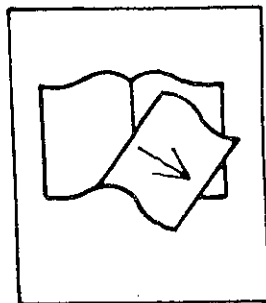
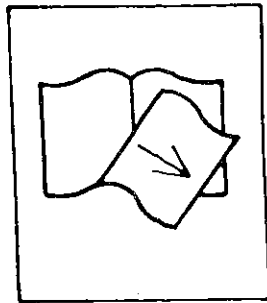


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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

December 9, Sunday.—Second Sunday in Advent.
 „ 10, Monday.—Octave of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier.
 „ 11, Tuesday.—St. Damasus I., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 12, Wednesday.—St. Melchiades, Pope and Martyr.
 „ 13, Thursday.—St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.
 „ 14, Friday.—Translation of the Holy House of Loreto. Fast Day.
 „ 15, Saturday.—Octave of the Immaculate Conception.

St. Damasus, Pope and Confessor.

St. Damasus was Pope from 366 to 384. He appears as the principal defender of Catholic orthodoxy against Arius and other heretics. He condemned the Macedonian and Apollinarian heresies, and confirmed the decrees of the General Council of Constantinople. He was very solicitous for the preservation of the Catacombs, and adorned the sepulchres of many martyrs with epitaphs in verse, which he himself composed. For his secretary he chose St. Jerome, his faithful friend, and induced him to publish a corrected version of the Bible, known as the Latin Vulgate.

St. Melchiades, Pope and Martyr.

St. Melchiades, who was Pope from 311 to 314, was born in Africa. He presided over the Council of Rome (313) and condemned the Donatists.

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.

St. Lucy, Virgin and martyr, was born at Syracuse, Sicily. She was of a noble and Christian family. She made a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Agatha at Catania, obtained the healing of her mother Eutychia, consecrating her virginity to the Lord, and, being accused of being a Christian, she was beheaded in 303.

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SUMMER.

In dreamy calm the gardens fair repose,
 And in the brilliance of the silent noon
 The butterfly drops anchor in the rose—
 The dial flower that marks the hour of June.

The treasure born of wedded dew and sun.
 Caught in the Gulf Stream of the azure air,
 The honeybee drifts by like galleon
 Weighed down with fragrant spoil of blossoms fair,

The gipsy Wind halts in his gay career
 To rest a moment in the woodland hush;
 And softly from the hill draws Echo near,
 The shepherd of the linnet and the thrush.

The daisies bind the world with Milky Way;
 And not a pool that shines upon the sod
 But mirrors in its depths the star of day,
 The golden mask that veils the face of God!
 —Ave Maria.

A man without patience is a lamp without oil.—
 A. De Musset.

Every savant who fears not his own ignorance is a false savant.—E. Thiaudiere.

Wit pleases, but 'tis the heart that binds.—L. De Tonseau.

The smallest of enterprises is worth the attention of a good workman.—Nivernais.

The world is always beginning for youths and maids of twenty.—E. De Vogue.

Gratitude is a flower that droops speedily in men's hearts.—M. Du Camp.

There is always a little folly in the make-up of genius.—Boerhaave.

Gentle raillery is a thorn that has kept something of the flower's perfume.—C. Doucet.

Away with those whose mouths blow hot and cold!—
 La Fontaine.

Frequent the company of the good, and you will become good yourself.—Franklin.

The Storyteller

THE THREE FRIENDS

I.

Nowhere are the inequalities of fortune more strikingly displayed than in a Paris hotel or apartment house. The first floor, beautifully fitted up, may be occupied by a wealthy banker or government official of high rank; while in the second may be lodged a family of far less importance in the social scale. And so up to the top of the building—the higher one ascends, the lower the rank in life of the occupants. In the attic are usually found art students, poor authors, shop women and seamstresses.

It happened that in one of these large hotels there lived three old friends—gentlemen who had been schoolmates and comrades when boys, and who had preserved an uninterrupted friendship during all the increase of fortune which had come to some of them, and the vicissitudes that had befallen others. M. Beauvallon, the wealthiest member of the trio, lived on the lower floor of the hotel; on the second, M. de Bonneval had his apartments; while on the third, M. Bertrand lodged with his little daughter Zoe, and an old servant, Madeleine, who had taken care of the child since her infancy. He was a clerk in the civil service department.

M. Bonneval and M. Beauvallon were also widowers. The former lived just below M. Bertrand. He had an income of a thousand francs monthly, kept only one servant, but a more expensive one than old Madeleine. He had one child, Mirza. M. Beauvallon, the proprietor of the first floor, kept three servants, had a beautiful suite of apartments, and a large garden. He, too, had an only daughter, Eveline.

The three girls were about the same age, Zoe being the eldest. They were as unlike as they could possibly be, yet were firm and devoted friends. M. Beauvallon, having secured excellent teachers for his daughter, would not be content until their services were shared by the two other children. They were all bright and studious.

The three families led an even and happy life. Zoe was a quiet, meek little creature, who moved noiselessly about, without attracting attention; but she was ever on the alert to help and do good to others. Mirza, the daughter of M. de Bonneval, was the most selfish of the three. Zoe and Eveline, naturally amiable, had grown accustomed to renouncing their own wishes in her favor; and were really not aware that they were constantly sacrificing themselves because of the many brilliant and attractive qualities that drew them toward her. Eveline was exceedingly fond of dress, and her father predicted that she would one day become a devotee of society, and this seemed quite possible.

Time passed swiftly and pleasantly till the three girls were about fourteen. Then a rich aunt of M. de Bonneval invited Mirza to visit her. She lived at Lyons, where her husband was a prosperous manufacturer. Mirza was gone a year, during which time she corresponded with her two friends. Her letters were full of the beautiful things she saw and enjoyed; her life seemed to be one round of pleasure.

The aunt, who thought of adopting her, suddenly died, and Mirza was obliged to return to her father's house. She did so reluctantly, bringing with her an atmosphere of worldliness and discontent, which soon had its effect on the pliable mind of Eveline, who was as fond of enjoyment as her friend. But good, gentle, little Zoe still pursued her quiet way undisturbed. Her excellent common-sense told her that the pleasures and vanities in which her friends took an interest were not for her, and she did not grumble that it was so. She knew how hard her father was obliged to work, how tenderly he loved her, and was content.

Gradually Zoe came to be left out of the conversations which so engrossed the other two, who now had but little time for study or aught else than romantic dreamings and fond anticipations of the world, of which Mirza had had enough experience to make her wish to see more of it.

One day Zoe was sitting in the garden, outside of a small arbor, when the two girls entered it by a door on the other side.

'Where is Zoe this morning?' asked Eveline. 'I have not seen her to-day.'

She is probably reading or studying somewhere,' said Mirza. 'She is such a little mouse! She will never care for society.'

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'Society!' exclaimed Eveline. 'Poor Zoe will never be able to do anything, but give lessons—when she is old enough. Her father intends her to be a governess.'

'She has no taste in dress either,' continued Mirza. 'She will be a real dowdy one of these days.'

'I can't think that exactly,' rejoined Eveline. 'She has good taste in colors, and is always exquisitely neat. But she has no style.'

'Style!' ejaculated Mirza with a laugh. 'She will never need it—unless, indeed, she should have to make her living in one of the large dressmaking establishments where the young ladies try on garments for customers.'

'That Zoe would never do,' replied Eveline. 'Her father would not permit it.'

'What is he but a clerk?'

'That is true, but he went to school and played with your papa and mine, just as we three do now.'

'Yes,' said Mirza, 'but he is not a success. I heard papa say so.'

'And my papa also,' replied Eveline. 'I heard that conversation.'

But neither of the girls added what had also occurred: that the two friends of M. Bertrand had said it was because of having paid his father's debts, thus having deprived himself of his patrimony; and that they had also said he was too honest to succeed in life.

'Zoe is of the same disposition,' said Mirza. 'She is simply a nonentity, and will always be.'

'She is very sweet, though, Mirza,' remarked Eveline, still loyal to her friend.

'I don't deny it,' replied Mirza. 'But doesn't she dress plainly? I am almost ashamed to go out with her.'

Zoe could not endure any more. Putting her fingers in her ears, she did not hear the rest of the conversation. She feared almost to move. But after a while she got up and stole silently away. Once in her own little room, she threw herself upon the bed and shed many silent tears; for Zoe was not one to make a display either of grief or joy. But, in spite of her quiet demeanor, she had a great deal of firmness. Seated by the window, she reviewed the happy years spent with her young companions, which she now felt were gone forever. She could not conceive of a friendship which could vanish as that of Mirza had done. Eveline had been less heartless; but Zoe felt that she, too, had changed toward her, and that the time had come to sever their relations.

She must, however, do this without exciting the suspicions of her father or his friends. There was no need to grieve his devoted heart. Still, Zoe was scarcely more than a child; she felt the need of a confidant in whose bosom she could pour her sorrow; and when Madeleine came to tell her that luncheon was waiting, and noticed her red eyes, Zoe had soon told her the whole pitiful story.

'It is not what I heard to-day that has decided me,' concluded Zoe. 'This has been going on ever since Mirza's return. I have felt that they were both changed; that I did not, and could not, share their plans and pleasures as I had always done before. And perhaps it is best, Madeleine, that it has happened; for you know very well that both will soon be young ladies, that they will move in a different sphere from mine, and that it would be impossible for me to attempt to join in their amusements. I will soon get over it, Madeleine; for now I must begin to work—or to prepare for work.'

'What do you mean?' asked the indignant old servant. 'You do not need to work. For what do your papa and I practise all our economies but that you may have something when he is gone? For what do I hoard and treasure every cent. that I can spare from my wages but for the same purpose—to add to the store he is laying aside for our darling Zoe? Ah, those mean, ungrateful creatures!' she wound up bitterly. 'But for the fear that it would cause trouble among the gentlemen, I should denounce them before their deceitful faces.'

'My good old Madeleine!' cried Zoe, throwing her arms around the old woman's neck. 'How can I ever thank you! But you and papa shall practise your "little economies," as you call them, no longer. Do not say a word of all this to papa, I implore you. Only uphold me in all I shall ask of him, and confirm all the statements I shall make. Will you promise me?'

'Yes, I will do anything you ask,' replied Madeleine. 'I have never known you to say or do anything that was not right. I will say "Yes" to everything you propose.'

Zoe dried her tears, and went to luncheon. She did not go downstairs again during the day, and no one came to seek her. With a pang she reflected that

until lately no day could have passed in which her friends would not have sought her, had she failed to make her appearance. But her mind was so busy with plans for the future that it took away much of the poignancy of her regret.

Toward evening, seated at her high window, she saw Mirza and Eveline, accompanied by one of the Beauvallon maids, pass along the sidewalk. This gave her a desired opportunity. She ran down to the pavilion in the garden where they had been accustomed to study, took her books from the corner of the bench where she always placed them, and hastened upstairs, her eyes overflowing with tears. Her childhood was over; her friends had grown indifferent; she had bidden adieu to the past. And then as she paused in front of a picture of her parents, taken in the early days of their marriage, her affectionate heart went out to both—the dear dead mother whom she had never known; the loving father whose whole life was spent in her service, with no thought but for her future.

II.

That night, after the table had been cleared, and M. Bertrand sat down as usual for a quiet talk with Zoe before going to spend an hour smoking with his two friends in M. Beauvallon's den, he observed reflectively:

'Zoe, my dear, I have often thought that, in spite of our circumstances, you and I have been singularly favored. Here we are—and have been all your life, at least—with every advantage, almost, that our richer neighbors possess. We are all like one family. Nothing has ever occurred to disturb our pleasant relations. And you, my child, have participated in the studies of Eveline just as though you were her sister. I could never have been able to pay for the lessons you have shared with your friend. Think what it would have meant if I had been obliged to send you away from me to a convent school. How lonely I should have been! I often think of it, and thank God for His goodness.'

Zoe looked at her father. For a moment she wondered if he had heard or suspected anything. He had never spoken so before. But his calm and happy countenance, his gentle eyes filled with gratitude, assured her that he meant every word he said; and she felt grateful for the opportunity offered her to unfold her plans.

'Papa,' she observed slowly, 'you are right in all you say; and I have, I think, been very grateful for the advantages I have enjoyed. Your words have given me courage to say something that has been occupying my mind for some time. You know that my future must be very different from that of Mirza and Eveline. Their fathers are wealthy; they will never have to work for their living. But we are poor; you are not as young as you once were; and I have resolved—with your permission, of course—to discontinue my studies with the girls, and choose some means of making a living.'

M. Bertrand looked aghast at his quiet, timid little Zoe.

'What do you say, my child?' he exclaimed. 'Make a living! I had never thought of such a thing. I trust it will not be necessary. I have plenty of work in me yet, I hope; and my savings are not so small.'

'But your pleasures and luxuries are, papa,' answered Zoe. 'Do not think that I have not observed your economy and self-sacrifice. It has always been in my mind to help when I was old enough, and now I think the time has come.'

'But, my dear—'

'No, papa, unless you positively forbid it—which would make me very unhappy—no objection you can make will have any effect on me. There is nothing for me to do in the house, Madeleine is so efficient. Let me prepare myself for some occupation by which I can help you.'

'But what could you do?'

'I had thought of going to the Polytechnic, where I could improve my drawing. Mlle. Boulin told me several times that I had some talent for designing; and she said also that young girls sometimes make a good deal of money that way. (Mlle. Boulin was the lady who had given drawing lessons to the three girls.) And, besides, papa,' she continued, 'among the pupils at Mme. Rigaud's pension, there are often American ladies who wish to take French lessons, and they pay well.'

'My dear Zoe,' said M. Bertrand, 'I confess that I am surprised; but at the same time I admit you are very sensible. For the first time I realise that you are no longer a child. I shall not refuse you. Let us consider the matter a little, in order to see what will be best. What do you think, Madeleine?' he inquired of the old woman, who was busy putting away the dishes in the china closet.

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'Yes, that will be very good,' replied M. Bertrand. 'But, Zoe, I am loath to see you break up your pleasant studies with your friends.'

'That would have to be done some time, papa,' said the girl. 'They are not children and longer, either.'

'That is true,' answered her father, reaching for his pipe preparatory to going down stairs. 'It is a pity that young things should ever grow up.'

Mirza and Eveline accepted the situation with wonderful equanimity, considering how close had been their relations with Zoe in the past. For some time she had been a drag on their foolish and romantic conversations, in which they could now indulge to their hearts' content. Their intercourse with their former friend soon became limited to an occasional salute in passing through the courtyard, as Zoe had entered L'Ecole des Beaux Arts, where she made good progress. She had two American pupils with whom she held French conversations daily for an hour. She was busy and happy though her young heart felt an occasional pang at the thought of the frail tenure of a friendship which had once seemed eternal.

Strange to say, neither of the three fathers seemed to observe any change. But after a time M. Beauvallon began to notice that Zoe was never with the others. One day he said to Eveline:

'My dear, how is it that Zoe is no longer a sharer in your little pleasures and talks?'

'She is busy all day, papa,' replied Eveline.

'But on Sundays?'

'Oh, I don't know! On Sundays, as always, she likes to be with her father, I suppose.'

'But I never see her reading in the garden, as I used to.'

'That is not our fault, papa. She does not come, that is all.'

'You have had no quarrel, no misunderstanding?'

'Papa, we never had a quarrel in our lives.'

'Still, you do not seem to regret her absence.'

'I have Mirza, you know.'

'That is a very selfish remark, my child, particularly when one remembers the length and extent of your intimacy with Zoe.'

Eveline blushed, but said nothing. Her heart had often reproached her for her coldness toward the friend of her childhood, who was of much better fibre than Mirza. Still, she was at the age when cruelties are often perpetrated unthinkingly; and the delights which Mirza constantly portrayed to her were far more welcome than the quiet company of Zoe, whom she now found very uninteresting.

M. Beauvallon was a keen observer; he soon began to comprehend the situation, and resolved to let things take their course. He knew his daughter pretty well, and he also gauged the character of Mirza. He felt confident that in some way Eveline would be taught a lesson, and concluded to watch and be silent.

About three weeks after this, as Zoe was descending the stairs one morning, she met the doctor leaving the Beauvallons' apartment. When Madeleine came for her in the evening, she told her that Eveline had smallpox, and that all the tenants except themselves were leaving the hotel.

'How absurd!' exclaimed the gentle Zoe. 'And poor Eveline! What if she should be disfigured?'

'Or die,' said Madeleine. 'But, dear, it is not so absurd as you think, to go away from the house. The disease is very infectious. People do not want to run the risk of getting smallpox.'

'Papa will not move?' asked Zoe.

'I do not know. He is not yet aware of the circumstances, Mademoiselle.'

When M. Bertrand came home in the evening and learned the situation, he resolved to stay in the hotel. They were two storeys removed from the Beauvallons; he did not fear contagion. After the first day they were the only residents of the house except the Beauvallons, now quarantined by sickness.

On the third day Zoe went into the garden for the first time in weeks. Seating herself on a bench, she looked up at the windows of M. Beauvallon's apartments. A white curtain hung loosely in front of Eveline's window. In a few moments a hand pushed it aside and a small basket descended by a rope to the ground. Quite unconscious that she was exposing herself to danger, Zoe went forward and picked it up. On a small piece of paper were the words: 'The nurse has gone. I am alone with my daughter. Get some one.'

Zoe ran quickly upstairs and told Madeleine. The old woman thought it best to wait for the doctor, who would probably soon be making his morning call. When he came, Zoe met him at the door, still holding the paper in her hand.

'Another gone!' said the doctor. 'I can get no one. The woman I sent yesterday had almost to be driven there. I don't know what to do. But who told you of it, my child?'

Zoe showed him the paper.

'Very imprudent of M. Beauvallon—very imprudent,' observed the doctor. 'Probably written in the sick-room. Do you know, Mademoiselle, that you run great danger now of taking the disease? You really ought to be quarantined.'

'I am not afraid,' replied Zoe. 'If it were not for my father, I should go myself and take care of her.'

'You are a brave girl,' said the doctor. 'Stay here till I return. However, you will—you should, I think—really be fumigated. My conscience will reproach me unless something is done.'

Zoe sat down on the stairs. In ten minutes the doctor returned.

'It is a terrible state of affairs,' he said. 'The child delirious, the father helpless—very inefficient. She will die unless I can get some one.'

'Where are the servants?'

'They have all fled.'

'All?'

'Every one. That man is alone there with his daughter.'

Zoe stood up. All memory of past coldness and indifference vanished from her mind; she saw only the kind faces of her former friends smiling in love upon her; she longed only to help them.

'You really think I am in danger?' she inquired.

'I know—it now,' replied the doctor. 'You have been doubly in danger. I have just come from the sick-room.'

'Shall I also have to be quarantined?'

'I fear so, if I am honest.'

'Very well, then, doctor. Please tell my father. God will take care of me. I cannot let my best friends suffer, perhaps die, for want of assistance at such a time as this.'

And before the doctor could realise what she was about to do, Zoe had lifted the portiere and passed into the infected apartment.

Six weeks later she emerged, her arm around Eveline's shoulder, leading her for the first time into the garden. Neither she nor M. Beauvallon had contracted the disease; but their labors had been heroic. Doctor Velot declared that if it had not been for the hourly application of lotions to Eveline's face, she would have been badly scarred; but, thanks to the ceaseless attention of her faithful friend, he assured them Eveline's skin would soon be as fresh and fair as before.

M. Beauvallon was already in the garden with cushions and wraps. Near him stood M. Bertrand and Madeleine, eagerly awaiting the arrival of the two girls. At a short distance M. de Bonneval was fitfully stroking the hat he held in his hand. He felt as nervous as he looked; for his daughter had declined accompanying him, saying that she would not risk taking smallpox for all the friends she ever had in the world.

After they had all greeted and congratulated Eveline, and Zoe had wept in her father's arms, and been kissed and hugged by Madeleine, and complimented by everybody on her heroic devotion to her friend, Eveline turned to M. de Bonneval.

'And how is Mirza?' she inquired.

'Very well,' he answered, in an embarrassed manner. 'And then, in the bungling way not unusual among men, he added, "She was a little timid about accompanying me to-day; but later she will come, I've no doubt."

'And when do you return to your apartment?' asked M. Bertrand.

'I think we will remain where we are,' responded the poor man, still tactlessly. 'The rooms are pleasant, and Mirza very childlessly has a horror of possible infection.'

'That danger was over three weeks ago, Monsieur,' said Madeleine grimly.

M. de Bonneval wiped his heated brow with a large white handkerchief; M. Bertrand beamed adoringly on the two girls, sitting with their arms about each other; and M. Beauvallon, smiling at his daughter, knew that she had learned a lesson of a lifetime's value.

The true wisdom of nations is experience.—Napoleon I.

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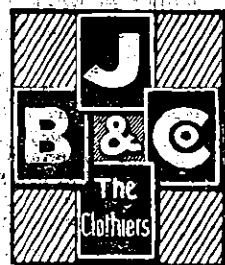
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Current Topics

Low Comedy 'Logic'

Even Johnny Raw must have some knowledge and practice before he can be trusted to waltz a 'balmoral' or solder a tin kettle. But some fine day he stumbles through a lecture by the shallow plagiarist Ingersoll, or the latest of the shifting and contradictory theories of the Rationalist Press, and, presto! he finds himself capable of deciding the deepest mysteries of time and space, of matter, life, free-will, mind, and all the rest of the riddles of the universe. All is at once as plain and open to him as the making of a mud pie. One of the usual type of these Sir Oracles of neglected mental training has recently been airing his borrowed and misunderstood views in a Northern contemporary. His sweeping positiveness, his serene assumption that his bare assertion is on any point sufficient proof, and the fierce indignation with which he resents the gentlest questioning or contradiction—all these are true to type, and are a joy for ever to such as delight in what we may call low comedy 'logic' or the Humpty-Dumpty 'argument'.

Some years ago (so runneth a story told by Dr. George P. Hays) one of the Johnny Raw class of infidels was to lecture at a 'little red schoolhouse' in Pennsylvania. The lecturer was young, and therefore very positive indeed. A hard-headed old German farmer met him near the village and queried:—

'You de young man vot is to schpeak dis evening?'

'Yes, stranger, I am.'

'Vell, vot you schpeak about?'

'My subject is this: "Resolved, That I will never believe anything I do not understand."'

'Oh, my!' exclaimed the German. 'Is dot it? Vell, now, you shoost take von liddle example. There, you see dat field—my pasture over there. Now my horse, he eat de grass, und it come up hair all over he's pack (back). Then my sheep, he eat shoost de same grass, und it grow wool all over him. Und vot you tink? My goose, he eat de grass too, und sure's I tell you it comes all over him fadders. You understand dot? Heigh?'

The youth did not understand—even though the making and preserving of a universe, and of all things animate and inanimate was no more a mystery to him than (as Carlyle puts it) the making of an apple-dumpling.

Home Rule Near

After the passing of the Act of Union, Ireland's hope for the restoration of her traditional legislative rights was

'Like the bird in the story
That flitted from tree unto tree
With the talisman's glittering glory.'

But it looks as if the oft-flitting hope is now at last about to settle and allow the people of the Emerald Isle to seize the fair political jewel of self-rule which they have been patiently pursuing ever since it was taken from them 'by force and fraud' more than a hundred years ago. In a recent interview with an American paper, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., declares that 'a self-government Bill will be presented to the House of Commons in January or February, and will pass by a majority of at least 150. It would, he adds, 'pass by that majority even if we stopped our work at this very minute, for the Campbell-Bannerman administration is not opposing us, and recognises the justice of our contentions. The Premier himself has said from the stump that he is not unfriendly to Home Rule—or self-government, for that is a better term. With a majority of more than 150 for the measure we hope—and, I was going to say, anticipate, but I will content myself with saying "hope".'

—that the House of Lords will realise that the great body of the English people are favorable to the self-governing proposition of our party, and will refrain from killing the measure. It may be that when the Bill reaches the House of Lords it will be nullified by a crowd of amendments, but if public pressure is strong enough it may have a more fortunate fate. In our fight for self-government, our party is assisted by the Labor party, which within the last few years has gained greatly in strength and importance. The Labor party now has fifty-one members in the House of Commons. We have eighty-two, so you see that our combined strength is quite formidable. Nearly all of the important labor Bills that have been passed during the last few years have been put through with our assistance, so that when we need help it is only natural that we should look to them for votes.'

A Long Deferred Hope

'Hitherto,' says the 'Catholic Times,' 'sufferers from cancer have had no very bright hopes when undergoing medical treatment. The news which now comes from Paris will cause all who are so afflicted to be of good heart. Absolute certainty of cure can as yet, it is true, be scarcely entertained in all cases, but Dr. Doyen has cured and is curing many. Since June of last year a great change has come over the opinion of experts as to the discoverer's success. A commission then held that the treatment was not effectual. Meanwhile cures have been wrought. Twenty-four of Dr. Doyen's cancer-patients who were despaired of in June, 1905, are now doing well, and out of a total of sixty-four cases that have come under his treatment fifty-six cases are reported to have progressed favorably. Dr. Metchnikoff, Pasteur's successor at the Institute, is convinced that the microbe of cancer has been discovered, and Dr. Doyen was accorded a most cordial reception at the Congress of Surgeons just held in Paris. Of all the experts present only one, it is said, doubts the efficacy of his remedy. Happily it looks as if the medical faculty are at last winning in the battle against cancer.'

It seems to be well established that cancer is not hereditary. And in a great way this is more than a small mercy to be thankful for. Some years ago (it was, we think, in 1899) Dr. Bra, a pupil of the illustrious Catholic scientist Pasteur, discovered, isolated, and cultivated the parasite which gives rise to cancerous growths. It took a long time to run the microscopic king of terrors to earth. It turned out to be a mere rag-tag-and-bobtail member of the great fungus family—a low microscopic fungus' was the discoverer's description, after his long hunt had ended in a capture. It is about the thirty-millionth of an inch in diameter, but the name (ascomycetus) is big enough for an asteroid. With cultures of this parasite, the fell disease has been produced in various animals, and specially favorable opportunities have been thus offered to studying the nature and treatment of this dreaded constitutional malady. The hope deferred that maketh the heart sick seems now on the verge of realisation. But in the meantime—and in every event—patients should kick downstairs the quack 'cancer curers' that infest various communities in this Colony. Apart from the new treatment, which seems to be big with promise, what the surgeon's knife can't cure must be endured—until the better thing has stood the test and comes our way.

Bible-in-schools Tyranny.

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Williamstown, Pennsylvania, furnishes a melancholy example of the state of primitive savagery that is possible in a community in which intellectual enlightenment, Christian charity, and the spirit of toleration are about as conspicuously absent as they are in that region 'East of Suez'—where there ain't no Ten Commandments. There exists in that afflicted town a menagerie of organised intolerants—as alert for mischief as the Victorian tiger snake, which, at the rustle of a dry gum-leaf in December, the crack of a broken twig, the softest footfall, turns its evil yellow eyes, flattens its head, plies its forked black tongue, sounds its angry hiss through the parched summer grass, and—if fair opportunity offers—flings its mottled, yellow coils in head-long fury to strike its victim with its deadly fangs. Some weeks ago we told how those banded smooth-bores petitioned the School Board of Williamstown to the following effect: (1) that the Protestant Bible be read in the schools, and that all the children be compelled to attend the reading; (2) that all the Catholic teachers be dismissed. The petitions, says the Boston 'S.H. Review' of October 20, were presented by the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Patriotic Sons of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and, strange to say, Chester Post, Grand Army of the Republic. The School Board immediately acquiesced, the Protestant Bible was ordered read, and all the Catholic school teachers dismissed. The matter was carried to the courts, which refused to interfere.

The sequel is told as follows by our esteemed Boston contemporary: 'Under these circumstances, Catholic parents refused to permit their children to attend the public schools. For this they have been arrested and committed to gaol at Harrisburg because they would not pay the fines for refusing to let their children attend what are Protestant exercises in the public schools. Seeing no amicable or just settlement in sight, Father Dougherty, the pastor, has started a parish school under difficulties. Some of the children are in the parlor of his own house, others in the church, pending the fitting up of the church basement. And now the bigots threaten that they will force the health authorities to condemn the basement for school purposes.' The upshot of the affair will be watched with interest. The whole incident affords an illuminating example of the things that are possible even under a system of public instruction that plumes itself on being, in religious matters, severely neutral. Nearer home to us, the evidence given by non-Catholic witnesses before the Victorian Royal Commission of 1900 showed how Catholic and Jewish children may be forced into attendance at 'Reformed' religious instruction, in open, flagrant, and habitual violation of a 'conscience clause'. With us in New Zealand, the Bible-in-schools movement has been planted where the lilies blow. And we cannot say that we have for it either the 'words that weep' or the 'tears that speak'. Over its unmarked grave there may yet perhaps spring up among our separated friends the fair flower of an effort to solve the religious education difficulty in a manner that may be fair to all. But no settlement can be either permanent or possible in which Catholics are ignored, or not treated as principals.

Confession Among Non-Catholics

The schoolmaster keeps getting abroad. He has by no means been able to dispel all the ignorance that is about. But he has incidentally enabled some generations of the young idea to moulder sundry false impressions, regarding Catholic doctrine and discipline that were long bone of the bone and flesh of the flesh of what is known as popular Protestantism. Among these is the practice of confession. Evangelical Protestants long assailed confession with tornadoes of fierce invective. That sort of thing is now

usually left to itinerant professional gaol-birds and slanderers who used to find—and still sometimes find—a lucrative business in making this ancient practice of saints and sages the subject of prurient romance of the Zola type. The first Reformers, however, recognised the divinely given instinct of the human heart to unbosom criminal secrets—an instinct which has manifested itself down the course of history, from Cain to Eugene Aram and Richard Pigott. Luther, for instance, after his break with Rome, adhered permanently to sacramental confession as 'the only remedy for afflicted souls'. Melancthon, in preparing the Augsburg (Lutheran) Confession of Faith, said (c. xi): 'Our Churches teach concerning confession, that the use of private absolution should be maintained in the Churches. Confession is not to be abolished in our Churches. According to Fuller's 'Church History' (book x, p. 9) Calvin recognised its utility. And in its Confession of Faith (xv, 6) the Scottish Presbyterian Church declares that 'he that scandaliseth his brother, or the Church of Christ, ought to be willing, by a private or public confession and sorrow for his sin, to declare his repentance to those that are offended'.

Confession of sins was retained by Henry VIII after his rupture with Rome. 'Auricular and secret confession to the priest' was provided for in the first Prayer Book of Edward VI. The practice is still retained (on paper) in the Book of Common Prayer, which directs the minister to 'move' the sick person 'to make a special confession of his sins' privately, 'if there be anything weighty on his conscience. The same thing is provided for in the Order of Holy Communion. Till the Oxford Movement, however, the practice of confession had been almost completely abandoned in the Church of England, despite the rubric of the Prayer Book and the exhortations of such men as George Herbert, Bishop Jeremy Taylor, Bishop Cosin, John Isham, and others. Bishop Short, in his 'History of the Church of England' (8th ed., section 309) refers as follows to the recommendations of the Book of Common Prayer in regard to the confession of particular sins:—

'So little are we accustomed to this most scriptural duty, that these recommendations are frequently unknown and generally neglected, while scarcely a vestige remains of ecclesiastical law for the restraint of vice; and though the punishment of many offences has been wisely transferred to the courts of common law, yet the laxity which prevails with regard to numerous breaches of the law of God may be well esteemed a deficiency in our national duty'.

Pusey's famous work in favor of confession, as well as the Oxford Movement, gave a great impetus to the practice. In our day an important and steadily increasing body in the Church of England are committed to it, and have issued quite a body of literature in support of what George Herbert termed 'this ancient and pious ordinance'.

At the recent Anglican Church Congress, in Melbourne, the Rev. Canon Wise (a delegate from South Australia) read a paper on the subject, which was reported in part as follows in the Victorian press:—

'They must realise the fact that certain supernatural powers were vested in the priesthood as a part of the ordination gift, and that they had the power of the keys given by Our Lord Himself to St. Peter, and the Holy Apostles, and to every priest since. Whose sins ye do forgive they are forgiven, and whose sins ye do retain they are retained.' How was this ministry of reconciliation being exercised in the cities and towns of Australia? Were sick folks being moved to make special confession of their sins? Were those who absented themselves from the Holy Communion advised to seek the ministry of absolution? Was one of the obstacles to the Catholic religion their own timidity and their own uncertainty? One of the most significant parts of the recent Ritual Commission was that where it was stated that the number of those seeking this special confes-

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sion and absolution was steadily and markedly increasing. (Applause.) Men and women must be encouraged to come to the clergy, and this they would only do if they knew that, though a man like themselves, he is endowed with supernatural powers for the exercise of his ministry, and that his ordination was no form, but a real endowment of powers from on high. He was to search for souls, that he might make them recognise their sin, and long for healing, and that they were to come to him that he might exercise the ministry of reconciliation, and give absolution and advice. Whilst in certain quarters the bitterest invectives were being hurled against this means of grace, and the term habitual confession, as a land of 'Mesopotamia,' was being used in place of the term auricular confession of bygone days, souls were perishing and starving round them for want of this spiritual nourishment which alone could awaken them, and save them from their sins. (Applause.) He could not see how it was possible to work in crowded cities without this.

Was it not possible for them, as a branch of the Church, to have clear directions regarding its use, and to have a regular order of confessors appointed? The practice was right. It was permissible. It was a common thing in the Church for people to go to confession. And yet they spoke of it with bated breath, and wondered why the thousands of folk in the towns were indifferent to religion, and seemed to have lost the sense of sin. If things were to be tolerated, why were they not to be sanctioned and regulated? Whatever was the thing they were afraid of? Could they wonder if sometimes they were accused of a want of backbone, and it was said of them, "They are not Catholics, and they are not Protestants; they must be Anglicans." (Laughter.)

We have, or have had, upon our bookshelves, a goodly collection of Anglican manuals that give instructions as to the manner of confessing. Among these are 'Sacramental Confession' (by Rev. F. C. Lowden), 'Hints to Penitents', 'How to Make a Good Confession', 'The Prayer Book for the Young', 'A help to Repentance' (published in Hobart), and (among others) the well-known 'Manual' by the Rev. Vernon Staley, which devotes twelve pages to 'Sacramental Confession,' and in a tone that is singularly Catholic. Some years ago, an Anglican clergyman, 'Father' Black, made himself responsible for the statement that from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred of his brethren in the ministry were in the habit of hearing confessions in England and Scotland. A hundred years ago hardly one would have dared to make such an avowal. Well, time's whirligig brings in his revenges. And one of these is the testimony now borne by a large and growing section of the Anglican Church to the antiquity, and usefulness of 'this most scriptural duty' of the confession of grievous sins committed after Baptism.

IRELAND'S CLAIM STATED

By 'T. P.'

I ask leave (writes the gifted and versatile T. P. O'Connor, M.P., in the 'North American') to give a short statement of the cause of Ireland and especially of the claim that she makes to the sympathy of the people of the United States.

What is the claim of Ireland? It is that there may be restored to her that of which she was robbed by force and fraud—her own native Parliament.

There are some people who are under the impression that the demand of Ireland is for the creation of something revolutionary, novel—something that never existed before. The Irish Parliament, cribbed, cabined and confined, but recognised as a separate assembly, had existed in Ireland for centuries, when, in 1800, it was destroyed. Our demand is for the restoration of an assembly and of a national existence almost as ancient as that of the Hungarians; and England, like Austria, will only be

Restoring the Old,

and not introducing the new, when she again consents to the existence of an Irish Parliament.

I have spoken of that Parliament as having been destroyed by force and by fraud. On that point there is no contest among historians. Lecky, who, unfortunately, became in his old age an enemy of the na-

tional demand, has, in page after page of his famous history, described the corrupt means by which the Act of Union, which destroyed the Irish Parliament, was brought about. Gladstone has characterised the conduct of Pitt—the chief Minister responsible for the business—by the strong epithet, 'Blackguard.'

The two houses of the Irish Parliament, which surrendered Ireland's rights, had no national authority to do so. Though four-fifths of the Irish population, then, as now, were Catholic, not one Catholic sat in either house. It was the betrayal and the

Sale of Ireland's Liberties

by a small and corrupt oligarchy, which, under the intolerant system then in existence, was placed in control of all Ireland's population and all Ireland's destinies.

The Act of Union, though passed by such questionable means, might claim some sanctity if the results had answered to the promises by which it was carried. It was to make Ireland prosperous, free, in a better position than she was while ruled by her own Parliament. Above all, Ireland was to gain in wealth and in fair taxation by the power and generosity of her neighbors.

Nothing could be more tragic than the contrast between the succeeding facts and these anticipations. Listen to this brief summary of British rule in Ireland since the Act of Union.

1. Three famines.
2. Three rebellions.
3. Ninety Coercion Acts, depriving Ireland of all the liberty supposed to be fundamental in the British Constitution—suspension over and over again, for example, of habeas corpus, suspension of trial by jury, suspension of free speech, free writing, and free meeting.

The worst of these three famines was that of 1846. It is computed that a million people died of hunger or pestilence in that dreadful period, and yet in those very years Ireland produced more food than would have fed all her population.

Famine, plague, want of liberty—these are the things which have produced

The Great Irish Emigration

and have robbed Ireland in half a century of half her population.

The Act of Union, thus, while depriving Ireland of the control of her own affairs, has led to the most disastrous failure in all history in the art of government. The Act, in addition, was responsible for the worst land system in Europe—a system which put a penalty on industry, which gave to the landlord the full fruits of the labor of his tenants, and which, placing in his hands the one industry of Ireland, enabled him to destroy the home, to blight the lives, to exile and even to kill thousands of the Irish people.

By their fruits shall you know them. Were there ever such terrible and tragic fruits as these from a legislative measure?

Take taxation, finally. An English Royal Commission reported that Ireland was

Overtaxed

to the extent of \$17,500,000 (£3,500,000) a year. This grievance, instead of being redressed, has been aggravated by the additional taxation rendered necessary by the foolish, unnecessary, and wicked war with the Boer Republics.

A member of the present administration, Mr. Thomas Lough, has summed up the case of Ireland on this point in the sentence: 'Since the Union, the population of Ireland has halved; the taxation of Ireland has doubled.'

The present system in Ireland is as remarkable for its extravagance, for its folly, and for its inefficiency as for its want of moral right in the assent of the governed. There are forty-two public boards, each more inefficient than the other. Education—the sole fortune of most young Irish boys and girls—is bad, root and branch, from top to bottom. The elementary schools are often in squalid cottages, badly ventilated, and in winter the fuel has often had to be provided out of the poor salaries of the teachers.

While in Trinity College the Protestant minority has every advantage of university education, the Catholic youth of Ireland for two generations have been demanding in vain a university in which Catholics may find education without a sacrifice of their religious convictions.

There is scarcely a department of human life which is not prejudiced by this inefficient system. I almost wept once as Lady Dudley—wife of the gentleman who but the other day was Tory Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—told me of the terrible ravage of disease, mostly tuberculosis, on the western shores of Ireland—ravages

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which mainly raged among helpless children, who grew up with hip disease and lung disease, and often died just as they approached manhood and womanhood.

I have only time to mention that, side by side with this vast area of poverty and diseased conditions among the poor, there co-exists the

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of administration in the world. We have three times as many Judges as are necessary, and these Judges get double the salary they should.

We have, instead of a police force of some two or three thousand men, an army of occupation of 18,000. Jobbing is universal among the official classes. Next to the holding down of Ireland by force, the most abhorrent thing in the system is the corruption of the best intellect of Ireland by innumerable offices and extravagant salaries.

The villainous system is doomed. The present Prime Minister of England, backed by the biggest majority of any Minister in modern times, is pledged to its extinction, and he is an honorable man. The British constituencies have pronounced against it by the overwhelming defeat of the party that stood for its perpetuation. The hour of Ireland's deliverance is at hand.

CORRESPONDENCE

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A SUGGESTED FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE EDUCATION QUESTION

To the Editor.

Sir,—It must be gratifying to Mr. Scott to read the number of letters so ably written in reply to his 'Suggested Forward Movement on the Education Question.'

The one thing that most interests Catholics is the proper education of their children, and in order to accomplish this they ought to be prepared to put up with all sorts of hardships. We have had striking examples of this ever since the Christian era commenced, and one has reason to fear that Catholics of today are perhaps not as earnest for the education of their children now as in days gone by.

Our present system of education aims, in effect, at the banishment from the land of everything pertaining to God; and, if allowed to pursue its course without any check, the Colony will soon become a country of freethinkers and agnostics. We have a terrible illustration of this deplorable state in the present condition of France, which no doubt was brought on through want of proper organisation amongst Catholics. We now see the sad consequences.

It ought to be evident to all that the atmosphere of agnosticism—or ignoring God—that pervades our system of education is more dangerous to Christianity and to the faith of our children than any form of Protestantism. For my part I would prefer the bigoted parson to the smooth-tongued, if not sarcastic, agnostic. The want of proper facilities for imparting religious instruction in the schools throughout New Zealand has been long felt, even by the other denominations. We saw how the Bible-in-schools advocates worked in order to gain their point, but without success, simply because they wished to obtain their own end, whilst they were determined to allow Catholics to labor under a grievous injustice. If you read the reports of the different synods you will see that they all deplore the want of religious training. They ventilate their views very strongly; but, unfortunately, when the doors are closed for the season the matter is allowed to sleep for another year, and then the same stirring remarks are made—without further action. Will it be so with us Catholics?

The latest suggestion made 'by the other side' on the matter was in the shape of a question asked in the House by Mr. Flatman (Member for Geraldine), which ran as follows: Mr. Flatman asked the Premier whether the Government will take into consideration during the recess the desirableness or otherwise of giving a small capitation grant to Sunday schools of all denominations without exception, the grant to be allotted according to attendance if possible? Then he went on to explain that the object of asking the question was not for the purpose of suggesting the payment of Sunday-school teachers, but with a view that a small capitation grant would in some degree settle the vexed question of imparting religious in-

struction in our State schools, and render assistance in paying some of the necessary expenses incurred in carrying on Sunday-school work.

Does it not seem, then, that this is a very opportune moment to take up Mr. Scott's suggestion? Perhaps the time has gone when a Protestant clergyman was ready to sink Christianity rather than see Catholics benefit by any State grants, to which we are justly entitled. If so, he might be prepared to discuss a subject which is of such vital importance to him as well as to ourselves.

Again, look at the zeal and business methods displayed by prohibitionists concerning their theories. It seems to me that Catholics might well take a leaf out of their book. Should we spend the same amount of time, energy, and even money in educating our fellow citizens as to the justice of our cause? I doubt not that but before long they would return to Parliament men favorable to our cause and the victory would be gained. I still believe in the fair play of the people of New Zealand. The more efforts that are made by the Government to spread their agnosticising system of education, the greater also the bribes that are offered to our Catholic children, by means of scholarships in the high schools—bribes which some weak-kneed Catholics are found too ready to jump at, as formerly. But why go into ancient history? We ought to stir ourselves to save the Catholic cause and to preserve the faith of the rising generation—I am, etc.

Waimate, November 28.

A. HARRIS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—One cannot but admire the good intention and the strong convictions proposed by Mr. Scott for a religious education question. In my opinion, I fail to see where I can endorse one single contribution towards his suggestion. Are not our Catholic schools in all towns, cities, and counties, impregnable foris of example to do at once what is to do, and trust ourselves alone? This inception of our Catholic schools and religious education was not and is not brought about by international interdenominational conferences. Nor is the Church likely to alter her course of religious instruction as suggested by Mr. J. A. Scott by calling together a mixed conference, to draw up plans and specifications as to how and what shall be taught on this religious question. Sir, if our agitators on religious education were sincere in their intentions, they would be up and doing. Did not the Bible-in-schools League stamp the country at great expense, and by force more than precept endeavor to assail and silence the conscience of the minority? How far would the expense (now thrown to the winds) have gone towards something of a practical nature? Did not Dr. Gibb, at a recent meeting of divines in Dunedin, assert that the time was inopportune for Bible-in-schools, making political references his main factor? This attitude looks very like an amicable conference as suggested by Mr. Scott. The most advantageous way to a solution of Mr. Scott's proposed movement is to carefully precipitate the intention and filter the solution of activity by doing at once, what is to do—by all denominations converting their Sunday schools into secular schools, and doing themselves what they are asking Parliament to do; or by building their own schools, such as we Catholics have done, and are doing. What man has done, man can do. Surely, if generous funds can be collected to stamp the country to force the Protestant version of the Bible into the schools, it is only logic to say that the same funds would go towards building and maintaining their own schools. Having done this, then we, as a Catholic body, I think, would join in with Mr. Scott's proposed conference, and further, petition or demand of Parliament the just subsidy to support our own and their schools. We would not need any conscience clause. We would each take our own quota of teaching, both secular and religious, and thus relieve the State of the responsibility of teaching our schools, or forming a new 'State creed,' which would certainly change at every new election. I am sure a most hearty welcome would be accorded to any conference that would wish to visit any of our schools and adopt a similar plan of combined education, which would speak more forcibly than any mere table-conference. If Mr. Scott will kindly review my remarks, he will at once see that there is absolutely no necessity for the Catholic clergy or laity to form any conference other than their own. Our secular and religious system of education is not under question. Many of the principles of Catholic education are being universally adopted. I wonder why?—Yours, etc.

JAS. J. CRONIN.

Wellington, November 24.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 1.

Among the passengers from Sydney on Wednesday were the Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R., Superior of the Redemptorists, and Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., Very Rev. Fathers Clune, and Rev. Fathers MacDermott and Lowham left for the south on mission work last evening.

The following officers have been elected in connection with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, formed at a large and enthusiastic meeting last week:—President, Mr. Martin Kennedy; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. J. Devine, Sub-Inspector Donovan, M. O'Connor, and B. Doherty; secretary, Mr. J. Gamble; treasurer, Mr. O. McArdle. The principal work of the society will consist in protecting the interests of Catholic children that are left uncared for.

St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, was beautifully decorated on Tuesday morning on the occasion of the marriage of Miss May Sullivan, eldest daughter of Mrs. Sullivan, Tasman street, to Mr. Oscar Ellis, of Petone. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father O'Shea, assisted by Rev. Father Venning. A reception, to which a large number of friends were invited, was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's mother, where Father O'Shea proposed the toast of the happy couple, which was duly honored. The honeymoon is being spent in the Hawke's Bay district.

A well-filled hall greeted the first public appearance of the music pupils of St. Joseph's Convent, South Wellington, on Thursday evening. It is no exaggeration to say that the programme submitted, and the manner in which the several items were given, more than favorably compared with more pretentious concerts. The chorus work throughout was particularly fine. The effect of 'Hark! 'tis the Indian drum' being especially marked. Miss Eilla McMahon gave a very feeling rendering of 'Hush! little one,' that earned a well-deserved encore. Mascheroni's 'Ave Maria' was nicely given by Miss Eileen Barton. In the second part she was heard to advantage in 'Angels ever bright and fair,' and in company with Miss A. Gurney had to respond to a recall for the rendering of 'Maying.' Miss Lillian Head's singing of 'Dry those tears' and 'Abide with me' was marked by a sympathy in harmony with the subjects. 'Snowflakes' by Miss Muriel Bennett was also tastefully rendered. A flute solo by Mr. A. McDonald and a violin solo by Mr. Cimino added to the pleasure of the evening. The Sisters are to be heartily congratulated. Misses Grace Nelson, N. Quirk, and M. Evans, L.A.B., played the several accompaniments.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 3.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, spent last week in Christchurch. He preached at Vespers in St. Mary's, Manchester street, on Sunday evening, and afterwards pontificated at solemn Benediction in the Cathedral, attended by the Rev. Fathers Galerne and Peoples.

What is regarded by many as a retrograde step is the exclusion of women this year by the local contributing bodies to the Charitable Aid Board from that body in connection with which several lady members in the past have accomplished so much undoubted good work. Hopes are expressed that they will not be discouraged by the present action of the "powers that be," who have evidently failed to share that appreciation of past services which is felt by a large section of the general public.

A mission by the Redemptorist Fathers was solemnly opened at the eleven o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday, the opening sermon being preached by the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R. At three o'clock in the afternoon the Rev. Father MacDermott, C.S.S.R., opened the children's mission, and in the evening a mission sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., to an exceptionally large congregation, additional seating having of necessity to be provided in the corridors.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

A conversazione in aid of the furnishing of the presbytery is to be held on December 17.

The Temuka Catholic Young Men's Club held a meeting on Tuesday evening last to consider the proposal of joining in the camp of the Catholic Young Men, to be held in Christchurch during Christmas week. Several members signified their intention of taking part.

One of the most successful entertainments yet held in the district took place in the Kerrytown school-room on Thursday evening last, in aid of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Though the weather was not very promising, yet the school was packed, and all were pleased with the programme, which included items by the school children, and performers from Timaru and Temuka.

Thames

There was a very crowded attendance at the Opera House on Thursday evening, November 22 (says the 'Thames Star'), when the annual entertainment by the pupils and ex-pupils of the Convent High School was held. The contributors to the programme, amongst whom were a large number of small children, acquitted themselves admirably, bearing ample testimony to the capable instruction of the Sisters, and the audience showed their appreciation in a marked manner. The chorus, 'The Four Sisters,' was a very effective item, the soloists being Misses V. Twohill (England), N. Gibson (Scotland), M. Gill (Wales), and McEnteer (Ireland), the dressing being appropriate to the occasion. Another striking item was a chorus and dance by a bevy of tiny maidens charmingly attired in Japanese kimono. 'The Light Castanet' was also prettily staged, Misses Gibson and V. Twohill taking the solos. A pretty fan action song was gracefully rendered, and 'The Green Shores of Erin' made a bright chorus. A special feature of these entertainments is the pianoforte playing of the pupils, and this occasion proved no exception to the rule. The solos, duets and trios were brilliantly executed, and gave evidence of much skill. The items were as follows: Duet, Misses V. Twohill, Lowe (2), and Gribble; trio, Misses M. Corbett, McLeod, Stewart, A. Gibson, Moran, and L. Lawson; duet, Misses Lowe, M. Corbett, Gribble and McLeod; solo, Miss Gribble; trio, Misses M. Clendon, Thorne and Rattray; vocal duet, Misses McEnteer and Gibson. The whole concluded with a drama, the principal part being capably taken by Miss V. Twohill, who has on previous occasions shown marked talent in the histrionic art; Miss T. Mellett was exceptionally good; Miss J. Maher gave a life-like representation of an old apple woman, Miss Gibson was amusing as Topsy, while the other characters were filled by Misses A. Mellett, Harold, McEnteer, Gill, A. Stewart, M. Mooney, N. Dunbar, Sullivan, Connolly, Jamieson, McDonnell, Stevens, and Mrs. Clark. The selections by the orchestra, under Mr. A. Williams, were worthy of special mention. The accompaniments were efficiently played by Misses Fortune and V. Twohill. The result both from an enjoyable and financial point of view must be highly gratifying to the talented Sisters and the popular pastor, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, who takes a very practical interest in the young folk.

St. Patrick's College Sports

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Wellington, December 1.

The boys of St. Patrick's College were once again favored with beautiful weather for the annual sports, which were held on Friday last at the Basin Reserve. There was a large and representative gathering present at what was one of the most successful sports meetings yet held by the College authorities. Amongst those present, in addition to the Very Rev. the Rector and the College staff, were his Grace the Archbishop, the Mayor of Wellington (the Hon. T. W. Hislop), Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Very Rev. Father Lewis, S.M., V.G., all the clergy of the city and suburbs, and many of our prominent citizens. A slight southerly breeze did not in any way interfere with the racing, and the close finishes and the good times showed how interesting the races were. Music by McLaughlin's Band added to the enjoyment of the visitors, and afternoon tea, thoughtfully provided by the College Fathers, was served in a large marquee.

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The College Championship was won by C. H. Seymour, with 17 points, N. Geaney being second with 14 points. Seymour showed consistently good form throughout the day and his win was a popular one. The hero of the day was undoubtedly A. Cullen (of Westport), a lad of sixteen, who after winning the 100yds and 220yds under seventeen, won the open long jump with a jump of 19ft 11in (including 10in handicap). Subsequently, in attempting to lower the College record, he covered the net distance of 20ft 4in, which, though disallowed on account of slightly overstepping the mark, was a remarkable performance for one so young. All the events were run to time, and the whole programme of 26 events passed off without a hitch, a result highly creditable to the committee, and to C. H. Seymour, their energetic secretary, in particular.

The following were the results:—

100 yards Flat Handicap.—First heat—R. Campion, 7yds, 1; J. P. Ryan, 4yds, 2. Second heat—W. Dore, 8yds, and F. McKenna, 5yds, dead heat. Third heat and 100 yards Championship—C. H. Seymour, 1; L. Chapman, 2; N. Geaney, 3. Seymour led for the greatest part of the distance. Chapman, the second man, put up a great finish, and almost got on even terms with the winner. Final—Dore, 1; Ryan, 2; McKenna, 3. Won easily.

100 yards (under 15).—First heat—J. Leo, 2yds, 1; R. Buckley, 6yds, 2. Second heat—T. Lynch, 5yds, 1; B. Malone, 5yds, 2. Third heat—W. Maher, 2yds, 1; L. Buckley, 5yds, 2.

100 yards (under 17).—First heat—A. Cullen, 2yds, 1; W. Fitzgerald, 11yds, 2. Second heat—J. Rochford, 7yds, 1; J. Leo, 9yds, 2. Third heat—B. Heenan, 8yds, 1; P. Punch, 8yds, 2. Fourth heat—J. Flynn, 8yds, 1; W. Maher, 9yds, 2. Final—A. Cullen, 1; J. Flynn, 2; M. Maher, 3. A close finish.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—J. Stewart, scr., 1; C. Smith, 14yds, 2; E. Burke, 4yds, 3. Distance, 86ft 8in.

220 yards Flat Handicap.—First heat—R. Campion, 12yds, 1; J. P. Ryan, 6yds, 2; D. J. Landon, 7yds, 3. Second heat and 220 yards Championship—C. H. Seymour, 1; L. Chapman, 2; N. Geaney, 3. From a good start Seymour led for half the distance. Chapman got on even terms with him and tackled him at the entrance to the straight, but being unable to keep up the pace fell into a good second. Only a few yards separated each of the placed men.

220 yards (under 17).—First heat—F. McKenna, scr., 1; N. Bennett, 18yds, 2; J. Rochford, 14yds, 3. Second heat—A. Cullen, 4yds, 1; J. Flynn, 15yds, 2; W. Ryan, 12yds, 3.

220 yards Flat Handicap (under 17).—Final—A. Cullen, 4yds, 1; J. Flynn, 15yds, 2; W. Ryan, 12yds, 3.

Hop, Step, and Jump.—J. Stewart, 11in, 1; T. O'Rourke, 18in, 2; H. Seymour, scr., 3. Distance, 39ft 10in.

Potato Race.—First heat—P. Morland, 1; T. Ratima, 2. Second heat—W. Fitzgerald, scr., 1; M. Cleary, scr., 2. Third heat—N. Bennett, scr., 1; R. Mulgan, scr., 2. Fourth heat—S. Lahman, scr., 1; L. Moloney, scr., 2. Final—Moloney, 1; Morland, 2; Cleary, 3.

Half-mile Handicap.—J. Rochford, 95yds, 1; R. Campion, 70yds, 2; H. H. Lynch, 70yds, 3. There was a field of about 37 competitors. Rochford early in the race assumed the lead, and, finishing with a good sprint, won by about 20yds.

Half-mile Championship (record, 2min 12sec—D. Driscoll, 1894).—C. H. Seymour, 1; N. Geaney, 2. This event was run in conjunction with the handicap event. Seymour won by about 7yds in 2min 12 3/5sec, approaching within three-fifths of a second of record time.

The points for the championship at the luncheon adjournment were—C. H. Seymour, 12; N. Geaney, 5; and L. Chapman, 4.

Long Jump.—A. Cullen (hdp 10in), 19ft 11in, 1; J. Stewart (hdp 1in), 2; F. O'Connor (hdp 3in), 3. Twelve competed. Cullen attempted to break the record, and jumped 20ft 4in, but as he overstepped the mark it could not be accepted as a new record.

Long Jump Championship.—R. Kerehoma, 18ft 2in, 1; H. Seymour, 2; W. Geary, 3.

440 yards Flat Handicap.—J. Ryan, 9yds, 1; D. Landon, 14yds, and M. O'Leary, 19yds, dead heat, 2. Twelve competed. Won by a couple of yards.

440 yards Championship.—C. H. Seymour, 1; N. Geaney, 2.

100 yards (under 15).—Final—T. Lynch, 5yds, 1; W. Maher, 2yds, 2; J. Leo, 2yds, 3.

High Jump.—J. Carmody (5in), 5ft 1 1/2in, 1; T. O'Rourke (4in), 2; N. Bennett (8in), 3.

220 yards Flat Handicap.—Final—In this event Landon, Chapman, and Campion ran a dead heat.

Sack Race, 75yds.—L. Poff, 14yds, 1; P. Morland, 9yds, 2; M. Malone, 12yds, 3.

50 yards Dash.—Final—E. Burke, 5yds, 1; T. Ratima, 5yds, 2; W. Dare, 4yds, 3.

Medley Race, 100 yards.—P. Quinlan and L. Buckley, 3yds, 1; T. M'Lean and J. Carmody, 7yds, 2; T. Ratima and B. Malone, scr., 3.

440 yards (under 17).—J. Ryan, 12yds, 1; A. Cullen, 5yds, 2; W. Ryan, 17yds, 3. Jas. Ryan led for the last hundred yards, and finished strongly with about five yards to spare from Cullen, W. Ryan being a few yards away.

One-mile Handicap.—N. Geaney, scr., 1; M. O'Leary, 90yds, 2; W. Dore, 110yds, 3. There were about 20 competitors for this event, but Geaney, the scratch man, soon assumed command, and, coming away with a fast sprint for the last two hundred yards, won a great race by about forty yards from O'Leary. This is the second consecutive year in which Geaney has won the mile; his time this year will stand as a College record.

Consolation Race.—F. McKenna, scr., 1; J. Downey, 3yds, 2; H. H. Lynch, 3yds, 3. About forty ran in this race, and McKenna, after a good run, won in fast time.

Old Boys' Race.—J. P. Kavanagh, 5yds, 1; F. Crombie, 9yds, 2; M. Piendeville, 2yds, 3. After a close struggle between the two first men, Kavanagh won on the tape by inches.

The Crusade of Rescue

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

On Thursday last I had the pleasure of a chat with the Rev. James Goggin and Mr. J. Godfrey Raupert, who as representatives of the Incorporated Society of the Crusade of Rescue, London, England, are on a visit to the Colony for the purpose of raising funds for the carrying on of the noble work undertaken by the society. The representatives have a special letter of recommendation from his Holiness the Pope to the English-speaking world, and have already spent some time in Australia, chiefly in Victoria. It is their intention for the present to speak of their work in the churches here, and will begin at St. Joseph's on Sunday next. After visiting the several parishes of the archdiocese, Auckland will be visited, and then possibly Christchurch. In this connection, however, no definite arrangements have yet been made. His Grace the Archbishop has given to their work his most cordial approval, and Bishop Lenihan, of Auckland, has also accorded the representatives a warm invitation. The work of the society concerns itself with the wails and strays of London. A sum of something like £14,000 was spent last year by the society in caring for the homeless and destitute Catholic children of London, and about 1700 of these helpless little ones are at present under the care of the society. A great deal is done in assisting emigration, chiefly to Canada, but the work is greatly hampered owing to a want of the necessary funds. The Rev. Father Goggin is here to appeal on behalf of these homeless ones, and to such an appeal no true Catholic can ever turn a deaf ear. Mr. Raupert, who has lectured before the Archbishop, Bishops, and clergy of Victoria on 'Spiritism,' is also well known in connection with such works of repute as 'Roads to Rome,' 'Ten Years in an Anglican Order,' 'Dangers of Spiritualism,' and 'Modern Spiritism.' The representatives desire to get through their work in the Colony as quickly as possible, as other parts of the Empire and America must be visited.

Subscriptions to the Irish Parliamentary Fund for this year amounting to close on £10,000, had been received up to the first week in October.

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The Railway authorities notify that excursion tickets, in connection with the Christmas Holidays, will be issued from December 17 to January 2.

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Presentation at Miller's Flat

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very pleasing function took place in St. Cuthbert's Church, Miller's Flat, after Mass on Sunday, December 2, when Mr. and Mrs. T. Sheehy, who have been prominent members of the congregation for several years, and who are leaving the district for Queens-town, were the recipients of three presents from the congregations of Miller's Flat and Roxburgh. To all the priests that have been ministering to these congregations since Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy came to reside here, they have been exceedingly kind, and these congregations felt it was a duty they owed to their priest, to acknowledge in some way the many kindnesses of Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy.

Rev. Father Lynch, in making the presentation, said that the most pleasing duty he had been called upon to perform for many years, was that one that gave them all great pleasure that day, and that was to make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy, who were leaving the district. He found it a pleasing duty, he said, because during the few months he had been visiting Miller's Flat, he found Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy exceedingly kind, and as regards Church matters they were always to the fore. The duty he had to perform was the pleasantest he had experienced since his career as a priest in the Colony, and he felt it would be a very ungrateful act if the occasion of their departure was allowed to pass by without showing some gratitude for the personal and individual favors received. It was not the value of the presents

Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy would appreciate so much, but the kindness of the congregations in so marking their appreciation, and he was sure that wherever their home may be in the future, the articles they were getting would always recall to their minds the kindness of the people and the circumstances by which they became possessed of them. On behalf of the congregations of Miller's Flat and Roxburgh, he had much pleasure in asking their acceptance of a marble clock and two deck chairs, and as a parting wish from them all, he hoped their absence would only be for a few years, and that Mr. Sheehy would soon be restored again to his former health, and that they would all return, and he assured them they would receive a hearty welcome.

Mr. D. McGeever, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy, thanked the congregations of Miller's Flat and Roxburgh for their kindness.

It is reported (writes our Auckland correspondent) that the Representation Commission has awarded the North Island three additional members, Auckland to get one extra, making 41 after the next general election, and 35 for the South Island. This recalls a bit of old New Zealand history. Several southern members asked Sir Edward Stafford if he would cut adrift the North Island, because it was sparsely inhabited, decimated by Maori wars, had had communication, and finally it was an incubus upon the progress of the Colony. Sir Edward replied that he knew both islands well, and the time would surely come when it would be the North that would accuse South of being the incubus.



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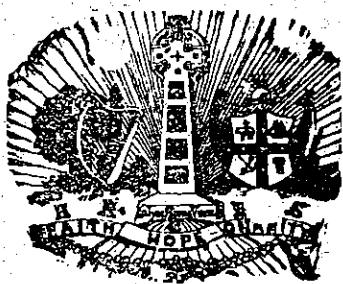
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Wellington, December 3.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioners, dated London, December 1:—The mutton market is dull, but holders are firm, and stocks on hand are small. Average price for Canterbury is 4½d per lb; North Island, 4½d; and River Plate, 3½d. The lamb market is firm and the supply is falling short of the demand. The weather continues favorable for the sale of lamb. The nominal price of Canterbury brands is 5½d per lb. This season's Australian is selling at 5½d per lb. The beef market is dull. Supplies of River Plate are heavy. New Zealand beef is quoted at 3½d and 3½d per lb for hind and forequarters respectively. The butter market is overstocked and depressed. Buyers are holding back expecting prices to go lower. The weather is very unfavorable for the sale of butter, and heavy arrivals are anticipated. Danish butter is quoted at 11½s, choice New Zealand, 11½s; Argentine, 10½s; Australian, 10½s; and Siberian, at 9½s per cwt. The cheese market is steady, but there is only a small demand. Canadian make is quoted at 6½s per cwt. The hemp market is firm. The excitement lately prevailing on the market is subsiding. There is a good demand for all descriptions. Good fair grade on spot is quoted at £39, and January-March shipments at £37 10s per ton.

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

Cats.—This market continues very quiet, quotations being as follow: Prime milling, 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; inferior to medium, 1s 8d to 1s 10½d per bushel.

Wheat.—This market also continues quiet, although fowl wheat meets with a fair inquiry. Quotations, Prime milling, 2s 3d to 3s 3½d; medium to good, 3s 2d to 3s 3½d; whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 0½d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 11d per bushel.

Potatoes.—The arrival of outside supplies has had the effect of easing the demand, and quotations are as follow: Prime table sorts, £10 to £10 10s; medium, £8 per ton.

Chaff.—Business in this line is quiet, the demand being principally for prime samples. Quotations: Best oat sheaf, £3 15s to £3 17s 6d; choice, £4; medium to good, £3 to £3 12s 6d; inferior and light, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our store on Monday. Our catalogue was a moderate one, and as competition was weak a number of lots on offer had to be passed in. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—Local stocks are now in small compass and moderate consignments are coming forward. There is therefore only a limited quantity offering, but the effect does little to influence buyers, who decline to purchase except for actual orders. A and B grade have been offering at reduced rates at other ports, and in consequence it has been difficult to maintain values in the market. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s to 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is in a stagnant condition, and millers are buying only in small lines. Several southern samples have been offering during the week, but in view of the prices quoted in the north millers are not disposed to buy except at fowl-wheat prices. Medium milling has had in many cases to be sold as fowl wheat, for which there is fair demand. Quotations:

Prime milling, 3s 2½d to 3s 3½d; good to best, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; medium milling fowl-wheat, 2s 11½d to 3s 0½d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 11d per bushel (bags extra).

Potatoes.—Although consignments during the week have been very light, prices for all classes show a decline. There is a limited demand for prime samples, but most merchants are filling their requirements with imported and local new potatoes. Medium and small potatoes are extremely difficult to quit. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £10 to £10 10s; medium to good, £9 10s to £9 15s; small and inferior, £2 to £5 per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—During the last two weeks the market has been poorly supplied with prime chaff, and consumers have been obliged to draw on the large stock of medium chaff held in store. This has now been practically cleared out, and prices all round were firmer at today's sale. The demand, however, is chiefly for prime quality, which sells readily at £4 per ton; good to best, £3 12s 6d to £3 17s; medium, £3 5s to £3 10s 6d; inferior, £2 5s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—There is good inquiry for wheaten straw, but there is none offering. Quotations: Oaten straw, 37s 6d to 40s; wheaten, 32s 6d to 35s per ton.

WOOL

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

Wool.—We have received the following cable from our London agents:—"Market very firm; shows a hardening tendency. Compared with closing rates of last London sales, good to extra good scoured merino advanced 5 to 7½ per cent.; faulty and inferior scoured merino advanced 7½ to 10 per cent.; crossbreds advanced 10 per cent." We look forward to very high prices at our local sale on the 20th inst. and no effort will be spared on our part to obtain the highest prices possible for clips entrusted to our care.

Rabbitskins.—We offered a fair-sized catalogue at our sale on Monday last, prices being a shade firmer than those ruling at the previous sale. Small made up to 7½d, summers to 8½d, spring does to 10d, spring bucks to 13d, winter bucks to 17d, winter does to 20½d, and black to 20½d. Horse hair made up to 18½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at Tuesday's sale, competition being keen and prices much about the same as last week's. Our top price for crossbreds was 3s 1d; fine do, 10 9s 4d; merino, to 9s 8d; and halfbreds, to 12s 6d. We can confidently recommend consignments at the present time.

Hides.—We submitted a catalogue of 271 at our sale on Wednesday last, when prices continued very satisfactory. Our top price for ox was 8½d, and for cows 6½d per lb.

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

The attendance on Saturday was very large during the early part of the day. There was a large entry, all classes being represented, but with few exceptions the lot was composed of medium and aged draughts and light harness horses. For useful draught mares and geldings the demand was good, and a number changed hands at prices ranging from £30 to £45. The light harness horses included a number of the most useful sorts we have offered for some time, and many sales were effected at prices varying from £13 to £26. Taken all through the sale was a good one. The condition of the market is healthy for good young draught mares and geldings, three to six years old, and we could sell a large number of these at quotations. The demand, however, for aged and stale horses is slackening, and sales of these can only be effected at a reduction on the values of a month ago. Good harness horses, young, sound, and thoroughly educated to their work, are very scarce and command keen competition and excellent prices when it is known horses of the kind are to be offered. Aged and used-up animals of this class are hard to sell at even low prices, especially geldings. At the present time we have inquiries for good, reliable harness horses, and could place a number to advantage. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £52; extra good do (prize takers), £55 to £60; superior young draught mares, £55 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £15 to £25; well-matched carriage pairs, £75 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks and harness horses, £20 to £25; weedy and aged do, £5 to £8.

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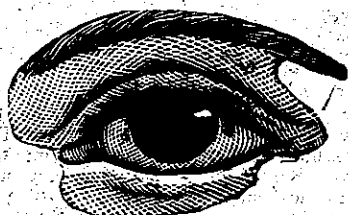
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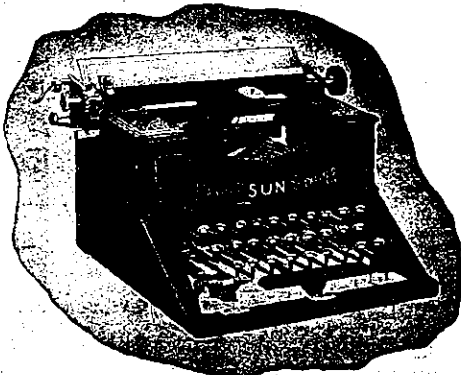
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1906.

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THE submarine wire, like a compo-pipe, must carry whatever is poured into it, whether it be sewage or siphon-soda, assafoetida or attar of roses. A steady stream of insidious misrepresentation, open falsehood, and foul calumny has been poured into the Paris office of the sea and ocean cables ever since the dominant 'machine' that Tammanies the country entered upon the bitter campaign which (as M. Briand, Minister of Justice and Education, boasted at Amiens) has resulted in the hunting of Christ 'out of the schools, out of the university, out of the hospitals, out of the refuges, nay, out of the gaols and lunatic asylums'. And these proud achievements are (according to M. Briand) to be crowned by a 'supreme effort to 'get rid of Christianity' itself in France. In our issue of November 15, we detailed sufficiently the latest resort of the French atheistic regime to 'get rid of Christianity.' After having closed 27,000 schools and plundered and in part banished 160,000 persons devoted to works of education and charity, the Christ-hunters are now trying to force a new constitution

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upon the Church, substituting for episcopal rule the domination of lay associations. These are to be wholly independent of the ecclesiastical authority, but completely at the mercy of a Council of State even for their corporate existence; they may be of any creed or no creed; they are free to introduce any form of worship they please; and they are to have full control of churches, seminaries, presbyteries, etc. And the (at present atheistic) Council of State is (as the 'Saturday Review' aptly states) constituted by law a secular and partisan tribunal to decide on grave questions of faith and morals.

In the pre-Reform days in England there was a despicable class of political camp-followers who were known by the contemptuous nickname, 'potwallopers'. This corps d'élite of the political chicanery of the day were intent on 'boiling their own pot', Reform or no Reform. They were the creatures and 'fags' of the anti-Reform party, the obsequious perpetrators of every scurvy trick and underhand resort that was deemed desirable in their campaign against the growing spirit of civil and religious liberty. When, in furtherance of the Christ-hunting policy, M. Briand—on schism-making bent—urged the formation of worship-associations in defiance of the bishops, he probably knew that he could count upon the 'potwallopers'. Their name in France is legion. A few of these put their heads together and formed an association with the fraudulent designation, 'The League of French Catholics', for the purpose of putting into practice the entreaty of M. Briand, official Christ-hunter and Minister of Justice and Education. A few weeks ago the cable agents at Paris announced with an 'lo' and a flourish of trumpets the formation of this 'League of French Catholics' notwithstanding the papal interdict, and the establishment of some hundreds of associations for public worship throughout the various departments into which the country is divided.

The founder of the League is a hack journalist named Des Houx—an anti-Catholic, and a paid servant of the atheistic 'Matin', which is a semi-official organ of the Freemason-Radical-Socialist 'Bloc', and noted for the vindictive bitterness of its antagonism to the Catholic Church and revealed religion. We gave some scraps of Des Houx's biography in our issue of November 15. M. Yves Guyot is another of the aggressive infidels whom the cable-man in Paris tried to pawn off upon simple-minded Australasians as a 'French Catholic'. He is the editor of the once important but now decrepit 'Siecle', an anti-Catholic and Voltairian organ. Two other anticlericals who assisted in launching the so-called 'League of French Catholics' were M. Cornely and M. de Bonnefons. The latter (says a writer in the 'Saturday Review') 'is the worst offender of the party, for he has again and again been convicted of inaccuracy, and his pseudo-interviews in the "Journal" with the Pope and Cardinals have invariably been contradicted immediately after publication'. A representative of 'La Patrie' was present when the League was founded. The dramatis personae gathered, by invitation, at the lodgings of Des Houx—away up on the fourth floor; and there the political farce was played. 'I found myself', says the representative of 'La Patrie', 'in a sufficiently large and very dark room, from the obscurity of which one would have judged that the fifteen or twenty persons collected there feared nothing so much as to be recognised'. Des Houx's son sat at a table with a number of papers ostentatiously displayed—lists, we were told, containing the adhesions of thousands of (anonymous) sympathisers. Among the founders of the League of French Catholics were 'an unknown Protestant minister' and some two unfrocked priests—one of them so threadbare and dissipated that the member of the 'Patrie' staff gave him the price of a penny roll—for which the hapless potwalloper displayed indiscreet gratitude. And thus was founded the bogus League of French

'Catholics'—about which the cables spoke so much portentous nonsense. Of the hundreds of associations said to be formed at the instance of Des Houx and his fellow anti-clericals, the latest European papers to hand contain notices of only three—three among the forty thousand parishes into which France is divided. The semi-darkness out of which the new League of French Anti-Catholics was evolved was perhaps intended to enable the political thimble-riggers, Des Houx and Company, to keep the pea beneath the thimble. In this they happily failed. There were sundry chiefs among 'em takin' notes. An' faith they prented them. The intended tragedy of wholesale schism became a bit of opera bouffe—in a garret. And for all purposes of deception M. Briand's League of French Cat's-paws may now (to use Carlyle's expression) pass like snow-flakes on the river or the foam of penny beer.

Notes

The Irish Envoys

Mr. Devlin, M.P., reaches the Bluff on Monday next, December 10. The following are his engagements to address public meetings in Southland, Otago, and Canterbury: Invercargill, Monday, December 10; Gore, Tuesday, December 11; Dunedin, Wednesday, December 12; Oamaru, Thursday, December 13; Timaru, Friday, December 14; Ashburton, Saturday, December 15; Waimate, December 17; Christchurch, December 18; Rangiora, December 19. Consecutive dates have been arranged in consequence of an intimation from Mr. Devlin to us (through the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran) that he is 'willing to take up meeting every evening in succession, beginning with Invercargill.' Mr. Devlin's itinerary in the Southern provinces had to be so arranged as to ensure his speaking in Christchurch on December 18 and in Wellington on December 21—the only dates on which it has been possible to secure large halls in those two centres. From the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran we learn that Mr. Donovan (the other envoy) is remaining in New South Wales to complete the tour there. He will afterwards address meetings in some minor centres about Melbourne, concluding the Australian campaign about December 9 or 10, afterwards joining his colleague in New Zealand. Owing in part to the present uncertainty as to Mr. Donovan's movements, fixtures for the West Coast of the South Island, and for many places in the North Island, cannot yet be definitely arranged. Mr. Donovan is expected in various places in the South where—owing to the difficulty of securing timely information as to dates from over-sea-sympathisers were unable to arrange for a visit by Mr. Devlin on his hurried and hard-wrought tour northward.

We bid the envoys a hearty welcome. And, despite great counter-attractions and the unpropitious season for which their visit was unavoidably arranged, we are confident that the gifted spokesmen will take with them from New Zealand a generous store of funds with which to fight the closing and triumphal onset for the rights and liberties of the Isle of the West. The general enthusiasm and expectancy with which their visits are awaited in the various centres are the best earnest of success. In describing the overflowing enthusiasm with which the other Irish delegates were received in America, the gifted Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., said a few weeks ago: 'I saw then what every hour since has confirmed, that we are at the beginning of the greatest movement in America for twenty-five years; that it is a prairie fire which will spread and grow, and that now the war-chest need give Redmond and his colleagues no further trouble.' That surcease of the 'war-chest need' is a consummation devoutly to be desired. And we have faith that New Zealand, like America and Australia, will do its part.

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There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, from last Mass until Vespers, after which the usual procession took place. The Rev. Father O'Connell, Christchurch, preached an impressive sermon on the Blessed Sacrament in the evening.

A bazaar in aid of the Dominican Convent was opened in Milton on Tuesday evening by the Very Rev. Father O'Neill, when there was a large attendance. The dances and other entertainments were a great success. On the opening night the four stalls netted the handsome sum of £70. The bazaar will be brought to a close on Saturday evening.

The Spanish-Columbian Festival, after a most successful run of a fortnight, was brought to a close on Saturday night, when the attendance was very large. On Thursday the fair was visited by Sir Joseph Ward, who was accompanied by his daughter. The Right Hon. the Premier was received by the Rev. Fathers Coffey and Howard, and Mr. J. J. Marlow, the hon. secretary. The display of goods was very much admired, and Miss Ward extended her patronage to each of the stalls. The takings of the stallholders amount to nearly £800, made up as follows:—Miss Staunton (refreshment stall), £173 1s; Mrs. Marlow (Children of Mary's stall), £140 4s; Mrs. Mee's stall, £130 18s 6d; Mrs. Milne's stall, £92 8s; Miss Mackay's stall, £92 7s 9d; Mrs. Meenan's stall, £92 6s 3d; Miss Heley's (dolls and lollie stall), £79 2s. The art union was drawn on the stage on Saturday night at the conclusion of the programme, under the supervision of Mr. A. R. Barclay, M.H.R., and Mr. W. Burnett, J.P. The result of the bazaar must be very satisfactory to all concerned, especially to the hard-working stallholders and their assistants, the committee, the Rev. Father Howard, and the energetic secretary, Mr. J. J. Marlow, on whom the brunt of the work fell.

THE IRISH ENVOYS

DUNEDIN.

A meeting of the committee appointed to make arrangements for the reception of the Irish envoys, and sympathisers with the Home Rule cause, was held in the Board Room of the Agricultural Hall on Monday evening. There was a very good attendance. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm.

The rev. chairman in his opening remarks explained what had been done at the previous meeting. Since then definite information had been received that Mr. Devlin would arrive at the Bluff on the 10th inst., and that he would deliver an address in Dunedin on the evening of the 12th. There could not be any reception for the reason that he would only get to Dunedin by the first express on December 12, and he would leave for the north on the following day. The principal business of the meeting that evening was to arrange for a hall, and he proposed that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Barclay, M.H.R., Marlow, Shiel, Carolin, Casey, C. Columb, jun., Rev. Father Cleary, and the mover, be appointed to secure a hall. This was agreed to.

The rev. chairman said that the primary object of the visit of the delegates was to explain the demands of Ireland and secure the sympathy of the people of the Colony, and, secondly, to collect funds to aid the Irish Parliamentary Party. Already they had collected £16,500 in Australia, where they had been received with the greatest enthusiasm. On previous occasions Irish delegates were very handsomely treated in Dunedin, and he was sure they would be equally well treated in the present instance.

The motion of Father Cleary with reference to the setting up of a committee to canvass for subscriptions in advance of Mr. Devlin's visit was then agreed to, and the following, with power to add to their number, were appointed:—Messrs. Shiel, Jones, O'Neill, O'Connell, C. Columb, jun., Callan, jun., Nevin, Donlan, Conway, Casey, Salmon, Cotter, Collins, Carolin, Marlow, and Meenan.

The committee then adjourned until next Monday evening.

CHRISTCHURCH.

A public meeting in connection with the approaching visit of the Irish envoys (writes our Christchurch correspondent) was held on last Thursday evening in the Alexandra Hall. There was a large and representative attendance, including several ladies. Among those present were the Very Rev. Vicar-General,

Rev. Fathers Price, Cooney, and O'Connell. Mr. M. Nolan presided. Mr. E. O'Connor read correspondence and letters received since the first meeting, containing information available concerning the intended, or probable movements of the envoys in this Colony, also an apology for the absence of the Rev. Father Hickson. He also explained the object of the present meeting was to set up a reception committee to meet the envoys on their arrival, and generally to make arrangements for their visit. Also to confirm the appointment of the general committee previously formed at a provisional meeting, and to add thereto. The speaker had written to all the parish priests in Canterbury offering, if they desired, to help them in arranging meetings. Nearly all the priests had replied to the effect that they would be glad to do what they could to assist the work of the delegates, but by reason of their scattered districts, most of them added that they would be unable to hold meetings.

Mr. Nolan spoke as follows:—The two gentlemen for whose reception we are arranging to-night will, I have no doubt, inform you on the subject of Irish grievances. They will tell you what those grievances are, and how they should be remedied. Therefore, I have no desire whatever to forestall them. To tell you this, and to enlist your sympathies in their cause, and to obtain your support in their campaign of freedom, are the objects of their mission to this city, and I trust that that mission will be as prolific in good results here as it has been everywhere throughout the Australian colonies and in America. They will ask nothing for their country which, if that country had justice done to it, it would not have had long ago, and have had without the asking. They will ask nothing from England that England has not already given to the most remote and insignificant of her dependencies. As you all know, she had given Home Rule to the Bahamas, a place which you might easily hide away from the view of the world with a good sized pocket-knife, and the colonists of Western Australia, whom, with all their flocks and herds, we might comfortably stow away in a corner of this province, had only to make a request for Home Rule a few years ago, when a constitution was given to them. But what is still more astonishing, more singular, more extraordinary than this, is the action of the present Government in freely, and of its own motion, granting autonomy to the Boers. When travelling recently through England and Ireland I could not help contrasting the overwhelming, I might say the almost appalling, difference between the comfort, the happiness, and the prosperity of the country that made its own laws with the misery, the want, and the destitution of the country, the laws of which were made for it by another. The country with Home Rule, and the country without it.

The meeting resolved to approve the appointment of the general committee previously named by the secretary, and added others. The following were afterwards appointed as a reception committee:—Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Cheneaux, Rev. Fathers Hickson, Cooney, and O'Connell, Messrs. E. O'Connor, J. Barrett, W. F. Roche, W. W. Collins, T. Gaffney, P. Burke, A. J. Malley, M. Nolan, T. O'Connell, and G. J. Sellars. Details were arranged for the conduct of the meetings. Mr. O'Connor was appointed permanent secretary and Mr. P. Burke, treasurer. The meeting then adjourned until Thursday, December 6, after fixing the price of admission to the envoys' meeting at two shillings and one shilling, the matter of printing and advertising being left in the hands of the chairman and secretary.

INVERCARGILL.

(From our own correspondent.)

A meeting of those in sympathy with the Home Rule movement was held in the Victoria Hall on Monday night, for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of the delegates next Monday evening, when Mr. Devlin, M.P., will deliver a lecture on the Home Rule question. A committee of management was elected, and everything points to a fitting reception and a very successful meeting.

TIMARU.

A meeting was held in the Foresters' Hall, Timaru, on Monday evening to make arrangements for the visit of Mr. Devlin, M.P. The meeting was convened by the Rev. Father Bowden, who explained its object. Mr. Mullin occupied the chair, and Mr. M. F. Denny was elected secretary.

The following were elected a committee with power to add to their number:—Messrs. M. Mullin, T. L. Harney, T. Lynch, W. Angland, E. Ward, D. Mahoney, M. Mahoney, J. L. Conlon, E. O'Connor, J. O'Rourke, J. Irwin, J. Venning, jun., T. Quinn, and T. O'Connor.

The committee decided to appoint sub-committees with power to add to their number, as follows:—Adair, Messrs. M. McSweeney and G. Casey; St. Andrews, Messrs. P. Ryan, A. Wilson, D. Stowell, O'Leary and O'Loughlin; Temuka, Messrs. J. M. Twomey, Crannitch, Jeffries, Riley, and Kavanagh; Pleasant Point, Messrs. Nelligan, Byrne, James Sullivan, jun., M. Driscoll, and D. O'Sullivan (Sutherland); Albury, Messrs. D. Angland, T. and J. McCourt; Fairlie, Messrs. O'Toole, Nolan, and O'Rorke; Winchester and Geraldine, Mr. J. P. Kalaugher and Very Rev. Father Bowers.

WAIMATE.

A meeting in connection with the visit of Mr. Devlin to Waimate was held in the Borough Council Chambers, on Monday evening. The chair was occupied by the Mayor (Mr. J. W. Manchester), who said he presided at the request of Dean Regnault, who was a worthy gentleman.

Very Rev. Dean Regnault said that Ireland had still many disabilities, though improvements had been made of late. Ireland would not, however, be satisfied until it obtained Home Rule, and was in the same position as New Zealand.

Those present were elected as a committee, with power to add to carry out arrangements. The committee consisted of Dean Regnault, Messrs. G. Goldstone, W. Goldstone, Corrigan, Hickey, J. Freeman, Lyons, Ryall, Lawlor, Twomey, J. Sinclair, Harris, J. O'Connor, Costello, Milson, J. O'Brien.

Dean Regnault was elected chairman of the committee, and Mr. C. J. Goldstone was elected unanimously as secretary.

The Very Rev. Dean offered the use of St. Patrick's school for the meeting.

AUCKLAND.

Next week (writes our Auckland correspondent) a meeting will be called to make arrangements to receive the envoys. Word has been received that they speak in Wellington on December 21. Auckland date will fit in between that date and the date fixed for their departure for San Francisco, viz. January 11.

WANGANUI.

A meeting of the committee formed to prepare a reception for Messrs. Devlin and Donovan (writes our Wanganui correspondent) was held on Tuesday, there being a full attendance of members. Several additions were made to the committee, and a number of details in connection with the reception of the envoys were arranged. The secretary, Mr. Thos. Lloyd, is working hard to make the movement a success. A great amount of support is being given to the movement in Wanganui, and sympathisers in the outlying districts are being approached to give their support. Everything points to the Wanganui meeting being a great success.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

A very successful euchre party was held at Devonport last evening in aid of the parish funds.

The request of the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, that the triennial meeting of the N.Z. District be deferred until March, has met with a favorable response from the branches. Of all the replies to hand only one objected to the change.

Great progress has been made by the contractors within the last month with St. Patrick's Cathedral. The building is now outlined, and its proportions easily discerned. At the present rate the work should be accomplished in the contract time, St. Patrick's Day, 1907.

Last evening the annual entertainment by the pupils of the Marist Brothers took place in the Pitt street school. The hall was packed. Quite a number of the local priests attended. The performances by the boys were highly meritorious, and evoked loud applause, in many cases encores being demanded. The good Brothers and their pupils deserve the highest commendation. The following was the programme:—Overture, orchestra; chorus, senior pupils; recitation, C. Bacon; duet, W. Fischer and H. Alder; chorus, junior pupils; dumbbell drill, senior squad; song and chorus, senior pupils; lecture, A. Smith; chorus, pupils; sketch, W. Dickson; chorus, juniors; overture, orchestra, chorus, seniors. A farce, 'The Doctor's Holiday,' concluded the programme, the characters being taken by Masters J. O'Loughlin, W. Fischer, C. McCullough, C. Lonergan, W. Tobin, D. Russell, O. Robertson, J. Wickstead, B. Buckler. Mr. P. F. Hiscocks was leader of the orchestra, and Mr. H. Hiscocks acted as accompanist.

New Catholic Church at Waimate

Over a hundred persons (says the 'Waimate Times') were present at the meeting called by Dean Regnault for Sunday afternoon last to discuss a proposal to erect a new Catholic church in Waimate. The meeting was held in St. Patrick's school, the Dean presiding. Mr. John Goldstone was appointed secretary.

The Very Rev. Dean explained at length the object of the meeting, and a drawing was exhibited, which gave the front elevation of a church in the Romanesque style of architecture, and the design was much admired by all present. The elevation of the porch, which showed three doors into the church, was 44ft, with a width of 55ft, and a 'wheel window' over the centre door. The dome depicted was not to be gone on with now. The nave would be 64ft x 32ft, giving a floor space of 2048ft, as against their present size of 40ft x 21ft, or 840 square feet. For the erection of the nave without internal work (ceiling, plaster, and possibly carving), the cost was estimated at £2500.

The Dean went on to ask—what funds had they at their disposal to justify them in making a start? First, they had the goodwill and the bank notes of the people of the parish. This he regarded as the very best asset. Then they had about £750, the result of a bazaar and art union held some years ago, and Mr. Nicholas Quinn had given £400 to erect a sanctuary and £200 more to be used as he (the Dean) wished, and £200 that might be borrowed from a fund of that amount wherewith to purchase bells for the church, and another £10 had also been given him by Mr. Patrick Quinn.

Replying to Mr. Landon, the Dean said that £3200 would give a finished work, but not including the dome.

A committee was then elected as follows:—Messrs. John O'Connor, J. Quinn, T. Twomey, F. J. Landon, Wm. Quinn, Joseph Corcoran, John Foley, M. Fox, F. Fox, J. Meehan, J. Lawlor, A. Harris, W. T. MacDermott, J. Goldstone, B. Flynn, B. Buckley, M. Frost, M. McGovern, and Father Tymons.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS DWAN, SEN., WELLINGTON.

Mr. Thomas Dwan, sen., founder of the well known firm of Messrs. Dwan Bros. (writes our Wellington correspondent), died at his residence, Nairn street, on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time, and his medical attendants ultimately decided to perform a severe operation. The shock was, however, rather much for a patient who had attained the advanced age of seventy-nine years. The deceased gentleman was a well known figure in this city, and took in his time an active and influential part in municipal and colonial politics. His varied experiences in many lands, his natural gifts, and a warm genial nature made him one whose absence will be greatly missed. The late Mr. Dwan was born in County Tipperary, in 1827, and early left with his father and family for America. His first experiences of life were gained in the backblocks of Canada, where his body was trained to endure so well those hardships that a subsequent eventful career was to bring. On his return to the States he graduated at the West Point Military Academy, and obtained a commission in the United States Army. His love for adventure led him to join General Walker in the invasion of Nicaragua, and it was while serving under that General that Mr. Dwan had his left leg crushed by a cannon ball. After a varied career in many capacities in the States he returned to the land of his birth, and there married. In 1854 he came to Victoria, and after some experiences on the goldfields there, he crossed to this Colony to represent at Hokitika the firm of Spence Bros., merchants, of Melbourne. On leaving Hokitika he settled at Charleston, near Westport, and resided there for many years. From Charleston he returned to California, and there held a post on the editorial staff of the 'Alta California.' On his return to New Zealand twenty-nine years ago, he settled in Wellington, and as auctioneer and journalist added to his already wide range of experience, and became generally and favorably known. During his life he visited many of the great exhibitions, and recently returned from the great exhibition at St. Louis. He was looking forward to a visit to Christchurch when he was seized with the illness that resulted in his death, the news of which will be received with regret by a host of friends throughout the Colony. The deceased was attended throughout his illness by the Rev. Father Kimbell. The interment took place at Karori on Thursday, the Rev. Father Kimbell officiating at the graveside. The cottage was one of the largest seen here.—R.T.P.

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Irish News

CORK—The Father Mathew Anniversary

On October 16 in Cork the annual celebration in connection with the Father Mathew anniversary took place in St. Finbarr's, West, the Rev. P. O'Leary, presiding. A lecture was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Scannell, Farranforris, on the life work of the great apostle of temperance.

Proposed Memorial

A meeting to take steps to erect a memorial to the late Very Rev. Canon Griffin, P.P., V.G., Mill-street, County Cork, was held on October 14, when the Very Rev. Canon O'Sullivan presided, and numerous subscriptions were handed in.

A Church Consecrated

St. Vincent's Church, Sunday's Well, Cork, was consecrated on October 14 last by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan.

DONEGAL—Congested Districts

At the sitting of the Congested Districts Commission at Burtonport, County Donegal, Monsignor Walker, P.P., Burtonport, said emigration had almost ceased in his district, which was densely populated, and was the lowest rated in all Ireland.

DOWN—Orange Rowdism

As an Armagh special train was approaching Portadown, crowded with Nationalists, who had been attending a meeting which was addressed by Mr. John Redmond on October 14, it was met with a fierce fusillade of stones from Orangemen. The glass in a number of carriages was smashed, and many people were seriously injured.

Death of a Priest

The Very Rev. James Carlin, Adm., the Cathedral, Newry, died on the evening of October 10, of typhoid fever, contracted in the discharge of his sacred duties. Deceased, who had attained the age of fifty years, was extremely popular with all classes. He was born in the parish of Ballynahinch, County Down, and educated at the Irish College, Paris, where he gave promise of zeal in God's service which was amply fulfilled. After solemn Office and Requiem Mass, the remains were interred in the Old Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Redmond's Warning

Addressing an immense meeting at Coalisland on October 14 (writes a Dublin correspondent), Mr. John Redmond, M.P., said Ireland one of these days might be offered what was sometimes called administrative reform, and sometimes administrative Home Rule, put before them in such a form as to make the continuance of the National movement difficult or impossible; and, for all they knew, that might be actually part of the plan of some of the architects of the scheme. Now, he warned the country against that danger. If they were to accept any such scheme, and the National movement fell to the ground, they would be in the position in which Ireland was when Grattan agreed to the disbandment of the Irish Volunteers; they would have thrown away their weapons, and in his belief genuine Home Rule would disappear for this and perhaps for the next generation. So far, therefore, as it rested with him (Mr. Redmond) that danger would be averted—would be averted no matter what misrepresentation his action might call down upon him. Let their watchword be this, the paraphrase of an old saying well known in Ulster: 'Put your trust in no British Government, and keep your powder dry.'

DUBLIN—The Late Mgr. Molloy

By the will of the late Right Rev. Mgr. Molloy, who died so suddenly at Aberdeen during the University celebrations there, the authorities of the Catholic School of Medicine, Cecilia-street, and Maynooth College have been recipients of valuable benefactions. Monsignor Molloy has bequeathed to the Cecilia-street School his valuable sets of scientific instruments in trust for a Catholic University, and to Maynooth College the rare collection of books in his library at University College.

Mixed Colleges

At the meeting of the Hierarchy in Maynooth in the early part of October, resolutions were passed with reference to mixed residential colleges. Special attention was drawn to the declaration of the Bishops

of May, 1899, and to the decree of the last Synod of Maynooth. The Hierarchy warned the priests and people against any movement that might result in a change calculated to interfere with the authority or control of the Catholic managers of National schools.

Catholic Truth Society

At the Conference of the Catholic Truth Society in Dublin the two vital questions of Christian Education and Labor were treated of fully and ably. Bishop Clancy, in his paper on 'Secularism in Education,' lucidly set forth guiding principles, and by reference to historical and contemporary events proved that Secularism is a danger to the welfare of States as well as to Christianity. A notable feature of Dr. McCaffrey's paper on Socialism, and of the discussion on the subject which followed, was the sympathy expressed for social reformers who do not include in their programmes attacks on religion. Father Hickey, O.P., a priest whose opinion carries much weight with all to whom he is known, whilst deprecating excess, powerfully pleaded for amity between the Catholic Church and advocates of social reform, and the plea was cordially received by the majority of those present. Evidently the feeling of the Conference was that schemes of social amelioration are still to a large extent in a tentative stage and, therefore, that so long as religion is not interfered with their promoters should enjoy the largest measure of liberty.

The Education Cause

The Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, who is the president of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland, and as such chose the speakers to address the annual Conference, is to be congratulated on the selection he made. Mr. John Dillon's speech (says the 'Catholic Times') was at once spirited and inspiring. He was quite accurate in his statement that the secret of the great struggle now going on throughout the world over the schools of the people lies in the conviction on the part of the disputants that whoever controls the schools controls the whole nation. Mr. Dillon is not less exact in the statement that the one power standing between the Catholic schools in England and destruction, so far as the Liberal Government can accomplish it, is the Irish party, and the confidence with which the action of the Irish members can be relied upon is assuredly one of the truest sources of comfort to the Catholics in England and Wales at the present moment. The past, whatever it has been, is beyond recall, and so we need not dwell on Mr. Dillon's words of regret that the Irish party were not consulted by the ecclesiastical authorities in England during the discussions prior to the passing of the Act of 1902. It suffices to know that in every step it takes the party now has the hearty co-operation of the Archbishop of Westminster and the Bishops of the province. The arrangement is one which, it is to be hoped, will long continue in educational matters.

Temperance Demonstration

The demonstration on Sunday, October 14, in honor of the Father Mathew anniversary (writes a Dublin correspondent) was one of the most imposing seen in the Irish Metropolis for a long time. The procession, which wended its way through the principal thoroughfares of the city, was of immense length, while the meeting in which it culminated assumed enormous proportions. Every class in the community was represented, but the working men of Dublin, to their credit, occupied the leading place in the grand gathering. Around the statue erected to the great apostle of temperance in O'Connell-street the procession formed up. From a large brave speeches were delivered by gentlemen prominent in the temperance movement, including the Very Rev. Father Aloysius, Mr. P. J. O'Neill, chairman of the Dublin County Council, Very Rev. Father Paul, Mr. John Farren, president of the Dublin Trades Council, who said he represented 47,000 workmen; Mr. T. P. Daly, T.C.; Very Rev. Canon Casey, who took the pledge from Father Mathew; Mr. J. J. Kelly, T.C.; and Mr. Gore, solicitor. In response to a call from the gathering Father Aloysius gave the pledge. Thousands uncovered their heads and solemnly repeated the rev. gentleman's words. Mr. P. J. O'Neill, who proposed a series of resolutions pledging all present to advocate the temperance cause, paid a tribute to the workmen of Dublin. He said that the demonstration covered them with glory. They had shown by their presence and the manner in which they were followers not only in name of the cause which Father Mathew preached, but also in acts and deeds. Without the workmen it would be impossible to make headway. The temperance wave which for years has been flowing over Ireland continues to increase in volume and strength. As a result the drink bill of

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the country has gone down by a million within the past few years. Spiritual influence, no doubt, is the primary reason of the blessed change. The clergy, but especially the members of the Capuchin Order, have worked wonders. The Gaelic League also has done much to instil into the minds of the rising generation self-respect and self-reliance. Where those manly qualities exist drunkenness cannot flourish. The State has done almost nothing to check the drink evil.

KERRY—Sale of Estates

In the early part of October the tenants on the estates of Captain Burns Hartopp and Mr. Orpen, of Ardtully, accompanied by their solicitor, Mr. Maurice M'Cartie, of Killarney, met Mr. Delap, agent to both landlords, at Kiilgarvan, and arranged to buy these properties. The terms were, on the Hartopp estate, 20 years' purchase of first term rents. In the Orpen estate the purchase terms were 20 years' for first term, future, and non-judicial tenants, 23 years' for second term; sporting rights reserved to the landlord. There are about forty tenants on the Hartopp and fifty on Orpen's estate. Both estates are in the Kenmare Union.

LIMERICK—Death of a Popular Landlord

The death is announced at Brighton of Mr. O'Connell Devitt, of Limerick. Mr. Devitt, who was in his 73rd year, was a grand-nephew of the Irish Liberator, Daniel O'Connell. He was the proprietor of a large estate in Limerick, where he was a great favorite.

A Practical Movement

At a meeting in the Village Hall of the Munster-Connacht Exhibition it was decided to establish an Agricultural and Horticultural Society for the County Limerick, and a committee was appointed to carry out the necessary work.

LONGFORD—Primary Education

On October 13 a largely attended public meeting, presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, was held in the Town Hall, Longford, for the purpose of calling attention to the present state of primary education in Ireland, and also for the purpose of demanding better treatment for the teachers of Ireland.

TIPPERARY—Consecration of a Church

On Sunday, October 14, the beautiful new church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Nenagh, the erection of which cost £46,000, of which £15,000 is said to have been contributed by one parishioner alone, was solemnly consecrated by the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, who afterwards celebrated High Mass in the sacred edifice, at which his Grace the Archbishop of Cashel presided, and the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, preached an able sermon. Very Rev. Dean White, P.P., V.G., Nenagh, and his people are to be congratulated in having now one of the finest churches in the land entirely free from debt.

GENERAL

An Irish Trade Mark

The efforts of the Irish Industrial Development Association to secure the registration of an Irish trade mark have been noted with approval in America. The 'Trade Mark Record,' which is published in New York, writes on this subject:—In view of the wide-spread imitation of Irish lace and the sale of spurious lace as the genuine Irish article, a movement has been started in Ireland to adopt some distinctive symbol and affix it to every article manufactured in Ireland. It is hoped, by this method, to stop the sale of counterfeit Irish lace. The use of "locality" marks continues to grow, and no doubt, there will come a time when each city or section of a country, or country itself, which has become noted for the production of a particular article or articles will adopt a mark for the purpose of informing the purchasing public that the article so marked comes from that particular place.

American Generosity

The convention of the United Irish League of America at its meeting in Philadelphia in the early part of October adopted a vote pledging itself to contribute 50,000 dollars in two years to the cause of Home Rule. Subscriptions were then asked for, and a sum of 70,000 dollars was raised in twenty minutes. A proposal was, therefore, moved and carried unanimously to pledge 100,000 dollars instead of 50,000 dollars. The subscriptions afterwards totalled up to 78,000 dollars.

People We Hear About

His Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide celebrated his 60th birthday on Monday, November 19, having been born at Kilkenny on November 19, 1846. He was consecrated first Bishop of Port Augusta on May 1, 1888, and was translated to the archdiocese of Adelaide on January 5, 1895.

Miss Anna Parnell is visiting her friends in Dublin after an absence of fifteen years. Her action in seizing the reins of the horse on which Lord Spencer, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was riding in the early eighties, in order to expostulate with him on some impending evictions, created a sensation all over the United Kingdom.

Mr. J. Travers (says the Adelaide 'Southern Cross') succeeded in winning the third seat for Flinders from Mr. Foster. He is a Catholic, and a well-known farmer in the North. Only five Catholics stood for the Assembly, and all five of them were elected—three of them topped the poll—a fact which shows the small influence exercised in this State by the Orange and sectarian sections.

Pope Pius X. has appointed John J. M'Crane, a diamond merchant in Maiden-lane, New York City, a Knight of St. Gregory, in acknowledgment of his services as conductor of the American pilgrimage to Rome. The conferring of this order of knighthood upon Mr. M'Crane by the Pope is regarded as a mark of the most signal honor that can be granted a layman of the Catholic Church.

Sir John Madden, Chief Justice of Victoria, has contributed an interesting article to 'M.A.P.' entitled 'In the Days of My Youth.' He says: 'I can truthfully say that whatever success I have achieved in life has been due to the splendid and entirely admirable education I received at St. Patrick's College and at the University of Melbourne, an education which, I venture to believe, was second to none that England could have given me.'

Dr. Finlay, the new Attorney-General, is a native of New Zealand, and was educated in Dunedin. He distinguished himself at the Otago University College, taking his LL.B. degree in 1886. He was called in 1887, and in 1893 he took his doctor's degree. He was appointed lecturer in political science, and occupied the position for some time in connection with the Otago University College, his lectures being notable for research and up-to-datedness. He joined the firm of which Sir Robert Stout was the eminent head in 1894, and settled in Wellington.

Lord Herries, who has just celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday (says the Glasgow 'Catholic Herald') enjoys the unique distinction of having a duchess as the heir-presumptive to the ancient Scotch barony which was restored to his father nearly fifty years ago, after its presumed forfeiture in 1715. His daughter, the Duchess of Norfolk, stands next in the order of succession, while his own barony in the Peerage of the United Kingdom is without an heir. Lord Herries is a Catholic, a fact due to some extent, perhaps, to the circumstance that his ancestor, the Lord Herries who came to England with Mary Queen of Scots, parted company with John Knox, whose friend and follower he was at one time. The Scotch Barony of Herries, restored to the present Peer's father in 1858, is not the title forfeited in 1715, when it was held by the Earl of Nithsdale. It is really the title which was conferred on the wife of the Baron Herries just mentioned as the friend of Mary Queen of Scots, jointly with her husband. It was as the descendant of that lady that the late Lord Herries secured the barony, though he was also the descendant of the Earl of Nithsdale. That nobleman took part in the Jacobite rebellion in 1715, and was sentenced to death, but was assisted to escape from the Tower by his wife, and lived to the eve of the second Jacobite rebellion. Lord Herries occupies the unusual position of being Lord Lieutenant of two counties—the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kirkcudbrightshire, in Scotland. He is not alone in this respect, however. The Earl of Rosebery is the Lord-Lieutenant of the counties of Edinburgh and Linlithgow, in Scotland; while the Duke of Devonshire is Lord Lieutenant of Derby, in England, and his Majesty's Lieutenant of Waterford, in Ireland, the prefix 'Lord' not being used across the Channel in reference to the heads of counties. It is a curious circumstance that of the four Scotch peers who are Catholics, only two—Lord Bute and Lord Lovat—are Scotsmen. Lord Herries is, on the father's side, an Englishman, and Lord Newburgh (Giustiniani Bandini) an Italian.

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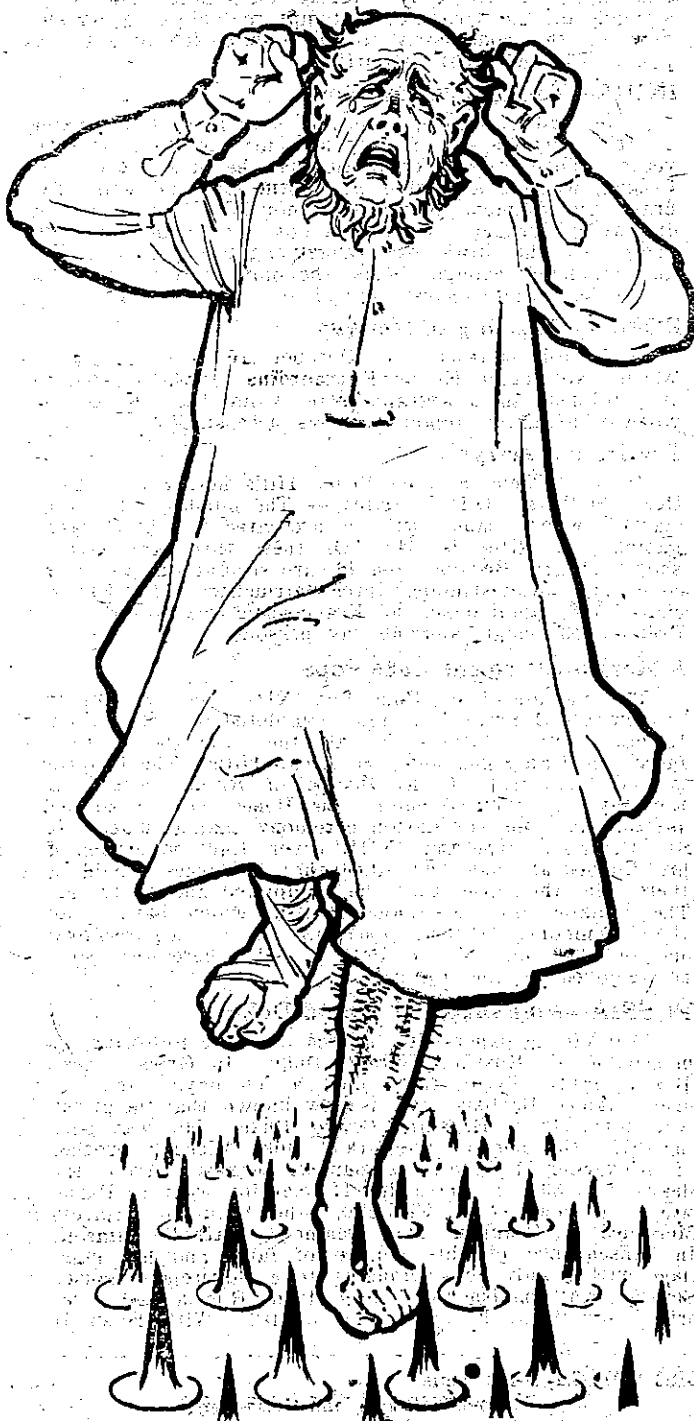
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AFRICA—Catholics in German Territory

The 'Cologne Gazette' states that the Right Rev. Dr. Vogt was to be consecrated by Cardinal Fischer on October 14 as Vicar Apostolic of Bagamoyo, in German East Africa. Bishop Allgeyer, a native of Alsace, but educated in Scotland, has hitherto been in charge of German Catholics in the whole of East Africa, but he will henceforward restrict himself to Catholics who are under British protection, while those in German territory will have a Bishop of their own.

Christian Brothers in Egypt

At Cairo, in the Ismailieh quarter, a very aristocratic part of the city, the Christian Brothers have their school. From eighty pupils in 1900 the number has risen to over a hundred, though there are schools of every nationality and creed in the neighborhood. The Franciscan Fathers have established a club for young men, and another has been opened by the Fathers of the African Missionaries, of Lyons. Most of the members have been educated by the French Christian Brothers. In Upper Egypt the Christian Brothers have had to contend with many difficulties. But as they have now introduced the study of the English language into their schools, they are doing better. As at Assiout and Minieh, the pupils are on the increase. The Brothers have opened a new school at Melawi, a large town of 20,000 inhabitants, where there had never been any Catholic institute. Now a church has been built, there and a girls' school in charge of Missionary Sisters. Near the Suez Canal the Christian Brothers have met with fewer obstacles in their work for souls.

ENGLAND—The Late Mgr. Nugent

The massive and imposing monument over the tomb of Monsignor Nugent at Ford has been unveiled, the ceremony of blessing being performed by Canon Kennedy, assisted by Rev. Fathers Walsh and Merrien (Waterloo) and Rev. Father Hays.

Death of a Catholic Lady

The death is announced of Lady Amabel Kerr, which occurred at Melbourne Hall, Derby. Lady Amabel Kerr was the wife of Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Walter Kerr, G.C.B., and was related to the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Marquis of Ripon, Lord and Lady Desborough, and members of other leading families. Wherever she resided she won the hearts of all by her kindly bearing and generous charity. Her instructive books will live to show successive generations something of her gentle spirit and her ardent zeal.

French Refugees

The annual reunion of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom at Caxton Hall, Westminster, was described as an 'Entente Cordiale Catholique,' and the programme contained hymns and songs in both languages. Canon Bernard Ward, in his lecture on 'The French Refugees During the Reign of Terror,' said a return issued by the Home Office in 1797 showed that there were five thousand French priests in England supported by the Government. On the motion of Pitt a grant of £100,000 a year was voted for the purpose by Parliament.

The Education Question

It is estimated that 60,000 Catholics of Manchester and district assembled at Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester, on Saturday afternoon, October 13, to protest against the Education Bill. Upon the suggestion of the Bishop of Salford, it was enthusiastically decided to send a message to the Pope protesting their unswerving loyalty to the Holy See, acclaiming the wisdom of the Sovereign Pontiff, and imploring the Apostolic Blessing. A letter was read from Mr. Bellöc, M.P. for South Salford, explaining his vote for the second reading of the Bill in certain details, of which he said changes would have to be made. Resolutions were passed pledging Catholics to resist the Bill to the uttermost as destructive of religious equality.

Presentation to Bishop Johnson

The Archbishop of Westminster presided over a large gathering of clergy and laity at the Cathedral Hall, Westminster, on October 15, when the Bishop of Arundel (Right Rev. W. A. Johnson), Vicar-General of the diocese, was presented with an illuminated address and a purse containing £635 in recognition of his elevation to the episcopacy. Bishop Johnson has in addition received a gold cross and chain from Lord and Lady

Brampton, while the Duke of Norfolk and five other friends have presented him with a silver crozier. His Grace Archbishop Bourne, in the course of his remarks, said they owed Bishop Johnson a debt of gratitude for work faithfully accomplished, work of an arduous and ungrateful kind, for they all knew how difficult it was for any priest to devote all his time and attention to the task of keeping ledgers. Yet that the Bishop had done for many years, and no one could tell what the diocese owed to him in that respect.

Unfair Treatment

The Liverpool Catholic School Managers' Association, representing a population of 150,000 Catholics, with 37 schools and 32,000 children, has issued the following manifesto:—Before the opening of Parliament this Association feels it necessary to draw attention to the spirit in which the Nonconformists of the country have approached the Education Question, a spirit which they feel forced to denounce as a spirit of persecution to all who are not Nonconformists. In the West Riding of Yorkshire where Nonconformists predominate they have cut down the salaries of Church of England and Catholic teachers whilst leaving intact the salaries of teachers who give religious instruction acceptable to Nonconformist parents. In other cases, in Wales where Nonconformists are in a majority, they have acted in a tyrannical and persecuting spirit. At this critical hour we call upon all, Church of England people, Catholics, Jews, and even fair-minded Nonconformists to recognise that education can only be dealt with here as it has been dealt with in Germany, Holland, Belgium, and Switzerland on fair and peaceable lines, and that we are only entering on a fierce and bitter struggle in the tyrannical attempt to subject every section of the community to the domination of a triumphant Nonconformist majority.

INDIA—The Madras Mission

The Madras Catholic mission is at present in charge of Irish priests, as it has been for the past seventy years. The present Archbishop is the Most Rev. J. Colgan, who is a native of Westmeath and will celebrate his diamond jubilee this month. There is not a diocese of Ireland which has not sent some of its priests to the work of evangelising this part of India, and, strangely enough, it is the only diocese in India at present whose priests are all of Irish birth.

ROME—The King of Norway

The Holy Father on October 10 received Baron Wedel, Norwegian Envoy Extraordinary, who handed to his Holiness an autograph letter from the King of Norway formally announcing his accession.

The Irish Martyrs

In an article in the 'Seven Hills Magazine' Rev. Reginald Walsh, O.P., writes:—The number of Irish martyrs whose cause will be presented to the Congregation of Rites is 344. Of these there are Archbishops, 11; Bishops, and 46 are secular priests. Then come nine Augustinians, three Carmelites, 11 Cistercians, 113 Dominicans, 93 Franciscans, six Jesuits, one Premonstratensian, and 56 lay persons.

A Monument to the Late Pope

The monument of Pope Leo XIII. (says the Dublin 'Freeman's Journal') is now completed in St. John Lateran, the Mother of all the Churches, which faces the Campagna and the Alban Hills. The Lateran is the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, where, in the days of their freedom, the Popes were enthroned as Bishops, the coronation ceremony taking place in St. Peter's. Pope Leo XIII. never took possession of his Cathedral, but he willed that his ashes should lie there in the apse that he completed and renovated. The remains of the famous Pontiff, which have had their temporary resting place high up in a recess over one of the doors of St. Peter's, will, therefore, soon be removed to the Lateran.

RUSSIA—Romance of a Grand Duke

The Vienna papers are quoted for the following romance of a Russian Grand Duke: In Gries, near Bozen, South Tyrol, there died a few days ago a priest named Baclisis. It is now known that the priest was formerly a Russian Grand Duke. He was born in 1875, the son of the Grand Duke Michael, brother of Alexander II., and was named Sergius. After the death in 1894 of Alexander II. Sergius went to Paris, where he married a Catholic, the beautiful Princess Mercedes of Beaulieu, and became a Catholic himself. In consequence of this change of faith and his marriage with a lady not belonging to a sovereign house, Sergius was banished for ever from Russia and deprived of his rank, title, and wealth. With the small

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SCOTLAND—To Join the Redemptorists

The Rev. Lord Archibald Douglas, who has for the past few years had charge of the Catholic church at Annan, Dumfriesshire, has, it is reported, decided to join the Redemptorists.

UNITED STATES—The Irish Carmelites

The New York 'Freeman's Journal' announces that Father Southwell, for seventeen years head of the Irish Carmelites of that city, and Rector of the Carmelite Church in East Twenty-ninth street, has sailed for Dublin, to which he has been called by his superior. What position Father Southwell has been called to fill in Ireland, the writer says, 'is not known, though it is believed that he is to be made Consultor for Ireland.' He adds that Father Southwell went into East Twenty-ninth street seventeen years ago, when there was no church in that section. He found a room on the third floor of a cigar factory, and there the Irish Carmelites had their introduction to New York. He leaves Church property, including one of the finest schools of the city, valued at 300,000 dollars.

Otago A. and P. Society's Show

The Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society's thirteenth annual show opened at Tahuna Park on Wednesday, and was continued on Thursday, the 'people's day.' The aggregate of exhibits showed an increase of 70 over last year. The exhibit of agricultural machinery and implements was varied and comprehensive, and quite up to the standard of former years.

The well-known firm of Messrs. Reid and Gray was as usual to the fore with a splendid collection of agricultural implements, amongst which were various types of their ploughs, all-steel disc harrows, ridgers, turnip and manure drills. These implements have all the latest improvements, are economisers of labor, and are noted for their strength, durability, and good workmanship. In addition they had on exhibition a model windmill, chaffcutter, a Hornsby's reaper and binder, hay rake, oil engine suitable for milking and shearing machines, a Burrell traction engine, etc. It is needless to say that the firm's exhibits were the centre of attraction on the people's day.

The Milburn Lime and Cement Company had a comprehensive display of Monier pipes, Kielberg cement pipes, and building blocks. The Monier pipes are made of iron and cement concrete, and beautifully finished, and are capable of withstanding enormous strain. The cement building blocks are made in different patterns, and make a very effective and substantial building at a reasonable cost.

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Domestic

By 'Maureen'

How to Preserve Lemons.

Lemons are so invaluable in the household that the following method of preserving them should be very useful when or where they are scarce.—Put a layer of dry, fine sand, an inch in depth, at the bottom of an earthenware jar. Place a row of lemons on this, stalks downwards, and be careful that they do not touch one another. Cover them with another layer of sand, fully three inches in depth, lay on it more lemons and repeat until the jar is full. Store in a cool, dry place. Lemons thus preserved will keep good for months.

Steamed Potatoes.

As a rule potatoes are served up, either boiled or baked, and people grow tired of the monotony. If you want a potato served up in a light and tempting manner, steam it. Wash the potatoes, and peel off a thin paring, take out the eyes, wash, and put into a steamer over a pan of boiling water, sprinkle a little salt over them; cook until a fork will go into them easily. If the potatoes are unequal in size, put the larger ones on for a short time before you put the smaller ones; this will assure them being equally cooked.

Handy Weights and Measures.

Should you find it necessary to weigh or measure for cooking or other purposes, and have no scales, very handy substitutes will be found in spoons, coins, and glasses. These make very good weights and measures if you know how to use them. One threepenny piece and one halfpenny piece together weigh $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.; one florin, or two shilling piece, and one sixpenny piece together weigh $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; three pennies weigh 1 oz.; twelve pennies weigh $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. If you require 1 lb of flour you will find that what fills an ordinary quart jug is just 1 lb. A sixpenny piece measures $\frac{1}{4}$ inches across; a bronze halfpenny, 1 inch; a half-crown, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Housewives are often puzzled by directions which give weights of liquids. How is an ounce of water to be weighed? Don't weigh it. Measure it. One tablespoonful of liquid weighs $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.; one dessertspoonful of liquid weighs $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; one teaspoonful of liquid weighs $\frac{1}{8}$ oz.

Invalid Diet.

Custard.—Beat up one new laid egg, add one teaspoonful of sugar and a quarter pint of milk. Pour into a greased cup and steam for about twenty minutes.

Arrowroot.—Mix a teaspoonful of arrowroot to a smooth paste with a little cold milk, pour on boiling milk until the cup is full, stirring all the time to prevent it becoming lumpy; add a pinch of salt and sugar to taste.

Toast Water.—Toast a thick slice of bread until it is quite brown on both sides. Put it into a jug with a quart of cold water—previously boiled, let it stand for one hour, then strain and serve.

Barley Water.—Put two tablespoonfuls of pearl barley with one pint of water into a saucepan on the fire, when it boils pour the water off as it is unwholesome, add a pint of fresh cold water, bring it to the boil, let it simmer until the water looks milky, then strain and sweeten.

Oatmeal Water.—Put a tablespoonful of coarse oatmeal into a jug, pour one quart of boiling water over, allow it to cool, strain, and add salt or sugar to taste. The addition of a few drops of lemon juice to any of these drinks is an improvement, as it renders them less insipid, and more palatable to the patient.

Beef Tea.—Cut one pound of lean gravy beef into very small pieces, taking away all fat; let the meat stand in one pint of cold water for one hour or more in a jar, standing inside a pan half-full of boiling water. When needed, strain the liquor from the meat, and add salt to taste.

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The Spectroscope.

In the field of astronomy the spectroscope is often more serviceable than the telescope, for by its means have been discovered dark, planet-like bodies which revolve about stars and which a telescope thousands of times more powerful than any we now possess could never reveal.

Miners of the World.

More than half the total miners of the world were in 1901 engaged in getting coal. Great Britain employing over 833,000, the United States 594,000, Germany 543,000, France 171,000, Belgium 138,000, Austria 119,000, and India nearly 93,000. The total output of coal was 886,000,000 tons, of the estimated value of more than £295,000,000.

Dreadnought's Masts.

Two remarkable masts have been fitted to the battleship Dreadnought. They are unlike anything ever fitted to a battleship before, and together with the two great funnels, through each of which a coach and four could be driven with ease, they give the ship a most formidable appearance. The masts are tripods pure and simple, supporting the stations aloft, from which the fire of the powerful 12in. guns may be directed.

Strength of the Ant.

If a man had the strength of the ant he could lift 500 times his own weight. Thus if the standard weight of a man were 150 pounds, he could lift without due exertion 75,000 pounds. Think how such a condition would affect the labor problem or how it would express itself in the question of peace and war beyond the wildest dreams! And if an ordinary man was so strong how marvellously more able would be a Sadow of that race of Samsons!

The Height of the Clouds.

The highest clouds rise on an average to a height of nearly 30,000 feet. The middle clouds keep at from about 10,000 to 23,000 feet above the surface of the earth, the lower clouds seldom lower than 1000 or higher than 7000 feet. The cumulus clouds float with their lower surface at a height of from 4000 to 5000 feet, while their summits frequently extend upward to a height of 16,000 feet. The tops of the Alps are often hidden by clouds of the third class, while those of the other classes are frequently seen shooting up the ravines like sheets of smoke.

New Mitraillease.

France's new mitraillease, which is now being manufactured at St. Etienne, will naturally be a great advance on the weapon from which the French hoped so much in the war with Germany. This was a kind of pepper-box which vomited bullets with a harsh, grinding noise, and was much dreaded by the Prussians until they discovered the limits of its powers. The mitraillease was apt to exhaust all its energies within a small area, and it is recorded that a Prussian infantryman once received no fewer than twenty-three bullets—and survived!

Persons having land, houses, or other property to dispose of, or who are about to purchase same, would do well to consult Messrs. A. R. Hardy, & Co., Stafford street, Dunedin.

Mr. J. M. Casey has commenced business as mercer, hatter, etc., at 40 Princes street, Dunedin, where he hopes to receive a fair share of public patronage, especially as it is his intention to keep a very superior stock, and to charge only moderate prices.

The attention of our readers is directed to an announcement which appears in our advertising columns this week about the 4th Great Cash Prize Distribution for Stand-Out tea coupons. The competitors are advised to send in their coupons to the Proprietors at Dunedin by the 15th inst.

Intercolonial

A farewell to the Irish envoys was to take place in the Cathedral Hall, Melbourne, on November 27.

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne's allowance for the coming year has been fixed at £1500.

The Rev. J. G. O'Rourke, late of Pekina, has been appointed to the charge of the Petersburg parish in succession to the Right Rev. J. H. Norton, who has been appointed Bishop of Port Augusta.

The Rev. Father Callanan, who has been transferred to Coraki, was presented on the occasion of his departure from Cowper with an address and purse of sovereigns.

The community of the Sisters of Mercy at Hamilton had to mourn the loss of one of their most valued members in the death on November 15 of Sister Mary Claver Higgins, in the 41st year of her age, and 25th of her religious profession.

Having been advised by his doctor to take an ocean voyage, Sir William Manning has decided upon a trip to Europe next month. Accompanied by Lady Manning and Miss Manning, Sir William will leave on December 8.

The Irish envoys invited a number of gentlemen to dinner at the Australian Hotel on November 16, to meet his Eminence the Cardinal. Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., presided, having on his right the Cardinal, and on his left Mr. John Hughes, M.L.C. (Vice-President of the Executive Council).

Owing to persistent illness, the Rev. A. Hurley has been obliged to resign the rectorship of Mildura. He is at present in St. Vincent's Hospital, and is likely to have to submit to a severe operation. The rev. gentleman has the sincere sympathy of his fellow-priests, and of the people amongst whom he so zealously labored, in his great affliction. The Rev. H. McCauley has been appointed to Mildura.

The Hibernians farewelled Messrs. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and J. T. Donovan, the Irish envoys, at a complimentary conversation in the Cardinal's Hall, Sydney, on November 15, when they were presented with souvenirs to commemorate the happy days they spent amongst the brethren of the Society in Sydney. The Hibernians, with their friends, gathered in such numbers that the big hall at St. Mary's was not able to accommodate all.

Mr. Devlin's last words on leaving Sydney were from the railway-carriage window to a representative of the 'Freeman.' 'I should like you,' he said, 'through the columns of the "Freeman" to express the unbounded gratitude of Mr. Donovan and myself to Mr. T. Dalton for his constant kindness to us since our arrival in Sydney. His hospitality and other inestimable personal acts to secure our comfort and aid our mission will be deeply-cherished memories of our Australian visit.'

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, accompanied by the Right Rev. Mr. O'Haran, visited Goulburn on November 17, and on the following day blessed and opened the new orphanage at Kenmore. His Eminence was assisted by the Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, and the Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland. At the conclusion of the ceremony his Eminence delivered an address on charity. The orphanage and site cost altogether about £5,600. The collection at the opening ceremony totalled close on £560. The institution is now free of debt.

Fifteen thousand people attended the Catholic demonstration at the Exhibition Building and Oval, Melbourne, on the King's Birthday. The celebration opened with a procession of 5000 boys and girls from the Catholic schools, headed by St. Augustine's Orphanage (Geelong) Band (now the premier Band of the Commonwealth). A liberal programme of sports was carried out, and a grand united concert, in which 2000 children took part, was given in the concert hall. His Grace the Archbishop, Very Rev. Dean Phelan, Very Rev. John Ryan, S.J., Very Rev. Dean Hegarty, Very Rev. N. Quilter, and some forty others of the clergy graced the proceedings. The Cathedral Hall fund will substantially benefit from the celebrations.

The annual retreat for ladies at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Wellington, begins on Monday evening, January 7, and ends on January 12. Those desirous of attending should apply to the Rev. Mother Superior.

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Was Father O'Shea,
But as droll every bit
Was Father McCrea;
An' O! such a volley o' fun they were pokin',
The wan at the other, as good as a play,
Wid their ready replies an' their innocent jokin'
When Father O'Shea met Father McCrea.
Now, upon a March Sunday it came for to pass,
Good Father McCrea
Preached a very fine sermon an' then, afther Mass,
Met Father O'Shea.
'Twas a very appropriate sermon for Lent
Ye delivered this minute.
For the season o' fastin' 'twas very well meant—
I could find no meat in it!
Said Father O'Shea.
Then, quick as the laughter that gleamed in his eye,
Good Father McCrea
Raised a finger o' protest an' made his reply
To Father O'Shea.
'Faith, I'll have to be workin' a miracle next,
To comply with your wishes.
Dare you ask me for meat, my dear sir, when the text
Was "the loaves an' the fishes"?'
Said Father McCrea.
Very caustic in wit
Was Father O'Shea,
But as droll every bit
Was Father McCrea;
Though ye'd search the world's ends
Ye would find no such friends
As Father O'Shea an' Father McCrea.
— Catholic Standard.

WHO CAN BOAST

It had been a very rainy day and the children had been kept in the house all day. There had been wars. Joe would not play street car with Ned, because Ned would not let him be conductor all the time.
'I go with papa more than you do, so I know better what to do,' said Joe, but Ned would not yield.
'I know well enough,' he said.
Then all tried to play school, but it was soon dismissed because Mabel persisted in being teacher.
'I'm the oldest, and I know the most,' she declared. 'I'm not going to school to any of you children.'
So it had gone most of the day, and mamma was thankful that it was nearly supper time. There was a fire in the grate in the library, and they were all gathered there waiting for papa.
'Do tell us a story, mamma,' they said; 'a fairy story; one you've never told us before.'
Mamma put on her thinking cap for a few minutes then, with a funny little twinkle in her eyes she told the following story:—
'Once upon a time a sleek, fat rat in a farmer's barn woke up feeling very hungry. "I must bestir myself and see what I can find to eat," he said to himself. So he started out, and scurried here and there, through cracks and crevices and all sorts of holes, until at last he found himself in the farmer's granary. The first thing he saw was a bag of peas, all tied up as nice as you please. "Humph," said the rat, "I can easily get at those," and in a twinkling he was gnawing a big hole in the bag. The peas were nice, fat ones, and the rat enjoyed them very much.
'How foolish it is for people to think that they can keep things from me," he said complacently to himself. "They may lock their doors and the peas and corn up in bags as much as they please. When I want them I can get them easily enough." Here the rat gave his long tail a flirt and tossed his head.
'I— he began again, but before he could say another word, the farmer's cat, who had been crouching down in the corner watching him, suddenly sprang out and seized him fast by the throat. "Ah, you miserable creature!" she cried, as she tossed

him about, "you made a mistake. I reign supreme here, you know!" Then she devoured the poor rat, and walked off, holding her head very high. But just as she turned the corner her master's greyhound bounded and pussy flew up a tree as lively as she knew how.

"There!" said the dog, "I guess you won't be so lofty when you come down. I'm the master's favorite and much stronger than you are. You know that you are afraid to come down and meet me fair and square."

Then the dog, after he had frightened the poor cat nearly to death, ran out in the field, where his master's horse was pastured.

"Grass-eater!" he cried contemptuously, as he ran in front of the horse and barked furiously, "I am fed with the daintiest morsels from my master's table, while you are set out here in the field to eat grass." Then the dog sprang up, meaning to bite the horse, but he was too quick for him, and kicked him with his iron-shod hoof, so he fell dead on the ground.

"Ha, ha!" neighed the horse, tossing his head scornfully, "I go with my master to battle. I have saved his life more than once by my fleetness. I have much more cause to boast than you, poor cur."

The horse galloped away at full speed across the field into the forest beyond. Now, there was a lion in waiting there. He had been watching the horse for days, and he could hardly repress a roar of satisfaction as he saw him come nearer and nearer. At last he gave one mighty spring and crushed him to death.

"Fool!" he roared, "you thought yourself a wonderful creature, but I am the king of beasts. By my great strength I reign supreme; there is none like unto me in the forest." But even as he spoke a bullet pierced his heart, and in his death struggle he fell beside the body of his victim. The owner of the horse, who was riding through the forest, had seen him fall upon his favorite steed and had slain him with his well-aimed shot.

"King of beasts and monarch of the forest, are you indeed?" he said. "Know you I am monarch, not you." And the man took the lion's skin, threw it over his shoulder, and rode proudly home.

But, alas! before he reached there a thunderstorm came up, and a flash of lightning smote the man, and he fell dead upon the skin of the lion.

"What cause hast thou now to boast of thyself more than these?" rolled out the thunder mightily.

"I know why you told us that," said Joe. "You think we've all been boasting too much what we could do, didn't you?"

Perhaps, replied mamma. "It is nicer to let some one else praise us, and not our own lips, isn't it? And it is also well for us all to remember that while we may be clever in some one way, there are many others much cleverer. So we will just do the very best we can— You in your small corner and I in mine."

BETTER THAN STYLE

There is one charm every woman may possess, and it is a very attractive one—neatness. The plainest woman is a delight to look upon if her toilet is one of exquisite neatness in every respect. Her hair must be done up securely and not look as if it were ready to tumble around her shoulders at any moment. Her gloves must be always mended, her boots in perfect condition, and never any tag ends at the bottoms of her skirts. Most men know nothing about fashion, but will notice whether a woman is neat or not, and it is the quality they most admire in woman.

MERELY A HABIT

Occasionally the brightest lawyer encounters a witness whose answers are a disappointment to him, says a writer in the Boston Herald. It is said that the late Governor Robinson was one day examining a man from whom he was trying to get a definition of a miracle.

"If a man should fall from a third-storey window," he said, "and should strike on his head on a stone walk and get up and go away unhurt, what would that be?"

"That would be an accident," said the witness.

Well, if the same man next day fell from the same window, struck on the same spot on his head again, and again walked away unhurt, what would that be?

"That would be a coincidence."

"Very well," said the lawyer patiently, and certain that he had his man at last, "now if on a third day the same man fell again from the same win-

dow, on the same spot, on his head, and again walked away unhurt, what would you call that?

The same man? demanded the witness.

Yes.

The same window?

Yes.

And fall on the same sidewalk?

Yes.

I should call that a habit.

TAKING PRECAUTIONS

An old Queensland farmer, while on a visit to Brisbane, was taken with a violent toothache, and, calling on a dentist, was informed that the tooth must be extracted and that he had better take gas for the operation.

The patient agreed to this, and then started to count his money.

The dentist remarked, 'Oh, you need not pay me until I have finished.'

'I reckon not,' replied the farmer, 'but if you are going to make me unconscious, I thought I'd jest like to see how I stand.'

ODDS-AND ENDS

According to the representative of Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., who certainly ought to know, the greatest advance in mechanical industry during the last twenty-one years has been in the making and designing of machine tools. As these twenty years have seen nearly all the growth of traction by electricity, the rise of the motor industry, and the adaptation of the turbine to naval requirements, this means much.

Bill Jones is a country storekeeper in Queensland, and last spring he went to Sydney to purchase a stock of goods. The goods were shipped immediately, and reached home before he did.

When the boxes were delivered at his store by the drayman, his wife happened to look at the largest. She uttered a loud cry and called for a hammer. A neighbor, hearing the screams, rushed to her assistance, and asked what was the matter. The wife, pale and faint, pointed to an inscription on the box, which read as follows: 'Bill inside.'

FAMILY FUN

An Omelet Cooked in a Hat Over the Flame of a Candle.—State that you are about to cook an omelet; then you break four eggs in a hat, place the hat for a short time over the flame of a candle, and shortly after produce an omelet, completely cooked and quite hot.

Some persons will be credulous enough to believe that by the help of certain ingredients you have been enabled to cook the omelet without fire; but the secret of the trick is, that the omelet had been previously cooked and placed in the hat, but could not be seen because the operator, when breaking the eggs, placed it too high for the spectators to observe the contents. The eggs were empty ones, the contents having been previously extracted, by being sucked through a small aperture; but to prevent the company from suspecting this, the operator should, as if by accident, let a full egg fall on the table, which, breaking, induces a belief that the others are also full.

What is that which no one wishes to have and no one wishes to lose? A bald head.

Why is a gatepost like a potato? Because they are both put into the ground to propagate.

Why are coals like towns given over to plunder? Because they are sacked and burned.

What is that which is often brought to the table, always cut, and never eaten? A pack of cards.

What moral lesson does a weathercock on a church steeple continually inculcate? 'Tis vane to a spire.

Why shouldn't a boy throw dust in his teacher's eyes? Because it may occasion harm to the pupil.

What are the most unsociable things in the world? Mile stones, for you never see two of them together.

What is that which Adam never saw, never possessed, and yet gave two to each of his children? Parents.

Why is chicken pie like a gunsmith's shop? Because it contains fowl-in-pieces.

What word may be pronounced quicker by adding a syllable to it? Quick.

All Sorts

In 1875 the United States possessed a population between 40,000,000 and 45,000,000. It has doubled in thirty years.

The length of time elapsing between the issue of a Bank of England note and its return varies curiously. A thousand pound note's 'life' is fifty-five days; the life of a hundred pound note is thirty days; of a ten pound note, fifty-eight days, and of a five pound note sixty-two days.

New trigonometric measurements in Nepal, India, made by an English surveyor, show that Mount Everest is 29,142 feet high, or 140 feet higher than it was supposed to be, and much the highest mountain in the world. Mount Everest is found to be north of the Himalaya range and not part of it, as has been supposed. It is a member of a group of peaks that are not Himalayan.

A worthy but somewhat pompous member of a North Island school committee, addressing the pupils at the annual breaking-up ceremony, said:—'My young friends, let me urge upon you the necessity of not only reading good books, but also of owning them, so that you may have access to them at all times. Why, when I was a young man I used frequently to work all night to earn money to buy books, and then get up before daylight to read them!'

Among the Israelites, the delivery of a shoe was used as a testimony in transferring a possession. A shoe was drawn off and handed to a neighbor, and that was a testimony in Israel. Throwing a shoe on property was a sign of new ownership, as, 'Into Edom will I stretch out my shoe,' Ps. lx. 10. From this came the custom in England of throwing an old shoe after a bride, as a symbol that the parents gave up all authority over their daughter. In Turkey, after marriage a bridegroom is pelted with slippers as he leaves with his bride.

It is regarded by patriotic Englishmen as a grave reflection on one country's horticultural prestige that the highest prizes at the National Rose Society's Show at Westminster should be carried off not by English, but by Irish growers (says the London correspondent of the 'Freeman's Journal'). The only new roses that gained the gold medal, the highest distinction in the rose-growing world, was the 'Mrs. Page Roberts,' exhibited by Messrs. A. Dickson and Sons, Newtownards, and the 'Mrs. Stewart Clark,' grown by Mr. Hugh Dickson, Belfast. The first was a salmon pink shaded tea rose, and the second a tea rose of a novel magenta shade. It is evident that there is something in the soil and climate of Ulster especially favorable to the production of roses.

There are domestic fires burning in Yorkshire today which have never been out for hundreds of years. At the old-fashioned farm-houses in the dales of Yorkshire peat is still burnt. The fuel is obtained from the moors and stocks of it are kept by the farmers in their stack garths. The country round about is noted for its 'girdle cakes,' which are baked from dough baked in quaint pans suspended over the peat fires. These fires are kept glowing from generation to generation, and the son warms himself at the fire which warmed his sire and his grandsire and his grandsire's sire. There is a fire at Castleton, in the Whithy district, which has been burning for over 200 years. The record, probably, is held by a farm-house at Osmotherley, in the same district. This fire has been burning for 500 years, and there are records to show that it has not been out for three centuries.

Dr. Schmidt, a German medical man who assisted at the last Olympian games in Athens, has published some very curious results of scientific observations made by him on that occasion. It appears that he examined the hearts of the German athletes before they engaged in the competitions, and that, having found them to be of abnormal size, he came to the conclusion that they had no chance in contests requiring great energy and endurance. His conclusion proved to be right. Yet one cannot help remembering that when the greatest racehorse ever known, Eclipse, was opened after its death, it was found to have a heart something like double, or more than double, the size of the hearts of the many competitors it had beaten during its wonderful career. Dr. Schmidt found that the American athletes had hearts smaller than the smallest hearts ever measured in a German hospital; and the Americans did well. Dr. Schmidt attributes the enlarged hearts of his fellow-countrymen to a wrong system of training and injudicious living.