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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

December 16, Sunday.—Third Sunday in Advent.
 „ 17, Monday.—St. Leonard of Port Maurice, Confessor.
 „ 18, Tuesday.—Expectation of the Nativity.
 „ 19, Wednesday.—St. Urban V., Pope and Confessor. Ember Day.
 „ 20, Thursday.—St. Josaphat of Poland, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 21, Friday.—St. Thomas, Apostle. Ember Day.
 „ 22, Saturday.—St. Deusdedit, Pope and Confessor. Ember Day.

Expectation of the Nativity.

This feast has been instituted by the Church to commemorate the longing desires and fervent aspirations with which the Immaculate Virgin greeted the near approach of that happy day when she was to bring into the world the long-expected Messiah, Whose coming to redeem mankind had been the continual object of her sighs and prayers.

St. Urban V., Pope and Confessor.

Urban V. was Pope from 1362 to 1370. Being a pattern of every virtue, he strove to make the Papal Court a model of Christian life. He was a great patron of learned men and most generous to the poor. One of his first cares was to carry on the expedition for the recovery of the Holy Land, begun by his predecessor, Innocent VI. Convinced that the residence of the Popes at Avignon was injurious to the interests of the Church, he returned to Rome in 1367, and was received amid great rejoicings. The factious and turbulent spirit of the Italians induced him to transfer the Papal residence to Avignon in 1370.

St. Thomas, Apostle.

St. Thomas, also called Didymus, was one of the twelve Apostles. He was a fisherman on the Lake of Galilee when Our Lord called him to be His Apostle. There are only three incidents related of him in the Gospels, but these are enough to make his character more familiar to us than that of any other, except SS. Peter and Paul.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

GOD'S LITTLE FLOWERET.

A Floweret grew in a dismal valley,
 Where all around it was wild and drear;
 Where love came seldom, where rage'd unceasing
 The storms of sorrow and sin and fear.
 And the Floweret turned its face toward heaven,
 Crying, 'God of Pity, look down on me,
 And take me away to Thy peaceful gardens
 Across the bosom of Death's dark sea!'

God heard the cry, and His hand outreaching,
 Drew forth the Flower from the wind-swept vale.
 It was weak and wasted, and worn with suffering,
 The poor little face of it pinched and pale.
 He softened the wrath of the heaving billows,
 He rolled back the angry, clamorous waves,
 And smoothed a path for His tiny Floweret
 O'er Death's dread sea, and the Land of Graves.
 The Flower He brought home from the lowland wild
 Was the stainless soul of a holy child.

— 'Ave Maria.'

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we know them only when they are gone.

Energy will do anything that can be done in the world; and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities will make a man without it.

It is the little pleasures that make life sweet, as the little displeasures may do more than afflictions to make it bitter.

A generous prayer is never presented in vain; the petition may be refused, but the petitioner is always, I believe, rewarded by some gracious visitation.—R. L. Stevenson.

The Storyteller

THE PLAY'S THE THING

Every one among us loved old Joe Keene, whose roles on the boards were usually the irate father, the cold-blooded family solicitor, the dishonest skinflint, the close-fisted or profligate husband, but who in real life was the gentlest, most upright and generous of men.

We were a theatrical company, gathered together after the opening of the season from the ranks of those unfortunately out of an engagement, by a leading man who was determined to 'star.' And after a short tour on the road, we were actually playing in New York, although not at the paradise of an actor's day-dreams, a Broadway theatre.

Not so long ago, the player's calling was looked down upon by the people on the other side of the footlights even while they applauded the player's genius.

Now we are judged more justly, and the profession is known to be made up of men and women who, in their virtues or their faults, only 'hold the mirror up' to the rest of the world.

In our company there were several Catholics, including Joe, Richard, and myself. Someone had asked us to contribute our mite to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and at intervals I used to go around collecting the dimes and quarters from my band and any others who chose to give, usually the whole company.

There are no people on earth more generous and charitable than the members of 'the profession,' unless, perhaps, it be the very poor of the tenement-house districts in a great city.

'Here comes Mimi with her little green silk bag,' Mr. Keene would say as he caught sight of me on these occasions, and down would go his hand into his pocket on the instant.

It was the same whenever he heard the story of any poor fellow, either in our ranks or out of them, who was down on his luck. When any woman was in need, his assistance was always as delicately and chivalrously rendered as though she were a princess.

Hitherto I had played only ingenue parts. But this year, when the leading lady was taken ill and had to give up, I found myself at a bound promoted to the top rung of our particular theatrical ladder.

'It is all right, Mimi, you can do it!' Joe exclaimed when I told him.

Very proud I was that he thought so, for our acquaintance had begun only when we were both engaged by the actor-manager.

We were friends from this hour, and he grew so fond of me that Richard became almost jealous. Richard and I are to be married at the close of the season.

But the old man said I looked like someone he had known long ago, and I understood that many of the little acts of kindness he showered upon me were prompted by his enduring affection for that other woman, whoever she was. At least she must now be gray-haired and elderly, unless, indeed, while still in her youth and beauty she had made her exit from life, in the first act of the drama—idyll, comedy or tragedy—whatever it was.

Yes, we all knew he had his romance, and one day, with the heedlessness of youth and an impetuous disposition, I made bold to ask him about it.

'Mr. Keene, you must have often thought me an audacious little minx,' I began, 'and you know you are a beautiful old hero in my eyes, so don't be angry when I ask you to tell me a story. Why have you never married?'

The question disconcerted him, and was, truly, an impertinence for which I blamed myself as soon as it was uttered.

He tried to smile, but the sad expression of his eyes haunted me for days afterwards and his voice trembled in spite of his attempt to keep it steady.

'Ah, Mimi, child,' he replied, 'I am just another who has grasped at happiness and failed to obtain it. When I was a young man I had my ambition. I dreamed of becoming prominent in my calling, a star of the first magnitude. Then, grown rich and famous, I would marry the woman I loved. She was not one of us, and wished me to adopt another profession. It was the one point upon which we differed. Circumstances parted us. My dream of fame and fortune has not yet come true, and never will. Long ago, she became the wife of another. For years I have heard nothing of her; I do not even know her

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married name. Yet the thought of her has kept me straight many a time when I have been tempted, and has helped me to live so that if I ever chance to meet her, I can look in her dear face and not be ashamed of myself, thank God.

He turned away his head.

Embarrassed at having so abruptly intruded into the inner sanctuary of his heart, I murmured:

"Dear friend, whatever of joy life has given to your old sweetheart, at least she has never found a truer love than the homage you laid at her feet."

Then I stole away.

"Do you observe, miss, how poorly Mr. Keene is looking for a while past?" said Miss Bedelia McShane, the latest addition to our forces.

Bedelia, before her footlight debut, had played only the humble part of scrubbing the lobby of the theatre. A charwoman being required for a role on the stage, the position was given to her, and she made a hit by her absolute disregard of everything but the work before her.

"Being set to scrub, I just scrubs," she replied, when asked the secret of her success.

The phrase became a by-word among us.

Her remark to me with reference to old Joe was made several weeks after I had, in a measure, forced myself into his confidence. Although I, too, had noticed that he was failing, I did not care to admit it to anyone.

"Oh, Mr. Keene only needs a rest," I answered with assumed carelessness. "But tell me, Bedelia, what was the trouble between you and the stage manager this morning?"

The ruse succeeded.

"Sure, miss, there is no trouble at all," answered the McShane volubly, "except it be that I've struck for more leisure. I've been charwoman at this theatre now goin' on seven year. I scrubs the stoops in the mornin', I plays me part in the afternoon, and I plays me part in the evenin'. It's too much. I'll play me two performances a day, but I'll quit at three."

Bedelia was as good as her word, and the manager had to yield or we would have lost one of the most popular members of our company. Our actor-manager had been running one play since the beginning of the season, and that Mr. Keene was losing ground soon became only too manifest to all concerned. Latterly his strong scene in the last act had not been given with the necessary force, and each evening he appeared more distressed for breath as the curtain fell.

"Mimi," whispered Richard to me one night as I stood in the wings at the beginning of the play, the manager has resolved to hand old Joe his notice. He has written the letter and will give it to him to-night before he goes home.

"Our dear friend," I sighed, "How I wish we could save him from this trial, that we could spare him the humiliation of this dismissal!"

We were powerless to avert the blow.

"Well, when we have a home of our own, Joe shall be our guest for as long as he will stay with us, shall he not, Mimi?" Richard said.

I never loved him so much as I did at that moment. Joe was on in the scene, and we watched him. At a point where the action is sustained by some of the other characters, I saw his glance sweep over the house. Then, suddenly, he gave a start of surprise. It was imperceptible to the audience, unremarked even by my companion (I presently discovered), but plain enough to me.

The next moment he was putting a fire and vigor into his acting that had been lacking for years.

My cue came, and I went on. Mr. Keene continued to play his part with magnetic power, and the curtain fell amid a round of applause.

"By jove, I believe some one has given Keene a hint about his notice!" exclaimed Richard as I came off. "I had not the heart to tell him, but had I known he would have taken it in this way I would have warned him long ago."

I smiled, yet, said nothing. But I knew it was no hint of the notice that had wrought the change in our friend.

I had seen his eyes turn again and again toward an elderly lady in widow's weeds who sat in the second row of the orchestra chairs with a young man, evidently her son.

Old Joe was playing to only one individual in the audience, only to that beautiful, delicate-looking, silver-haired woman.

At once the truth flashed upon me.

This lady was none other than the woman of whom he had spoken to me, the woman whom he had once loved and loved still. This was the explanation of his sudden spirit and fervid rendering of his lines.

Throughout the second act it was the same. He was clearly eager to show his early sweetheart, and the object of his life-long devotion, that, after all, he was not an absolute failure or unworthy of her respect. She must at least admit that he possessed a spark of the divine fire, that the dream of his youth had not been all a delusion.

To her he bowed as he appeared once more with me before the curtain at the end of the third act.

And she? Ah, yes, she had recognised him almost from the first. Even while I was going through my own part, her face, with its tense, startled, yet tender expression, was ever before me.

Plainly, through all the years which had passed, in spite of a separation of more than half a lifetime, she had not lost interest in the career and well-being of her lover. And now, as she leaned forward in her chair and followed his every motion and every note of his voice, I felt, with an understanding that my own love for Richard gave me, that the old love had rushed back to her heart in a tide of fond recollections. For she must have loved him once, even though later she may have known a deeper love. For the nonce she was a girl again, and he a handsome young man pouring his ardent vows into her willing ears. All the years between seemed to have faded away; even the young man at her side was as if he had never been.

In the last scene Joe fairly eclipsed all his former efforts, the scene in which his poor old voice had been wont to tremble and sometimes even to break.

He played it with the strength of other days, and his voice rang clear and true up to the climax, where, according to the business of the piece, he pitched forward into Richard's outstretched arms.

When this happened, Richard gave a quick, nervous glance at me, and then laid him gently prone upon the stage.

"Dead," faltered one of the company, speaking the line of the play. Still following the scene, I fell upon my knees beside the old actor. But to-night my cry of anguish was not feigned. I was really frightened, terror-stricken.

For of all that throng beyond the footlight, or among the people on the stage, only Richard and I knew it was not a mimic death-scene that had just been enacted.

Poor old Joe! He had gained his one night of triumph. And now, a higher power than the manager had given him his notice.

And the lady in the orchestra circle?

The denouement was certainly a surprise to me.

That woman who was old Joe's sweetheart in the long ago, the woman to win those smiles and tears he had played so well, who unknown to herself had influenced him for good throughout his life—that sweet-faced, gray-haired woman was my mother!—Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

THE JEWEL

"Remember, she has been with us five years, Gracia. Why—"

"She is too slow."

"But all of her work is accomplished."

"She is cranky," Gracia went on, without heeding her father's justification. "She won't ever let me fuss in the kitchen. I ought to know something about housekeeping, father, and if she won't allow me to learn with her, I'll have to instruct myself."

"It sounds well."

"I'll do just as you say, of course. Let me try two weeks, then school will open and I'll get another maid." Gracia had yet to discover that maids were becoming almost as rare as well-buffaloes. In the fall I intend to take domestic science, you know."

"Oh, indeed."

"Yes. Just two weeks, father. I know how to cook meat and cake, and I have always done the ordering. Brother Bob won't be any trouble. The house is small, and there are only three of us. Please, father, this having to beg for anything shocked and surprised Gracia. Besides Martha—Martha is such a slow-poke."

"Slow-poke? We used to call her the 'Jewel' Slow-poke!"

They were breakfasting at half-past seven. Mr. Hobbs lovingly contemplated his cream gold coffee and the biscuits, which were so light they might be called frivolous. An idea occurred to him; his face brightened, and he suggested:

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Certainly, Gracia assented graciously. 'Still, it would be better for me to let her know the reason of her dismissal. A sort of kindly advice, you know, to enable her to keep her next place, loftily. Mr. Hobbs' smile was buried in his newspaper. After breakfast Gracia retired to the verandah to read a new magazine, while Mr. Hobbs warily approached the kitchen.

'Ah, good morning, Martha. Morning, Mr. Hobbs. Martha, how would you like to have a little vacation?'

'What, sir?'

'A vacation. It would do you good. Besides, Miss Gracia believes she would like to housekeep for a week or so.'

'Miss Gracia? Housekeep? Lor' bless you, sir, she ain't ever done a stroke of work in her life.'

'She thinks she ought to begin. To tell the truth, Martha, she wants to dismiss you for some trivial reason, I forget what it is. I want you to pretend to go, but to be ready to come back—this is Monday—say, Friday morning.'

'Three days. She'll want me back in one. Though I'm not so sure I'll come back at all. You see, Miss Gracia's very overbeatin' at times, always telling me how to cook and make jelly and beds, me that's done 'em since I was knee high to a duck, and her that's been readin' in the noosepapers "How to house-keep." If she'd only tell me that she didn't know anything, I'd like to teach her. She—'

'That's enough, Martha. Just accept this bill and return in time for breakfast Friday morning—if Gracia can exist without you till then, her added diplomatically.'

'Oh, thank you, sir. Yes, sir, I'll be back Friday mornin' sharp. Thank you kindly, sir.'

At 5 o'clock Martha, having prepared the evening tea, was about to depart, when Gracia overtook her in the back hallway. Her farewell words were of a rather haughty character.

'A moment, Martha,' she began in an over-the-hills-and-far-away tone; 'I would like to say good-bye to you, and before you go to inform you why I am dismissing you. First, you are too slow; second, you become angry whenever I assert my position as mistress in the slightest degree. Sometimes your aprons aren't all that a maid's should be, and—ah—good-bye, Martha, good-bye,' she ended abruptly, as Martha's face prognosticated a storm. The storm blew over, however, for Martha bent over her valise, her shoulders shaking slightly but suspiciously.

'Good-bye, Miss Gracia.' In another moment the 'Jewel' was lost to sight.

It was something of a novelty for Gracia to rise at six. The early morning hours, she assured herself, were the little-known best time of the day, bracing, invigorating they were—but, still Gracia yawned. Breakfast, she went on, was simple—fruit, a cereal, rolls, coffee, and bacon perhaps. None of these things was beyond Gracia, for be it understood that she could cook in a certain small degree.

Seven o'clock saw Gracia in the kitchen. There truly her head saved her heels nothing, and at eight o'clock, when she was surveying with satisfaction her well-done breakfast, she was suddenly struck by the fact that she had not set the table. Leaving the bacon to frizzle in the oven, she hurriedly arranged the breakfast plates. Never before had she realised the number of small things necessary to a perfectly appointed table. Back and forth, forth and back she dashed. At nine o'clock they breakfasted. I believe that 'slow-poke' Martha had served the same meal at half-past seven the day before. No one mentioned the fact, of course. As soon as Mr. Hobbs was on his late way to town and Bob in the yard playing tennis, Gracia yawned, glanced at the dishes to be washed, yawned more than ever, then sleepily made her way to the davenport. For one little minute she explained to her conscience. One little minute was ticked away by geandfather's clock, then two little minutes and three. Gracia was lost to worldly time. Monotonously the clock intoned the hour, eleven and finally twelve.

'Gracia, wake up. I want some lunch.' It was brother Bob's gentle voice.

'What? Oh, Martha! I have lunch in a few minutes, comfortably. Do go away and let Gracia sleep.'

'Wake up, Martha isn't here and I'm hungry,' persisted Bob.

'Martha not here? Hasn't she cleared the breakfast table yet? Oh—the light of remembrance broke in upon her—oh, it isn't late, is it?'

'Twelve, and I'm hungry,' Bob reiterated.

'Twelve? I—why, I'll have luncheon immediately. What would you like?' she pacificated.

'Pears and pie and lob—'

'Stop! I—I'm sure I never thought about it. I haven't ordered the groceries.' The last words were lost to the wondering Bob, as Gracia had gained the phone by the time they were uttered. As a whirlwind she rushed back to the dining-room, and in the vortex she carried the breakfast dishes to the kitchen. One o'clock did not bring the groceries, so she humbly asked the famished boy to lunch on bread and milk. When her order did arrive Gracia resolved on reformation, providentially prepared the vegetables for dinner; for she was not to have a spare moment that afternoon. It occurred to her during the washing and peeling and shelling of the various vegetables that Martha had always, before breakfast too, dusted the downstairs rooms. Accordingly she hastily finished her preparations, found a duster, and faced the parlors. The formal process over, Gracia ensconced herself in a chair, a last evening's paper in her hand. She turned as usual to her 'Hints on Housekeeping,' so despised by Martha. The first sentence to meet her horrified eyes ran thus:

'When making beds— Beds, beds, I didn't make any beds.' With her usual late energy Gracia sped up the stairs as the old clock accusingly struck six.

When Gracia was hurrying over the last bed, she heard her neglected brother rush towards the front door.

'Father!' she exclaimed, and deliberately advanced to lock the bedroom door. There was a rap, as she anticipated.

'Gracia, I'm home, dear.'

'Yes.'

'Well?'

'Good evening.'

'Good evening. Gracia, I devoutly hope you aren't papering or calaminin in there?'

'No, sir, I am not.'

'You aren't crying?' anxiously.

'No.'

'Well, what are you doing?'

'Making the bed.'

A strained silence, then to the listening Gracia was borne in the sound of a half-suppressed chuckle. For a moment Gracia frowned, but the persistent chuckle was soon supplemented by her wholly un-suppressed laughter. Suddenly she stopped and sighed. 'Oh, Martha, Martha!' then added aloud.

'We'll have a late supper, father.'

'All the more fashionable, my dear,' cheerfully responded the schemer.

At the cost of some of Gracia's sleeping hours the work resolved itself into somewhat better lines. The beds were made in the morning, and the breakfast dishes were washed immediately after that meal, though she deliberately abandoned the parlors to their dust. In the evening she was triumphantly sitting down to a seven o'clock dinner when she observed Bob beaming benignly at her. In justification she looked at her father.

'Why, what's the matter with me, anyway? You both are staring—'

Her father gravely led her to the pier glass in the hall. A queer reflection truly, for her hair, dishevelled, fell coyly towards her left ear, her shoe ribbons—but what only was their interest was her once immaculate apron. It had become a whole library of novels. Stove polish, berries, and other articles had left their story there. Worst of all, there was a big 'barn-door' tear. Surely Martha—but one must suppress one's deepest longings, one must smile for appearance sake, while inwardly one says 'Poor Martha.'

Thursday afternoon Gracia rushed in where the proverbial angels would have feared to tread. She decided to make a cake. Not that she could not make good cake, but she had not acquired velocity enough to carry her through all the housework and bake the cake, too. So, cheerfully she avoided the dusting again.

In her pink gingham, starched and fresh, and her clean white apron, standing over the big yellow bowl, Gracia was a pleasant Phyllis. However, she was soon surrounded by the uncalled-for messiness which an amateur always causes in a kitchen. Amid the greased pans, the dabs of butter, and the sprinkling of flour appeared the hospitable Bob, bringing a companion of his, just as Gracia discovered some yellow traces of egg splashed on her fresh pink gingham. It was rather an inauspicious moment. Troubles never come singly, Gracia grimly observed to herself as the two boys entered.

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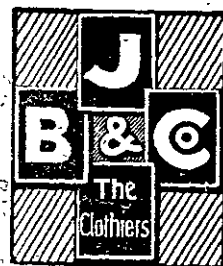
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Current Topics

Mr. Devlin

Mr. Devlin, M.P., arrived at the Bluff on Monday, and is already well launched upon his New Zealand tour. We wish the gifted orator and envoy a hearty cead mile failte. This is indeed a case in which (as the gracious Shakespearean hostess Silvia saith) the comer's quality and worth are warrant for his welcome hither. We bespeak for him a welcome 'according to his worth'—and a generous welcome that will 'appear in other ways than words'. For sympathy with a struggling nation, like truth, 'hath better deeds than words to grace it'.

Tommy Let-it-alone

A query: 'Dear Rev. Editor,—To settle a discussion among some members of our club: Would you advise against "backing one's fancy" even in a strictly fair, moderate, and very occasional way, at horse-races?'

The answer: Son, you ask for counsel. And our counsel on the subject (which, of course, has no force of precept) is best summed up in the dictum of Mark Twain: 'There are two occasions in a man's life when he should not wager—when he can't afford it, and when he can'. But if any of you young men are bent upon 'backing your fancy', then let it be the reliable flyer on which (according to his biographer) William Terriss often staked, yet never lost and never won—a little filly called Common Sense, ridden by Tommy Let-it-alone.

An Anti-Catholic Crusade

There have been pretty nearly as many crimes perpetrated in the name of religion as in the name of liberty. In Victoria there is an interesting knot of enthusiasts of saffron hue who call themselves 'The Protestant Electors' Committee'. They fought out yesterday's Federal elections, but not on Federal, or any political, issues. Their platform was a single-plank one—the exclusion of Catholics and of tolerant and fair-minded Protestants from public life. And this great political and social crime—the crime of conspiring to set aside a fundamental principle of the Constitution and injecting the rodent virus of sectarian hate and strife into Victorian public life—was committed in the sacred name of religion. The guillotining Reds of the French Revolution erected their statue to Liberty. The lesser Reds across the seas in Victoria may now erect a statue to the wooden-headed idol—more hideous than a Maori grotesque—that presides over religious persecution. A strange, grim 'atua' indeed is the god of their worship—not the God of mercy and brotherly love, nor even the Allah of the Mahomedan, but a dehumanised Giant Blunderbore, with merciless club, and single ever-raging eye, and teeth to lacerate his victims. How true the words of Warburton: 'The bigot reverses the order of creation, and makes God in man's image, choosing the very ugliest pattern to model from—namely, himself.' We are not sure that there exist south of the Tropic of Capricorn uglier patterns of bigotry than are to be found among the ill-guided few who have been for some time past preaching the Moloch gospel of sectarian hate and strife in Victoria. The recent grand protest of the Melbourne Catholic laity was both timely and much needed.

An Unctuous Rascal

Years ago, the profits of the sham 'ex-priest' and 'ex-monk' business were so considerable that this branch of the magsman's 'profession' became for a time uncomfortably overcrowded. The congestion was, however, gradually relieved by the action of the police

and the criminal courts. We have traced—and retain in our 'Rogues' Gallery'—the careers of some scores of the so-called 'ex-priest' and 'ex-monk' slander-mongers that have been retailing pornographic filth to the public during the past twenty years at (usually) 'front seats one shilling, back seats sixpence'—or its American equivalent. The vastly greater part of them were never priests or monks; a big percentage of them were never Catholics. The few of them that were once in the sacred ministry were merely weeds that the Pope threw over his garden wall—cast forth for conduct unworthy of their high and holy calling. We have failed to find among this class of coarse 'lecturers' even one man of unblemished character. With a few exceptions, they are known to the police and have made (some of them repeatedly) the acquaintance of the prison cell. And one and all of this loathsome class made a dishonorable livelihood by arousing and trading on sectarian passion and corrupting the minds of youth with pamphlets which (in the words of Newman) 'cannot have been intended for any other purpose than to afford merriment in the haunts of vice and profligacy'.

One of the bright particular ornaments of this brand of the philosophy of the sty is the unctuous rascal who calls himself 'ex-monk' Widdows. He was never a monk and his real name is Nobbs, not Widdows. He was sentenced in Canada (says London 'Truth' of March 30, 1899) to ten years' penal servitude for a crime which involved 'a piece of as revolting immorality as it would be possible to conceive'. In the House of Commons in July, 1901, the Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. Wyndham) told how the brutalised impostor 'was convicted in London in 1888 of the offence referred to' (an unmentionable crime) 'and sentenced to ten years' penal servitude'. Shortly after Mr. Wyndham had exposed the bogus 'ex-monk' in Parliament, the fellow was 'sent up' for a term of penal servitude for another abominable crime. On his liberation, some two years ago or thereabouts, he was welcomed back to his conventicle in Hackney (London) by a bevy of the 'ladies' of the little congregation that are satisfied to listen to the unspeakable blackguard's exposition of the Gospel according to Nobbs. Few in his noisome trade have learned better than he

'The knowledge of the thriving art;
A holy outside and a hollow heart.'

But the profession is not so profitable as it was—the schoolmaster has been abroad to some purpose. And the sham 'ex-monk'—but genuine ex-convict—of Hackney is now, as Panurge was at thirty-five, subject to a 'kind of disease' which is called lack of money. Here is how London 'Truth' of September 19 deals with the unctuous ex-convict and his 'urgent appeal' for shekels:

A correspondent forwards a copy of an 'urgent appeal' from the unspeakable scoundrel Widdows, which was put into his hand at an open-air religious service in Hackney. Widdows is in urgent want of £400 to discharge a debt which is hanging over his head, and by way of suggesting that the debt is driving him into an early grave, he goes on thus: 'The winter of my life is approaching, and, sleeping I dream, and waking I hope, that, before I go hence, this debt may be wiped out. Mental worry and anxiety have caused a serious breakdown in health, and I was obliged to give up work for a time, but thank God I am somewhat restored.' It is easy to understand that a man who has done two terms of penal servitude in this country, subsequently to imprisonment in the Colonies, has experienced a good deal of mental worry and anxiety.

When Nobbs (alias Widdows) has passed through 'the winter of his life', his tomb may appropriately bear the following inscription (adapted from Baifham's 'Rob' Gilpin):—

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Clean-Speech Crusades

Lord Chesterfield was a pagan, though a polished one. He lived in a roystering, hard-drinking, oath-volleying age. Yet—speaking merely as one who cultivated the graces—he roundly denounced swearing as the habit of "subalterns, or people of low education." "That practice," he added in a letter to his son, "besides that it has no one temptation to plead, is as silly and illiberal as it is wicked." Landor makes Philip of Macedon "the most religious prince of his age"—chiefly because "he swore more frequently and more awfully than any officer in his army." The habit is about the only sign of religion that some people display in our time—the only profession of religious faith that they make during long years of their adult life. And the fearful prevalence of the practice of swearing is one of the very distressful facts of the domestic and social life of our day and country. We sorely need some organisation like that of the fast-spreading Holy Name Society, which a few Sundays ago made such impressive outdoor demonstrations in several cities of the United States in favor of clean speech. In three cities of the Newark diocese over twenty-five thousand Catholic men marched in solemn parade through the streets as a protest against all forms of blasphemous and unclean speech. These evil habits, when well entrenched, become so strong that it takes a strenuous struggle to drive them from their vantage ground. Cowper phrased this truth under a striking figure of speech:—

'Habits are soon assumed; but when we strive
To strip them off, 'tis being flayed alive.'

The very prevalence of the habit also dulls the public sense of its enormity, and thereby increases the difficulty of coping with it. Does not history tell how duelling and the three-bottle habit were at one time so rooted in English society that for a period they seemed to many to be of the nature of things?

But the duel is gone out of English life, and the three-bottle man would not nowadays be allowed to practice the three-bottle habit at the table of any respectable host. And one day, we hope, swearing will be counted among the barbarous habits that an advancing Christian civilisation has moulted. In many countries, Holy Name Societies have been flinging themselves against that rock-wall of inherited evil habit, profanity. Such crusades in favor of clean tongues have effected much good when properly pushed home. Perhaps the most noted association of this kind was that which was formed in the first half of the fifteenth century by the famous Franciscan preacher, St. Bernardine of Siena. He raised aloft a banner bearing the Holy Name inscribed above a figure of the Crucified, preached a crusade against the abhorrent blasphemy that was so prevalent in his day, and succeeded everywhere in winning men to abandon those jarring expletives of passion and irreligion that are now so common in these new countries. The Maid of Orleans imposed upon her soldiers the most stringent orders against the use of profane and blasphemous speech. She even succeeded in reducing to the bounds of strict decorum the language of the celebrated La Hire. He was a very Boanerges among the sturdy swearers of his time. He even—like the hero of a French comedy of our day, 'Les Jurons de Cadillac'—considered thunderous blasphemy an indispensable qualification for a leader of men—just as in the 'Way Back regions of these virgin lands it is regarded by

some as a necessity for the driver of the slow-paced ox-team. Under the gentle and holy influence of the Maid, La Hire so far snuffed his tongue as to swear by nothing else than his marshal's baton. St. Louis of France, the Lollards, the Puritans, the Quakers all waged war against swearing. In the year 1700 there was founded in England what was known as the Society for the Reformation of manners. One of the principal objects of its institution was the abolition of the flippant and vituperative blasphemy so common in that loose and unbelieving period. Julian Sharman tells us that its membership roll comprised, in addition to the King Consort, a number of persons who were distinguished alike for the laxity of their own morals and a tender solicitude for the welfare of other people's. They proceeded criminally against blasphemers, etc. But these reformers of 'the other fellow' were not the sort of people to work a radical improvement in the habits of a nation. After much noise and bluster, the Society for the Reformation of Manners—which had forgotten to begin by reforming its own—fell to pieces. It was merely a simmering glue-pot in a soap factory—unable either to moderate or seriously disguise the circumambient stench. At its passing, it left the profanity of the time as coarse and widespread as it found it. The Holy Name Society aims to attain vastly higher ideals by widely different and more efficient means. It may yet, with God's blessing, do for the world what the sainted Bernardine did for Central Italy. Floreat!—may it grow and spread! There are such myriad tongues that stand in need of cleansing and disinfectants!

INVERCARGILL.

The fierce gale of wind and downpour of rain which came on shortly before eight o'clock on Friday evening (says the 'Southland Times') must have adversely affected the attendance at the concert given by pupils and friends of the Convent school. There was, however, a very fair attendance, and those who did put in appearance were delighted with the dainty entertainment presented. Some people enjoy nothing better than children's performances, and when there is the happy circumstance added that everything is well done, the enjoyment is very widely distributed. The children of the Convent school and their teachers did everything well, and therefore pleased everyone who listened to their songs and saw their pretty dances. The items on the programme showed some nice variety. Choruses by the girls, recitations, pianoforte duos, nursery-land revels, and club swinging were all rendered in capital style, while a few tableaux were admirably staged in all the glamour of the limelight. The piece de resistance was the operetta 'Bubbles,' a very pretty and taking composition. The curtain rises on a little maiden seated blowing soap-bubbles, after the idea of the celebrated picture by Millais. She falls asleep and is visited by a dainty band from Fairyland who in rhythmic measures pass before her, their fairy footsteps entering into her dreams. Suddenly the maiden awakes, the fairy-bubbles vanish, the Queen alone remains. Wondering, the little maiden asks what were the lovely forms she had seen and the music she had heard while sleeping. The Queen explains that she reigns over the fairy-bubbles. She recalls her little subjects, they surround the maiden, and tell her that once a little cripple child who was sad and lonely had been comforted by blowing soap-bubbles and watching with joy their beautiful colors as they rose into the air. 'God sent us,' said the fairy-bubbles, 'to comfort and cheer that lonely child; how he laughed and clapped his hands with glee as he saw our gay colors dancing before him! So you see even our seemingly useless lives are full of purpose—even bubbles need not be empty.' The children entered into the spirit of the play, and gave their parts with a remarkable appreciation of their meaning. The audience was quite demonstrative in its approval, and apparently everyone was thoroughly pleased. The entertainment was repeated on Saturday evening.

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The Irish Delegates

MR. DEVLIN IN INVERCARGILL

A GREAT ORATORICAL TRIUMPH

(From our Special Reporter.)

ARRIVAL AT THE BLUFF.

On Monday morning Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., one of the two delegates of the Irish Party to these countries, arrived at the Bluff by the 'Moeraki'. He was there met and greeted with a 'cead mile failte' by a number of members of the Invercargill reception committee, headed by their chairman, the Very

a delegate merely asked to exercise the right of self-government which New Zealand already enjoyed, and he felt sure that after the people of this Colony had been addressed on the subject of Home Rule, they would declare it their wish that the same privilege would be extended to another portion of the Empire.

Mr. Devlin afterwards visited St. Mary's school, where the children presented him with an address and entertained him with Irish songs.



MR. DEVLIN, M.P.

One of the Irish Delegates. Mr. Devlin arrived at the Bluff on Monday, and is now lecturing in New Zealand.

Rev. Dean Bunc. Numerous telegrams of welcome also reached him there and in Invercargill during the day from all parts of New Zealand. After the preliminary greeting on board the 'Moeraki', a number of members of the municipal council and numerous other residents of the Bluff assembled in the Drill Hall and welcomed Mr. Devlin to New Zealand. On behalf of the Mayor (Mr. Whealler, who was suffering from a severe attack of influenza), the senior councillor, Mr. Nichol, bade the distinguished visitor welcome, and, referring to the object of Mr. Devlin's mission, said that the people of New Zealand would be pleased to hear discussed by so able a speaker as Mr. Devlin a question which had exercised the minds of politicians for half a century. In his reply, Mr. Devlin thanked the people of the Bluff for their kind and hospitable welcome, which was as pleasing as it was unexpected. The people on whose behalf he had come as

AT INVERCARGILL.

Mr. Devlin, accompanied by the reception committee, reached Invercargill by the 1.25 p.m. train. On the platform they were met by a gathering of friends and sympathisers, and Mr. Devlin was officially welcomed to the Southland capital by the Mayor (Mr. W. B. Scandrett). The party then proceeded to the handsome new Town Hall and Municipal Theatre, which were greatly admired by the visitor. They then adjourned to the Council Chambers within the building, where an audience had in the meantime gathered, and an address of welcome was read by Mr. M. Gilledder, secretary to the reception committee. The address commended the Nationalist Party's policy of sending out leaders of the Irish people from time to time to explain their methods and aims to the self-governing people of these countries. Small fractions of the population of Ireland, chiefly the landlord and ascendancy party, have had

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for a long time the ear of the world and used all their power and influence to maintain the existing conditions, beneficial to themselves but calamitous for the country and the people at large. The Irish Party's eloquent advocacy and lucid explanations had raised the question of Irish autonomy above the level of a mere provincial dispute, and had given it a merited Imperial aspect. The sympathies of vast millions in America and Australasia had proved a great accession of strength to the cause. Opposition to the concession of representative self-government sprang from prejudice and from ignorance of Ireland's constitutional demands. Previous envoys during the past 25 years had performed excellent service by throwing light on the whole question. Detailed reference was made to previous delegates from Ireland; to the change of feeling among British Cabinet Ministers; and to the manner in which the great city democracies of England, Scotland, and Wales, stood for the extension to Ireland of her right to self-rule. The address was handed, amidst applause, to Mr. Devlin.

In the course of his reply, Mr. Devlin spoke of the delegates' mission in Australia as a triumphant success. They had been instrumental in some degree in removing some of the prejudices, misunderstandings, and misrepresentations that constituted the only opposition to Ireland's claim for the right of self-government. He expressed the hope that this beautiful and richly endowed country would give them the same impartial hearing, the same support and sympathy. That reception had been tendered to him first of all as an envoy of the Irish people, and in the second place as a member and representative of one of the most democratic parties in the world—the defenders of all great human causes, the advocates of every measure that would make for the happiness of the vast masses of the people in Great Britain. During the 25 years of its existence not a single member of the Irish Party had accepted place, power, or emolument from the British Government, and they still stood to-day the incorruptible and unpurchasable representatives of the people in the House of Commons. He thanked the Mayor and the citizens, especially those not of Irish birth or descent, for the welcome they had extended to him. A vote of thanks to the Mayor closed the proceedings.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

In the evening Mr. Devlin formally opened his campaign in New Zealand with an address in the fine Municipal Theatre. There was a large attendance. The Mayor presided, and besides him and the speaker of the evening there were on the stage the members of the reception committee (including Dean Burke), and the Rev. Fathers Murphy (Riverton), O'Neill (Winton), O'Malley (Invercargill), and Cleary (Dunedin).

The Mayor, in introducing Mr. Devlin, briefly stated the object of the delegates' visit to New Zealand. It was only occasionally that the citizens of Invercargill were privileged to listen to men connected with the Imperial Parliament, and when they did, they got a larger view of things and were proud that they belonged to the great Empire that flew the Union Jack. He promised the audience an intellectual treat in the speech of Mr. Devlin. (Applause.)

How Mr. Devlin Captivates.

Mr. Devlin's speech lasted nearly an hour and three-quarters. It was an oratorical treat of a high order. He depended not for his effects upon the tricks and studied mannerisms of the professional elocutionist—they are, in fact, conspicuously absent. The secret of his power of seizing and holding an audience resides partly in the torrential power and eloquence of his language; partly in the tremendous earnestness of the man, the strength of his convictions and his knowledge of his subject; and partly in the charm of a pleasant, kindly face and a rich, mellow, resonant and searching voice that smites at times like the blast of a trumpet and is at other times as soft and caressing as an Irish lullaby—and with just enough of Ulster in it to bind the spell. Nothing that we have yet heard on the lecturing platform could surpass in force and picturesque eloquence the unstudied but thundering periods of this gifted young Irish orator. At Invercargill Mr. Devlin was suffering from a cold and the effects of a rough sea-voyage. Yet he swarmed (so to speak) all over his audience—got a grip of its collective ear with his first sentence and held it in enthralled attention to the close. He gave them no pause—he even cut their frequent bursts of cheering in two, and (if we may use the expression) hosed and salted them with such a searching oratory as they (by general consent) had never been under before. He played upon the chords of their feelings as a skilled harper plays upon his harp; and at the end it was probably to many, as it was to us, a surprise to note that the swiftly passing minutes had run into the greater part of two

hours. Well, the orator's voice is a mighty power. And in their selection of Mr. Devlin as a delegate to these countries, the Irish Party has been singularly happy. It would be difficult to pick one who could voice the wrongs of Ireland in a way more calculated to conciliate good-will and lead opposition captive. The real power and magnetism of

Mr. Devlin's Speech.

is not to be gauged from the abridgment of it which we publish hereunder.

Mr. Devlin, who arose amidst a great outburst of applause, said he thanked the Mayor for the public spirit displayed by him—a spirit of generous fairness which he (the speaker) had enjoyed for nine months in Australia. He looked upon it as a hopeful sign that his experience in New Zealand would not be dissimilar; that he would meet here with the same intelligent appreciation of the economical, material, and sentimental reasons that were at the base of Ireland's claim for responsible government. He felt sure that he would get the support and sympathy of all the lovers of liberty in New Zealand irrespective of creed or political persuasion. He came in two capacities to New Zealand, first as an Irish envoy commissioned to plead the cause of Ireland before the people; secondly, as a member of the Irish Parliamentary Party, a great democratic, liberty-loving, and justice-inspired representative in the Imperial Parliament, who were not only defenders of the rights of Ireland, but also agents and advocates of every cause of freedom. To this party might be attributed every great reform which had, during the past quarter of a century, been put on the Statute Book for the advancement of the working classes of Great Britain. During that period, out of 670 members of the House of Commons, there were only half a dozen direct representatives of the working classes. The interests of the workers were watched by the Irish Party, and to them was due the passing of the Workmen's Compensation Act, eight hours day for miners, shortening of hours for railway servants, and the weekly half-holiday for women textile workers. (Applause.) Mr. Devlin expressed his admiration for New Zealand, which, he said, resembled in its picturesque beauty and fertility the land from which he came. New Zealand enjoyed the form of government which the Irish people were anxious to secure for Ireland. They asked the same rights which the people of New Zealand enjoyed—a system of

Well Ordered Government,

government of the people, by the people, for the people. (Prolonged applause.) Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister of England, had said that good government was not self-government. That, he thought, was not only an accepted constitutional dictum, but a democratic commonplace, but in Ireland they did not demand self-government instead of good government, but self-government in place of bad government. It had been claimed, as an impeachment, that Ireland's demand for Home Rule was merely a sentiment, but if it were so he would still advocate it, if it were idealism, he would still defend it. But from the point of view of national existence, of industrial welfare, agricultural development, intellectual advance, and the spirit of enterprise that went hand in hand with greatness, he advocated Home Rule. (Applause.) There never was, in the tragic story of human wrong, or in the record of mis-government in any country in the world, a more appalling

Story of Ruin,

desolation, impoverishment, and tyranny brought on to a brave and gallant people, or disaster or failure brought to the Empire as was told in the 100 years of Irish history—a story of a century of government of the Irish people, not from the capital of Ireland, but from the capital of England. (Applause.) He reminded the audience that at one time Ireland had a Parliament of its own. It was a Protestant Parliament, in an overwhelmingly Catholic country. It was a privileged Parliament, because it was elected on a narrow and restricted franchise. It was an undemocratic Parliament, because once a member was elected he was elected for life. The Parliament, however, had one saving quality—it was an Irish Parliament, responsible to Ireland and Irishmen. During eighteen years Grattan's Parliament advanced every public and private interest. (Applause.) In 1800 that Parliament was destroyed. That Parliament was taken away from Ireland by methods that Mr. Gladstone himself had so vividly described. That great English statesman had placed it on record that there never was in the history of human perfidy a blacker transaction to darken the pages of human history than the manner in which the Irish Parliament was destroyed. At all events, whatever may have been

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the methods, corrupt and baneful and criminal, that were brought into operation to destroy the free constitution, the Parliament disappeared, and from then till now Ireland had been governed, not from the capital of Ireland, but from the capital of England. He took it that a meeting of New Zealanders, where free government existed, where the rule of the people was the rule of the nation, where constitutional systems were broad-based on the people's will—he took it that when they came to determine the value of those systems, of what those systems had attempted, of what they had achieved, these things must stand vindicated or condemned by the character of the work they had done in human advancement and social reform. Unfortunately, they found it almost impossible to get people to study the Irish question; yet he ventured to say that if they applied the test of results to the consideration of the value of so-called union between

ing, virtuous, and enterprising people were dotted all over the agricultural parts of the country; but to-day the land had been given over to the cattle and the sheep. Eighty years ago the population was nine millions, but it had fallen to 4½ millions. It was recorded that in one year alone no less than 1½ millions of population were lost by extermination, hunger, and pestilence. A claim had been made that Irish landlordism and English rule were not responsible for this, but that it was a visitation of Providence. But in that year strong men were dying on the roadside; women were suffering from deadly disease brought on by hunger and want. When little children cried for bread there could be no response to their childish appeals. Yet in that year it was recorded that there were exported from Ireland to England one million head of cattle; one million sheep; and one million barrels of corn; while the Celtic peasants were



MR. DONOVAN

One of the Irish Delegates, who is shortly to arrive in New Zealand.

England and Ireland, the only justification for the imposition of this system of government could be its success from an English point of view, or its achievement from an Irish point of view. He would tell them the story, the long and striking record, of the failure, disaster, folly, shame that had come to England in her conduct of Irish affairs, and of the impoverishment, demoralisation, and the eviction of constitutional and public principle which had been the consequence of the extinction of the Irish Parliament a hundred years ago. Under Grattan's Parliament industries sprang up in every part of Ireland. They could now visit that country, and travel from Donegal to Cork, from Galway to Dublin, and there they would see empty mills and idle factories, standing as the silent monuments of the destruction of Ireland's industrial power and Ireland's industrial resources. Under Grattan's Parliament, little villages, containing happy, smiling

starving on their own soil. The prices secured for the produce went to satisfy the rapacious maw of the landlords, who conducted the worst system of landlordism that ever cursed any community. But the most

Remarkable and Singular Circumstances

in connection with immigration from Ireland was the astonishing fact that out of the 40,000 young men and women who left the sacred soil of Ireland every year and were carried in that never-ending stream to the great Republic of the West, 95 per cent. were from 12 to 45 years of age. It was the young, the virile, the industrially useful, who were leaving Ireland and going to a foreign land. It was the diseased, the decrepit, the useless members of the community, in the main, who remained behind. Ireland was left to-day to work out her fortunes, to advance her material concerns, to develop her resources with that remnant of

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four and a half millions of population, who were to-day fighting for their very existence upon their own soil. (Applause.) He now came to another aspect of the Irish question. In Australia there were splendid social and economical conditions—everybody seemed successful—but the social conditions of Ireland were the reverse. The average wage of the Irish agricultural laborers was 8s per week, and they worked from 6 in the morning till 8 at night, and were compelled to live in houses consisting of one single room, in 80,000 cases. The dog kennels of the landlords were castles compared with the peasants' squalid houses. One in every forty-four of the population was living on outdoor relief, and lunacy, consumption, and cancer were alarmingly on the increase, due to wretched food, poor clothing, and squalid houses. This was the first result of foreign government of the country. While the population were going down, industries disappearing, and the economic conditions becoming more appalling, their fiscal responsibilities became greater, and the burden of taxation was bearing more heavily upon the people year by year. As the population went down, taxation went up. With its former population of nine million Ireland paid £2,000,000 into the Imperial Exchequer; with 4½ million population, they were paying £10,000,000 taxation. Though Ireland was one of the most crimeless countries in the world it paid £1,000,000 a year more for its police system than did Scotland; it paid £500,000 more than Scotland for its judicial system, although there was not so much litigation; and £750,000 more than Scotland for local government administration, which was perhaps the most foolish and ignorant in the world. The police system was a military garrison, and the judiciary was an emblem of everything that was the negation of constitutionalism. There had been

Three Famines, Two Rebellions, and Numerous Coercion Acts,

the gift of the English Government. Was it surprising that the people asked for the right to manage their own affairs? (Applause.) It was governed at present by a sort of bureaucracy, a government by departments, uncontrolled by Parliament or any public body in Ireland, as Lord Dunraven had said. Mr. Chamberlain once said it was a system founded on the bayonets of 30,000 soldiers encamped permanently, as if in a hostile country. He (the speaker) thought he was entitled to claim that whatever view was taken of the Irish question, they were justified in Ireland in agitating for Home Rule. (Applause.) Ireland, with her great natural resources, picturesque scenery, sympathetic, bright, and intellectual people, was ordained by God for a holier and higher purpose than to be forever dragged at the chariot wheels of another country. They were told by objectors that if Ireland was granted a system of responsible government, it would mean the disintegration of the Empire, and separation. The Irish people asked for no more than was enjoyed in the Australian States and New Zealand—to devote themselves purely to the task of developing their own resources and their material prosperity. It had not made the Australian States and other colonies disloyal, but far more loyal than if denied responsible government. It would create greater loyalty and a better understanding. (Applause.) Then it was objected that Home Rule for Ireland meant Rome Rule. It was a mystifying misrepresentation. The Irish Catholics had not attempted to persecute the Protestants. The objection was merely an academic denunciation. Out of 86 Irish members voicing the convictions of the Irish people in the Imperial Parliament, 25 of them were

Irish Protestants Returned by Irish Catholics.

(Applause.) He mentioned several individual instances. In County Longford, with 94 per cent. Catholic, Mr. Blake, the son of an Irish Protestant Bishop, was returned. He admitted that in the past a large section of Irish Protestants in the North were opposed to the aspirations for Home Rule, due to the evil spirit of sectarianism and religious bigotry inspired by Irish landlords; but now that opposition had been greatly reduced, a new spirit in favor of Home Rule had sprung up in Ulster, and he had been returned in favor of that great measure by Belfast—the first Catholic to represent Protestant Belfast. (Applause.) The Home Rule movement was unsectarian in character. Every great Irish leader, for the last 100 years, had been an Irish Protestant, mentioning Grattan, Emmett (the noted Irish Protestant), Thomas Davis, Jno. Mitchell, Smith O'Brien, Isaac Butt (the Irish Presbyterian), and C. S. Parnell. Sectarianism was being stamped out of Ireland, and he trusted it would never take root in the fertile soil of New Zealand. (Cheers.) The mission of himself and colleague in Australia had proved very successful, and he hoped they would be the

last envoys found necessary to send to Australasia to help a persecuted race in their struggle, that the next envoys would convey the thanks of Ireland to these countries, and the welcome message that the conflict was over, and Ireland was free. (Prolonged Applause.)

Resolutions, Etc.

Very Rev. Dean Burke moved, that the citizens of Invercargill and settlers of Southland, assembled at this meeting, enjoying themselves the privilege and great benefit of self-government, declare it to be their desire that free autonomy should be granted to Ireland, a sister country, believing that such concession would not only promote the prosperity and contentment of Ireland, but would, by cementing the bonds of union within the British Empire, contribute to its greater strength and solidity. Dean Burke, in the course of an able speech, dealt in detail with the three leading ideas contained in the resolution, concluding with references to the happy results of Home Rule in the States of the American Union, Canada, Switzerland, Hungary, New Zealand, and the Commonwealth of Australia. The motion was seconded by Mr. M. Giffedder in a short speech, and carried unanimously amidst rounds of applause.

Mr. J. A. Hanan, M.H.R., also spoke in favor of Home Rule for Ireland, and concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Devlin for his eloquent and brilliant discourse. This was seconded by Mr. Carr and carried with acclamation. Mr. Devlin suitably replied and proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor. The meeting concluded with three great cheers for Mr. Devlin and one for the Mayor.

During the evening selections were played upon the stage by the Municipal Band, and 'The Dear Little Shamrock' (which was heartily encored) was sung by Miss H. Sweeney.

On Tuesday morning the pupils of the Catholic schools, Invercargill, presented an address to Mr. Devlin, and gave a musical entertainment in his honor.

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS.

Oamaru, Thursday, December 13; Timaru, Friday, December 14; Ashburton, Saturday, December 15; Waimate, December 17; Christchurch, December 18; Rangiora, December 19.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 8.

Arrangements are now being made for the usual monster Catholic picnic on Boxing Day.

A debate, to take place during the Christmas holidays, has been arranged between the Catholic Young Men's Clubs of this city and Christchurch. Messrs. S. J. Moran, Kane, and C. Gamble will represent the Wellington Club.

The annual University examinations for Matriculation and Junior Scholarships are being held here at present. A large number of pupils from St. Patrick's College are sitting for Matriculation, and some also for Junior Scholarships.

The newly-formed Catholic Young Men's Athletic Club was not slow in justifying its existence, and gaining a reputation. On Saturday last at the Y.M.C.A. sports in the Basin Reserve, the club secured five firsts, three seconds, and four thirds—quite a splendid record.

The Rev. Father Goggin, of the Society of the Crusade of Rescue, London, spoke on the work of the organisation on last Sunday morning in St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, and also in the evening at St. Mary of the Angels, Boulcott street. Collections in aid of the mission will be made at these churches to-morrow.

Mr. Fred W. Crombie, who has acted as secretary in connection with some of our largest bazaars here, was assistant secretary to the bazaar undertaken in October last by the members of St. John's Ambulance Nursing Guild. As a token of the warm appreciation of his valuable services in this connection to members of the Guild, he was the other day presented by the lady stallholders with a very fine pair of silver-backed hair brushes and a silver stud box.

An ordination service was held by his Grace the Archbishop on Sunday morning, when the Rev. Bernard Quinn was ordained priest and the Revs. Daniel Hurley and Henri Le Boutellier deacons. Among the large congregation present were a number of students from Meance. His Grace was assisted in the ceremony by the

Vén. Archdeacon Devoy, Provincial, and the Very Rev. Father Keogh, Rector of St. Patrick's College. The Rev. Fathers Tymons, of Meane, and Moloney, of the Thorndon parish, were masters of ceremonies.

Dr. Findlay, the new Attorney-General, was accorded a fine reception by the citizens of Wellington in the Town Hall on Thursday evening. His Worship the Mayor, Hon. T. Hislop, presided over a large and enthusiastic gathering. His Worship referred in graceful terms to the honors achieved by Dr. Findlay at the University, in the legal profession, and as a citizen. Sir Joseph Ward, who was warmly welcomed, referred to the new Attorney-General as another strong member of a strong Ministry. Sir Joseph's remarks on the questions of race purity, increased contribution to the navy, and the settlement of Native lands, as questions outside the sphere of party politics, were enthusiastically received. Dr. Findlay's reply was able, eloquent, and humorous. Perhaps his most telling point was a strong plea for more individual effort and self-reliance on the part of members of the State.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

December 7.

His Lordship Dr. Lenihan was in Christchurch last week. Of the exhibition the Bishop speaks in high terms, and says it is well worth a visit. Dr. Lenihan is expected back home in the early part of next week.

The quarterly meeting of the Cemetery Board was held in St. Benedict's presbytery last Monday evening, Very Rev. Father Gillan presiding. The annual balance sheet, passed at a public meeting on Sunday, November 4, was read and approved by the committee. It was

decided to call for tenders immediately to clear off the undergrowth in the cemetery, and tar and sand the paths.

A preliminary meeting to promote a bazaar in aid of the Cathedral building fund, over which the Rev. Father Holbrook presided, was held the other day. The matter was enthusiastically taken up, and the ladies present undertook to set to work in earnest. Mrs. Lennardo was appointed general secretary. Several months are to be devoted to its preparation, when it is thought that its success will be assured, and that it will compare favorably with anything of its kind previously held in Auckland.

The site upon which the Star of the Sea Orphanage stands, and for which the Auckland Gas Co. has paid the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan £8000, is about to be cut down; the company having let the contract for the work. With the loss of this portion of old St. Mary's Hill, a well known landmark and historical spot for Catholics will disappear. It was certainly a beautiful site, but of late years, owing to the number of commercial edifices and businesses springing up in close proximity, its suitability for orphanage purposes has been considerably diminished.

At both orphanages—Takapuna and Star of the Sea—examinations have been concluded with the very best of results. Mr. T. A. Walker, of Wellington, Assistant Inspector of the Education Department, was the examiner. With what he saw and heard he was highly pleased. It is worthy of record to say that every girl and boy passed in their respective classes. This is cheering news. On several occasions lately when the orphan children have appeared at our social functions their behaviour and generally neat and tidy appearance have been the theme of wide praise and commendation. The good Sisters of Mercy are doing admirable work in our midst, and deserve all the support it is possible to bestow on them.



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Oats.—The market continues quiet, although there is a fair inquiry for B grade Gartons for shipment. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 1½d to 2s; inferior to medium, 1s 8d to 1s 10½d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Owing to supplies of new potatoes coming to hand the demand for old sorts has slackened somewhat. Quotations: Best Derwents, £8 to £8 10s per ton.

Chaff.—There is a good inquiry for prime quality, and as supplies of this description are short prices are firmer. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £1; choice, to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 15s; 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 stores on Monday. Our catalogue was composed of oats, wheat, barley, potatoes, onions, and chaff in lines suitable for local trade. The quality of most of the lots on offer was not so good as usual, but, with the exception of medium quality chaff, a good clearance was effected. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The quantity on hand locally is now considerably reduced, and only small consignments are coming forward. Offerings here are therefore light, and for local consumption there is a readier sale at late quotations. Shippers, however, are in most cases offered better terms from other parts, so that any improvement in value for export lines is not to be got. The demand is almost entirely for A and B grade Gartons and Sparrowbills. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 1½d to 2s; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is quiet, and in milling quality only small sales of prime wheat are passing. Medium quality is neglected, and practically unsaleable. Fowl wheat is offering freely, and, besides meeting a fair demand locally, finds an outlet for export at quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium to good, 3s 1d to 3s 3½d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 1½d to 3s; broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The local market is now being supplied chiefly with Australian new season's potatoes, which are mostly of good quality. Stocks of locally grown old potatoes are nearly exhausted, and are only saleable when condition is good. Inferior and small sorts are almost unsaleable. We quote: Best Derwents, etc., £8 to £8 10s; medium, £5 to £6 10s; inferior and small, £1 to £4 per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—Local stocks at present include nothing but medium quality, for which there is poor demand. Prime bright oaten sheaf has strong inquiry, and would realise £4 to £4 5s to-day; good do, £3 10s to £3 15s; medium is difficult to place at £3 to £3 5s per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—We quote: Oaten, 40s; wheaten (scarce), 35s to 37s 6d per ton.

WOOL

London, December 7.—The London wool sales included the fleece portions of the following clips:—Jonn, 14d; Clyde, 24½d; Caircarro, 24½d; Claverton, 22½d.

London, December 9.—The wool sales closed with animated competition. Prices for all sorts except medium merinos were firm.

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

Rabbitskins.—No sale this week.

Sheepskins.—At our sale on Tuesday we offered a large catalogue, competition as usual being keen, and prices were very firm. Merinos made up to 8½d, crossbreds to 9½d, fine do to 10d, and halfbreds to 10½d. We are sure returns would give great satisfaction, and can recommend consignments at the present time.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report in this market, all coming forward meeting with a ready sale at late rates.

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There was a rather small entry of horses for last Saturday's sale, composed chiefly of light harness sorts. There was a fair attendance of the public, and a moderate amount of business was transacted during the day. Draughts were poorly represented. Only a few of this class were forward, and these, without exception, were only of medium quality. For really good young draught mares and geldings suitable for heavy town work, and active sorts for farm work, there is a splendid demand, and whenever these are forthcoming they always realise full values. Spring-carters and spring-vanners are very scarce, and a number of this class would sell to advantage at the present time. 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.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

December 10.

Two members of the Marist Brothers' Order, Rev. Brothers John and Stratonique, made their periodical visit to the Timaru monastery last week. Brother John stands in the forefront of Catholic educationalists. He was Provincial of Australasia for many years, and was recalled to the mother house some six years ago to take up the duties of assistant.

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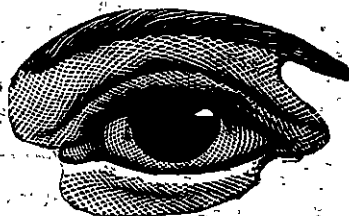
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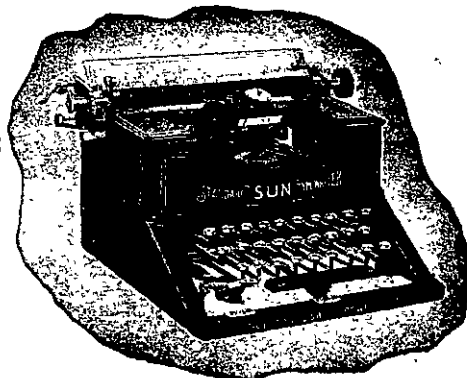
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On Saturday last the Otago schools' annual athletic championships took place on the Caledonian Ground. Twenty-one schools competed, and the entries far surpassed those of previous years. The Christian Brothers' boys competed in 20 out of 21 events, securing 19 firsts and 12 seconds, for which they receive 26 out of a possible 27 silver medals, and 9 out of a possible 16 bronze medals—a record of which the lads may well feel proud. All true lovers of sport will heartily congratulate the school on its marked performance, and Saturday last will long remain a red-letter day in the athletic annals of the school. The following are the events in which the Christian Brothers secured prizes:—

50 yards Flat—(for boys under nine).—E. W. Barry, 1; T. Ryan, 2.
100 yards Flat—(for boys under 14).—H. Drury, 1; W. McAllen, 2. Twenty-four competitors.
75 yards Flat—(for boys under 10).—M. O'Brien, 1; R. Taylor, 2. Twenty-nine competitors.
Kicking Rugby Football.—T. Laffey (163ft. 6in.), 1; P. Heffernan, 2.
75 yards Flat—(for boys under 11).—D. Burke, 1. Thirty competitors.
Throwing Cricket Ball.—J. McDonald (197ft 8in.), 1; P. Heffernan, 2.
Long Jump Championship.—H. Moynihan (15ft 4in.), 1.
75 yards Flat—(for boys under 12).—A. Cameron, 1. Forty-four competitors.
100 yards Flat (for boys under 15).—H. Moynihan, 1. Seventeen competitors.
High Jump—(for boys under 15).—H. Moynihan (4ft 3 in.), 1; T. Drury, 2.
Half-Mile Championship.—T. Laffey, 1.
100 yards Flat—(for boys under 13).—W. McAllen, 1.
Dribbling Association Football.—G. Wakelin, 1; T. Laffey, 2.
220 yards Flat—(for boys under 15).—H. Moynihan, 1.
Siamese Race—(for boys under 11).—J. Traill and B. Cantwell, 1; G. Borcham and John Traill, 2.
One Mile Flat—(for boys under 16).—T. Laffey, 1; P. Heffernan, 2.
100 yards Hurdles.—T. Laffey, 1; H. Moynihan, 2.

Schools' Relay Race—(for boys under 13).—Christian Brothers' No. 1 (H. Drury, W. McAllen, J. Stapleton, A. Cameron), 1; Christian Brothers, No. 2 (G. Wakelin, S. Whitty, J. Fogarty, F. Cameron), 2.

Schools' Relay—(for boys under 15).—Christian Brothers' No. 1 (J. McDonald, E. Spain, J. McGettigan, H. Moynihan), 1; Christian Brothers No. 2 (R. Meekin, P. Heffernan, J. Cameron, D. Murphy), 2.

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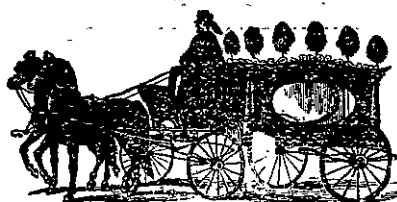
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Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1906.

THE CHRIST-HUNTERS



Yesterday, December 12, the Lodge in excelsis entered upon the latest and bitterest phase of its war to the death against Christianity in France. There is, fortunately, no mistaking the object of the aggressive Freemason official atheism that at present rules the French Republic. The Premier, M. Clemenceau, though brought up a Protestant, carries his atheism upon his sleeve. He is (says an English contemporary) 'a militant atheist, and loves to talk of having scaled heaven and dethroned God'. And M. Briand, Minister of Justice and Education, spoke for his colleagues as well as for himself

when, with a collective 'we', he made the following brutally frank declaration of ministerial policy at the recent Congress of Teachers at Amiens:—

'We must get rid of Christianity. . . We have hunted Jesus Christ out of the schools, out of the university, out of the hospitals, the refuges, nay, even out of the gaols and the lunatic asylums. We must now hunt Him out of the Government of France'.

The closing and confiscation of Catholic institutions all over France, of 27,000 schools, the proscription or banishment of 160,000 persons devoted to Christian education and Christian charity is now succeeded by the new campaign of the so-called Law of Separation. It is an effort to substitute a lay for an ecclesiastical government of the Church, and failing this—to confiscate to secular uses every church, seminary, and presbytery in the land. And in addition to this, the Christ-hunters forbid all public worship unless carried out with the knowledge and sanction of the Government and under such restrictions as it may impose. All persons daring without leave to worship God in the temples of their fathers are to be treated as if they were thieves or forgers. The old worship of the Most High God is now a high crime against the Freemason-Radical-Socialist 'machine' that now Tammanian lodge-ridden France. Even so strong a socialist as M. Paul Meunier (deputy for Aube) recently published a protest against the so-called Law of Separation. He said in part:—

'The law of December 11, 1905, is not a law of separation between the churches and the State. It is a law that has the outrageous pretension to reorganise the churches in France. It is a civil constitution of the clergy. It is a bad law.'

'The Pope is justified. He will not have the associations for public worship. That is his business. He is the absolute Head of the Catholic Church. He organises his Church as he thinks fit. That is none of our business, and I do not approve of the French legislator substituting himself for the Pope and the Bishops for the organisation and government of the Catholic Church in France.'

And even so strongly anticlerical an organ as the Paris 'Temps' recently pleaded for 'liberty of conscience'; it condemned as 'anti-republican' the attempt to 'impose upon the Catholic religion a mode of government that is foreign to its principles'; and it pleaded for Christians in France the same consideration that is extended to Mahomedans in Algeria—even though the Mussulman's 'Mecca' is in Arabia, and the Khalif, Mahomet's successor, reigns in Constantinople. Events will move at a pretty rapid pace in France during the next few months; and the proceedings of the Christ-hunters will be watched with interest by the civilised world. As to the ultimate result of this atheistic persecution, we have no fear.

Notes

The Irish Delegates

The greatest enthusiasm has been aroused by Mr. Devlin at all the meetings addressed by him thus far in New Zealand. His magnificent oratorical gifts have captured and captivated his audiences everywhere, and the success of the delegates' mission to New Zealand is already assured. We learn from Mr. Devlin that he and his colleague, Mr. Donovan (who is to arrive about Christmas) will remain in New Zealand till the second of February. This extension of time from the previously fixed date of departure—January 11—will enable them to speak in many centres in the Colony that, under the previous arrangements, they could not have visited.

Is this a Record?

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PATENTS

Brothers' school, Dunedin, now hold the record for such successes. On last Saturday, in Dunedin, they competed (on the age standard) in the twenty male events of the Otago Schools Championships (open to all the province). In the twenty events, they took nineteen firsts, and out of twenty-seven silver medals they captured twenty-six (eight being for firsts in relay races). They also carried away nine out of the sixteen bronze medals, and took, in addition, several second places for which no prizes were offered. Catholics are only about one-eighth of the local population. Yet, age for age, the Catholic boys made hay of their opponents. Such a field-day deserves an editorial record. More power to their feet—and elbows!

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Rev. Fathers O'Dwyer and Claffey, S.J., are now in Dunedin to conduct retreats in the Dominican and Mercy convents.

Miss Mary Woods, who has been prosecuting her musical studies in London for the past two years (says the 'Tuapeka Times') and has succeeded in obtaining the degree of L.R.A.M. (Licentiate Teacher, Royal Academy of Music, London), and Associate Pianiste, Trinity College, London, in addition to the degree of A.T.C.L., held by her prior to leaving the Colony, was a passenger by the 'Corinthic,' which arrived at Wellington on Thursday. In addition to taking the ordinary course at the Royal Academy of Music, London, Miss Woods was a private pupil of the world-renowned professor of singing, Alberto Randegger, and also the German professor, Oscar Beringer, for the piano. We heartily compliment Miss Woods on her very successful musical career, and congratulate the district on having the services of such a high-class musician. Miss Woods is an ex-pupil of St. Dominic's College, Dunedin, where she made a record of 100 marks (the maximum) in the Senior Trinity College piano examination.

THE IRISH DELEGATES

OTHER ENTHUSIASTIC MEETINGS

GORE.

We learn by telegraph from an occasional correspondent that Mr. Devlin, M.P., addressed a large and representative gathering at Gore on Tuesday evening. The meeting was presided over by Mr. MacGibbon, Mayor of Gore, who, in introducing the distinguished visitor, spoke in favor of the aspirations of the Irish Nationalist Party, for self-government. Mr. Devlin's address was marked with great power and eloquence. It created great enthusiasm, and at its close the orator was greeted with a prolonged outburst of cheering.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Poppelwell in an able speech: That a hearty vote of thanks be awarded to Mr. Devlin for his interesting and instructive address, and that in the opinion of this meeting the granting to the Irish people such a measure of Home Rule as is enjoyed by this and the other self-governing British colonies would be in the best interests, not only of Ireland, but of the Empire as a whole.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kelly in a sympathetic speech and passed amidst great applause. A sum of about £100 was realised on the occasion for presentation to Mr. Devlin in aid of the Home Rule cause. This included £25, which, at the instance of the patriotic Father J. F. O'Donnell, of Queens-town, was collected locally and brought to Gore by a special representative.

DUNEDIN.

Mr. Devlin arrived in Dunedin yesterday afternoon, and was met at the Railway Station by a representative gathering from the reception committee. He is the guest of his Lordship the Bishop. Mr. Devlin addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting in Dunedin last (Wednesday) night. A report will appear in our next issue.

OTHER MEETINGS.

Mr. Devlin speaks in Oamaru this (Thursday) evening. For further engagements see page 14. The Wellington meeting takes place on December 21. The Town Hall (writes our correspondent) has been secured for the purpose, and the Mayor has consented to preside.

A lengthy list of engagements for numerous other centres in New Zealand has been submitted to Mr. Devlin. We hope to publish further arrangements in our next issue.

The reception committee in connection with the visit of the Irish envoys (writes our Christchurch correspondent) met on last Thursday evening, and arranged various matters of detail. Tickets for the meeting of the delegates in His Majesty's Theatre were circulated, and are selling freely.

A representative and enthusiastic meeting (writes our Timaru correspondent) was held in the Foresters' Hall on the evening of December 3 to arrange a fitting reception to Mr. Devlin, M.P. Rev. Father Bowden, M.A., briefly stated the purpose of the gathering, and those present at once got to business and elected the following committee:—President, Mr. McMullin; secretary, Mr. M. F. Dennehy; treasurer, Mr. D. Mahoney. Delegates were appointed to visit the outlying districts on Sunday for subscriptions, and the meeting terminated. Mr. Devlin will speak in Timaru next Friday night, and up to the present about £90 have been received, the more prominent contributions thus far being Messrs. D. Mahoney, McMullin, and E. Ward, £10 10s, H. Rothwell £5 5s, and S. G. Raymond £5.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 10.

A fancy fair and sale of work were opened in St. Joseph's schoolroom, Lyttelton, on last Thursday, and continued over the following evening.

On last Saturday evening, in honor of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Convent of the Sacred Heart was brilliantly illuminated by the Sisters of Our Lady of Missions. Every window of the large building had its quota of lighted candles, the effect being very fine.

At a special children's Mass, celebrated by the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., at eight o'clock in the Cathedral on last Sunday morning, 136 boys and girls, after a three-days' retreat, made their First Communion, and were afterwards entertained at breakfast, which was laid in the Marist Brothers' school. Ladies of the congregation provided the necessities, and also attended the children. At half-past three in the afternoon the children's mission was solemnly closed by the Rev. Father McDermott with the Papal Blessing. The first communicants of the morning renewed their baptismal vows, and, after Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, took part in an out-door procession through the adjoining grounds.

The mission of the Redemptorist Fathers in the Cathedral has been attended with very gratifying results during the week, the congregations at all the services being uniformly large. The impressive sermons of the missionaries well maintain the traditions of their great religious Order. The first great solemnity of the mission was observed on last Friday evening in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, the preacher for the occasion being the Very Rev. Father Clune. On Sunday evening there was a very large congregation, the main sitting accommodation was quickly absorbed, the corridors were next filled, and finally the overflow were accommodated in the sanctuary and galleries. The Very Rev. Father Clune delivered an eloquent discourse on 'Faith.'

Whilst feeling gratified at the large attendance, morning and evening during the week, at the mission (said the Very Rev. Father Clune at the Cathedral on last Sunday morning), I have also a good memory for faces, especially men's. Now during this Mass (he continued) I have just been carefully examining the congregation, with the result that I have seen many here that I have not previously observed. I am thus forced to the conclusion that a large body of men select one of the early Masses, the shortest for preference, and one at which a sermon is not usually preached, for the discharge of what they still have sufficient faith left to consider their religious duty. We (the missionaries) intend during the remainder of our stay here preaching a mission sermon at all the Masses on Sundays.

By the time these lines appear in print there is no doubt the attendance at the Exhibition will have more than reached the first half million. It may be easily inferred, therefore, that the general manager's estimate of two millions for the season will be quite possible of attainment. The Exhibition in itself may be considered now in a perfect state, and fresh novelties are from time to time introduced. In out-door attractions the amusement-loving public have never before had such a variety. By the generosity of Sir John Hall, Mayor of the city, who bears the whole

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expense, the children attending the Catholic schools of the city have been granted free passes to the Exhibition, and Wonderland, the same kindness and thoughtfulness being extended to the children who are inmates of Nazareth House. The children attending the Rangiora Catholic schools visited the Exhibition last week. The Native settlements, wherein are depicted the customs, arts, and pastimes of the inhabitants representing the various people—Maori, Mijian, and Cook Islanders—prove an apparently never-ending source of attraction to crowds daily.

A general meeting of members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul under the Particular Council of Christchurch was held at the Presbytery on last Sunday afternoon week. The Very Rev. Father LeMenant des Chesnais, V.G., presided, and addressed those present on the fostering of 'Boys' Clubs.' He enlarged on what had already been done in Christchurch, and spoke of the impetus recently given to the work by the interest and energy of the Rev. Father O'Dwyer. Bro. E. O'Connor, president of the Cathedral Conference, referred to the Boys' Club now in existence here, and the great good to be done on behalf of the boys after leaving school. Bro. A. H. Blake, president of the St. Mary's Conference, also spoke on the subject, urging an active interest in our boys and youths. Mr. M. Nolan said he was in perfect sympathy and accord with the movement, and suggested that prominent persons should be urged to take more interest in the work. Clubs for boys was indeed a most deserving work, and the society was doing a duty and doing it well in taking an active interest in the boys of the city. A great deal of correspondence was dealt with from the Superior Council at Sydney and elsewhere. Much gratification was expressed at the formation of a conference at Wellington. Advanced movements in the same direction were reported from Auckland and Dunedin, at both of which places conferences are expected to be in active operation before the close of the year. The President announced the intended visit of Bro. the Hon. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C., president of the Superior Council of Sydney to New Zealand, who was expected to arrive early in January. Whilst in the Colony he intended devoting a good deal of time to the work of extending the Society, and would open conferences wherever preparations were completed. The President intimated that steps would be taken to fittingly receive Bro. Heydon. The Missions to Catholic Seamen at Lyttelton and Timaru, in connection with the local conferences, were reported most satisfactory.

WANGANUI

(From our own correspondent.)

December 7.

Mr. Moriarty, representative of the 'Tablet,' informs me that he has had a successful trip to Taihape and District, securing a great number of new subscribers.

I regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Edwards, one of our oldest parishioners. The deceased was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was one of the oldest identities in Wanganui, having resided here for over 40 years.—R.I.P.

The well-wishers of Ernest Loftus, late a member of St. Mary's Catholic Club, who went to Seattle, United States, will be pleased to hear that he is getting on well, and is satisfied with his future prospects.

At the Flower Show last week pupils of the Marist Brothers were awarded certificates for drawing. Owen Grogan was awarded a special prize certificate for shading, the subject being from a growing plant, and a special first certificate for clever shading of a lion's head; and Joseph Smithies was awarded a special first certificate for shading a Maori's head.

Mr. Vincent Beasley, a prominent member of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, has left Wanganui for Wellington, where he intends to settle. He was a prominent member of the club, and took a great interest in its dramatic branch, having piloted it successfully through its first performance, 'Jane.' All members regret his departure, but wish him every success.

The St. Mary's Dramatic Club are to be congratulated on their excellent productions of 'The Ticket-of-Leave Man' on Monday and Thursday evenings. It was an ambitious work for any amateur combination to attempt, more particularly so in the case of such a young club. The performers deserve great credit for the splendid way in which they studied their different roles. The play was mounted in excellent style. The audience bestowed a hearty round of applause on the opening scene, which depicted the Bellevue Gardens, and the final scene of an old city churchyard. The part of Bob Brierley was taken by Mr. Mahoney, who dis-

played considerable histrionic ability in his portrayal of the character of the hero. Mr. H. Glubb, as James Dalton, was well suited in the part, and he acted with confidence. The part of Meller Moss was filled by Mr. G. D'O, who sustained the role with great ability. Mr. J. Sinclair as Green Jones, and Mr. L. Hooker as Sam Willoughby kept the audience highly amused. The former was encored for his patter songs. Mr. A. Mulier as Hawkshaw, Mr. A. McLean as Mr. Gibson, and Mr. J. Roberts as Maltby were well suited for the positions allotted them, and they created a favorable impression. Mrs. H. Glubb, in the amusing rôle of Mrs. Willoughby, could not have been improved upon; she threw herself with great enthusiasm into her work, and showed herself a very capable actress. Miss M. McKinnon must be congratulated on her first appearance. She had a great deal of work to do, and considering that she took up the part at short notice, she acquitted herself very well. Her singing of 'Love's old sweet song' was much admired, and she was loudly encored. Miss D. McLean, as Emily St. Evremond, got through her part admirably. The minor characters were very capably sustained by Messrs. J. Roberts, E. Kiely, Jas. Markham, and Jas. McCulloch. The club's orchestra, under the baton of Mr. C. Wixcey, performed their part of the work in excellent style, and added materially to the pleasure of the evening's entertainment.

Notice to Correspondents

Owing to the special demands upon our space, we are compelled to hold over several communications.

Owing to the holidays we will have to go to press with our issue for December 27 on Christmas Eve, and therefore correspondents' letters should reach this office on the previous Saturday morning, as only brief items of news can be accepted on the morning of publication.

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE, DUNEDIN

CLOSING EXERCISES

St. Joseph's parish school was crowded in every part on Tuesday night when the annual entertainment by, and distribution of prizes to the pupils of St. Dominic's College took place. Rev. Father Coffey presided, and there were also present Rev. Father O'Dwyer, S.J., Rev. Father Cleary, Rev. Father Corcoran, and Rev. Father Buckley. The exceptionally high-class programme submitted was undeniable evidence of the very superior education imparted at the college. The programme opened with a very well-played orchestral selection, 'Gipsy life' (Le Tier). This was followed by a pretty chorus, 'Sing, pretty maiden.' A pianoforte duet (three pianos), 'Neger-linz' and 'Polonaise' (Gurlitt), was splendidly played by Misses L. and A. Wallis, L. Hemus, N. Millar, R. and T. Court. Miss Bessie Lailey charmed the audience with a recitation, 'St. George.' A very fine item was the song, 'Softly awakes my heart' (Saint-Saens), by Miss Doris Dall, who sang with feeling and much expression. That the next item, a pianoforte solo, was by that talented young musician, Miss Myra Montague, is sufficient guarantee that it was an artistic performance. Another side of the educational advantages of the college was exhibited in the French scene, 'Voyage en Suisse,' in which Misses A. Ralph, D. Dall, E. Goldsmith, B. Lailey, and K. Wallis took part. A very taking item was a finely-rendered song, 'Ave Maria' (Mascagni), by Miss M. Jopp, who was ably accompanied by Misses R. Moritzon (piano), M. Paton (violin), M. Helps (harp), A. Ralph (cello). Miss Paton played exquisitely Liszt's 'Rhapsodie Hongroise,' and Miss E. Levistam Weber's 'Rondo Brillante' in a manner which gained for her the hearty applause of the audience. Miss Violet Fraser gave a finished rendering of 'April Morn,' the balance of the programme being made up of a part song, 'Strike the lyre,' and a pianoforte duo, 'Valse Carnavalesque' by Misses M. Paton and M. Montague.

At the conclusion of the concert Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., read the following report:—

We have much pleasure in handing in the report of the scholastic year which terminates this evening. Good work has been done in each department. In the literary grades, pupils have passed the senior Oxford local examinations, two securing the title of Associate in Arts, a third qualifying for the same examination but losing the letters on account of having exceeded the age limit by two months. Candidates for medical, preliminary, matriculation, and junior Civil Service ex-

aminations were likewise successful. In the school of music, two of the pupils secured diplomas, Associate Pianist (A.T.C.L.), and one the diploma, Licentiate of Associated Board. There were in all fifty-six candidates in practical music, fifty-five of whom were successful, sixteen securing honors in the various grades. In theory three candidates also secured honors, one in the advanced grade, Associated Board, one in the senior grade, Trinity College, and one in the junior grade. Physical culture has, under Miss Mowat's careful superintendence, received its share of attention. In the art studio notable advance has been made by the pupils in portrait, animal, still life, landscape, and flower painting from nature; also in water color painting and drawing in black and white. Above and beyond all these things, the pupils have, at the hands of experience, that best of teachers, learned lessons of self-knowledge, self-reverence, self-control—lessons better calculated than any others to fit them to discharge faithfully their duties to God and to those amongst whom their life's work must be carried out. The unflinching obedience to rule and the thorough attention to study, which characterised the majority of the seniors, have been a source of comfort to the teachers, and an effectual stimulus to some of the younger pupils who have found it easier to follow example than to obey precept. There has been a considerable increase in the number of resident pupils, and the attendance throughout the whole year has been highly satisfactory.

The Rev. Father Coffey, after reading the report, apologised for the absence of his Lordship the Bishop, and said it was not necessary for him to say much about the excellence of the education given at St. Dominic's College, as the audience had many examples of it that evening. He congratulated the Dominican nuns on their work, and expressed pleasure on learning from the report that the number of residential pupils had increased. He congratulated the pupils on being privileged to receive their education in a college where they were taught by precept and example, and where their moral faculties were fully developed. In conclusion he wished the pupils pleasant holidays and a happy Christmas.

The prizes were distributed during the evening, the list being as follows.—

Senior School Prizes.—Senior Oxford.—Associates in Arts: Dux—E. Clarke (gold medal); M. Burke (silver medal); A. Ward (silver medal); Bible history, A. Ward (silver medal); French, E. Goldsmith; arithmetic, G. Paton; arithmetic (2nd prize), E. Powell; composition, T. Swanson; algebra, H. Burke; modern languages, D. Dall.

Junior Oxford.—Class medalist, B. Laffey, next in merit, I. Gaffney; Christian doctrine, I. Gaffney (silver medal); arithmetic, V. Stephenson and A. Wallis; French (1st prize), B. Laffey; French (2nd prize), A. O'Brien; history, C. Morrison; English composition, M. Conlon; geography, A. Flannery; literature, R. Moritzson; needlework, E. Flannery; order, M. Jopp; calisthenics, E. Levistam; application, L. Wallis.

Preliminary Oxford.—Class medalist, M. Burke; next in merit, R. Court; French, K. Wallis; arithmetic, K. Wallis.

Preparatory Oxford.—Class medalist, L. Moloney; next in merit, L. Lynch; arithmetic, R. Court; history, C. Petre; French, M. Conlon; needlework (2nd prize), D. Millar; attendance, L. Lynch.

Studio Prizes.—Portrait, landscape, animal, still life, and flower painting in oils, R. Marsh (medal); first prize, portrait, landscape, flower painting in water colors, R. Marsh; second prize, animal painting in oils, M. Jopp; second prize, landscape, animal, and flower painting in oils, J. Peat; honorable mention, The Misses Harrison, Heffernan, Gaffney, Gordon, and Findlay.

Music School Prizes.—Junior grade (Trinity College, honors).—Music, L. Wyinks (silver medal); harmony, M. Burke (prize); singing, A. Heffernan (silver medal); violin, M. Burke (silver medal).

Lower grade (Royal Academy, distinctions).—Music, A. Wallis (silver medal); music, W. Hawcridge (prize).

Intermediate grade (Trinity College, honors).—Singing, M. Jopp (silver medal).

Higher grade (Royal Academy, honors).—Music, J. Peat (silver medal).

Intermediate grade (Royal Academy, honors).—Music, M. Gawne (silver medal).

Senior grade (Trinity College, honors).—Music E. Levistam (silver medal); harmony, T. McMullen (prize); singing, D. Dall (silver medal).

Senior grade (Royal Academy, honors).—Music, A. Ralph (prize); harmony, M. Montague (prize); singing, V. Fraser (silver medal).

Higher examinations (Trinity College, honors).—A. Ralph, A.T.C.L. (gold medal); T. McMullen, A.T.C.L. (gold medal).

Special prize for good conduct, E. Clarke.

Wreath awarded by the votes of the pupils for amiability and general good conduct, M. Jopp.

Junior School Prizes.—Class A.—English Latin, needlework, order, A. Norris; arithmetic and French, M. Mackie; arithmetic and recitation, B. Laffey; drawing, L. Wyinks; order and neatness, E. O'Brien; writing, M. Nolan; drawing, M. Coughlan; regular attendance (1st prize), A. Moritzson; regular attendance (2nd prize), I. Collie; reading and recitation, M. Thruston.

Class B.—Catechism (silver medal), D. Moloney; English, F. Millar; arithmetic (1st prize), E. Brookes; arithmetic (2nd prize), I. King; regular attendance (1st prize), N. Caldwell; order, A. Caldwell; politeness, R. Norris; drawing and arithmetic (3rd prize), A. Cooney.

Good conduct prize, A. Norris.

Successes in various examinations.—Medical preliminary, I. McKenzie. Matriculation, I. Reid, R. Dey. Civil Service (junior), I. Reid, R. Dey.

Oxford Local Examinations.—Senior grade—E. Clarke, Associate in Arts; M. Burke, Associate in Arts; A. Ward, Junior grade—H. Burke, C. Ward, J. Maroney. Preliminary grade—M. Lee, C. Petre, R. McVicar, K. O'Donnell, V. Stephenson.

The following Preliminary candidates satisfied the examiner in four out of five compulsory subjects: P. Evans (Queenstown), I. Gaffney, M. Bailey, L. Moloney, M. Burke, L. Nolan.

Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music.—Licentiate (Teacher's Certificate), M. Prendergast. Advanced division—A. Ralph (honors); V. Fraser, singing (honors). Intermediate division—M. Gawne (honors), D. Millar, R. Moritzson. School Examination, higher division—J. Peat (distinction), L. Ward. Lower division—A. Wallis (distinction), W. Hawcridge (distinction), J. Matheson, violin (distinction), J. Peat, S. Millar, O. White, L. Hemus, L. Moloney, B. Laffey, I. Sweeney, L. Peterson, M. Pound. Elementary division—I. Gaffney, N. Millar, R. White, M. Hopkins, M. Mackie, E. Paton, K. Goyen (singing), I. Sweeney, K. O'Donnell, K. Wallis. Primary division—M. Dwyer, F. Fitzgerald.

Trinity College, London.—Higher Examinations.—A. Ralph, A.T.C.L., T. McMullen, A.T.C.L. Senior grade—E. Levistam (honors), R. Palmer (honors), D. Dall, singing (honors), E. Goldsmith, K. Lunn. Intermediate grade—M. Jopp, singing (honors), E. Ward, H. Moritzson (violin), K. Goyen (singing). Junior grade—L. Wyinks (honors), M. Burke, violin (honors), A. Heffernan, singing (honors), N. Millar, E. Kelly, M. Mackie, M. Callaghan, F. Henigan (singing). Preparatory grade—V. Sheil, R. Wakelin, M. Coutts, J. McLaren.

OBITUARY

MR. RODERICK MULHERN, PAHAUTANUI.

An old and most-respected settler (writes an esteemed correspondent) passed away on November 22, in the person of Mr. Roderick Mulhern, J.P., of Judgeford, Pahautanui. He came to New Zealand in 1854, being then seventeen years of age. He went sheep-farming in Blenheim, and after gaining considerable experience in that line he returned to the Wellington district, and took up land in Judgeford, Pahautanui, where he resided until his death. Mr. Mulhern, who was a man of good education, occupied many responsible positions in the district. In fact he was instrumental in erecting the present school, and was for several years chairman of the local committee. He took a great interest and used all his energy in fostering and promoting the welfare of the place. He was also chairman of the Town Domain Board. In fact the Catholic church of the place would not have been built, were it not for his untiring zeal. He leaves a widow, three daughters, and two sons to mourn their loss. He was a good and zealous Catholic, and had the happiness of being fortified by all the rites of Holy Church before he breathed his last. The funeral was one of the largest, if not the largest, ever seen in the district. All denominations, by their presence, testified to the universal respect in which he was held. Very Rev. Father Lane has sustained a great loss in his parish by the demise of a kind and generous friend.—R.I.P.

A study in figures was given in the Christchurch Magistrate's Court last week, brought about by the finger-print test in regard to the detection of criminals. The officer in charge of the finger print department stated that the chances of the prints in question being made by any other than the accused were three trillions to one.

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Irish News

CORK—Centenarians

An Irish centenarian recently passed away in the person of Nora Mulcahy, a woman of the farming class, of Sandhill, six miles from Middleton, whose demise occurred, after a very brief illness, at the age of 102 years. Deceased, whose remains were interred in Ballynoe Cemetery, was never married, and enjoyed good health and full possession of her faculties almost to the last. Born in 1804, and always residing in a Gaelic-speaking rural district, deceased spoke Irish, only having but very imperfect English. Deceased was the daughter of a centenarian, her mother having attained the age of 110 years. There has passed away in the Schull district Mary Hurley, widow of a laborer, at the age of 114 years. Another centenarian named John O'Driscoll, a native of Drimoleague, died during the last week in October at the age of 102 years.

Looking for Heirs

A Commission of Inquiry appointed by the High Court of the United States held a sitting recently in Cork, extending over a period of ten days, taking evidence as to the relatives of a man named John Sullivan, a native of Cork, who died in Seattle, State of Washington, five or six years ago, leaving immense wealth estimated at a quarter of a million. He was a lumberman, and died unmarried and intestate. Three years ago the claim of a sister, Hannah Callaghan, who resided in Barrack street, Cork, was established, but she was so elated at her good luck that she lived too well, and died in six months. A number of other more distant relatives have now turned up, and their claims are being investigated by Mr. M. W. Bolster, Seattle, an American notary.

DERRY—Claims Disallowed

At the Derry City Revision, Mr. Lynch, Revising Barrister, gave judgment in the case of the Christian Brothers, residing at the Brow of the Hill, who had been objected to by the Unionists. Mr. Lynch decided that they were not entitled to the franchise. The Brothers objected to had enjoyed the franchise for years.

A Sad Occurrence

The death has occurred in Drumlane, County Londonderry, of a young farmer named Mayberry, under very pathetic circumstances. In the best of spirits, and apparently in good health, he went with his sweetheart to buy furniture for their new home, and in Coleraine was seized with sudden illness. He was taken home in a state of collapse, but never rallied, and died on the very day arranged for his marriage.

DOWN—Compensation

In connection with the recent Orange riots at Gifford, County Down, a number of Catholic householders were at Banbridge Quarter Sessions awarded compensation by County Court Judge Orr for damage to their property.

A Memorial

A beautiful memorial is being erected to the late Monsignor O'Lavery, M.R.I.A., in front of St. Columbkille's Church, Holywood, County Down. It consists of a cross on an elevated base, 15ft high, of Irish stone, chastely carved and chiselled.

DUBLIN—A Critical Time for Education

His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, speaking at the annual dinner of Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, said it was true that it was a very critical time with education, and a time that demanded the united efforts of all true Catholics in Ireland, and he believed that under the guidance of their pastors they would achieve success. He could not agree that they had not made great progress in the matter of education. Would anyone tell him that the work accomplished by the University College was not an evidence of progress in the face of great difficulties? Compare it with the work done by another institution with the hoarded wealth of three centuries of the plundered estates of Irish chieftains, and would anyone then say that the Catholic University had not accomplished great work? And would anyone say that the work accomplished at St. Cecilia street, with its limited resources, had not made that institution the greatest school in Ireland?

KERRY—The Evicted Tenants

Free grants to the amount of £945 have been awarded by the Estates Commissioners to twenty-three evicted tenants on the Warden estate at Sneeem. Of

this sum £645 is for rebuilding their homes, and £310 is for the purpose of buying stock. At a meeting in the Courthouse, Rev. M. Horgan, P.P., referred to the restoration to their homes of the evicted tenants, and expressed their thanks to the Estates Commissioners for the service rendered in bringing the wretched condition of affairs on that estate to so happy a close.

A Talented Tralee Lady

Miss Nora O'Sullivan, an Irish Catholic young lady, who is well known in educational circles in Glasgow, has graduated in the M.A. degree in Glasgow University. Miss O'Sullivan, who is a daughter of Mr. Daniel O'Sullivan, a leading merchant in Tralee, in the South of Ireland, commenced her brilliant scholastic career in the Loreto Convent, Killarney, and afterwards studied in the Loreto Convent, Dublin, where she matriculated for the London B.A. degree—a notable achievement. Miss O'Sullivan continued her studies at the Notre Dame Convent, Downhill, Glasgow, where she also taught higher grade subjects. She also matriculated in Edinburgh before proceeding to Glasgow University. Miss O'Sullivan at present holds an important scholastic appointment in London.

LIMERICK—Jubilee of the Cathedral

The ceremonies on Sunday, October 21, in connection with the jubilee of St. John's Cathedral, Limerick, were most impressive. The sacred edifice was thronged with all classes of the community. The Mayor, attended by the Sergeants at Mace, and accompanied by the members of the Corporation, were present in specially reserved seats, and the members of the Corporation Fire Brigade were also present in their uniforms. High Mass was solemnised at noon. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, presided. Immediately after the First Gospel the Very Rev. Canon J. Murphy, D.D., P.P., Macroom, preached the jubilee sermon, taking for his text the words, 'And this day shall be for a memorial to you, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord in your generation with an everlasting observance.'

Lecture by Dr. O'Riordan

The Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, who was absent from the Rernal City on holidays, delivered an interesting lecture at the Limerick Catholic Literary Institute on October 19. In vivid language he traced some stirring episodes in Ireland's troubled history, which, he said, was a long narrative of disaster, that some people would have it, was better left untold. If there was nothing in man but the material, nothing but the amassing of money and wealth, this argument might hold good. Principle, honor, virtue, justice, truth entered into the daily lives of men, and there was nothing that would not at times be sacrificed—money, wealth, and all the rest, for principle or for truth. Ireland had, all through her history, preserved principle and honor. Truth she had preserved, and with regard to material things it was a very curious fact that after the lapse of some centuries the land of Ireland was going back to its rightful owners. Judge Adams, who presided, said there were things in Irish history, it was true, to be ashamed of, but it was not Irishmen that need be ashamed of them. The first thing the Irish boy should be taught was the history of the locality in which he lived; he should be taught that history in a calm, wise manner, and the history of the places round about him. What was the use of a boy learning who was Heliogabalus, or where was Cape Matapan. He would be for teaching the boys the history told by the Treaty Stone, by the ruins of Clonmacnoise, by Sarstfield's daring. Then, too, they should not be ignorant of a work such as 'The Collegians,' which was equal to the best novel written by Sir Walter Scott. He would teach them all the glorious story of their country and their city. In doing this he believed he would be building up that Irish Ireland which they all desired to see, irrespective of the political views or ideas that any of them might have.

WATERFORD—A Presentation

The members of the Catholic Young Men's Society, Waterford, have presented the Rev. T. F. Furlong, their spiritual director, with a gold chalice and an illuminated address as a token of their affection and esteem on his attaining the silver jubilee of his ordination.

WESTMEATH—The Christian Brothers

A meeting was held in Mullingar on October 21 to take steps to fittingly celebrate the golden jubilee of the advent of the Christian Brothers to St. Mary's College, Mullingar. The Most Rev. Dr. Gaughan, Bishop of Meath, presided, and delivered an address on the work of the Brothers.

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GENERAL

American Sympathy

The American mission is still booming (says the 'Freeman's Journal'). At the great Convention of Philadelphia, which was attended by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., the delegates pledged themselves to subscribe to the Irish National funds in one year a sum of 50,000 dollars. When the collection was called for it was found that in twenty minutes 78,000 dollars had been subscribed, the dollars coming in at the rate of £700 a minute. The Convention, rising to the occasion, pledged itself to collect 100,000 dollars. This was no vain, boastful pledge, as our cablegram from New York on Monday shows. The New York delegates at the Convention promised from the Empire City a contribution of 25,000 dollars. At the great meeting in Carnegie Hall, the first that the young Irish envoys, Mr. T. M. Kettle, M.P., and Mr. Hazelton, M.P., attended, New York doubled that amount, amidst a scene of tremendous enthusiasm. No doubt there will be the customary sneers at the sending out to our kith and kin the ancient hat, but old though that hat may be, it is clear that it is always welcomed by the people of the States, and it will soon be coming home again with a very rich lining.

Policeman and Antiquarian

The Irish antiquarian and archaeologist who has attracted so much attention in scientific circles in England as well as Ireland, proves to be a village policeman. For some time photographs and articles have been appearing in the antiquarian journals on the dunes, forts, souterrains, and ogham stones in the County Mayo. They attracted so much attention that a party of antiquarians from London visited the village of Ballyhaunis and discovered the author to be a policeman on the beat. The officer will retire shortly from the force, and will then devote all his time to research. He has kept his secret well.

A Dying Cause

In the course of an appreciation of the late Colonel Sanderson, Mr. Harold Spender, in the 'Manchester Guardian,' has the following striking references to the cause of Unionism: "It was a bad cause, and it is now a dying cause. It is perhaps well that Colonel Sanderson should have gone before he tasted the full bitterness of seeing it dead. For he was the chief surviving champion of that combination of militant anti-social landlordism and race supremacy which has so long played the governing part in Irish affairs. He was the leader of that peculiar faction the anti-Irish Irishmen. Finally, as he played the game, he could never quite conceal the fact that he was a soldier of fortune fighting against his own race in the English ranks."

Safeguarding Religious Interests

Mr. Redmond (says the Dublin 'Freeman's Journal') declared, in his speech at the Coalisland meeting on October 14—a meeting which, in its magnitude and enthusiasm, has recalled, in the opinion of those who were present, the memories of the monster meeting of O'Connell, in 1843, and of Parnell, in 1880—that there were no safeguards to which he would object in a Home Rule Bill to-morrow to satisfy the fears which a section of the Protestant population of Ireland entertains with reference to their religious interests under a Home Rule system. Mr. Redmond's declaration is an echo of the sentiment embodied in a resolution drafted by Mr. Isaac Butt, and passed unanimously at the great Home Rule Conference in the Rotunda, Dublin, in 1873, which laid the foundation of the present Irish National movement, stating that "while we believe that in an Irish Parliament the rights and liberties of all classes of our countrymen would find their best and surest protection, we are willing that there should be incorporated in the Irish Federal Constitution articles supplying the amplest guarantees that no legislation shall be adopted to establish any religious ascendancy in Ireland, or that subjects any person to disabilities on account of his religious opinions."

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People We Hear About

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has started a fund for old Scotsmen "down on their luck." He has moved an old schoolmate from a London workhouse, providing him with 15s a week on his returning to his native place. In all cases the beneficiaries must return to their native places.

Mr. Stefano Gatti, the principal shareholder in Gatti's Restaurant, died at his residence in Bedford Square, London, on October 12. Early in the sixties Mr. Gatti and his brother laid the foundation of the very successful restaurant business associated with their names at the Adelaide Gallery in the Strand. The Gattis are a Catholic family, and have been amongst the most generous benefactors of Catholic charities.

As an actress Madame Ristori, whose death took place recently (says the 'Catholic Times'), was, without question, the greatest tragedienne of the nineteenth century; and as a woman she was an honor to her sex. Her death was most edifying. We learn from a private source that so soon as she knew there was no hope of her recovery, she sent for the parish priest of Sant' Eustachio, Rome, and received, with edifying piety, the last Sacraments of the Church. The Queen-Dowager sent a wreath and was represented, and the number of flowers was quite extraordinary. The Municipality and all the official world of the Eternal City were present, as well as the members of several charitable institutions in which the illustrious actress was interested.

The Count de Ramirez de Arellano, on whom Pope Pius X. has conferred the Grand Commandership of St. Gregory the Great, has, though a young man, proved on several occasions his devotion to the Holy See. The superb stained glass window erected in St. James', Spanish Place (the Spanish national Church in London) to the memory of the Princess of the Asturias was given by the Count. Though a Spaniard, he is intimately connected with England and Scotland, his only sister being married to the Honorable Ruaidhri Ersline (son of Lord Ersline) who takes such an interest in the Catholic Gaels of Scotland, and has just compiled a Gaelic prayer book, besides being engaged on another Catholic book. The Count's eldest brother is married to a daughter of the late Lord and Lady Henry Cholmondeley, and is a first cousin of the great Marquis of Cholmondeley, Great Lord Chamberlain of England.

Viscount Feilding, the eldest son of the Earl of Denbigh, has just come of age, and there were great rejoicings on the family estates in North Wales and Warwickshire. He is the eldest of a family of ten, the youngest of whom, a daughter, was born only five years ago, and has the King for her godfather. Lord Feilding was educated at the famous Oratory School at Edgbaston, and at Christ Church, Oxford. The family recently sustained a great bereavement by the death of Lord Denbigh's youngest brother, Monsignor Basil Feilding, who was drowned through the upsetting of his canoe on the Rhine. The Feildings claim descent from the Counts of Hapsburg, and it was an odd coincidence that Monsignor Feilding was drowned at Rheinfelden. The late Lord Denbigh, grandfather of the present Lord Feilding, was a very fervent convert. It was he who brought the Capuchins to Pantasaph.

An event of quite considerable interest in the literary world of London this autumn will be the new novel from the pen of Lucas Malet. 'Lucas Malet' is, of course, the pen-name under which Mrs. Mary St. Leger Harrison has elected to write. Like Mrs. Craigie and Miss Adeline Sergeant, Mrs. Harrison is a convert to Catholicism. Her conversion had, one imagines, more of the romantic about it than those of the two writers mentioned, for she is the daughter of the late Charles Kingsley, than whom in the middle of the last century the Church had no bitterer or more vituperative antagonist. Kingsley himself was, and is, reckoned a novelist of no mean ability, though by reason of his intense hate and misrepresentation of everything Catholic his works do not greatly commend themselves to Catholics. Yet to Kingsley we owe a debt of gratitude, for were it not for him Newman's great 'Apologia' would probably never have been written. That his daughter, therefore, should turn to the faith her father so hated naturally caused some sensation, and at the time the minds of many Protestants were much exercised at the conversion of Lucas Malet. As she has not given the world a novel since 1901, when the 'History of Sir Richard Calmady' appeared, readers of the higher form of fiction are awaiting with an added interest the forthcoming book.

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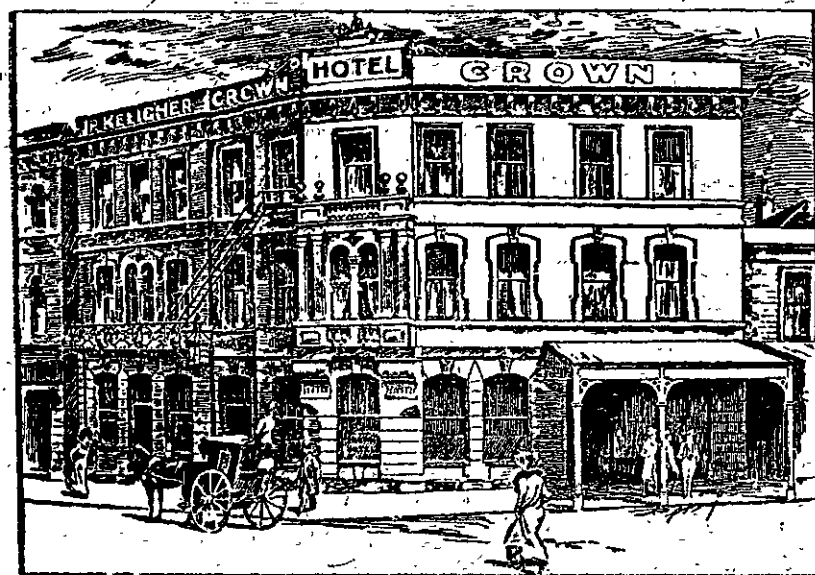
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The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Catholic Schools

In every Catholic church and chapel in England and Wales on Sunday, October 21, special prayers were offered up for the preservation of the Catholic character of the Catholic schools.

Defending a Church

A stalwart body of Irish Catholics frustrated an attempt of the Fulham unemployed to invade a Catholic church last week. The Irishmen charged the mob and drove them off.

Charitable Bequests

Charity gains an enormous sum—over a million—by the death of Mrs. Ada Lewis-Hill, which took place recently at her house in Grosvenor Square, London. She was the widow of Mr. Sam Lewis, the money-lender, who left a fortune of some three millions. Part of this vast sum was left to her in her own right to dispose of as she pleased; considerably over a million was left, on her death, to go to such charitable institutions as she and his executors might select. Besides these two millions Mrs. Hill has left out of her private fortune half a million to charities and three-quarters of a million to her husband, Captain Hill, of the Scots Guards, whom she married in 1904. Among the chief bequests is a legacy of £20,000 to the Sisters of Nazareth, Nazareth House, Hammersmith, London.

Death of a Priest

The death occurred recently at Chesterfield of Father von Wurtzburg, who was a first cousin of the Duke of Norfolk, they being both grandsons of Admiral Lord Lyons, a distinguished naval officer, who was raised to the peerage exactly half a century ago, and died at Arundel Castle in 1858. Lord Lyons' elder daughter married Philip Baron von Wurtzburg in 1839, and the same year his younger daughter married the late Duke of Norfolk, who died in 1860. Minna, Duchess of Norfolk, was a convert to the Catholic Church, and a woman of strong character, as well as of sterling piety. Her elder brother (son of the Admiral), the second Lord Lyons, was an eminent diplomat, who was for some years British Ambassador in Paris. He was received into the Catholic Church a short time before his death.

A Remarkable Tour

After an absence of eleven years on a tour comprising the whole of Spain and the Spanish-speaking countries of South America, the Rev. Kenelm Vaughan, brother of Father Bernard Vaughan, is expected in England shortly. Father Vaughan has been collecting funds for the erection and decoration of the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in Westminster Cathedral, and his collections amount to £18,227. Of this sum, £13,600 has already been expended on the new chapel. Father Vaughan's remarkable achievement is all the more praiseworthy owing to his indifferent health. He has laid himself open to fevers and diseases of every kind while he has been away, yet he has almost miraculously escaped. Never before, perhaps, in the history of the Church has a man collected so much and travelled so long for a single object.

The Education Bill

The demonstration against the Education Bill held on October 25, at St. George's Hall, Liverpool (says the 'Catholic Times'), was a glorious proof of the vital power of the Catholic Church in the city. It was the second time that the Catholics thus assembled, and on each occasion there were such immense numbers, such enthusiasm, such unanimity in denouncing the Education Bill, that a stronger expression of the views of a large section of the largest city in England outside the metropolis cannot well be imagined. At a Liberal dinner at Trowbridge Mr. Fuller, M.P., said the vital question of the hour was whether the House of Lords would, or would not capitulate to the will of the people and the majority in the House of Commons, and he added, that the general staff of the Liberal Party were prepared for any emergency, and able to defy Mr. Balfour, Mr. Redmond, and Mr. Keir Hardy. This is what is known in politics as bluff. The voice of the people! The people gave no mandate to the Liberals on the Education question, and to pretend that they did is a fraud. Never yet have the Liberals brought together—and we are convinced they could not bring together if they tried—such immense gatherings of real working folk as have assembled to oppose the Education Bill in Liverpool, Manchester, and many smaller towns in Lancashire and elsewhere.

FRANCE—Sympathy from Ireland

The letter of sympathy (says the 'Freeman's Journal') which the Irish Bishops have addressed to the Cardinal-Archbishop of Paris, in the trials to which the Church of France is being subjected, carries with it the united sentiment of Catholic Ireland. No message that the Bishops of France have received brings with it more encouragement. Already the Catholics of France have been strengthening their hearts by the remembrance of the trials which the Church of Ireland had to endure and its final victory. The great Cardinal Perraud, before his death, invited his brethren and his clergy to turn their eyes to Ireland, not merely for the hope which its history would afford them, but to study the methods and organisation by which it has utilised its hard-won freedom. The Irish Bishops may well tell their French brothers to be of good heart. 'We, Irish Bishops,' says their eloquent letter, 'are the sons of a Church which has known suffering. The liberties which we have won are the fruits of centuries of abnegation and sacrifice on the part of our predecessors and of their noble people. We are deeply convinced that the faith of Catholic France will likewise come forth stronger and purer from the trials to which it is now subjected, and that the Church of St. Louis, far from faltering, will acquire new strength to fulfil its glorious and Divine mission.'

GERMANY—Catholics and the Secular Press

Discussing the great Catholic Congress recently held at Essen, a writer for the 'Irish Ecclesiastical Review' directs attention to the fact that the whole proceedings from the beginning to the end were open to the press. 'The Catholics of Germany,' he says, 'had nothing to conceal, and nothing to be ashamed of. They were not met to stir up a religious war or to indulge in attacks on those outside the Church; they had no reason to fear publicity or to imitate the example of their Protestant countrymen in conducting their proceedings behind closed doors. They were met to discuss the Catholic interests of Germany, to examine their own position, their weak points as well as their strong points, to emphasise their grievances and to formulate their demands. Their public men—and some of them holding the highest positions in the land—were not ashamed to let their countrymen know they were taking part in a Catholic Congress. They invited publicity and they got it to their heart's content. Years ago, when the Catholic Congresses were only in their infancy, the opposition papers showed their contempt by taking no notice of the proceedings. Now the leading journals on all sides sent their representatives to the Congress, and their pages were filled each morning with an account of its work. The reporters for over seventy different papers were accommodated at the press table, and every facility was afforded of obtaining a complete report of the proceedings.'

ROME—An Audience

The Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch, was received in audience last week by his Holiness the Pope.

SCOTLAND—Catholic Progress

The new Catholic schools which have been in course of erection at Pollokshaws for some time were solemnly blessed and opened on Sunday, October 21, by Archbishop Maguire. The schools are built on the highest piece of ground in Shawhill, and occupy a splendid position. They are built to accommodate over 700 children, and have cost over £6000.

Funeral of Lady Kerr

On October 20, in St. David's Chapel, Dalkeith, the funeral of Lady Amabel Henrietta Kerr took place with beautiful and impressive ceremonial in the presence of her mourning relatives and friends and a representative gathering of the clergy and laity of the East of Scotland. The chief mourners were Admiral Lord Walter Kerr, Rev. Walter Kerr, Lieutenant Andrew Kerr, Mr. John Kerr, and Mr. Philip Kerr (sons); Miss Margaret Kerr (daughter), Lord Ralph Kerr (brother-in-law), the Misses Kerr, Woodburn, Lady Helen Kerr, and Lady Isabel Kerr (nieces), Major Frederick Kerr (nephew), Countess Cowper (sister-in-law).

SPAIN—The Queen's Birthday

By a royal decree the birthday of the Queen of Spain, October 21, and her saint-day, December 23, have been declared days of national and gala fetes. The birthday of her Majesty on October 21 was marked by an official reception at the palace in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening. The customary official receptions and popular demonstrations took place in the provinces on the same day.

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HASTINGS

The United Friendly Societies held a demonstration on the racecourse, Hastings, on Sunday, December 2, on behalf of the Napier Hospital funds. Among the friendly societies who took part in the procession were the Hibernians to the number of 105. Addresses were delivered by the Mayor of Hastings, Very Rev. Dean Smyth, Sir William Russell, Mr. A. L. D. Fraser, M.H.R., Mr. Dillon, M.H.R., and others.

Dean Smyth spoke on Christian Charity, and showed how, from the very first, the Church made provision for the poor, the sick, the old, and the infirm. From the early days of Christianity down to the present time, hospitals and institutions for the alleviation of human misery had been established and fostered by the Church. And in our own times, who has not heard of the devotedness and self-sacrifice of the Sisters of Charity, the Sisters of Mercy, and other associations, of noble-minded and charitable women, who perpetuate those great works of charity in hospitals and on the battlefield? And what has prompted these heroic women to devote their lives to such a grand work? The teaching and spirit of their Divine Master. And by whom have they been encouraged and prepared for the work? By the Church founded by that same Divine Master. Yes, it is the spirit of Christ, the abiding influence of Christianity that has infused life, strength, and vigor into those natural traits of ours, not merely giving them expansion, but imparting to them a superhuman force and power of endurance which human nature, left to itself, would never possess. And so deeply had this spirit rooted itself in the breast of humanity in general, that though individuals may have lost it or shaken it off, its beneficent influence hovers round them in spite of themselves; and, though nowadays many perform good and kind and praiseworthy works through a purely philanthropic spirit, without any Christian motive on their part, these actions emanate from a traditional spirit of Christianity—not acknowledged if you will, but all the same handed down to them, perhaps from their saintly forefathers.

Concert at Kerrytown

An event which is always looked forward to with much eagerness (says the 'Temuka Leader') is the annual entertainment by the pupils of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Kerrytown, who, of late years, have been assisted by adult friends, with the object of suiting all tastes of the large audiences which assemble annually to witness these bright performances. Though the aspect of the weather on the evening of November 29 was anything but promising, the schoolroom was packed. The stage and scenery were excellent. The following was the programme:—Pianoforte trio, Misses N. and L. Driscoll, and M. Scannell; club drill in costume, Masters T. Fitzgerald, Brosnan (3), G. Tozer, F. Naughton; song, Miss Story; pianoforte duet, Misses Petrie and Brosnan; song, Master V. Coira; song, Miss K. Daly; song, Mr. Milson (Temuka); dialogue, Master J. Brosnan and Miss M. Scannell; pianoforte duet, Master T. and Miss M. Fitzgerald; humorous song, Mr. Crawford (Timaru). The farce, 'The Doctor's Assistant,' in which the characters were sustained by Masters J. Brosnan, F. O'Connell, M. Brosnan, and T. Brosnan, brought the first part of the programme to a close. The second part opened with a pianoforte duet by Misses L. Wall and M. Fitzgerald, followed by a song by Rev. Father Finnerty; selection, by the Banjo Band; song, Mr. McBride; song, Miss Beri; song, Mr. Jordan; pianoforte duet, Misses M. and G. Nolan; Irish reel (in costume), Misses K. Brosnan and M. Lynch. The last item was a drama entitled, 'The Motor Bus,' in which the characters were sustained by Misses H. Breen, M. Brosnan, Scannell, and W. Brosnan, and Masters J. Brosnan, T. Brosnan, M. Brosnan, F. O'Connell, and D. Scannell. The audience was convulsed with laughter from beginning to end of the piece. The singers were principally accompanied by Mr. C. Collins in his able manner, Miss Beri also officiating with her well-known skill. The Sisters of St. Joseph may justly feel proud of the success which attended their labors on this occasion. An infinite amount of pains must have been bestowed upon the children to bring them up to the stage of efficiency which they all exhibited throughout the entertainment, a notable feature of which was the pianoforte pieces. Though the performers in every case were, very young, their efforts reflected great credit on the capabilities of the Sisters of St. Joseph as teachers, who, since their advent in Kerrytown, have made the place quite renowned for musical talent. During the interval the Rev. Father Kerley took the opportunity of thanking the performers who had come from a distance, and the audience for their patronage.

Domestic

By 'Maureen'

Hints for the Kitchen

Don't entice flies into your kitchen by leaving a little milk in one cup and grease in another between meals. Scald your tin vessels with soda and water. Wash your table ware in soapsuds and rinse them in water slightly blue. Keep handy a piece of sand paper to rub your steel knives. Put your silver, spoons, knives, and forks in a white flannel bag containing powdered chalk. When the knives and forks are stained with eggs, scour them with common table salt. Medicine stains can be removed from spoons in the same manner. The gridiron should be well greased and hot before putting meat on it.

Don't Boil Tea.

Tea should not be boiled, and should be made fresh at each meal by pouring boiling water upon the leaves, which are put into a perfectly clean teapot. The boiling water will extract the good of the tea, and the teapot should not be set on the stove at all. Made in this way, tea is a good, wholesome, cheering drink which will do no harm to anyone. What, for example, is more refreshing to the jaded man of business after a heavy day's work, or to the woman tired out with a day's shopping?—that is to say, if shopping is not so entrancing an occupation that it is impossible for a woman to get tired of it.

A Recipe for Keeping Young.

Someone once asked a woman how it was she kept her youth so wonderfully. Her hair was snowy white, she was eighty years old, and her energy was waning; but she never impressed one with the idea of age, for her heart was still young in sympathy and interest. And this was her answer: 'I know how to forget disagreeable things. I tried to master the art of saying pleasant things. I did not expect too much of my friends. I kept my nerves well in hand, and did not allow them to bore other people. I tried to find any work that came to my hand congenial. I did my best to relieve the misery I came in contact with and sympathised with the suffering. In fact, I tried to do to others as I would be done by, and you see me, in consequence, reaping the fruits of happiness in a peaceful old age.'

When Glass Stoppers Stick.

Often your prettiest cut-glass winegar cruets are ruined because the stopper suddenly becomes immovable, and no power on earth short of breaking seems to move it. When it does stick, pour a little oil round the top. Let it stand for ten or fifteen minutes, and then try knocking the stopper gently with the back of a knife, giving it an upward motion. Continue this knocking all the way round the stopper. This is the best chance of loosening without running any risks of breaking. But if the stoppers of oil and vinegar cruets are exchanged every few days the trouble will be prevented.

Women and Red Noses.

Red noses are usually associated with indigestion, or worse, but a German doctor says that it is due to the use of a veil. This Berlin authority found that the redness was most marked when the veil rested closely against the nose. When the veil was abandoned the redness in most cases disappeared. Although veils are seemingly soft to the touch, the threads soon become roughened, and are capable of irritating the sensitive skin of nose and cheek, against which the veil rubs. In winter the evaporation of moisture from the nose is apt to moisten the veil, which acts exactly like a wet compress. The shape of the nose is likewise slightly altered by the pressure of the veil. The pressure upon the tip of the nose renders the latter somewhat anaemic and drives the blood to the neighboring parts, chiefly to the regions bordering on or above the point and to the lateral wings. On entering a warm room the abnormal distribution of the blood becomes intensified unless the veil is quickly removed.

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The First Iron Boats.

An iron boat was built in 1777, on the River Fosse, in Yorkshire, England. It was 15 feet long, and was made of sheet iron. In 1815 Thomas Jevons launched a small iron boat on the Mersey. It was built by Joshua Morton, near Birkenhead, and fitted up at Liverpool, and was the first iron boat that floated on salt water. The first iron steam vessel was built by the Horsley company for the River Seine, and called Aaron Manby, after its projector. He took out a patent in France for iron steamships in 1820, and formed a society for the construction of such vessels. She was put together in London, and took a cargo of linseed and iron castings to Havre and Paris. If, however, a Dutch tradition is to be credited, the first iron vessel that ever floated was the famous Flying Dutchman herself. She was launched in 1657, and her fate was supposed to be a judgment on the impiety of those who violated the order of Nature by making iron float.

Wool or Shoddy.

In view of the reduced number of sheep throughout the world, remarks 'Bruni' in 'The Australasian,' the quantity of wool brought to market must naturally show a corresponding shortage. The high prices ruling this season will stimulate the ingenuity of manufacturers to produce so-called wollen fabrics, in which there is less and less of wool, in order to supply the trade with cheap materials, supposed to be composed wholly or partly of wool, at low price. For many years past it has been a subject of complaint on the part of wool growers that goods are put on the market purporting to be woollen, which in most cases contain very little wool, and in some instances have not a particle of wool in them. Similar frauds in other products are heavily punished; but there is no law to protect the wool-grower. A writer in the 'Scottish Farmer' puts the case very forcibly. 'If goods made in Germany must be sold as such; if margarine is differentiated by law from butter; if milk must be up to a certain legalised standard, why should not woollen goods have at least a minimum percentage of wool in their composition before they could be sold as woollen. Anything of a shoddy or grossly adulterated nature is to be held in disrepute. A 'oo' is the genuine article, and in this and other countries, where sanitary clothing is increasing in favor, it will always have plenty demand.'

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Intercolonial

The Cathedral Hall, Melbourne, was filled to overflowing, many being unable to gain admission, on November 27, on the occasion of a farewell entertainment tendered to the Irish envoys, Mr. J. T. Donovan, who was expected to accompany Mr. Devlin, was unable to be present.

Much sympathy (writes a Melbourne correspondent) has gone out to the Rev. J. J. Malone, P.P. of Daylesford, in the lamented death of his distinguished brother, Professor Malone, M.A. The deceased scholar had attained his 1st year, and was a professor of the Presentation College, Cork.

The Rev. Father O'Keefe, who has made many warm friends among all classes, and creeds of the community during his residence in Orange, leaves next week on a visit to Ireland, to see his only living relative, his mother, after an absence of 20 years in Australia. He has resided at Orange 17 years, and the residents of the town and district are to present him with an address and purse of sovereigns.

Canon Godby, speaking at the Church of England Congress at Melbourne said that the convent school teaching of the Catholics was the best and cheapest because it was done by communities. They would never be able to compete with the Catholic schools until they used similar means. The Catholics had communities of thoroughly-trained, highly-educated women, who gave themselves to teaching, not in order to make a living, but because the giving of teaching was the outgoing expression of their love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Father O'Leary, who is leaving for Ireland after laboring in Junee for seven years, was, on November 21, tendered a complimentary social, in the Oddfellows' Hall, Junee, by the members of the St. Joseph's Branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, of which he is a member. The members of the Ladies' Branch of the society were present. The opportunity was availed of to present Mr. D. Moore, J.P., one of the original members of the branch, who has left the district for Wagga, with a souvenir of his long connection with Hibernianism in Junee and a mark of appreciation.

Cardinal Moran, in replying to the statement made by Mr. Carruthers at the Protestant Defence Association's meeting, said—Some years ago, I remember that one of the Governors of this State sent one of his attendants, who was stricken by illness, to St. Vincent's Hospital. He was told by those who murmured against this institution that he was making a mistake, and that the patient would receive no care, as the institution was a Catholic one. However, the Governor went incognito, and, in the ward in which his attendant was, he found 23 patients. He went round from bed to bed, and found in that ward alone that, of 23, 17 were of different denominations of Protestants; that all allowed, with one accord, that nothing could exceed the kindness and the charity which those angels of mercy, the Sisters, dispensed to them.

The Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Coadjutor Archbishop of Sydney, addressing a meeting at Randwick, said that the Catholics were paying 2½ per cent. of the cost of maintaining the present public instruction, yet it was framed to prevent them participating in its uses, except at the cost of what they held to be dearest to them and unrenounceable. Surely all who supported a cow had a claim to a share of the milk of that cow. Catholic payments towards the support of public schools excluding those which some of the children of the denomination attended, approached £700,000. An additional £2,250,000 had been paid in working their own schools, and if the cost of buildings, along with other expenditure were included, the Catholics of the State had expended £2,000,000 in education since 1880.

The Cathedral Hall, Melbourne, was packed to its utmost capacity on Monday evening, November 26, when a meeting of the Catholic laity was held to protest against the many unjustifiable attacks recently made on the hierarchy, priesthood, and religious Orders. Admission was by ticket, and hundreds of people who sought admission were unable to get into the hall. An overflow meeting was addressed by those who spoke in the hall and by others. A large number of women desired to be present, but the meeting was confined to men only. Mr. D. Slattery occupied the chair, and speeches were delivered by Messrs. R. G. Duffy, K.C., F. Brennan, G. Jones, Donald Stewart, W. L. Bowditch, and others. The meeting closed with cheers for the archbishop and the priesthood, and for religious peace and toleration amongst all classes in this community.

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THE BABY'S QUERY

When up before the looking-glass
My mamma holds me high,
I see a sight that puzzles me,
And almost makes me cry.

For there stands my own mamma—
I know that it is she—
And in her arms she closely holds
A little boy like me.

I look at them in wonder,
The little boy stares too;
I try to say, 'How is it that
My mamma's holding you?'

Then, mamma laughs and kisses me;
And I declare it's true;
The other mamma laughs, and then
She kisses her boy, too.

How many mammas have I?
Can anybody say?
And who, please, is the little boy
I see 'most every day?

There is no one like my mamma
Mong all the folks I see,
Except the lady in the glass,
With the little boy like me.

HOW MY GREAT-GRANDUNCLE MADE A FRIEND

'Is it not terrible, grandmother,' I said, 'that the religious Orders should have been turned out of France?'

Grandmother mildly assented. Her needles clicked in and out for a while; then she resumed the conversation.

'English people are proud of their tolerance,' she remarked, 'and of the hospitality their country shows to foreigners. They are apt to forget that, a century ago, Catholics in England were oppressed by cruel laws.'

Now, grandmother's words recalled to my mind the family hero, old Major B. He had died at the ripe age of ninety-nine, when I was a tiny tot.

'Your uncle, the Major, was in the British army. How did he enter, being a Catholic?' I asked.

Grandmother shook her head.

'A few did manage it—that much I know. But so carefully were they obliged to conceal their faith that two Catholics were sometimes together in a regiment without being aware that they professed the same creed.'

Here grandmother smiled reflectively.

'A story!' I cried. 'Tell me the story, please.'

And the sweet old lady went on, nothing loath:

'The regiment was encamped near Quebec at one time, and my uncle's tent was shared by another young officer. The two men had known each other for some months, but no confidences had hitherto been exchanged between them. One night my uncle, unable to sleep, lay listening to the breathing of his more fortunate companion, when the latter began to mutter in his sleep, and words fraught with significance reached my uncle's ears. "Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,"—that was all he heard, but that little was enough.

"The man is a Catholic!" my uncle thought jubilantly. He resolved, nevertheless, to frighten him a little; and next morning he addressed the young officer sternly.

"Sir," he said, "I heard you mutter prayers in your sleep. How is it that you are in the army? Are you not a Papist?"

He read confirmation of the supposition he had made in the sudden paleness which overspread the young man's features.

"You are a Roman Catholic," continued my uncle. "I can denounce you to the authorities if I please."

"Do so if you will," the young man retorted bravely. "God forbid that I should deny my faith!"

He had turned and faced my uncle by this time; the two men stood confronting each other for a moment. Then my uncle's hand came down on the other's shoulder.

"Never mind, old fellow!" he cried in a hearty voice, and his eyes were as kind now as before they had been stern. "If you are a Catholic and amenable to the law, why take courage, for so I am!"

And that was how your great-granduncle made a friend, said my grandmother. Their intimacy lasted until, fifteen years later, Captain S. was killed at Waterloo.—Ave Maria.

SOMETHING LACKING

One of the richest gold finds in Australia was made by a boy who picked up a stone to throw at a crow, and noticed that there was gold in the stone.

When he reported the fact to the local Government officer, says the author of 'Romance of Mining,' the warden endeavored to notify the Governor by telegraph. He was, however, too excited to be rational.

A boy picked up a stone to throw at a crow, he cried, and the amazed official, unable to guess what there was of significance in the event, replied:

'Yes; and what happened to the crow?'

A BOTTOMLESS LAKE

In County Sligo, Ireland, among the hills, there is a small lake renowned in that region for its fabulous depth. A professor happened to be in that part of Ireland last summer, and started out one day for a ramble among the mountains, accompanied by a native guide. As they climbed, Pat asked him if he would like to see this lake, for it's no bottom at all, sorr.

'But how do you know that, Pat?' asked the professor.

'Well, sorr, I'll tell ye, me own cousin was showin' the pond to a gentleman one day, sorr, who looked incredulous like, just as you do, and me cousin couldn't understand it for him to doubt his word, sorr, and so he said, "Begorra, I'll prove the truth of me words," and off with his clothes and in he jumped.'

The professor's face wore an amazed and quizzical expression.

'Yes, sorr, in he jumped, and didn't come up again at all, at all.'

'But,' said the professor, 'I don't see that your cousin proved the point by recklessly drowning himself.'

'Sure, sorr, it wasn't drowned at all he was. The next day comes a cable from him in Australia askin' to send on his clothes.'

MEXICAN MAXIMS

It is better to go round than to fall down. Expressing the fact that it is often better to avoid a difficulty than to try to overcome it.

The devil is not astute because he is the devil, but because he is old. Used to express the value of experience.

When it rains we all get wet. The Mexican way of saying, 'Misfortunes never come singly.'

When bread is cut crumbs are left. Expressing the fact that we all have a share in our neighbor's good fortune.

After the child is drowned cover up the well. The Mexican way of saying, 'After the horse is stolen, lock the stable.'

SCHOOLGIRL FRIENDSHIPS

I have often noticed (says the principal of a girl's boarding-school), that the girls who really keep up their school friendships are the ones who make little or no fuss over each other. When vacation comes, it's the funniest thing to hear the protestations of constancy, not merely for a season, but for life, that some girls make. Promises to write every week and sometimes every day during the summer are recklessly given between parting friends, and yet it's pretty safe to conclude that next term these same enthusiastic creatures won't even care to be room-mates. Then at breaking-up time such assurance of lifelong fidelity the girls indulge in. I smile to myself whenever they come to my ear, because I know perfectly well that two-thirds of these avowals will be up in gush and the other third will dwindle away naturally as broader interests come to the fore. When I keep track of the girls who have been here, I find that those whose interest in each other grows rather than dies out with time are girls who have never been demonstrative, but whose friendship is the outgrowth of genuine congeniality, not the result of schoolroom companionship.

DISMISSED IT FROM HIS MIND

When the polite French wish to compliment their friends in Ireland, they say that the far-famed Irish wit is Gallic, rather than Gaelic, 'essentially French.' Certainly the humor of the educated Irishman, who is at once a gentleman and a scholar, is of the polished shaft rather than the broad-side order; courteous, subtle, and charmingly audacious. There's a story of that late brilliant Lord Russell of Killowen, which illustrates the point. When Lord Russell was plain Mr. Russell, and when the late Mr. Justice Denman was going the northern circuit, an amusing incident happened in court, in which the future Lord Chief Justice came off the better by his ready wit and his genial arrogance. One day, just before the rising of the court on a warm summer afternoon, some very high words were flung from the bar to the bench.

'I cannot trust myself to administer reproof in my present condition of sorrow and resentment,' said the learned judge, 'but I shall take the night to consider what I ought to do, and when we meet again to-morrow morning I will announce my determination.'

In considerable commotion the court broke up, and on the following day it was crowded in anticipation of 'a scene'—an anticipation somewhat encouraged by Mr. Justice Denman's entry into court with, if possible, more than ordinary solemnity. On taking his seat, he opened the business of the day by saying:

Mr. Russell, since the court adjourned last evening, I have had the advantage of considering with a brother judge the painful incident—

Upon which Russell quickly broke in with, 'My lord, I beg you will not say a word more upon the subject, for I can honestly assure you that I have entirely and forever dismissed it from my memory'—a turn of the tables which evoked such a roar of laughter in the court that even the learned judge could not but join in it.

ODDS AND ENDS

Mrs. Jones: 'Do you know anything about your new neighbors yet?'

Mrs. Smith: 'Lots. They had their washing on the line yesterday.'

Motorist (to Irish countryman, who is driving an ass and cart): 'Why haven't you a car like mine?'

Countryman: 'Because I think the donkey's place is between the shafts, and not upon the seat.'

The noble red man is not fading away. The first actual census of the Indians was taken seventy years ago. At that time, there were found to be 253,464 Indians in the United States. Beginning with the count of 1830 the official reports of Indian population are as follows: In 1860, at the beginning of the civil war, there were 254,200. Twenty years later, in 1880, there were 256,127. In 1900 there were 272,023. To-day, by count of the Indian agents on the reservations of the country, there are 284,000 Indians.

FAMILY FUN

A blind beggar had a brother, and the brother died. What relation was the blind beggar to the brother who died? Most people answer at once, 'Brother, of course'; but the proper solution is 'Sister.'

A gentleman named Llewellynn Ottiwell Wood, being a witness in a case, and asked to spell his name, astonished the clerk as follows:—

'Double L E; double D; E double L; Y double N; G double T; I double U; E double L; double U; double O D.'

Is it Possible?—Side by side place three pieces of anything (money is most convenient), then take away the middle piece without touching it.

By removing the right hand piece to the side of the left, you thus take away the centre without touching it.

Here is a little poser that will take in not a few people. A gentleman stood upon his breakfast table two egg cups, and in each he placed an egg that had been intended for his morning meal. He had not bought the eggs, he had not stolen them, he did not himself keep hens, and the eggs had been neither lent nor given to him. How, then, did he get the eggs to put into the two egg cups?

The correct answer to the puzzle is the gentleman kept ducks.

All Sorts

A single grain of gold, after having been converted into gold leaf, will cover 46 square inches.

It has been proved by experiments that if fish get beyond a certain depth in the sea, they die, being unable to support the pressure of the water.

In England and Wales about one in four of the population has an account in the Post-Office Savings Bank; in Ireland, one in ten; and in Scotland, one in eleven.

Iodine was discovered in 1812 by Courtois. It is found in several marine plants and extracted by a simple process. Its use in medicine is said to date from about 1825, when it was first employed in the hospitals of London and Paris.

Among the treasures of the Hapsburgs in the Hofburg at Vienna is a clumsy thimble engraved 'A. V. W., 1684.' It is said to be the parent thimble of the world, and it was fashioned of a silver coin by some ingenious Dutchman, who presented it to his lady love.

Little three-year-old Bessie ran flying down the front steps with an agonizing cry of 'Papa! Papa!' Her father had started down-town, but he stopped and waited. 'What is it, Bessie?' he asked. 'I want to kiss you good-bye,' she said. 'Well, I'm waiting for the kiss,' he said. 'I'll give it to you,' she replied, with trembling lips and quivering chin, 'just as soon as I can make the pucker.'

There were some phases of country life with which the little city girl had as yet only one day's acquaintance, but the rights of property owners and property renters were firmly fixed in her mind. 'Mother!' she called in evident excitement, the morning after the family had settled for the summer in Sunset View Cottage. 'Mother! Just come here and look! There are somebody's hens wiping their feet on our nice clean grass!'

The tobacco crop for the season in Queensland will be about 265 tons. The largest crop in one year was 506 tons. Practically all of the tobacco was of the heavier type suitable only for the pipe, and was grown in the Texas district, near the New South Wales border. The price will be about 6½d per lb, so that a very large cheque is due to growers. For the most part the tobacco is taken by the Trust; but two manufacturers in Brisbane take between seventy and eighty tons, with a growing trade, owing to the increased popularity of colonial tobacco. Pipe tobacco grows about half a ton to the acre; cigar tobacco about three-quarters of a ton. Only about five acres of land were under cigar leaf in Queensland last year, but the area will expand to fully fifty acres this year.

'The history of the typewriter is interesting,' said an inventor. 'The first patented machine was Henry Mill's. It was as big as a bureau and made no popular appeal. This was in England in 1814. The first type bar machine was made in America. Its inventor was A. H. Beach. The patent was taken out in 1856. The Beach typewriter was not practical. The first practical typewriter was invented by Latham Sholes in 1867. Sholes had for partners S. W. Soule and Carlos Glidden, but these two men became discouraged and dropped out. It wasn't till some years later that Sholes got his machine ready for the market. Then he took it to a big firm of gunmakers, the Remingtons, and it at once began to sell on a large scale. Sholes remained in the employ of the Remingtons up to the time of his death.'

The lightest, finest-grained, and whitest bread in the world is that of France, where bread-making is regulated by law and is done almost wholly by bakers. Very few servants or housewives of France bake bread, and never except in country places. The material, size of loaf, and weight are regulated by law, and any buyer may demand of the baker that he shall weigh the loaf before accepting it. If it falls short then a fine follows. Wheat is the grain of which French breads are made, and black bread finds no favor in this land of dainty eaters. There is no other country where the law has given so great attention to the staff of life as in France, and sour bread is not to be found there. If one likes that he can visit Germany and eat pumper-nickel, a bread of rye, less nutritious than wheat, and quite uninviting until one becomes accustomed to it. Germany is the land of black bread as France is of white, and just as the people of the two countries differ in intellectual qualities do their breads differ in character.