Elisha, the mantle of Elias, the rod of Moses. Coming to the New Testament, he said that Christ by the clothing that he had

worn had cured a woman of a disease, thus confirming her faith and sanctioning her practice. Similarly, sick people had set themselves in the streets of Jerusalem so that the shadow of St. Peter would fall on them, and many had thus been restored to corporal health. Whether the early Church was right or wrong, it certainly believed that veneration of relics of saints was not only lawful, but highly profitable. That had been the faith of the Church even from the time of the Apostles. This Cathedral, his Grace concluded, was dowered with a very large collection of relics of martyrs, virgins, and confessors, and they were all well authenticated. No one could say that they were not genuine. The Church was careful to ensure that no relic should be exposed for veneration unless it was. He prayed that God, by the intercession of the saints whose relics would be placed in the new chapel would preserve the Cathedral itself and bless the people. Finally, he appealed to the people to relieve Bishop Grimes from the anxiety, care, and responsibility entailed by the debt, and so let him enjoy a peaceful mind. Though a large amount of money had yet to be raised, still, through the providence of God and the people's co-operation, he hoped that the necessary sum would soon be raised. Thus the Bishop's mind would be freed for the prosecution of other great and glorious work in the diocese.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY RELICS.

A special feature of the day's celebrations was the inauguration ceremony of the Chapel of the Holy Relics. Overshadowing the altar of the chapel is a facsimile of the Holy Face, richly encased. In the centre of the altar stands a richly jewelled reliquary containing a piece of the True Cross, one of the largest fragments of the kind in existence. Arranged in proper order in chaste caskets and reliquaries on the altar are a great number of relics of saints collected in many lands. All these have been gathered by his Lordship Bishop Grimes during his ecclesiastical and episcopal life in various parts of the world, principally in Rome. Pope Leo XIII. and his successor, Pope Pius X., are the first on the list of donors, and then come Cardinals and Bishops who have liberally presented his Lordship with precious relics. The display filled the visiting prelates with surprise, and they expressed astonishment at the extent of the collection, all of which said the Archbishop of Melbourne during his discourse are well and truly authenticated.

Immediately after the sermon a procession of the Holy Relics was made in the Cathedral in the following order:—Cross bearer and acolytes, girls of the convent schools, Children of Mary, sanctuary boys, all with banners; clergy in dalmatics, each two bearing on their shoulders a repository of relics; following after each repository came the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, his Lordship Bishop Grimes, his Lordship Bishop Higgins, the Very Rev. Vicar-General, and his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, who bore the relic of the True Cross under a canopy carried by four Marist Brothers. At the end of the procession came the H.A.C.B.S. members with their banner.

After the relics were replaced on the altar of the chapel, his Grace the Archbishop from the high altar blessed the congregation with the relic of the True Cross.

CLOSE OF THE CEREMONIES.

Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by the Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, which terminated the day's impressive ceremonies. During Benediction the 'Te Deum' was sung in thanksgiving.

The Cathedral was crowded in the morning, and in the evening was literally thronged. Crowds had to be found standing room in the galleries which have not been used to accommodate the public since the memorable opening of the Cathedral. All the offertories of the day are to be devoted to the debt extinction fund. The amount contributed was not known at the time of writing.

At the termination of the day's ceremonies, his Lordship Bishop Grimes tendered his cordial and most grateful thanks to his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne and his Lordship Bishop Higgins of Ballarat for the distinguished part they had taken in the day's celebrations. This marked the third occasion in which the Archbishop of Melbourne had intimately identified himself with the noble Cathedral, and he (the Bishop) could not attempt to express all he owed to that illustrious prelate. A reception more befitting the high honor conferred upon the Catholics of Christchurch by the visit of the prelates on the present occasion, was the wish of himself, clergy, and laity, but the somewhat hurried nature of the arrangements and the early departure of their guests, precluded the attainment of their highest desire. He felt impelled to publicly make this explanation, which he trusted their illustrious visitors would accept.

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

February 10.

St. Patrick's College is to re-open on Thursday next.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne and Bishop Higgins of Ballarat reached the city on Thursday, and left for the south the same evening. As the clergy were on retreat, our distinguished visitors were met and entertained only by his Grace the Archbishop and the Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G.

Owing to the very inclement state of the weather on Sunday last, the opening of the Sacred Heart Convent by his Grace the Archbishop had to be postponed. In spite of the weather, however, quite a number of visitors called at the institution and were shown through the building by the Sisters.

The banquet given on Thursday night in the Town Hall to Sir Joseph Ward on the eve of his departure for Rome to attend the Postal Conference there, was in every respect a splendid tribute to the guest of the evening. It was a truly representative gathering of citizens, who were not prevented by political opinions from joining to show their keen appreciation of a very able and worthy public man. Quite a feature of the gathering was the high standard of the various speeches, that of Mr. C. P. Skerrett being especially fine.

The report and balance sheet of the local Young Men's Club, to be presented at the next half-yearly meeting, disclose highly satisfactory state of affairs. In fact, the term just closed ranks as one of the best yet enjoyed by the Club. A pleasing feature is the almost total absence of liabilities. The revenue for the term was so buoyant that the club was enabled to liquidate the debt on the piano recently purchased. The members are to be congratulated on the success achieved, which has been due to a great extent to the attention and ability of its executive. The question of the erection of a Catholic Hall will be brought under the consideration of members at the half-yearly meeting.

The executive of the Young Men's Federation is making preparations for the annual conference of delegates from the various affiliated societies to be held here during Easter week. Quite a number of delegates have intimated their intentions of being present. The executive has decided on the design of their diplomas, and the execution of them is now in the printer's hands. When completed they will present a very fine and artistic appearance, being designed in various colors, and containing the photograph of his Holiness and his Grace the Archbishop, with their respective coats of arms. Scenes typical of New Zealand also adorn the diplomas, which will be of merit and of honor.

The members of the newly-formed United Irish League met on Monday evening and arranged for the holding of a public meeting on Wednesday next, at which addresses will be delivered on the Irish question, and steps taken to raise funds for the Irish Parliamentary Party. A strong committee was set up to make the necessary preparations for the meeting next week.

I regret very much to record the death of Mr. Richard Duignan, which occurred early on Thursday morning. Deceased was a native of Roscommon, Ireland, arrived in Australia in 1862, and soon afterwards came to New Zealand, settling in Wellington, where he has remained ever since. He had been in ill-health for a considerable time, and succumbed to heart disease. Deceased was a very practical Catholic, generous on all occasions where the Church and its works were concerned, and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. He had attained the age of 67 years and leaves a son and four daughters, who have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 12.

His Lordship the Bishop intends leaving for Rome immediately after Easter, and expects to return to the diocese about the end of the year.

The Rev. Father C. Graham, S.M., who has been on a trip to Australia, passed his B.A. degree with honors, and has rejoined the staff of St. Patrick's College, Wellington.

The Particular Council, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, met at St. Mary's Presbytery, Manchester street, on last Tuesday. The president stated that all reports and details of New Zealand Conferences were now in the hands of the officers of the Superior Council, Sydney, for inclusion in the annual report to be issued shortly. By rotation, the next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 6.

Whilst giving evidence at the Waltham Orphanage inquiry—I remember, said the secretary of the Charitable Aid Board, 'getting two boys from the Orphanage into the Royal Navy. They turned out very well, very well indeed. One of them died, and the other is, I think, still in the Navy.' Amid the laughter of those around him, the secretary hastened to make his meaning clear by saying that one of the boys had turned out very well, and the other had been a model until he died.

The Cathedral girls' school renovation committee met on last Thursday evening week, when the secretary (Mr. M. O'Reilly) presented a balance sheet showing receipts and expenditure to date. Since taking up the work last July the committee have expended £114 8s 2d, the receipts being derived from the following sources: Collected at doors of Cathedral, £41; collected by members of the committee and school children, £31 15s; proceeds of 'Festa Oriental,' £26 3s 9d; discount, etc., £1 4s 2d. A debit balance is thus shown of about £11, which the committee intend clearing off before continuing the general scheme of improvement. This latter includes renewing the windows with more suitable glass for school purposes, extending the partitions of the various class-rooms with glass frames to the ceiling, and renewing the school furniture with more up-to-date appliances (new desks, etc.).

The pretty little tennis court at the 'Grove,' Brougham street, Sydenham (formerly part of the property lately acquired by the Sisters of Nazareth, who kindly granted the exclusive use of it to the Christchurch Catholic Club), was formally opened on last Saturday afternoon week by his Lordship Bishop Grimes in the presence of about 100 enthusiasts (members and friends). Several clubmen were early on the scene perfecting arrangements. Arriving on the grounds, his Lordship, accompanied by the Rev. Father O'Connell, was greeted with three hearty cheers by the gathering. In opening the court, the Bishop expressed pleasure at the duty he had accepted. He was pleased at the scene which was presented, and believed the members and their lady friends would spend many a pleasant hour in such an admirable playground. Good sport and recreation, such as tennis, tended in the right direction, and in the pursuit of such pleasant pastimes their lady friends could participate with social and physical advantage. Afternoon tea was provided by Mr. J. R. Hayward, president of the Club, and dispensed by Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. G. Dobbs, assisted by Miss McGill, Miss Cronin, and Miss M. Cronin. Members of the Club prominent in attending to the enjoyment of the visitors were Messrs. O'Reilly, Haydon, Canavan, Hallins, Kane, D. Carey, T. and D. O'Connell, and J. Mahar. Several photographs were obtained by Mr. J. Hilary, and the weather being perfect a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by players and onlookers. Quite a number of new members were enrolled on the ground. At the close of the proceedings Mr. G. Dobbs, on behalf of the Club, cordially thanked Mr. Hayward for the excellent arrangements carried out under his supervision. His remarks were followed by cheers for the president and Mrs. Hayward.

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

February 13.

Prelates and clergy visited Nazareth House on Monday morning, and were shown over the institution, of which they expressed great appreciation. Later on they went to Leeston in motor cars. On the way back they visited Mount Magdala, where they met with a most cordial reception and were suitably entertained. The visiting prelates leave by the midday express for the south to-day (Tuesday), breaking the journey at Timaru.

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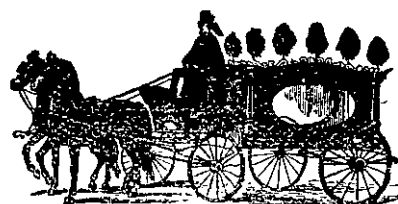
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Irish News

ANTRIM—A Generous Response

Seventy thousand pounds have been raised in response to the appeal for the better equipment of Queen's College, Belfast.

CORK—Discordant Elements

Very Rev. Canon Sheehan, when distributing the prizes to the pupils of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Doneraile, delivered an able address, in the course of which he said that by that singular perversity which seemed to characterise the proceedings of all their public Boards of Education, there was no connection between the different grades of education in the country. Each stupid department had its own curriculum, its own management, its own programme, and to that perversity the best interests of the country were sacrificed. It was just as if outside the broad edifice of education, ladders were placed for access to each landing or storey, instead of a broad, spacious staircase, or elevator, by which a boy could pass by easy gradations to the summit of the educational edifice. Some day, perhaps, a genius like Pestalozzi would arise and harmonise all the discordant elements of the system.

DERRY—A College for Gaelic Students

At a conference in Derry of delegates from the Gaelic League in Ulster, a committee was appointed to select a site for the college for Gaelic teachers, the establishment of which in Donegal has been suggested by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe.

A Successful Student

A student of St. Columb's College, Derry, Mr. James M'Grory, has been awarded first prize for elementary drawing at South Kensington, London.

GALWAY—Fiddaun Castle

The report of the Commissioner of Public Works on the preservation of Fiddaun Castle reminds the 'Freeman's Journal' that the Castle was one of three belonging to the O'Shaughnessys, who were chiefs of the tribe named Kineal Aedh na Achte; one of them, Sir Roger O'Shaughnessy, was created a baronet by Henry VIII., A.D. 1545. The O'Shaughnessy Estates were in part confiscated in 1697, the then owner, Col. Wm. O'Shaughnessy, having been attainted and obliged to fly to France, where he died A.D. 1744. The Castle was inhabited continuously by members of the O'Shaughnessy family until 1729, when Lady Helena O'Kelly died there. She was the widow of the last resident O'Shaughnessy, and had married O'Kelly after her husband's death. There are many Castles in County Galway, but few of them have so large an enclosed 'bawn' or courtyard surrounding them as Fiddaun. The space enclosed is 127 feet 10 inches by 79 feet 6 inches, and the enclosing walls average 5 feet in thickness and 12 feet in height, with steps on the inside to give access to the top for purpose of defence. They are loopholed for musketry. The position is in the centre of a low level plain adjoining the small sheet of water called Lough Doo. It is about two miles from Tubber Railway Station on the line between Athenry and Limerick. The Castle itself measures 39 feet by 28 feet 6 inches externally. It was originally is seven stories, including the ground floor and attic, and rises to a height of 77 feet from the ground.

KERRY—Intermediate Board Mismanagement

The Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop of Kerry, when distributing the prizes to the successful pupils in St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney, said that though they were entitled on the passes of the students to over £700, they had received only £552 10s. His Lordship had not full information as to the reason for this disappointing state of things, but he hoped he was not going too far in attributing it to the mismanagement of the Intermediate Board, to whose working this year His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin had called the attention of the public.

Death of a Religious

At Tralee towards the end of December Brother Walsh passed away in his seventy-fifth year. For over half a century he taught successively in Dublin, Limerick, Dungarvan, Westport, and Athy. The last five years of his life were spent in Tralee.

Congratulations

On hearing of the promotion of Rev. T. Harrington to the pastorate of Bonane and Glengarriff, the

people of Brosna, in which the rev. gentleman spent many years, met and adopted a resolution congratulating him upon his promotion.

LIMERICK—An Explanation

The Bishop of Limerick has received a letter from the Commissioners of National Education in answer to a protest recently made by his Lordship against the operation in his diocese of their rules relating to the amalgamation of schools. The Commissioners say that they do not advocate mixed education in general, but that as one-teacher schools are on educational grounds unsatisfactory, they have decided that their number should be diminished by all reasonable means.

The Meaning of Devolution

Lord Dunraven, speaking at Limerick the other day, said the object of the Irish Reform Association was Devolution in Irish affairs and the procuring for Ireland of the greatest possible amount of self-government compatible with the supremacy of Parliament and the maintenance of the Legislative Union. They had now a Government in office willing to help them, and the Irish people should keep the Government acting in this manner. He thought that all might yet be well.

A Distinguished Visitor

A despatch from Abbeyfeale, under date December 20, says:—The President of St. Thomas's Ecclesiastical College, St. Paul's, Minn., U.S.A., Very Rev. Dr. Moynihan, is at present on a visit to his friends in Abbeyfeale. Dr. Moynihan was for a considerable number of years secretary to Archbishop Ireland, who appointed him to the presidency of St. Thomas', the leading ecclesiastical training college in the Western States.

Proposed Exhibition

At a largely attended meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in Limerick it was decided to hold an Industrial Exhibition for Munster and Connaught in that city in the coming year.

MAYO—The County Council

The Mayo County Council at a recent meeting passed resolutions denouncing jury packing at Sligo, and protesting against the retention of Sir Horace Plunkett in office.

TIPPERARY—Retirement of the Late Member

Mr. P. J. O'Brien, who had been M.P. for North Tipperary for some years, intimated to his constituents before the general election that he would not be a candidate, as he considered they should be represented by a younger and more active man.

Discovery of Copper

A rich copper mine has been discovered near Borrisoleigh. Experts have visited the place recently, and it is understood that some of them are in communication with the owner of the lands, with a view to purchasing them for mining operations.

WEXFORD—Death of a Priest

The death occurred recently at New Ross of the Rev. W. P. Dundon, O.S.A., after a brief illness. Deceased was a member of an old County Limerick family, being born at Jockey Hall, Patrickswell, in 1843. Ordained to the priesthood at Wexford in '67, in company with the present Bishop of Sandhurst, the Most Rev. Dr. Reville, O.S.A., he returned to his native county some years afterwards, and attached himself to the Augustinian Church, where he ministered until quite recently. He then again revisited County Wexford, where he remained until his death.

WICKLOW—The Miltown Art Collection

The application heard the other day by the Master of the Rolls with reference to the delivery to the Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of the celebrated Miltown Art Collection will recall the circumstance (says the 'Freeman's Journal') that that collection is now at the seat of the Earls of Miltown, Russborough House, Blessington, County Wicklow, which is one of the most magnificent residences in the Kingdom, and can be seen on the tram line to Blessington by the visitors to Poulaphuca Waterfall, Russborough. It was built in the early half of the eighteenth century, and was designed by Bindon, who was renowned both as an architect and a painter. It is of the Italian style, and is of a construction similar to Carton, the seat of the Duke of Leinster, and to Castle town, the house of the Conollys. Bindon painted three portraits of Dean Swift, of which all are extant. One in the Deanery House, St. Patrick's, of which the portrait in the Examination Hall of Trinity College is a copy, is the property of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, and was preserved from fire, when the

old Deanery was burnt to the ground, by the Dean of the day, who sustained burns which placed his life in serious danger. Another, the gift of Dean Swift to the Lord Howth of the day, is in Howth Castle, and a third, which belonged to a Dr. Barry, an eminent physician and friend of the Dean, came into the possession of the Breretons of New Abbey, County Kildare, and now belongs to Mr. Swift MacNeill.

GENERAL

A Record in Centenarians

According to the annual report of the Irish Registrar-General, no fewer than 182 centenarians died in Ireland last year, and 711 persons over 95 years. These figures, having regard to the population of Ireland, constitute a record, while it is stated that sheer old age rather than any specific disease was the cause of death in 9840 cases. Old age ranks second highest in the classified causes of death, consumption heading the list.

Flax and Linen Factories

A return moved for by Mr. Wolff, M.P., is issued as to the number of flax and linen factories in the United Kingdom subject to the Factory and Workshop Act of 1901, and from it we gather that the total number of mills in Antrim is 68; Armagh, 32; Down, 34; and Tyrone, 16. The power looms are represented by the following figures:—Antrim, 15,378; Armagh, 7616; Cork, 100; Down, 5512; Dublin, 562; Derry, 582; Louth, 1346; and Tyrone, 1735. The total number of mills in Ireland during 1905 was 160, as compared with 145 in 1899, and the total power-loom looms respectively 32,831 and 25,556. Hemp mills in Ireland show an increase of from one to four in the corresponding period, while jute mills show a decrease of from three to two.

The Christmas Festival

Never (writes a Dublin correspondent) was the great Christmas festival celebrated in Ireland with greater devotion than on Monday last. Long before daybreak the churches everywhere were thronged with pious worshippers. The demeanor of one and all was indeed edifying, and could not fail to impress the most lukewarm. Needless to say, the sacred ceremonies were carried out with great religious pomp, as befitted the joyful occasion. For the first time every public house in the country was closed, and fortunately closed securely. Not even the 'bona fide' could slake his thirst, for although publicans were not prohibited from supplying him under the Closing Act which came into force on that day, they fell into the spirit of the new order of things brought about owing to the efforts of Mr. Nannetti in Parliament. That the statute should have been passed years ago everyone now admits. The sober and at the same time joyous demeanor of the people who thronged the roads and streets testifies to the fact.

Not a Happy Selection

The action of the new Irish Administration (says the 'Irish Weekly') regarding the vice-presidency of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in Ireland does not appear to us to be at all happy or calculated to produce a good impression on the country. Sir Horace Plunkett was appointed head of the Department by the late Tory Ministry, and acted in that capacity as a member of the late Ministry. No one pretends that his administration has been in any sense a success. Great sums of money have been squandered all over the country with, it is to be feared, rather infinitesimal results. We fail to see what claims he has on a Government to which the entire Unionist party in Ireland are opposed, and we cannot think of the action of the Government in this respect as at all likely to please the Irish people.

Irish Pipes

One of the most interesting features of the Irish Celtic revival is the reappearance of the Irish pipes. There are two kinds of Irish pipes—the 'war pipes' and the 'union pipes,' the latter being a development of the former and a much more perfect instrument. The last record of the Irish pipes in battle was in the Irish brigade at Fontenoy. It was curious that no attempt has been made to revive them for the Irish Guards, though, perhaps, such an introduction would fail to find favor in the eyes of the Celtic circle. The Irish war pipes differ only slightly from the better known Scotch pipes. The union pipes have a range of two octaves. The wind is supplied by a bellows held under the right arm, the player being in a sitting position. The piper was looked upon as an important personage in the ancient Irish army, and 'his fall was regarded of an equal loss as that of an officer.'

People We Hear About

The Empress Eugenie has sold the estate of Solferino (Landes), which the Emperor Napoleon presented to her in 1860, for £92,000.

The retirement of Lord Justice Mathew from the English Court of Appeal is announced. Although he is rapidly recovering from his recent attack of illness, he feels that at seventy-five, after twenty-five years occupancy of the English judicial Bench—of which he is the father—he may well seek a rest from his labors. Lord Justice Mathew is admittedly one of the ablest lawyers on the Bench.

Replying to a deputation of British representatives from Belgian towns who waited on him at Brussels on December 22 to congratulate him on the fortieth anniversary of his accession, King Leopold referred to the relations which had existed between Great Britain and the Low Countries during the past five centuries, and spoke of his personal regard for Lord Beaconsfield, Mr. Gladstone, and other British statesmen.

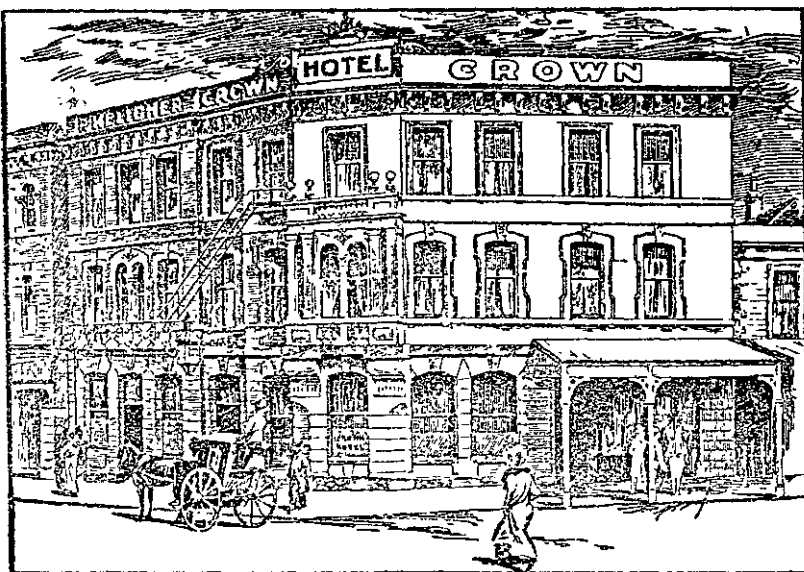
A talented man has rarely produced gifted children. But an exception appears in the case of Sir Francis Burnand, the editor of London 'Punch.' Sir Francis has a daughter, Winifred, who is making a name in the world of art, especially as a humorous illustrator of children's books. But the most notable proof of her skill is that she was engaged to draw political cartoons for use at the general elections in England. Miss Burnand is said to be the first Englishwoman who has ever accomplished anything in political caricature.

The Earl of Granard, one of the new Lords-in-Waiting, is an Irish Catholic peer. It was his ancestor, who secured the initial grant of Regium Donum for the Presbyterian ministers of Ireland from Charles II. The grant came to an end with the disestablishment of the Irish Church in 1869. Lord Granard sits in the House of Lords as Baron Granard in the peerage of the United Kingdom. This title was conferred on his grandfather, a staunch Liberal, by the Government of 'All the Talents' in 1806.

The ages of leading members of the new Liberal Government are given as follows:—Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, M.P., 69; Sir Robert Reid, M.P., 59; Earl of Crewe, 74; Marquis of Ripon, 78; Mr. Herbert Gladstone, M.P., 51; Sir Edward Grey, M.P., 43; Lord Elgin, 56; Mr. Richard Haldane, M.P., 49; Mr. James Bryce, M.P., 67; Mr. John Morley, M.P., 67; Lord Tweedmouth, M.P., 56; Mr. Herbert H. Asquith, M.P., 53; Mr. David Lloyd-George, M.P., 42; Mr. John Burns, M.P., 47; Earl Carrington, 62; Mr. Augustine Birrell, K.C., 55; Mr. Sydney Buxton, M.P., 52; Sir Henry H. Fowler, M.P., 75; Captain John Sinclair, M.P., 45.

The announcement made a few days ago that Lord Dunraven was prepared to make another attempt to win the America Cup, provided certain conditions in the rules for the race were altered, reminds us that the leader of the Irish Reform Association is a most skilful yachtsman. He knows every inch of a yacht, and a few years ago published a fine volume, written for amateurs, on the theory and practice of navigation. Indeed, yachting is the one pastime Lord Dunraven has been able to find time for in a busy career. After Oxford he entered the 1st Life Guards, but retired in 1862. Five years later he was in Abyssinia as a war correspondent, a position he also filled during the Franco-Prussian war. When he went to South Africa, however, he forsook the pen for the sword, and he is still a Volunteer officer.

Many of my New Zealand readers (writes a London correspondent) must know and delight in that most charming novel, 'The Cardinal's Snuff Box,' and the scarcely less charming 'Lady Paramount.' If so they will be grieved to learn that the author of 'those exquisite little works, Mr. Henry Harland, died recently in Italy, the land of which he has given us such unsurpassable pen-pictures. His age was only 44, but he has long suffered from an insidious form of tuberculosis, which in the end completely broke him down. He had been offered by a leading publisher a sum of no less than £4000 to write another novel, but was too ill to undertake the task. He is a great and irreparable loss to modern literature, for there is no one who can wholly fill his place, or who possesses his singular grace of style and diction, and his faculty of picturesque description, or his rare lightness of touch. (Mr. Harland was received into the Church a few years ago.)



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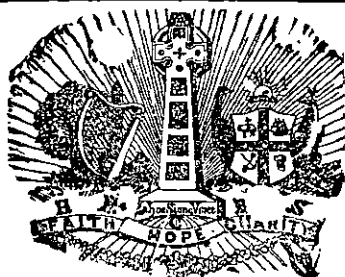
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Commercial

PRODUCE.

Wellington, February 12.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the High Commissioner, London, dated February 10:—A better tone prevails the mutton market this week, but there is no change in prices. The lamb market is weak; for this season's shipment, the average price for New Zealand lamb, Canterbury brand, being 5½d per lb (nominal). There is better demand for beef, the stocks of New Zealand beef on hand being light. Average price: Hindquarters, 3½d per lb; fores, 2½d per lb. The butter market is steady, and the demand getting better, the prospects therefore being rather more encouraging. Average price: Choicest New Zealand butter, to-day, 106s per cwt; Danish, 114s. The cheese market is dull, the present quote being 60s per cwt. The hemp market is quiet also, prices being slightly weaker. Quotes: New Zealand hemp, 'good, fair Wellington' grade, on spot to-day, £33 per ton; January and March shipments, £32 10s per ton. The cocksfoot seed market is steady, but the demand only moderate, though prices are firm. The price for New Zealand cocksfoot seed, weighing 17lb per bushel on spot, is 54s per cwt.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a small catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was slack, and many of the lots not reaching valuations or owners' reserves, had to be passed in. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—The past week has been one of the quietest of the season. The export trade is practically at a standstill, and only a limited quantity finds its way into local consumption. Under these circumstances it has been somewhat difficult to deal with consignments coming forward, most of which have to go into store to await an opportunity of being put on the market. We quote: Prime milling, 2s to 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Only prime quality is in favor with local millers, and a few lines of this class have been quoted at quotations. Medium quality is almost neglected, and is in many cases being offered as fowl wheat, for which there is strong demand, local stocks being low. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley.—None of the new season's crop has yet come forward, although a few samples of Northern-grown grain have reached us. No business can yet be reported, as prices asked are considerably above buyers' idea of value. We have quoted several lines of last season's barley on the basis of late quotations.

Potatoes.—The heavy supplies forward last week could only be worked off at reduced values. This has now been done, and consignments coming forward this week will have a better chance of being placed at more satisfactory value. We quote: Best freshly-dug lots, £6 to £6 10s; others, £4 10s to £5 10s per ton (sacks and cases included).

Chaff.—Cutters have been fairly busy lately, and considerable quantities have come forward during the past week. Only best quality has the attention of buyers, and even this class is only readily saleable at a slight reduction, while for medium and inferior lots there is practically no demand. We quote: Prime

oaten sheaf, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; choice to £3 17s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote: Oaten, 40s to 45s; wheaten, 32s 6d to 35s per ton (pressed).

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

Oats.—The market continues very quiet, and quotations are as follow: Prime milling, 2s to 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel.

Wheat.—Millers are only doing business in prime samples, medium being only saleable as fowl wheat, for which there is a good inquiry. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 1d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Prices are somewhat easier in consequence of supplies being more plentiful. Quotations: Best freshly-dug lots, £6 to £6 10s; others, £4 10s to £5 10s per ton.

Chaff.—The market is well supplied, and prices have eased to the extent of about 2s 6d per ton. The demand is confined pretty well to prime quality, there being little inquiry for medium or inferior. Prime oaten sheaf, £3 10s to £3 15s (choice, £3 17s 6d), medium to good, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton.

Messrs. Nimmo and Blair report as follows:—

Wheat.—The local market is quiet, millers continuing to purchase in small quantities only. Fowl wheat is scarce and in strong demand at quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Oats.—Little or no business is being done. We quote: Prime milling, 2s to 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market is still considerably over-supplied, and for any lines other than prime oaten there is practically no sale. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, from £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; choice, £3 17s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Owing to stocks in town being very much reduced, and only few consignments coming forward, the tone of the market is much firmer. We quote: Prime Oamaru's from £5 15s to £6; shipable lines are worth up to £6 15s per ton.

Eggs.—Fair demand at 1s 3d per dozen.

Pigs.—Baconers, 3½; over-weights, 2d to 2½; Porkers, 3½d per lb.

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

Rabbitskins.—No sale since last report.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Monday, when competition was exceedingly keen, and we had a most successful sale. Prices all round showed a rise, and pelts sold up to 3s 8d, and lambskins to 3s 10d. We can confidently recommend consignments being forwarded at present.

Tallow and Fat.—This market shows no change, all coming forward being readily placed at late rates.

Late Burnside Stock Report

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Fat Cattle.—There was a large yarding of 236 forward. Prices at the beginning of the sale were slightly easier, but firmed as the sale progressed. Best bullocks, £9 to £10 15s; medium to good, £6 10s to £8 5s; best cows and heifers, £6 5s to £8 5s; medium to good, £4 to £5 5s.

Sheep.—1501 yarded, the bigger proportion of these being good average weight wethers, with a few pens of ewes. Prices throughout the sale were firmer than those ruling last week, ewes especially receiving a large amount of attention. Best wethers, 18s to 19s 6d; medium to good, 15s to 17s; best ewes, 16s to 18s; medium to good, 14s to 15s.

Lambs.—680 penned. Prices were slightly higher than at last week's sale. Prime lambs, 12s 6d to 15s; medium to good, 11s to 12s.

Pigs.—There was a very small yarding of 87 forward. Porkers and baconers were brisk of sale, and suckers were quoted at satisfactory prices. Suckers, 9s to 14s; slips, 15s to 19s; stores, 20s to 24s; porkers, 26s to 35s; light baconers, 36s to 40s; heavy do, 41s to 45s.

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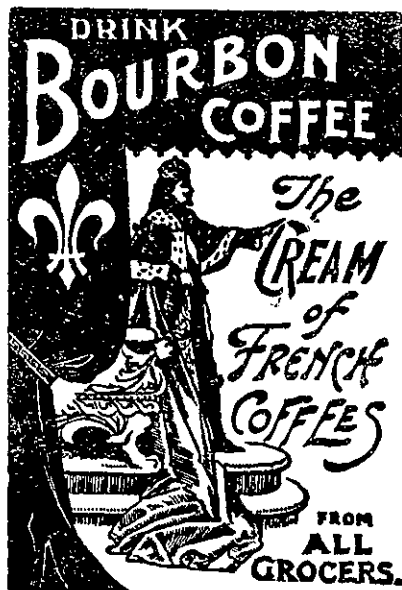
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PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 11.

On Monday, February 5, in the Zealandia Hall a farewell social was tendered to the Rev. Fathers P. Tymons and J. Bowden on their leaving the parish. The chair was taken by Mr. J. W. O'Donnell, and with him were present on the platform Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen), Mr. W. T. Wood, M.H.R., and Mrs. Wood, and Miss D. Wood and the Rev. Fathers. An address with purse of sovereigns to Rev. Father Bowden. Both rev. gentlemen appealed in a few and well-chosen words to the parishioners to live in unity and to bring up their children in the fear and love of God, also thanking them for the addresses and the gift of sovereigns. Sir Joseph Ward made a few remarks suitable to the occasion, also the Mayor and the member for the district. After the speeches a short programme of songs and music was rendered, Mr. P. Tombs presiding at the piano. The following contributed items:—Duet, Mrs. Russell and Miss McGrath; song, Mr. Foley; song, Mrs. Gordon; song, Mr. Russell; song, Mr. McCarthy. At the termination of the musical portion refreshments, provided by a strong committee of the ladies of the parish, were handed round.

St. Patrick's choir, through Rev. Father Tymons, presented during the evening a short address on scroll, together with a large photo card, in the centre of which was a group of the choir, to Mr. P. Tombs, the departing organist and conductor. Mr. Tombs in reply spoke in most flattering terms of his choir in the way they had always supported him in his work as choirmaster.

Whangarei

The blessing and opening of St. Joseph's Convent School, Whangarei, took place on Sunday, February 4, the ceremony being performed by the Right Rev. Dr. Lenthall, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Smiers, Beckers, and Kreymsborg. Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the new school, at which a large congregation were present. His Lordship the Bishop in the course of his sermon impressed upon his hearers the vital importance of the religious training of the young. The advantage of early religious instruction, the pleasure that parents must derive from the knowledge that their children were undergoing such a course of instruction, and the joy that would be theirs when the final commendation of God was pronounced upon their action were surely motives of sufficient potency for the work they had undertaken. The present advanced state of the actual buildings, which were now almost ready for occupation and for the reception of pupils, was due to the devoted labors of Father Smiers, with the able seconding of the committee. The Sisters of St. Joseph had set themselves apart from the ordinary concerns of life with the express object of devoting themselves to the commendable object of training the minds of the children.

The collection amounted to about £17 10s, and an additional sum of £3 3s was generously donated by the Kauri Timber Company.

The new convent school occupies an exceptionally good site, with an open and uninterrupted view of the wooded hills that form the western background of the town. The schoolroom is 50ft long by 25ft wide, with a porch at either end. Perfect ventilation has been provided for. The convent proper contains a commodious dormitory, an oratory, a refectory, a music room, a kitchen, a bath-room, and a scullery. Another block of buildings, which contains the coal-shed, store-room, wash-house, and pantry, will be connected with the main buildings by a covered way. Gas and water are to be laid on wherever desirable, and the convent is so constructed that a second storey for the accommodation of 30 or 40 boarders may be added whenever the need of the occasion directs.

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Over 30 pupils attended at the convent school on the opening day, this being a decidedly good beginning for a new establishment. The arrangements are now complete, and besides the ordinary routine of school work the Sisters intend holding classes in more advanced subjects. General satisfaction is expressed at the new building.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

J.R.H.—Many thanks. Will dissect that absurd 'nun and nobleman' story in next issue. Overcrowded this week.

W.H. (Dunedin).—The Church never taught, but, on the contrary, has ever condemned, any and every doctrine of the pre-existence or re-incarnation of the soul. (2) In the early ages of the Church, the Simonian, Ophite, and Valentinian Gnostics and others taught a bewildering number of contradictory and generally fantastic theories of re-incarnation. Some of them professed to receive the Christian Gospel, interpreting it after their own peculiar fashion; others were openly and bitterly hostile to it. All of them were ever regarded by the Church as heretics or as infidels. Valentinus, one of the early theorists, was excommunicated by Pope Hyginus, who reigned from A.D. 139 to 142. The rest, as they arose, were duly 'lifted' by the Pope over his garden-wall. They vanished while the Church was still young. (3) None of them held the peculiar doctrine of re-incarnation taught by Theosophists in our day. (4) Origen was condemned by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 553) for having held that human souls pre-existed before the creation of Adam. But his teaching, as given and condemned in the decree (Hefele, vol. IV., p. 219, E.T.), is worlds away, as to its details, from that of modern Theosophists.

DEATHS

GEANEY.—At Timaru, on February 6, Elizabeth, wife of Humphry Geaney, Makikihi; aged 30 years.—R.I.P.

MAHER.—At Georgetown, Invercargill, on February 2, 1906, William S., dearly beloved husband of Matilda Maher, and second eldest son of the late John Maher, Kew.—R.I.P.



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LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1906

OUR CIRCULATING LIBRARIES



SOMEbody once asked good old Hobbes why he did not read more. 'Read more!' he exclaimed; 'if I had read as many books as other men, I should have been as ignorant as other men.' The saying may seem a paradox; but it is particularly true of a large class of the readers that form the clientele of our public and circulating libraries. The cultured and scholarly vice-president of the Dunedin Athenaeum (Mr. T. Whitson) gave an address last week at the annual meeting of the institute which is sufficient to shake one's faith in the benefit of public libraries in this country, unless the mass of the subscribers are to experience a change of heart and radically alter their reading-habits. There is reading and reading. There is the reading that widens the range of experience and stores the mind with helpful thoughts and useful knowledge. But there is also a kind of reading that, in the words of Samuel Smiles, is merely 'the

indulgence of a sort of epicurism or intellectual dram-drinking, imparting a grateful excitement for the moment, without the slightest effect in improving or enriching the mind or building up character.' And, judging by Mr. Whitson's words, this latter is the class of reading—or rather of intellectual hasheesh—that is mostly indulged in by the habitue of the circulating library. For this seems to be a case in which, for this country at least, we may safely assume that the experience of one centre of population stands for all.

The facts for which Mr. Whitson vouches may be summarily stated as follows: The chief demand is for fiction. 'Of the total issue of books, works of fiction account for 89.2 per cent., the remaining 11 per cent. being spread over eleven other departments; biography coming next to fiction, although only representing 2½ per cent. It will make it more easily appreciated if I state that during four months, out of a total circulation of 22,716 books, 20,381 were novels.' 'And I am sorry to say,' added Mr. Whitson, after an exhaustive analysis of the circulation of various authors, 'that the quality of some books which are in very great demand is of the poorest.' The best writers of fiction are left in comparative neglect. So are works on science and 'belles lettres.' And, speaking generally, 'compared with fiction, the circulation of books in other departments of literature is productive of sorrowful reflections.' Judging from another remark of Mr. Whitson's, a 'professor of books' would seem to be one of the urgent needs of the hour in our circulating libraries. 'The reasons,' said he, 'which induce subscribers to take out books are many and curious. Only a small minority ask for works from a perusal of the catalogue. They either ask the librarian to recommend a book, or they are attracted by the appearance and title of a book as it lies before them on the table; or in walking round the shelves they see books that attract them, and a curious fact is that the books on the shelves in a line with the eye are mostly favored. The shelves above or below the line of vision are neglected. Then the circulation of a book is largely affected by the favor it finds in the eyes of early readers who recommend it to others, or by reference to it in the newspapers. The condition of a book also influences its circulation; some members will rather take a copy of a book they do not know than a soiled copy of one that is favorably known. For this reason the novels in largest circulation are mostly those of which there are a number of copies.'

All this makes melancholy reading. The need of the day is not so much more readers as better readers. As matters stand, it seems that our public circulating libraries are more of a calamity than a blessing to the community, and that, to meet a certain taste, Carnegie's benefactions are very likely to be in part expended in packing library shelves with namby-pamby and sensational tenth-rate fiction—with yellow-backed agonies brimful of intrigue, mystery, and murder. Of the two kinds of works of fiction that seem most in demand, Dr. Pryde says: 'If they are namby-pamby, reading them is like sipping jelly-water; if they are sensational, they are like Mrs. Squeers' posset of brimstone and treacle. In both cases they destroy the mental appetite, and make it loathe all solid food.' The great mass of the novel-reading public are finical about their tea and beer and beef and tobacco. But they seem to have no standard by which to judge of the quality of the books on which they feast their minds. The difficulty of choice is increased by the overwhelming number of volumes of fiction that come tumbling from the press. It is still further enhanced by the prevailing habit of devouring (not merely reading) novels—eating up circulating libraries, so to speak, and then, like Oliver Twist, coming up serenely for more. For many of those to whom Mr. Whitson refers, novel-reading is

not so much a recreation as a passion—something akin to the taste of toppers for fiery waters, and of Anglo-Indians for red-hot condiments. One of the pressing needs of our day is the cultivation of a conscience in books. And, after that, the 'professor of books' to guide it along paths that shall be safe and pleasant and profitable.

In the meantime we commend to our readers a few of the homely, though somewhat superficial, instructions given by Edmund Wengraf a few years ago in the 'Literatur-Zeitung' of Vienna. Herr Wengraf recommends all and sundry not to read (1) books with catchpenny titles; (2) novels in more than one volume; (3) works on popular science, the authors of which are not known to us as reliable; and (4) books of which we have read puffs or several unanimous notices. Attention to even these simple instructions would banish from the hands of our people many of those worthless or risky books whose only mission is to ingrain the habit of mental idleness and dissipation, even when they do not (in the words of Perreyve) 'corrupt the mind and blot out the boundary lines of honor.' And finally: 'Be careful of the books you read,' says Paxton Hood, 'as of the company you keep; for your habits and character will be as much influenced by the former as the latter.'

Notes

Greatheart and the Spiritists

A few days ago an old Protestant friend of ours in the South—let us call him John P. Greatheart—passed out through one of the thousand doors of death. A big, quaint old Wexford man was he, with a veneration for 'the Old Church' (as he called her), although he never got within her portals. In religion he remained to the last an eclectic. And, gifted with a whimsical wit, he loved his joke to the end. One other thing this big John Littlejohn also loved: to nail to the counter the spurious coins of religious pretence. Once, in an intermittent search for light, he attended a series of spiritistic seances given by a 'meejum' of some local repute. He 'saw things'—but they were things that shook his faith in the bonafides of the man who professed to call spirits from the vasty deep. One evening the following scene took place at a seance (we tell the story as nearly as we can recall it in Greatheart's words, but with altered person-names):—

'I'd like,' said Greatheart, 'to speak to the spirit of Billy McNessa, of Crumwell.'

After the customary 'business,' the 'spirit' was announced.

'Are you happy?' said Greatheart.

'Yes, yes,' said a sepulchral voice, 'reasonably happy.'

'How's the climate down there?'

'Oh, climate's pretty good, an' I'm happy, quite happy.'

'How'd you like the tombstone the people of Crumwell put over you?'

'It's a very nice tombstone indeed, an' it was very good of the people of Crumwell to put it over me.'

'Well, Mac,' said Greatheart, 'you were a liar livin', an' you're a liar dead. I was in Crumwell last week, an' the dickens a tombstone is over you at all, at all.'

Greatheart's place in Otago knows him no more. He 'fell like autumn fruit that mellowed long.' And there are friends a-many that will find the world less bright that he has left it.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The new church at Waikaka (in the Gore parish) is being rapidly proceeded with, and will soon be ready to be blessed and opened.

The Very Rev. Father O'Hare, V.F. (Ararat, Victoria), and the Rev. Fathers Carey and Murphy (Melbourne) returned to Victoria by the 'Warrimoo' this week, after a trip to the southern lakes.

The annual holidays of the Provincial Seminary (Holy Cross College, Mosgiel) close on the 17th inst. Students are expected to be in the College on that day.

The members of St. Joseph's Cathedral choir held their annual outing this week, at Stewart's Gully. The weather was beautiful, and one and all voted it the most pleasant yet held.

The Archbishop of Melbourne and the Bishop of Ballarat are to arrive in Dunedin this (Thursday) afternoon. On their way from Christchurch and Timaru they were on Wednesday and Thursday the guests of the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay at Oamaru, and greatly admired the splendid group of Catholic ecclesiastical buildings in the Stone City.

A meeting was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the customary St. Patrick's night entertainment. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a representative attendance. Mr. W. Rodgers was appointed secretary. It was decided that the entertainment should take the form of a concert of an Irish national character, sub-committees to arrange for the programme, the printing of tickets, securing of a hall, and other matters being set up. As St. Patrick's Day falls on a Saturday it was decided to hold the concert on Friday evening, March 16.

As briefly stated in our last issue, the annual outing of the children attending the Catholic schools of Dunedin and suburbs took place at Wingatui on Wednesday, when about 1000 persons were conveyed by special train to the scene of pleasure. The weather was perfect, and both young and old thoroughly enjoyed the holiday. His Lordship the Bishop was present during the day and took a most lively interest in the progress of the various games and contests. The Dunedin and Mosgiel clergy were also present, Father Coffey, Adm., and the committee taking an active part throughout in getting the long and varied programme through. The events for the younger children were attended to by Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Swanson, and Miss Purton, who distributed upwards of 200 prizes during the day. The general committee, with Mr. C. Columb, jun., worked most energetically, and had the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts were most successful.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

February 9.

His Lordship the Bishop is at present in Dargaville, Northern Wairoa.

Very Rev. Father Clune and Rev. Father McDermott will commence a mission at Waihi on February 25, terminating on March 11.

Rev. Father Hills, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, who has been spending his holidays as the guest of the Bishop, left for Wellington last Monday.

Right Rev. Dr. Olier, S.M., left for Sydney last Monday evening by the 'Mokoia' en route to Rome. The Very Rev. Father Kelly, S.J., was also a passenger to Sydney.

A meeting in connection with St. Patrick's Day celebration takes place to-night. Meanwhile St. Benedict's parish intends to celebrate the day by a picnic to Mototapu.

A mission was opened at Devonport last Sunday by the Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., and during the week it has been attended with great success. At Puhoi a similar mission was begun by Rev. Father McGrath, C.S.S.R.

The Rev. Father O'Hara, Otahuhu, has successfully undergone an operation at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, and is expected to be about in a few days. Rev. Father Edge is in temporary charge of Otahuhu.

Rev. Father O'Connor, of Parnell, will shortly leave on a twelve-months' holiday. He has been ailing for some time.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Brien, Rector of St. John's College, Sydney, and Very Rev. Dean Slattery arrived early last Sunday morning from Sydney. They were met at the wharf by the Rev. Father Holbrook, Adm., and driven to the Palace, Ponsonby. His Lordship Dr. Lenihan was away at Whangarei. In the evening Pontifical Vespers and Benediction were given by his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Olier, Bishop of Tonga, at St. Patrick's. Monsignor O'Brien preached a splendid sermon upon Our Blessed Lady. He showed that Catholics in-honoring Mary simply followed in the footsteps of Him who showered all honors upon her.

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WAIMATE

(From our own correspondent.)

February 12.

The Rev. Father O'Connor has been transferred to Napier. His place will be taken by the Rev. Father J. Tynons, of St. Patrick's College.

The Very Rev. Dean Regnault left on Tuesday for Meance, where he will conduct a retreat of the seminary students.

On Sunday, February 4, at 11 o'clock Mass the Rev. Father O'Connor blessed two beautiful candelabra, the gift of the Freeman family, in memory of their mother.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

February 12.

Great satisfaction is felt here at the steady improvement which our parish priest is making at Rotoura.

The Sacred Heart Convent commenced its scholastic year on Tuesday, the 6th. The number of boarders was in excess of the closing term last year.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, his Lordship Bishop Higgins, of Ballarat, and Bishop Grimes will arrive here to-morrow (Tuesday), and will leave by the first express on Wednesday for the south.

The Children of Mary and members of the Catechism of Perseverance class held a most enjoyable garden party in the convent grounds on Thursday. Cricket, croquet, and other lawn games were indulged in. Afternoon tea was dispensed under the trees and proved very acceptable.

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

February 12.

Father Goggan, the newly-appointed parish priest, is expected to arrive in Temuka early this week.

The Rev. Father Hoare, who has been assisting Father Kerley for some time past, has been appointed assistant priest at St. Mary's, Christchurch, and leaves Temuka to take up his new duties this week.

The Sisters of Nazareth, who were in Temuka collecting in aid of their Home, have now completed their task and have returned to their house. I am pleased to be able to say that they were very successful in their mission.

At a meeting of the presbytery building committee held last Tuesday evening the chairman reported that satisfactory progress with the new building had been made. The secretary (Mr. J. Moriarty) resigned his position owing to his leaving here to take up a position on the staff of the 'Tablet.'

The Father Fauvel memorial committee have given final instructions to proceed with the work of erecting a marble headstone over the grave of the late priest. The work of obtaining two enlargement photos of him, suitably inscribed (one to be placed in each of the Temuka and Kerrytown schools), has also been put in hand. It is expected that these will be finished shortly.

GREYMOUTH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 9.

The weather on last Wednesday was very fine for the united schools' and Friendly Societies' picnic. The site decided upon was the picturesque little township of Ahaura, which proved an ideal picnic ground. About 2500 children and adults made the trip, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at C. Smith's drapery establishment on Saturday evening, when the employees assembled to say good-bye to Miss Emily Garth, who is leaving for Wellington. Mr. E. J. Smith (manager) in making the presentation, which consisted of a gold-mounted greenstone brooch and gold neck chain pendant, expressed his regret at losing the services of Miss Garth, who had made herself very popular with her fellow-workers and the public, and wished her every happiness and prosperity. Mr. R. C. Heffernan responded on behalf of the recipient, and thanked the donors for their generous gifts, which he said would always remind Miss Garth of the happy days spent among them in Greymouth. Miss Garth, after spending a few weeks with her parents at Ahaura, proceeds to Wellington.

A most interesting debate took place at the St. Columba Club last Monday evening, the subject being 'Is it advisable to construct a harbor at Port Elizabeth?' Mr. Wm. McEvedy, supported by Messrs. L. J. Brooks and W. Packer, took the affirmative side, whilst Messrs. T. Kennedy, W. Duffy, and J. F. Devonport spoke against the proposal. Some very good arguments were brought forward on both sides, and after a very spirited contest the judges (Rev. Father Taylor and Messrs. J. McNamara and P. White) decided in favor of the affirmative speakers, who (they said) had supplied the strongest arguments in facts and figures.

Hastings

St. Patrick's schoolroom (says the Hastings 'Standard') was crowded on the occasion of a gathering to bid farewell to Rev. Father Galerne, S.M., who had been appointed to the Cathedral parish, Christchurch. Among those present were the Very Rev. Dean Smyth, Very Rev. Dean Binsfeld, Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, and Rev. Father McDonald.

The musical portion of the programme, which was given by some of the best local talent and performers from Napier, was excellently arranged and enthusiastically received. The Hastings Concert Party, opened the proceedings with a selection and also rendered two other items. The following ladies and gentlemen also contributed: Misses Lee, Reidy, Vickers, and McCarthy; and Messrs. L. Fail, O'Connor, and O'Shannessy. Misses Scott and Lee, and Mrs. S. G. Poppeiwel accompanied the singers.

At the conclusion of the first part of the programme, Mr. W. Y. Dennett, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Father Galerne with an illuminated address, purse of sovereigns, and a handsome set of razors.

In the address the parishioners, in union with their esteemed pastor, Very Rev. Dean Smyth, expressed their deep regret at Father Galerne's departure. During his three years' ministration in the parish he had won the respect and affection of all. They had ample proof of his devotedness during Dean Smyth's absence in Europe, when he administered the affairs of the parish with a fatherly kindness and apostolic zeal. In asking him to accept the accompanying purse of sovereigns they expressed the hope that God would long spare him to continue his work of love and sacrifice.

In making the presentation, Mr. Dennett said that they had assembled that evening to bid good-bye to Father Galerne, but they would not let him depart from their midst without showing their appreciation of his sterling qualities, and the good work he had done amongst them during his three years' stay in Hastings. He trusted that the Rev. Father would be spared for many years to continue his noble work of sacrifice, and hoped at no very distant date to have the rev. gentleman back in their midst.

Very Rev. Dean Smyth also referred to the good qualities of Father Galerne, and to the great loss he (Dean Smyth) would sustain by his departure. He too would wish him au revoir, and hoped to have a visit from Father Galerne at an early date.

Very Rev. Dean Binsfeld and Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy also spoke of the good qualities of the rev. gentleman.

The Rev. Father Galerne said the parting that evening brought back to him the parting which he underwent some 16 years ago, when he left his dear home for a land 20,000 miles away to enter the priesthood. He had had many partings during the last 12 years, but, as the soldier must obey the general, he also had to give way to his superiors, though he assured them he felt it very much. He referred to the kindly feelings of friendship which had always existed between him and the congregation, and the many lessons of piety, zeal and devotion which he had copied from his superior, Dean Smyth.

The Rev. Father Galerne was the recipient of numerous other presents at the close of the evening, and the large congregation took the opportunity of personally bidding him good-bye.

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NEW BOOKS

'Catholicity and Progress in Ireland.' By Rev. M. O'Riordan, D.Ph., D.D., D.C.L. Messrs. Whitaker Bros., Lambton Quay, Wellington, have received a consignment of the third edition of this valuable work. A short time ago we gave an extended notice of this great work—the most important contribution to Irish questions since the publication of Lecky's 'Ireland in the Eighteenth Century.' Dr. O'Riordan's masterpiece was elicited by an ill-advised chapter in Sir Horace Plunkett's book, 'Ireland in the New Century.' The attack made therein on the priests and people of Ireland was indeed a felix culpa—a fortunate blunder—in so much as it led to the publication of a work which covers Catholic Ireland in its social, religious, and educational aspects, and disposes of the calumnies of Sir Horace Plunkett, and those special pets of the Orange lodge, Frank Hugh O'Donnell and Michael McCarthy, in a manner that is positively overwhelming. They suffer, not a defeat, but a debacle, at the hands of the gifted young Irishman who is now Rector of the Irish College, Rome. We hope to see a copy of this fine work in every Catholic home in New Zealand, no matter of what nationality, for it dynamites many a misconception regarding our faith beyond those that relate specially to Ireland.

'The Method of the Catholic Sunday School' (Second Series). By the Rev. P. A. Halpin (New York, Joseph F. Wagner, pp. 62, paper cover, 40 cents). This is a valuable contribution to the literature of a practical subject of great difficulty. The book deals with 'The Unattractive Sunday School' (three chapters), 'The Higher Catechism' (seven chapters), and 'Pius X. and the Catechism' (two chapters). Father Halpin is a practical teacher, and his hints and helps should do much to lift from the Sunday-school that atmosphere of chloroform which so often dulls it into impassability. A useful manual for priests and teachers.

'Teacher's Handbook to Bible History.' By the Rev. A. Urban. (Same publishers, 374 pages 8vo., cloth gilt, 10s. 50cts.) The sub-title gives the scope of the work: 'A Practical Commentary upon the principal events of the Old and New Testaments, with directions for their application in the religious and moral training of children.' The book covers the whole history of the Old and New Testaments, devoting to the former 93 lessons and to the latter 103. Each chapter is divided into Preparation, Narration, Explanation, Commentary, and Moral Application. A useful feature of the book is the manner in which the author makes his commentaries and explanations fit in with and aid catechetical instruction. The explanatory matter is put simply, clearly, and straightforwardly, and the moral applications arise properly out of the subject and are both practical and suited to those for whom they are intended. We commend the book to all who are interested in the religious instruction of youth.

'The Four Winds of Eirinn.' Poems by Ethna Carbery (Anna MacManus). Edited by Seumas MacManus. (Complete edition. Dublin, M. H. Gill and Son). Ethna Carbery (whose poems we mentioned some time ago) is now, we hope, singing with the angels. She was long one of Ireland's sweet singers, and the present complete collection of her poems—lovingly gathered from the four winds of Eirinn, and from many places beyond, form her most fitting monument. The atmosphere of bog-land and mountain-side is upon the poems of Ethna Carbery, and one hears in her pages the legends and tales of Eld that are told by many a fireside in 'Ould Donegal,' and the hopes that fill many a heart in Ireland for 'Mo Chraoibhin Cno' (Mo chreeveen no)—the brown-haired girl that personifies their native land.

'Then wake, a gradh! We yet shall win a golden crown
for your head,
Strong wine to make a royal feast—the white wine and
the red—
And in your oaken meather the yellow mead shall flow,
What day you rise, in all men's eyes—a Queen
Mo Chraoibhin Cno.'

The poems are brought out in quaint and attractive style, and several of them are being wedded to ancient Irish airs from Petrie's collection. (The books mentioned in these notices are procurable through all booksellers advertising in our columns).

'English History from the Norman Conquest to the End of the Wars of the Roses.' In Twenty Stories. Revised by the Right Rev. Francis Aidan Gasquet, D.D. (London, George Bell and Sons, pp. 200, cloth lettered, 32 illustrations; 1s 3d). Recent events in New Zealand have been sufficient to convince Catholics of the necessity of having proper history manuals in their schools. The book now before us is No. 2 of The Abbey History Readers, and the name of Dr. Gasquet is suffi-

cient guarantee that these stories are true to historic fact and free from the distortions that prejudiced and ill-informed writers have contrived to introduce into some of the history manuals in use in many of our State schools. The stories are well selected and well told in direct and simple language, and the paper, type, and binding leave nothing to be desired.

OBITUARY

MRS. HUMPHRY GEANEY.

(From our Timaru correspondent.)

There passed away at Cairnsmore Private Hospital, Timaru, on Tuesday evening last, in her 30th year, Mrs. Humphry Geaney, one of the most widely known and esteemed Catholic ladies in South Canterbury. She was a daughter of Mr. J. Kenny, of this town, and a sister of Mrs. T. J. Burns. Scldom indeed has such widespread sympathy been shown at any demise as has been tendered to her sorrowing husband and relatives. Born in the Waikato district in 1876, her education was commenced in the Christchurch Convent and completed at the Sacred Heart Convent, Timaru. On leaving school she taught for two years in our Catholic boys' school, then on the advent of the Marist Brothers she took charge of the Catholic mixed school at Gisborne for three and a half years till the Sisters came, and then spent two years more assisting in the girls' school, Timaru. She was a successful and devoted teacher, and her ex-pupils and their parents speak in the highest terms of the good done by her teaching and example. Later on she married Mr. Humphry Geaney, of Makikihi. Since settling there she had been more than ever active in Church work, and particularly devoted herself to forming the present fine choir of nineteen members, which is a credit to a church in a scattered country district, and more particularly reflects the energy and devotion of her who has passed away. She died as she had lived, a pious, fervent Catholic. A Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Le Floch on Thursday morning for the repose of her soul, a large congregation attending. The funeral took place the same afternoon, and was one of the most imposing that has left the church for a considerable time.—R.I.P.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

Out of four candidates presented by the Sisters of the Mission, Nelson, for the Junior Civil Service, three were successful. These were Katie Condell, Emily Wiesner, and Mary Devlin.

On a recent Sunday (according to the Hawera 'Star') the Very Rev. Father Power announced that he had compiled the particulars of the Catholic parish of Hawera for the year 1905. During that period there had been 4200 Communion, and he considered that no place in New Zealand of the size of Hawera could boast such a record.

At the monthly meeting of the Thames Hospital Trustees on February 5 the election of chairman took place. On Mr. Paul's motion, seconded by Mr. Burns, it was unanimously resolved that Monsignor O'Reilly be re-elected chairman for the ensuing year. Messrs. Paul and Burns paid a glowing tribute to Monsignor O'Reilly's zeal and untiring efforts on behalf of the hospital; he discharged his duties in a faithful and unostentatious manner, and was the right man in the right place. Monsignor O'Reilly thanked the members for the honor they had done in re-electing him, and for their complimentary references, and assured them of his continued interest in the institution he represented.

Sincere regret was felt in Dunedin on Monday when it became known that one of the best known and genial of its citizens, in the person of Mr. John P. Armstrong, had passed away on the previous day at Palmerston South, where he had resided for the past few years for the benefit of his health. Mr. Armstrong had been identified with the public life of Otago for many years, and for over forty years was engaged in business in Dunedin. Mr. Armstrong had a varied career. He was born near Wexford town in 1828, and on reaching a suitable age was apprenticed to a Dublin chemist, where he gained a good knowledge of dentistry. In 1848 he went to America, but returned to Ireland after a stay of two years. Later on he came out to Victoria and from there came to New Zealand, settling down in Dunedin in 1861, being the first dentist to start in the city. He was a member of the Otago Provincial Council for a number of years, and always took a keen interest in public affairs. A few years ago he retired from business and went to reside at Palmerston, where he passed away, as previously stated.

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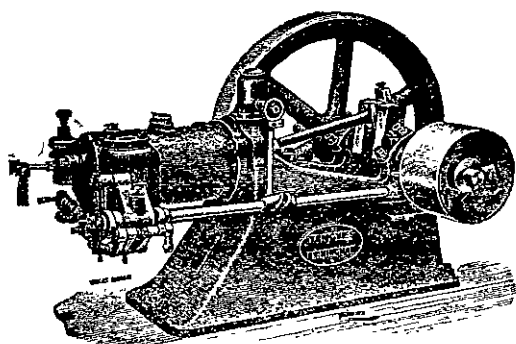
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DR. JACK'S MAGIC

When Dr. Jack Carroll began life, no one would have prophesied anything very remarkable for him. He passed through college with no special distinction, which was a decided disappointment to his father, a highly successful merchant, who would have wished him to enter public life and aspire to a seat in the Dominion Parliament. It was not in this field, however, that Jack was destined to succeed.

Soon after leaving college he was induced through the influences of a pious sister to join the League of the Sacred Heart, and from that time he observed the simple practices to which he had pledged himself with an exact fidelity which was a part of his character. He wore a medal upon his watch chain; he was seen regularly in the ranks of those who approached the Holy Table, with the badge upon his breast, insignia of the new crusade, upon which the members of the Apostleship have entered. He left the picture of the Sacred Heart in his room and never failed to say short but fervent prayers before it morning and evening and to refer to it the various circumstances of his daily life.

It was wonderful, indeed, how the devotion seemed to take root in his strong and virile mind and to send forth shoots in all directions. After mature deliberation, he had chosen the profession of medicine, and almost from the first was wonderfully successful.

He settled in a very populous neighborhood, and, in the course of comparatively few years had made for himself an unusually large practice. He used to laugh his deep, quiet laugh when men who had been at college with him as fellow-students in medicine referred half enviously to his phenomenal success. He always replied that it was because he had a magic of his own the secret spring of which was in his room. But let their curiosity reach what pitch it might, he never made any further explanation. For his piety, though deep, was unostentatious, and he did not care to parade it before all comers. In his own mind he always attributed the good fortune that seemed steadily to pursue him to the devotion which he so steadfastly practised and to his custom of referring all important cases to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

He was soon possessed of a competency, which enabled him to purchase a house and think of taking a wife, and this, notwithstanding the fact that his charity to the poor was proverbial and the number of patients whom he attended gratuitously never to be known till the great accounting day. His name was a household word with the poor of the city, and they would send from all quarters to consult him or to beg him for a visit. And his visits always brought sunshine with them, even to the poorest slums. It was good to see him in some miserable court surrounded by a group of dirty and ragged children, his strong, earnest face lit with pleasure; and it was a more beautiful sight still to see the popular young doctor bending over some tiny sufferer upon a wretched bed, touching a broken or infirm limb with infinite gentleness, bathing a fevered head or smoothing a ruffled pillow.

But a crisis occurred in the successful physician's career, first when he had made up his mind to marry and had chosen a charming girl who was certain to make him an ideal helpmate. Such happiness is not, perhaps, for earth, or is denied to chosen souls who, like the doctor, are called to shining heights. One evening he had returned from a round of calls so wearied that he sat down to a table, unable to eat a morsel—merely drinking a cup or two of tea. He was disturbed before he had finished even this slight refreshment. A card was handed to him, that of a medical man, as he saw at a glance, but the name was altogether unfamiliar.

He rose at once; he would not keep a confrere waiting. In his office he found an old, shabbily-dressed man with bent shoulders and haggard, careworn face. Dr. Jack, noting these things, held out his hand with even more than his customary cordiality and took the withered one extended to him in a warm, strong clasp. He begged his visitor to be seated, but the old man, evidently disturbed in mind, paced up and down, stopping at last and facing his brother physician as he said:

Doctor, I am going to ask an extraordinary thing of you; a most extraordinary thing.

'Let me hear it,' said the younger man, with his smile, which inspired most people with confidence.

'It is a tremendous thing,' went on the old doctor, pacing back and forward again in his excitement; 'yes, a tremendous thing.'

Doctor Jack stood waiting with his hand on the back of the chair.

'I do not belong to the city,' explained the old man.

'So I fancied by your card.'

'Perhaps you will have some idea of what brought me when I tell you that I came from Ridgeville.'

Dr. Jack grew a shade paler as some perception of the other's meaning was brought home to him.

Typhus of the worst description was raging at Ridgeville.

'I am almost alone,' continued the old physician; 'three of the young men are dead, two of the older practitioners are in the hospital. There is only one remaining besides myself, and he is not strong—may go at any moment. Doctor, I ask a terrible thing of you. I ask you to come.'

Doctor Jack's hand tightened upon the back of the chair; the air seemed to grow very close in the room.

'It is not only that we are but two,' said the old doctor, tremulously; 'death does not care for such paltry victims as myself, and I might go on indefinitely and see the pestilence through, but—'

And here an indescribably wistful look came into the aged practitioner's eyes; he drew close to his successful confrere and whispered:

'But, doctor, I distrust my own skill. I am old now. I was trained in an old-fashioned school and I have had little chance of improvement. A country doctor's life gives scant time for study, and I never made money enough to buy books.'

There was infinite pathos in his look and tone, and the honest eyes that looked into his were dim with tears as Doctor Jack cried, impulsively:

'I would trust you in preference to any half-dozen of us modern featherweights. But I see there is only one thing to be done. I must go with you to Ridgeville.'

The young man's disengaged hand closed around the medal of the Sacred Heart upon his watch chain, while the other still clenched the arm of the chair, as for support.

This was, indeed, a tremendous thing which the visitor asked, a sacrifice almost too great for his strength. To give up even for a time, a time which at least was indefinite, his splendid practice, to give up the home and the wife he had chosen—to go hence from the crowded mart, as it were, of success and popularity into the obscure byway of Ridgeville, where he was a stranger, and, perhaps, to share the fate of those who were in the hospital or of the other three who had passed from pestilential death-beds into the great silence of eternity. He had been working hard lately; he was not in the very best condition.

For an instant he was tempted to draw back, and he said, with some hesitation: 'Unless, indeed, doctor, you could get some one else to go; some young fellow who is not established yet.'

The old man's face, which had brightened, now fell again, as he said almost hastily: 'I have tried half a dozen of them and some of the older physicians, too. They all had their excuses, like the guests invited to the Gospel marriage feast. I had heard of you, knew something of your career, and I thought you might come. But no man is obliged, I suppose, to risk his life, unless the occasion offers in his daily work. I will bid you good-night, doctor, and try somewhere else.'

'Stop!' cried Doctor Jack, who was already taking himself to task for cowardice and arguing that since the call had come to him he had no right to pass it on to another, even if that other were a young fellow not yet established. 'Stop! I will go with you. What time does the last train leave to-night?'

'Half-past ten,' cried the old man, bewildered; 'but you cannot mean to come with me at once, to-night!'

Doctor Jack looked at his watch.

'That gives me just two hours for preparation. It is enough. I think I can leave my practice in the hands of a neighbor—Dr. Willoughby—and I have a few other matters which require attention.'

One of these was writing to his betrothed, but he did not explain further, nor could the old man guess the pain that was gnawing at his heart. He invited his guest to partake of some refreshments, an offer which was gratefully accepted, and then he went manfully about his preparations for departure. He put his practice into the hands of a man whom he knew to be

professionally trustworthy and reliable, but who had been his rival, jealous of his success and openly hostile to him personally.

He wrote a brief note, touching in its bold statement of fact, to his betrothed; a note which she treasured away, to be read with aching heart and tear-dimmed eyes in the days that were to come. Then he went up to his room to do his packing. This did not take long. He was not a man to indulge in superfluities, and when all was completed he stood before the picture of the Sacred Heart and looked long and earnestly into the face divine. He smiled as he thought of his poor little joke about the magic which had been the cause of his unprecedented good fortune.

'So this is what you want of me, Sacred Heart of my God,' he said; 'this is what it all meant. You gave me success, a certain amount of wealth, reputation, happiness, that I might imperil them all, or, perhaps, lay them down. Well, a soldier must be true to his leader, and the path you trod was not rose-strewn. I pray, at least, that the magic may follow whither I am going and do good to those who need my skill. I leave the rest in Your hands.'

The old man wondered much at Dr. Jack's shining face and the air of almost boyish happiness with which he came down to him. He had seen many brave things done on his profession, he had done them himself when they came in his way, but not with this joyousness, this glad acceptance of what was, strictly speaking, in this day's work of this young man.

He leaned on Doctor Jack's steady, vigorous arm as together they walked down to the station, the latter carrying his satchel for him, and in all respects acting as a son to his father, so that the worn and wearied heart of the aged physician was comforted exceedingly.

Unnecessary here to speak of the days which came into Doctor Jack's experience and of the terrible struggle which he had to maintain against fever in its worst form, aggravated in most cases by poverty, insanitary surroundings, and insufficient nursing. Golden accounts reached the city of the doctor's almost superhuman heroism, devotion to duty, and tireless self-immolation, even after the old doctor was worn out and the other who had remained at his side collapsed. This success in combating the disease was universally conceded, and his brethren of the city laughingly said that Doctor Jack's magic had followed him thither.

At last the plague gave evidence of having worn itself out, and Doctor Jack wrote to his betrothed declaring that he hoped soon to be home and that their wedding might not have to be postponed after all. Scarcely had the letter reached its destination when Doctor Jack was stricken so suddenly that it came upon the plague-polluted town like a thunderclap, and almost broke the heart of the old doctor, who had learned to love his younger colleague as a son.

Nor did the disease take long to finish what over-work had begun. There was never any hope from the first. A priest came and administered to the dying man. In his short intervals of consciousness he seemed to await the end calmly and bravely. He would not permit his betrothed to be informed, lest she should run any risk of infection by coming to his bedside. This was a last, supreme sacrifice, but the doctor made it cheerfully, and the aged physician watching at the death-bed was amazed at the other's fortitude. He himself had never been a religious man until he had been brought into contact with the brave young spirit which was soon to pass from earth. He had but a poor opinion of religion and its professors. But he knew, as he sat there, that all that was past, and that for the few remaining years of his life he would strive to order his life by those maxims which inspired his dying confrere.

'Doctor,' said Jack to him in the afternoon of that day upon which he had received the viaticum, 'I used to make a joke and say that all my good fortune in my practice was due to magic. Do you know what that magic is?'

His voice quivered and dropped till it was inaudible. The old man, who could not speak for tears, only shook his head and gazed mournfully on the unnaturally bright eyes and pale face over which the solemnity of death was stealing.

'I would like to bequeath to you my secret,' murmured the young man, 'and recommend you to try my magic.' His voice failing, trailing away into unconsciousness, he yet made one more effort: 'It was devotion to the Sacred Heart.'—'Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart.'

The Catholic World

AFRICA—The Congo Mission

In 1885 there were but three Catholic missions, with six missionaries and an insignificant number of converts, in what is now the Congo Free State. To-day there are 59 fixed posts and 29 temporary ones, in charge of 384 missionaries and Sisters and 72,382 Christians. Such is the result of twenty years' work. The reason of this great success is given by Mrs. French Sheldon, who has been travelling through that section of Africa, and although not a Catholic does not hesitate to express her views very freely: 'In all the Catholic missions which I visited a strange condition impressed me, and as this was in direct opposition to my former conviction it is worthy of note. The natives realize that the Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters have come among them to stay, to live with them, nurse them when ill, and when the time comes to die with them. This state of realisation has bred a feeling of greater community between the native and the Catholic missionaries than is usual with other missionaries, and has contributed to cement a confidence such as exists between parents and children. The services of the Sisters, as nurses for the white people, have been a great boon. The unselfishness of their lives, the relinquishment of all mundane ties for their vocation as Sisters, imbue them with a certain spirit of fearlessness in regard to contagious maladies; their freedom from personal domestic ties and the knowledge that their parents and relations are resigned to, or accept, whatever befalls them add vastly to their usefulness in a country like Africa.'

ENGLAND—A Signal Honor

Mr. John St. Lawrence has received a signal honor from the Sovereign Pontiff in recognition of his services to the cause of Catholic education. At the express wish of his Grace the Archbishop of Westminster, the Holy Father has conferred the dignity of Papal Knighthood on Mr. St. Lawrence. He has for many years been associated with Lord Ripon in the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in England, and for some time he discharged the responsible duties of honorary secretary of the Westminster Catholic Education Committee. Born in Limerick, Mr. St. Lawrence served close upon fifty years in the War Office.

FRANCE—The Anti-Clericals

It is a common abusive epithet of anti-clericals (says the 'Catholic Times') to call religious people obscurantists; to tell us we hate, because we fear, the light of truth and knowledge. We may easily return the compliment. The College de France has its Chair of Assyrian Language and Archaeology vacant, and the professors in due course proposed the Rev. Father Scheil O.P., for the post. Father Scheil's reputation as an Assyrian scholar is world-wide. His monogram on the stele of Hammurabi is the classical authority, and none can doubt his competency to fill the Chair of Assyrian at the College de France. But the choice of the professors has aroused the fury of the anti-clericals. A Dominican to lecture in the college where Renan taught? The bare idea is sacrilege. So the Minister of Education is warned, and threatened with something akin to excommunication if he dares to ratify the choice of the professors. Notice, the choice is a good one—the very best. The candidate is admitted to be the most learned Assyriologist living. His appointment would do honor to the College de France. But he is a priest, a Dominican. So out with him, and let us have a less competent man. Oh, the obscurantism of the clericals!

ITALY—Charitable Bequest

The Marchesa Zambecari, who has just died at Bologna, has left a legacy of £80,000 to the Superior-General of the Salesian Order.

ROME—Christmas Greetings

The Holy Father having abolished the customary reception of the Sacred College for the exchange of Christmas greetings, his Holiness spent the whole of Saturday, December 23, in receiving the Cardinals and other high ecclesiastical dignitaries in separate audience.

The King of Spain's Bride

The Roman correspondent of the 'New Free Press,' of Vienna, says the formalities for the reception of Princess Victoria Eugenie of Battenberg into the Church, prior to her marriage with the King of Spain, have been arranged. Father Whitmee, Rector of San

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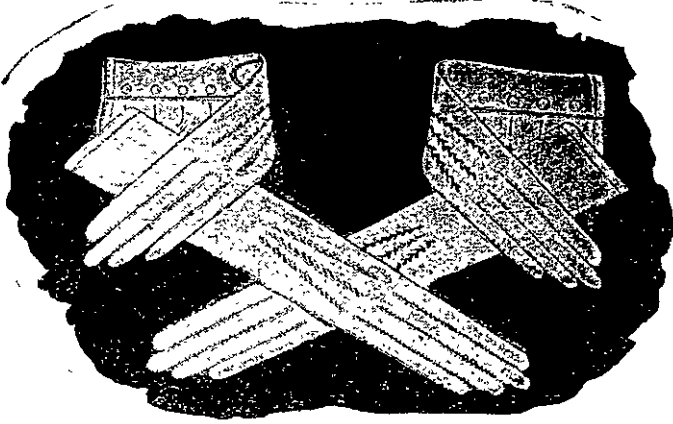
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An Official Press Office

Pope Pius X. contemplates founding an official press news office for supplying Church news to correspondents. The idea was suggested to him by Cardinal Merry Del Val, and is likely to save the Holy Father from much of the annoyance he experiences now through the circulation of unfounded rumors and the presentation of views inimical to the interests of the Church.

France and the Holy See

A Reuter's telegram from Rome says: The Vatican announces the publication of a White Book, consisting of 300 pages, relating to the separation of Church and State in France. The first part of the book contains nine chapters, with an appendix, and gives an account of the discussion on the question of the Separation, while the second part comprises 47 documents, a large number of which have not hitherto been published. A preface to this portion of the Book sets forth the precise object of its publication, through which the Holy See hopes to show that the responsibility for the rupture rests with the French Government. The only object of the publication, it is asserted, is to prevent a misconstruction of historical facts in such an important question. The appendix treats of the protection by France of Catholics in the Near and Far East.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

Among the most interesting of recent audiences granted by the Holy Father was that granted to the President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Pope, after examining the account of the work of the great Society for the year 1901, sent the following message through the President: 'I thank you for all the good you are doing. I know your Society well, for I saw it at work at Mantua and Venice, where it rendered great services to the poor, not only by the succor it brought them, but still more by the moral encouragement it gave them. What numbers of families it has saved! What numbers of young people it has led back to the right path from which they had erred. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an apostolate for good at a time when there are so many other societies which are an apostolate for evil. Continue, then, to carry on the good work, you will find that it will bring you peace of mind—when a man does good during the day he sleeps the better for it at night. Your Society is a necessity of the time in which we live, and it has my encouragement and blessing.'

A Visitor from Australia

During his audience a few days ago (writes a Rome correspondent under date December 27) the Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan presented to his Holiness the Hon. B. Fahey, member of the Legislative Council of Brisbane. The Hon. B. Fahey was born near Ballyvaughan, County Clare, and left Ireland fifty years ago. He was employed in the Civil Service till a few years ago, when he went out on pension. He then entered Parliament, and is one of its most useful members, owing to the detailed knowledge of the country which his official duties for half a century brought him. He has a brother still living in the house where he was born. He visited his native land this last summer for the first time in half a century, and has been now in Rome for some weeks and intends to leave immediately after the Christmas holidays for the South of France, where he will pass the winter. He was the guest of the Rector of the Irish College on Christmas Day, besides a few other Irish visitors to the Eternal City whom the Rector wished to make at home for the Feast. The Hon. Mr. Fahey had hoped to spend Christmas with his brother in Clare, but feared the climate of Ireland after so many years living in Australia; but when the winter is over he is to return to Ireland to bid his brother and his native place a final farewell. Mr. Fahey is a well known man in Australia, a genuine Catholic and Irishman, and a personal friend of Cardinal Moran, Archbishop Carr, of Melbourne, and several of the Australian Bishops.

SCOTLAND—Christmas Masses

Midnight Mass (writes a correspondent) was celebrated in no fewer than 87 churches in the Glasgow archdiocese alone, crowded congregations attending in each, a noticeable fact being the attendance thereof of many non-Catholics, which more surely than aught else marks a sign of changed times and changed opinions in Scotland.

New Churches

As further evidence of the spread of Catholicism in Scotland (writes a Glasgow correspondent), two new churches were opened on Sunday, December 17, one at

Coatdyke, Airdrie, which was solemnly dedicated by Archbishop Maguire. In the course of a brilliant sermon, the Archbishop congratulated the congregation, and offered them his own and other Catholics' good wishes on the good work that had been so happily completed in the opening of that new building. They had outgrown the accommodation provided for them in the adjoining school, and were now able to devote the whole of that building to education. The new church is built to accommodate 700 worshippers, and has cost £1000. It is built on the Airdrie estate, and is situated in the midst of a rapidly growing population. Ample provision has been made with a view to erecting a larger structure in the future. The second church opened was at Larkhall. Very Rev. Provost Chisholm, Paisley, performed the opening ceremony.

SPAIN—Attempt on the Life of a Cardinal

As Cardinal Casanas was leaving the Cathedral, Barcelona, on Sunday evening, December 24, a stranger threw himself upon him and attempted to assassinate him. The man was at once seized and overpowered by the bystanders. The author of the attempt on the Cardinal's life, a weaver named Jose Salas Comas, committed suicide in his cell on Monday evening by taking poison. During his last moments Comas declared himself to be an Anarchist.

UNITED STATES—Higher Education of Women

Many leading representatives of the American Catholic Hierarchy attended the presentation recently of a scholarship fund of 10,000 dollars to Trinity College, Washington—the first Catholic institution founded in the United States for the higher education of women—by the ladies' auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Cardinal Gibbons, president of the Board of trustees, received the gift for the college.

The Apostolic Mission

There are now in attendance at the lectures in the Apostolic Mission House, Washington (says the 'Paulist Calendar'), 26 priest students—nearly three times the enrolment of last year. This one great fact indicates the growth of this remarkable work. It will not take many years now before we shall have two or three hundred of these well-trained missionaries out among the non-Catholic people of the United States, telling them what the Catholic Church teaches, and persuading them that their highest spiritual interests are dependent on her saving grace. It can be seen what a mighty impetus this will give to the progress of the Church. The growth of this work, as well as the numerous letters we are receiving, doubly convince us that we are behind a great movement; as an eminent lawyer wrote recently, 'the greatest movement in the Church since the days of Luther.' Last year our affiliated missionaries in the South gave nearly one hundred missions of a week each, preached to thousands who never knew aught of the Catholic Church but what they considered detestable, and they received some hundreds of converts into the Church. This service cost us over 400,000 dollars. A few years more will enable us, with the Catholic support, to place this work on a safe and secure footing.

The Twelve Good Rules

Do young folks nowadays read Goldsmith's 'Deserted Village'? (says the 'Ave Maria') And if they do, are they as insistent in hunting up the explanation of unusual words and phrases, historical allusions, illustrative figures, and other knotty matters, as were the boys and girls of a generation or two ago? For instance, what did the poet mean by the first half of this line—

The twelve good rules, the royal game of goose?

The second half was, of course, plain enough: 'fox and geese' was a popular game half a century ago; but what were the 'twelve good rules'? It took considerable time and much searching to discover that the rules in question, ascribed to Charles I. of England, were:

1. Urge no health.
2. Profane no divine ordinances.
3. Touch no State matters.
4. Reveal no secrets.
5. Pick no quarrels.
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Science Siftings

By 'Volt'

Alpha Centauri, a bright star of the southern hemisphere, is the nearest star to the solar system. Yet it is 275,020 times as far from the earth as the sun (says the 'Chicago News'). That is, it is 25,000,000,000,000 miles away. The light of this star requires four and one-third years to travel to the earth. Yet other stars are so much further away from the earth that the distance to Alpha Centauri is a mere yard stick with which to measure their greater distances.

The Atmosphere.

The earth's sensible atmosphere is generally supposed to extend some 10 miles in height, probably farther, but becoming at only a few miles from the surface of too great a tenuity to support life. The condition and motions of this aerial ocean play a most important part in the determination of climate, modifying by absorbing the otherwise intense heat of the sun, and when laden with clouds hindering the earth from radiating its acquired heat into space.

The Points of the Compass.

To tell the points of the compass by a watch: point the hour hand at the sun. Then south is half-way between the hour hand and the figure 12 of the dial. To measure an angle by a watch: Lay two straight-edged pieces of paper on the angle, crossing at the apex. Holding them where they overlap, lay them on the face of the watch with the apex in the centre. Read the angle by the minutes of the dial, each minute being six degrees of arc. It is easy to measure within two or three degrees in this way.

Enamelware and Appendicitis.

A discovery that is likely to prove somewhat startling to householders has been made in connection with a local surgical case (writes the Albany correspondent of the Sydney 'Daily Telegraph'). Dr. Kennedy lately had occasion to operate on a person in Albany for appendicitis, and he found that the trouble had been caused apparently by the taking into the system of a number of small pieces of enamel. The enamel was of a kind that is used extensively now for the lining of kitchen pots and pans. It is common experience that this enamel chips, and the presumption is that in the case under notice some of the pieces had passed into the patient's body with the food cooked in vessels lined in this way. The medical opinion is that the matter is of great public importance, in view of the general use of enamelware in the kitchen.

Bells Rung by Compressed Air.

The chimes of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, are rung by compressed air. Nineteen bells are in the spire. The heaviest weighs 6000lb, the lightest 300lb. The keyboard of the chimes is in the sacristy. The operator presses a key corresponding to a bell in the spire. This establishes an electric connection, which opens a valve in the steeple, conducting compressed air to a piston with a clapper that strikes the bell. Electricity is the trigger and compressed air the motive power of playing the chimes.

An Accidental Discovery.

The art of etching on glass was accidentally discovered. A jeweller of Nuremberg, by some mischance, allowed a drop of aqua regia to fall upon the glass of his spectacles. He noticed that the glass became corroded and softened where the acid had touched. That was hint enough for him. He drew figures upon glass with varnish, applied corroding fluid, then cut away the glass around the drawing. When the varnish was removed the figures appeared raised upon a dark ground.

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By 'Maureen'

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Care of Lamp Chimneys.

Lamp chimneys crack readily in cold weather. The sudden expansion in heating is more than they can stand. To toughen them it is only necessary to boil them a long time, after putting them in cold, salted water in a kettle having a false bottom. Even these will not stand the sudden raising of the wick after lighting it, or the pressure of too tight clamps that hold it in place.

Hair-Brushes.

A good way to clean hair-brushes is with spirits of ammonia and warm water. Take a tablespoonful of ammonia to a quart of water, dip the bristles up and down in the water without wetting the back, rinse in clean warm water; shake well and dry in the air, but not in the sun. Soap and soda soften the bristles, and will turn an ivory-backed brush yellow.

To Re-enamel a Bath-tub.

Buy proper bath-tub enamel. Wash the tub thoroughly with hot, soapy water first, and rub all over with sand-paper, to make the surface smooth before using the enamel. Heat the enamel slightly by standing the tin in a bowl of hot water. This thins it, and it is easier to apply it evenly. It will need two or three coats, and each must be allowed to thoroughly dry before the next is applied.

How to Select Flour.

First look at its color. If white with yellowish or straw-colored tint it is a good sign. If very white with bluish hue or black specks, the flour is not good. Examine its adhesiveness by wetting and kneading a little on the fingers. If it works dry and elastic it is good; if soft and sticky it is poor. Throw a lump of dry flour against a dry, smooth, perpendicular surface. If it adheres in a lump the flour is good; if it falls like powder it is bad. Squeeze some of the flour in your hand, and if it retains the shape given by pressure it is a good sign. Flour that will stand all these tests can be bought without fear.

Setting Colors.

To set the color in colored cotton dresses that are to be washed, dissolve three gills of salt in four quarts of hot water, put the material in while the water is hot, and let it remain until cold. In this way the colors are rendered permanent and will not fade in washing.

Picture Frames.

Fly-marks and general griminess may be removed from gilding by dipping a small piece of cotton-wool in gin, and with it rubbing gently over the soiled parts. The cotton-wool should be squeezed before being applied to the gilding, for this must not be made really wet, and any damp on it should be dried by the fire as soon as the marks have been removed.

Polished Floors.

Polished Floors should be rubbed with a mixture of one-third raw linseed-oil and two-thirds paraffin. Use it sparingly, or the polishing afterwards with dry cloth will be a long business. A floor of this kind should always be dusted first with a slightly damp cloth and afterwards rubbed with a dry one.

The Kaiser's Rules of Life.

The German Emperor endeavors to follow the 'rules of life' laid down by his favorite physician, as follows:—'Eat fruit for breakfast. Eat fruit for lunch. Avoid pastry and hot cakes. Only take potatoes once a day. Don't drink tea or coffee. Walk four miles every day, wet or fine. Take a bath every day. Wash the face every night in warm water. Sleep eight hours every night.' The Kaiser ascribes his excellent physical condition to close adherence to this advice.

Maureen

Capturing a Rhinoceros

I captured Barnum's first rhinoceros, and that animal cost him more than any four lions or tigers he ever owned, is the proud statement of a contributor to the New York 'Commercial Advertiser.' I was the first animal hunter sent over to Africa by an American, and I had it all to learn. I sent home lions, giraffes, elephants, buffaloes, and hyenas without any great trouble, but it was a whole year before I got my first rhinoceros. The natives had killed one occasionally, but such a thing as capturing one alive had never been heard of. It seemed that the easiest way was to noose him. There are well-defined paths all through the forests of Africa, and these are used more or less by all animals, especially where they lead to water. I made a noose in a new two inch rope big enough to take in a rhinoceros, and then climbed into a tree to manage it. I spent the best part of three days up there before a victim came along. He scented me and was suspicious, but nevertheless came on and was neatly noosed. I believe that rope would have held a schooner at anchor off Montauk Point, but that rhinoceros made one plunge and broke it like a thread.

My next move was to seek a point on a path several miles from camp and erect a barricade. This barricade ran to a V-shape point, and was made strong enough to hold an elephant. If a rhinoceros took that path he would follow it to the last inch, and when in close quarters we would be on hand to tangle him up. We had a visitor almost before we were ready. When the rhinoceros got along to the barricade he halted for a minute to sniff the air. Then he lowered his head and went charging down the path; striking the logs and rocks at the point of the V with the power of a wild locomotive, he battered his way through.

My third move was to dig a pit 20ft long, 10ft wide, and 7ft deep, which was covered with poles, branches, and dirt. When the pit was ready I went up the path about half a mile to an opening and hung a red shirt on a bush. I knew that if a rhinoceros sighted that shirt he would charge the bush. I climbed a tree and waited, and in less than an hour I heard an old fellow coming full tilt. He went through the bush like an

avalanche, and on the path he found a red shirt. He picked it up on his horn and charged down the path. On the far side of the pit was another red shirt, and in his anger the beast didn't look for a trap. He was dusting along at twenty miles an hour when the earth gave way and he landed on his head at the bottom of the pit. We had a time getting him out and into a cage, and I don't believe he ever got over being mad.

The Very Rev. Father J. O'Dowd, late Administrator of SS. Michael and John's Cathedral, Bathurst, who recently took charge of the Gulgong parish, vacated by the Right Rev. Mgr. Long, V.G., who went to Bathurst to administer the diocese during the absence of Bishop Dunne in Europe and Ireland, left for a holiday in Ireland a fortnight ago.

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INTERCOLONIAL

The Very Rev. Dean Phelan is expected to reach Melbourne about February 23. Preparations are on foot to give the Dean a hearty welcome home.

At an Irish concert in Sydney Town Hall recently one of the features of the programme was the singing of an ancient Irish melody in the original Gaelic by Miss Mabel Ward.

The station that now enjoys the distinction of being the largest in area in Australia—it is probably the largest cattle run in the world—is Victoria Downs in Western Queensland. It is 11,200 square miles in extent and is carrying 53,000 head of cattle.

The Rev. Father James Meany has been transferred from Concord to St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of the Rev. Father J. M. Kelly to the charge of Rydalmere. The Rev. Father W. Stevens, who was recently ordained, goes to Concord as assistant to the Rev. Father Peter Byrne, P.P.

By the death of Sister Mary Agnes Doyle, which took place on January 28 at the Mother House, Monte Sant' Angelo, North Sydney, the Sisters of Mercy have lost a devoted member, who spent 27 of the 45 years of her life as a religious. The late Sister Mary Agnes was the daughter of Mr. John Doyle, of Campbelltown, and most of her religious life was passed at St. Patrick's Convent, Church Hill, of which she was in charge for a time some years ago.

The annual Communion of the members of the Catholic Young Men's Societies' Union was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on Sunday morning, January 28, when about 400 young men approached the altars at the 8 o'clock Mass. In preparation for the Communion, a three-days' retreat, conducted by his Grace the Coadjutor-Archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, was given in the Cathedral, which was largely attended, and the eloquent and instructive lectures of his Grace were interestingly followed.

His Lordship the Bishop of Goulburn has announced the following clerical changes in his diocese: Rev. Father Cahill takes charge of Tumut parish, with Rev. Father McDwyer (Grenfell) as assistant; Rev. Fathers Cleary and O'Reilly (formerly of Gundagai) go from Burrowa to Yass; and Rev. Father J. J. Fogarty, of Tasmania, but formerly of Tumbarumba and other neighboring towns, takes charge of Burrowa, with the Rev. Father J. Sharkey, of Gundagai, as assistant. The Rev. Father J. O'Dowd, of Wyalong, succeeds Father Sharkey at Gundagai.

His Lordship Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Bathurst, who left last week for Rome, was not allowed to depart without signal demonstrations of the love and veneration of his priests and people. The first of a series of presentations took place in St. Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, immediately after the Diocesan Synod, when an address and a substantial monetary gift were handed to Dr. Dunne from the clergy of his diocese. In the course of a speech on the occasion the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Donovan said that no priest or Bishop in this hemisphere deserved a holiday better—and not for a year, but for two years if necessary—than his Lordship the Bishop of Bathurst. Looking at the diocese, they found it dotted over with churches and schools. There was no diocese better equipped for religious and educational purposes, and much of this was due to the energy of Dr. Dunne during the last five years.

Senator Dawson, whose Home Rule motion was passed by the Senate last session, has written to the Prime Minister in the following terms:—"I notice with some surprise your hurried rush to rescue Messrs. Langley, Snowball, and (b) from the constitutional difficulty in which they find themselves. From first to last the organisers of the anti-Home Rule petition have derided Parliament, insulted you as Prime Minister, and flouted the constitution. I have no objection to the precious petition being forwarded to his Majesty the King by you or any other responsible person, but I do enter an emphatic protest against its being sent as a free expression of opinion by the signatories, or that it is in any way representative of the people of Australia. In no sense have the anti-Home Rulers met the public openly. The alleged public meetings are shameless frauds, intimidation of a disgraceful character has been resorted to, and the daily press is gagged. You know this as well as I do, and accompanying the petition there should be a statement of these facts. It is as well to know that a certain noisy section, which occasionally disturbs the serene atmosphere of the Commonwealth, has neither a monopoly of loyalty nor the sole proprietary right to the Governor-General.

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- February 18, Sunday.—Sexagesima Sunday.
 " 19, Monday.—St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor.
 " 20, Tuesday.—Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord.
 " 21, Wednesday.—St. Paul, the First Hermit.
 " 22, Thursday.—The Chair of St. Peter at Antioch.
 " 23, Friday.—St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.
 " 24, Saturday.—St. Mathias, Apostle.

St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Titus was a Greek by birth, and the son of a Gentile father and a Jewish mother. He accompanied St. Paul to Jerusalem to the Council, and on his various extensive journeys, and was finally established by him Bishop of Crete, about the year 62. He died about 105, at the advanced age of 94 years. St. Paul wrote an Epistle to him, which contains instructions for his disciple.

Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord.

There is no practice more constantly or more earnestly recommended by spiritual writers as a means of awakening in our hearts a tender love for the Son of God than meditation on His sufferings and death, which can best be done by making the Way of the Cross.

St. Paul, the First Hermit.

St. Paul, the first hermit and surnamed the 'Father of Hermits,' was born at Thebes in Upper Egypt in 228. During the Decian persecution he fled into the desert of the Thebaid, and lived there in a cave to the great age of 113 years, practising austere penance and occupied in prayer and contemplation.

Chair of St. Peter at Antioch.

On this day we commemorate the establishment by St. Peter of his Episcopal See at Antioch, where for seven years he ruled the Church as Universal Pastor, before finally fixing the seat of his spiritual government at Rome.

St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

St. Peter was born at Ravenna, in the north of Italy, about 988. After a youth of hardship, he entered a Benedictine monastery at the foot of the Apennines, where for many years he led a life of austerity, prayer, and study. His great piety and learning having brought him under the notice of his ecclesiastical superiors, he was employed by more than one Pope in important affairs, and displayed great zeal and prudence. In 1057 he was created Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia, but, five years later, he succeeded in obtaining permission to resign his bishopric and return to his monastery. His death occurred in 1072.

St. Mathias, Apostle.

After the ascension of Our Lord, St. Mathias was chosen by lot to fill the place which the treachery and suicide of Judas had left vacant. Tradition assigns as the place of his labors and martyrdom Cappadocia and the countries bordering on the Black and Caspian Seas.

The Rev. Fathers J. H. O'Gorman and F. McDermott, who left on a trip to Ireland some time ago, have returned to Sydney.

There was a large exodus of ecclesiastics by the Orient R.M.S. 'Ortona,' which left Sydney on Saturday last for Europe. The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor (Bishop of Armidale), the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne (Bishop of Bathurst), the Rev. Fathers T. O'Reilly, P.P. (Parramatta), James Dunne, P.P. (Campbelltown), S. H. McGee (Bathurst), who intends entering the Jesuit Order, T. Hayes (Brisbane), J. Sheridan, J. J. O'Donoghue, Adm. (Hamilton), M. J. Shanahan (Ballarat), and J. F. Marshall (Maryborough, Vic.) are passengers. The Hon. John Meagher, K.C.S.G., M.L.C., Mr. James Dalton (Orange), the Misses Dalton (2), and Miss Craven (Waverley) were also passengers by the same steamer.

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