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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

December 23, Sunday.—Fourth Sunday of Advent.
 " 24, Monday.—Vigil of the Nativity. Fast Day.
 " 25, Tuesday.—The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
 " 26, Wednesday.—St. Stephen, First Martyr.
 " 27, Thursday.—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
 " 28, Friday.—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.
 " 29, Saturday.—St. Thomas, Bishop and Martyr.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

To-day the Church rejoices over the birthday of her Divine Founder—the Redeemer of mankind. The time appointed for the entrance of the Son of God into the world having arrived, Mary and Joseph were led by Divine Providence into Bethlehem. Failing to obtain admittance into the inns, they were compelled to take refuge in a grotto, which served as a shelter for cattle. There our Blessed Saviour was born to a life of poverty, humiliation, and suffering. He came to redeem the world, and to draw to Himself the affections of men, and therefore He presented Himself in the most amiable form that can be imagined—that of an innocent, helpless babe.

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

On this day we commemorate those innocent children whose martyrdom is mentioned by St. Matthew in the second chapter of his Gospel. Herod, wishing to destroy the new-born Saviour, sending, killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under.

St. Thomas, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Thomas A'Beckett was born in London in 1117. Having embraced the ecclesiastical state, and given proof of singular ability and fervent piety, he was soon called to occupy very important positions in the Church. In 1157 he was appointed Lord Chancellor of England by King Henry II., and in 1162 was elected Archbishop of Canterbury. Though remarkable for humility and meekness, he did not hesitate to boldly defend the rights of the Church against the unjust attacks of the English king. His firmness cost him his life. He was murdered in his Cathedral by four knights at the instigation of the king, A.D. 1170.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

BEYOND TO-DAY.

If we could see beyond to-day,

As God can see;

If all the clouds should roll away,

The shadows flee—

O'er present griefs we would not fret,

Each sorrow we could soon forget,

For many years are waiting yet

For you and me.

If we could see beyond to-day,

As God doth know,

Why dearest treasures pass away

And tears must flow—

And why the darkness leads to light,

Why dreary paths will soon grow bright,

Some day life's wrong will be made right.

Faith tells us so.

If we could see! If we could know

We often say;

But God in love a veil doth throw

Across our way;

We cannot see what lies before,

And so we cling to Him the more,

He leads us till this life is o'er.

Trust and obey.

The idle man kills time; time kills the idle man.

After the joy which springs from right-doing, the purest and sweetest is that which is born of companionship with spirits akin to our own.

If and but are tiny words, but they can change the color of the sky and make the world seem a wilderness.

As a graceful mosaic is made by the tasteful laying and cementing together of an almost infinite number of little stones, so is a saintly life made up of an unbroken chain of small acts of virtue.

The Storyteller

THE JEWEL

(Concluded from last week.)

Making a cake?

Yes.

Oh, say, as if it had just occurred to him, make a try-cake for us.

I can't, I—

Oh, please, please, Gracia!

Well—

Thanks ever so much. Put it right in the oven, Gracia, 'cause we have to be at Harry's in three minutes. Let me put the stuff in the pan. My Art, isn't it lumpy? Look at the lumps, would you!

Martha—

Bob!

I guess you didn't beat it enough.

Bob, go out of the kitchen at once.

Well, hurry with the cake. Come on, Art. Say, Gra—

At once.

Oh, I know she will hurry, said Bob diplomatically over his shoulder.

Don't you dare to come back this afternoon. Do you hear? Then, as they meekly departed, she closed the door after them, murmuring as she did so:

Poor dear Martha.

According to Bob's instructions, she proceeded to beat the batter again. Suddenly her vigorous stirring stopped.

A letter, the very thing.

Then she continued beating more heartily than ever.

I cannot stand it for two long mortal weeks. I wish school—why, I'm actually pining for the three "R's," probably because I have had an overdose of dust, dinners, and dishes. Gracia emphasised her sentences by heavy strokes with the batter spoon. Four last strokes were used to underline the heartfelt words: "Poor, dear, sweet Martha," with one small tear to punctuate it.

As soon as the batter was transformed into that delightful species of edible called cake, Gracia slowly made her way up-stairs. She entered her pretty room and seated herself at her desk. There was a do-or-die expression on her face when she resolutely took her pen to write the following on her best monogram paper:

My Dear Martha,—I humbly beg your pardon for sending you away as I did. Please come back, Martha. What I thought were faults in you are only imperfections (spots on the sun), of which the best cooks must sometimes be guilty. I was guilty of them, and more, too. I said you were slow, but the things which you accomplished before breakfast I did not finish till the afternoon. I said your aprons were not clean at times—dear Martha, if you had seen the one I had on the other night—I think you are perfectly wonderful. I don't know the first thing about real housekeeping. It is a great imposition to ask you, when there is so much work here, but I would like you to teach me how you do it all. Please, please, come back to this belated house. In hope,

GRACIA HOBBS.

"If that doesn't bring her we'll go to a hotel." This humility made Gracia a bit savage.

In the library that evening Gracia was reading to her father. Abruptly she ended her paragraph:

Father!!

Mr. Hobbs guiltily dropped his hand, which was tracing his name in the dust on the table.

Forgive me, my dear—

Never mind, father. I—I'm not a great success at this, am I?

You did fairly well. I mean very well, of course. Would you still like to study domestic science?

At present only by correspondence, father?

Yes.

If I wrote a very humble letter to Martha, do you think she would return to us?

Possibly. Mr. Hobbs' eyes twinkled. But don't send it till to-morrow morning.

Why?

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Oh, father, dear, I've sent it!

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LYDIA'S TRANSFORMATION

All the heads in Peterson Corner were clustered at door and window to see Cyrus Strong driving his big motor car down the street. Whether vehicle or man excited the greater interest it would be hard to say, for the former was the first of its kind ever seen in that rustic community, and the latter was the one great man the place had produced—a farmer-lad who had gone West in his teens and made a fortune big enough to buy his native town and something over. This was his first visit to his old home in twenty years, and the place was all agog over it.

Cyrus whizzed through the village and got down at his mother's door, where the hired man waited, his eyes still bulging with excitement, though it was three days since this astonishing turnout had appeared at the farmhouse.

A keen-faced old lady, sitting with her knitting work in the sunny kitchen, looked up as Cyrus came in. 'Back the same day?' she said briskly. 'I mistrust you're gittin' tired o' Peterson Corner a'ready. You'll be for trappin' back to that outlandish place in Washington territory—'

'Washington is a State now, mother, put in the big man, good-naturedly, and a mighty smart one. 'Wall, wall, 'twas a territory in my day, an' I can't begin to learn the jography all over agin, at eighty-two,' retorted his mother, eyes and needles flashing back at him. 'An' as for goin' an' livin' with the Injuns at my time o' life, I shan't think of it. So I'll have to make up my mind to lose ye once more, Cyrus.'

'We don't exactly live with the Injuns in Seattle, mother, but I suppose you would miss the old home,' returned Cyrus a little wistfully, as his eye wandered from the quaint homely little room to the sunny garden outside, where one little white lilac tree seemed to beckon like the spirit of spring. Somehow the old life here, seen after so long an absence, struck him as pathetic in its narrowness and its ignorance of the pleasures that wealth brings. Yet he was strongly drawn to it, though he looked down upon it from a superior height; the great, gilt-edged West had never given him the home feeling.

His mother was surveying him sharply over her knitting. 'You've made about money enough, Cyrus,' she announced. 'You'd better settle down here, where it'll do some good. I don't want none o' yer fold-erols, but there's them that do. You don't know how much good you could do in a poor old town like this one—an' I sh'd think 'twould suit ye; helpin' lame dogs over stiles was alwiz your favorite occupation.'

There came up the garden path upon these words a figure in a gown that, whatever its original color, had faded to a parody of all colors, and was of such singular shape and dimensions as to be absolutely startling. Waist and skirt were fastened together with several large safety pins that blinked unabashed in the sunlight. An immense knob of hair entirely in the wrong place tilted a huge flat sunbonnet well down over the wearer's eyes.

Cyrus surveyed the figure from the window.

'Is this a lame dog?' he inquired.

'No,' answered his mother, curtly, 'that's Lyddy. She's been over to her aunt's for a day or two. She's been with me ever since you went away, and better hired help I never had. For keeping things clean an' neat, an' bein' always on hand with a good meal o' vittles, whether it's washin' day or soap-makin' or what, there ain't Lyddy's equal in the country, though she does wear unaccountable wigs, I don't deny. I don't know where she pick 'em up. I s'pose she's savin' her wages for old age—an' a good plan, too. It ain't for me to find fault.'

Cyrus had risen to go upstairs.

'She'll never get a beau if she goes lookin' that way,' he suggested cautiously.

The old lady's eyes and needles snapped.

'That's all a man thinks of,' she said sharply. 'I guess she'll be well enough if she don't. Lyddy wouldn't think of heavin' me though as for beaux, there's that Tim Clement has smashed my bush o' balm all to bits leanin' over the gate of a night when he comes along home, an' old man Millet comes every blessed Sunday night. But Lyddy won't have nothin' to say to 'em; though Tim owns two farms and old Millet's a deacon o' the Methodist Church, an' rich as mud, with no encumbrances except a red-headed boy that's too big a fool to get into mischief. Lyddy's got sense, an' she'll aiwiz have a good home with me.'

Cyrus was thoughtful as he went up to his little old room. His mother had evidently monopolised Lyddy. She ought to have a little pleasure and some

of the gay bright things women like. It wasn't too late, though Lydia was no longer a girl. Cyrus could dimly remember giving her twisted doughnuts out of his well-filled dinner-pail at the district school. Helping lame dogs over stiles was, as his mother had said, a favorite occupation even then. It gave him comfortable feeling of power, always this being able to help these people who had been left behind in the race of life.

He drove over to the country town next day, and ransacked its one good store. When he came back he brought several big boxes into the kitchen, and deposited them on the floor.

'You've done so much for mother, Lydia, that money can't pay for, I wanted to do something for you. I knew you wouldn't mind if I got you a present,' he said.

Lydia was washing at the hearth and she looked somewhat anxiously at his feet before she looked at the boxes. But Cyrus wore patent leathers now and they were speckled enough to suit even Lydia.

'Much obliged, I'm sure,' she said cheerfully; 'there seems to be considerable of it. I'll take it upstairs when I go.'

When in the solitude of her own room she opened the boxes she found a very complete outfit, for Cyrus never did anything on a small scale. There was a handsome tailored suit in two shades of brown, a light blue skirt-waist suit with a touch of lace at throat and wrists, a tea gown of silk and lace, a neat walking skirt with several separate waists, one or two pretty wrappers of print and percale, gloves, boots—everything, but headgear.

'I didn't dast to buy a blamed thing in the hat line,' explained Cyrus the next day, when Lydia thanked him for the gift. 'I knew that was ticklish business; but if you'll fix up and drive over with me this afternoon we'll make it right.'

Lydia looked at him a little curiously. She had tried on her new outfit before the glass last night, and the result had been a revelation. Lydia knew good clothes when she saw them, having assisted the Peterson Corner dressmaker to fit out many a village bride, but it had simply never occurred to her to think of a becoming dress in connection with herself. In the sensitive period of childhood she had been given to understand that she was hopelessly plain, and she had accepted the fact philosophically, reasoning that if she kept herself clean and neat it was sufficient in her case.

'I guess you hated to see me around lookin' so,' she said.

'I wanted you to have something gay,' returned Cyrus diplomatically. 'An' if I were you, Lyddy, I wouldn't pin my skirts with safety pins. I don't think it's exactly customary.'

Lydia laughed.

'I know more than you'd think to look at me. You needn't worry about the safety pins, and I shan't wear the sunbonnet, either,' she said.

She was standing on the doorstep when Cyrus drove around from the barn. She wore the tailored suit, and she had evoked from somewhere a little brown cap quite suitable for a drive. Whatever Lydia undertook to do was always thoroughly done. The hired man's jaw dropped as he saw the trim, stylish figure, and from behind the blind a wrinkled, pleased old face peered out at them as they drove away.

The next day it was currently reported that there was a stylish lady visitor at the Strong house; everybody had seen her driving with Cyrus, and the gossips speedily figured it out that it was a rich widow who had come all the way from Seattle to make sure of not losing him. Aunt Molly Peterson tried to extract some information on the subject from Lydia, as that discreet handmaiden was picking gooseberries in the garden bordering the road, but the only replies forthcoming were as vague as those of the Delphic oracle.

As the days went by Cyrus began to feel a little like Aladdin after he had rubbed his lamp, for the transformation of his protegee went on before his eyes with dreamlike rapidity. The scrub woman in the strange colored gown was no more. Lydia waited on them at breakfast in a pretty pink wrapper, which was replaced by a neat dark print during work hours. In the afternoon when she went to the store or post-office she wore a becoming skirt-waist and a chic sailor hat. The knob of hair in the wrong place had gradually become a dignified coiffure—nobody had ever known before that Lydia had beautiful hair.

'I thought Lyddy was mighty plain lookin' when I first come home,' observed Cyrus perplexedly one evening when, after the early supper, his mother's handmaiden in the silk lace tea gown had gone out of the room to bring something. Mrs. Strong asked for

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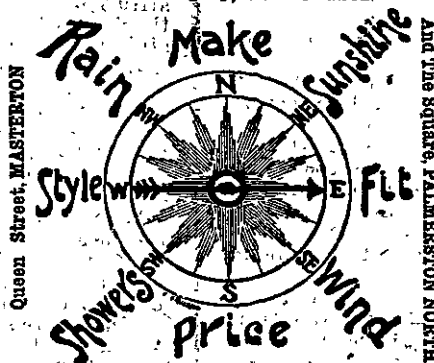
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But it was the new minister who occasioned the greatest disquiet in the minds of interested onlookers. He had seen Lydia first on the very Sunday after her drive with Cyrus. She wore the light-blue skirt-waist suit, without an ornament or a frill of any kind, and her serene, strong face was uplifted with a look of such complete unconsciousness of self that it differentiated her sharply from the blushing and rustling girls of her Sunday-school class with whom she was seated.

The minister called on Mrs. Strong a day or two later, and after that he was a constant visitor, though it was not Mrs. Strong to whom he seemed disposed to devote himself. Lydia was one of his best Sunday-school workers, and there was much to discuss in that connection. It appeared, also, that they had other tastes in common. Lydia had always been a bookworm, and she had a clear, vigorous way of setting forth her thoughts. Cyrus, whose money-making life had left him no time even for thinking of such things, often listened in real amazement as he sat by in silence. It was easy to see that the minister, who had plenty of brains of his own, found her talk interesting and inspiring. He entered with spirit into whatever subject was in hand. Cyrus wondered sometimes at the odd lonesome feeling that made him get up and slip out of the lighted parlor, from which he never seemed to be missed.

The spring passed into summer, and the minister's visits grew nearer together. He had begun lending Lydia his books, which made occasion for extra walks back and forth. Cyrus took to absenting himself altogether from the parlor of an evening, and going off for long, solitary strolls along the river. He felt as if he were in the way.

He found his mother wiping away tears with her knitting work, one evening, when he came into the kitchen. The voices of Lydia and the minister rose and fell harmoniously in the parlor, where the lamps were just lighted. The kitchen was still in the twilight.

'Why, mother, what's the trouble?' asked Cyrus anxiously.

The knitting needles began to click viciously in the shadow.

'Not a thing!' retorted the old lady, sharply. 'I reckon I can make my own soap if I be eighty-two—but Lyddy's like my own girl, an' it'll be sore work to lose her. I mistrust she's too good for him, minister of no minister—an' it's a judgment on you, Cyrus, for your fool work about beaus. Go an' sit outdoors if you don't like the kitchen; there ain't any room in the parlor to-night for the likes of you.'

Cyrus tried to laugh as he strolled out again. Peterson Corner was getting tame, he told himself. He should have to think about getting back; he thought somehow pierced him with a disagreeable thrill as he walked thoughtfully down toward the river path.

It was a half-hour later when he came back through the orchard to his favorite seat under the white lilac. He sat down, but half started up again at something he had not noticed before. Lydia was standing by the gate, with the minister holding her hands fast as he said some word so low that he had to bend his head close to hers. Cyrus could not hear what they were saying, but their attitude told its own story, and he sank back on the seat, afraid to betray himself by a movement.

He knew now what had given him such an odd feeling of homesickness all these weeks; it was home he wanted, a home such as Lydia could make with the help of all his useless money—a place here in the only spot that could ever seem like home to him. It would be the old life of his boyhood idealized and made beautiful—that was what Cyrus felt, though what he said to himself was—

'She's got a way round the house different from anything they have in Seattle, and you can't find any such doughnuts as she makes west of the Mississippi.'

Ah, but he had lost her, and there was nothing left for him but the great West and the whirl of money-making.

A skirt brushed against him and Lydia's voice said:

'You here, Cyrus? You'd better come right in, the dew's real heavy.'

'I don't want to come in,' returned Cyrus testily. 'I'm goin' away to-morrow, an' I'm sayin' good-bye to things.'

'Going away?' echoed Lydia. 'Why, everybody's going away. Here's the minister gone.'

Cyrus looked up so sharply that she started a little, but she went on serenely. 'He's had a call to Vermont, an' they're lucky to get him, though, he did seem real sorry to go.'

Cyrus was holding her wrists by this time, as if he were suddenly afraid she would fly.

'You refused him?' he said—trying to see her face in the shadow.

There was no answer, and he pulled her nearer to him. He felt her hand tremble a little, and his spirits rose suddenly, though he still looked sulky.

'Lyddy,' he said, 'if you don't want Tim Clement or old man Millett or Jim Wilkins, maybe you'd take me.'

Lydia, having tried in vain to free her hands, was gazing severely at the dusky river bank where the fire-flies sparkled.

'I can't tell till I'm asked,' she said primly. Exchange.

Catholic Orphanages and Industrial Schools

In a parliamentary paper just issued it is stated there were seven Government industrial schools in existence in 1905, and the numbers of inmates on their books at the end of the year were as follows:—Auckland (Mount Albert), 131; Boys' Training Farm, Wera-roa (new school), 111; Receiving Home, Wellington, 235; Receiving Home, Christchurch, 245; Burnham, 232; Te Oranga Home, 59; Caversham, 404; total, 1402. Those belonging to private (Catholic) industrial schools were distributed as follows: St. Mary's, Auckland, 141; St. Joseph's, Wellington, 58; St. Mary's, Nelson, 282; St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin, 52; total, 533.

The following are the reports of the various medical officers on the Catholic schools:—

St. Joseph's Girls' School, Wellington, was examined on April 20 of this year by Dr. Mackin, who says: 'I found the inmates happy, cheerful, and in the best of health. The dormitories, class, dining, and work rooms were scrupulously clean and well ventilated, and the sanitary arrangements in first-class order. During the year I made a thorough examination of the institution monthly. There were no cases of severe illness until November, 1905, when two inmates contracted influenza, and this was followed by pneumonia. One of them was sent to the Hospital, and died at that institution on the 30th November, 1905. I must again thank Sister Ambrose for her untiring zeal in looking after the health of the children, and trust she will remain with them for many years.'

Regarding St. Mary's School, Stoke, Dr. Hudson says: 'The year, medically speaking, has been uneventful. There has been no epidemic disease during the year. The health of the boys has been particularly good. No deaths occurred during the year. Reporting on St. Mary's School, Nelson, Dr. Hudson states:—'During the year there has been no epidemic disease. The health in general of the inmates has been particularly good. Two deaths have occurred in the institution during the year—one Sister, Mary St. Clair, one baby, aged three months and a half, from marasmus.'

In his report on the Boys' School at Takapuna, Auckland, Dr. Gratian Guinness states that this home is well kept, the bedrooms clean and well ventilated; the out-offices are in good condition, and well kept. The children are healthy and well cared for. There has been no case of infectious disease during the last four months.

'Quite recently,' writes Dr. Darby, 'I made a thorough examination of the above institution (St. Mary's Girls' School, Ponsonby). I went through every department most minutely. The sanitary lavatories and water-supply are very good; the dormitories well ventilated, and bedding most comfortable. The food is good and well varied; and cleanliness a speciality throughout the institution. The health of the children has been exceptionally good.'

Dr. O'Neill, in his report on the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin, says: 'With the exception of a few minor ailments the health of the inmates has been particularly good, no deaths having occurred and no infectious diseases shown itself during the year. Clean, judiciously fed, and properly clothed, the children are happy and show every sign of the careful attention of the Sisters. The hygienic and sanitary arrangements of the institution are in a very satisfactory condition.'

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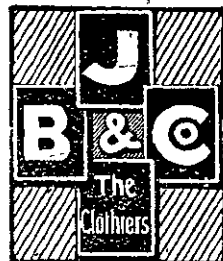
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Current Topics

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'We desire,' says the St. Louis Catholic Progress, 'to congratulate the "New Zealand Tablet" on its recently improved typographical appearance. It is unquestionably one of the strongest Catholic exchanges which come to this office.'

Praise from so high a source is praise indeed. Our thanks to our bright contemporary by the far-off Mississippi!

Modern Paridels

Pope in his 'Dunciad' pours forth his pity upon the easy-going, inactive Paridel, who wore away the days of his useless life

'Stretched on the rack of a too easy chair,'
and suffering

'The pains and penalties of idleness.'

An indignant lay writer in our esteemed contemporary, the 'Outlook' seems to regard the non-Catholic clergy in this Colony as modern Paridels. But he pours neither benison nor pity upon their nodding heads. 'They bemoan,' says he, 'the fact that the Churches have not bestirred themselves' (in the matter of imparting religious instruction in the schools); 'and, lest the Churches should awake and ask the ministers to do the work for which they specially exist, they lull them to sleep the sounder. Our Torres Vedras! I think the event in English history which it most resembles is Byng's affair at Minorca. . . Do the ministers of the Church in New Zealand think that they are fulfilling Christ's last command with reference to the children at their own doors? Why do they not take up this work—a work really far more important than Sunday schools and sermons? If other things must go in order that the young be taught, let them go. All other things are small compared with this. I read that Paul taught daily in the school of one Tyrannus, and the results of that teaching affect the world to the present day.'

Marsh-weeds grow best in stagnant pools. And disorders grow fast and rank where zeal for the little ones has become stagnant and sluggardised. We Catholics realise better than others the tremendous perils and the high possibilities of child-life. We know—and act upon the knowledge—that work among Christ's little ones is even more important than Sunday schools and sermons. We try as best we may to imitate the example given by St. Paul in the school of Tyrannus. And we leave the rest to God, hoping that with His blessing 'the results of that teaching' will 'affect the world both to-day and to-morrow and in all the days to come. We toil on, hopeful that our long and loyal and patriotic labors for the highest interests of the State will receive due recognition at its hands when the presentiad of secularist public instruction, our inheritance from the French Revolution, has run its evil course. But whatever time and circumstance may send; our duty to Christ's little ones will be carried on with unflagging zeal.

It may not be our lot to wield
The sickle in the ripened field;
Nor ours to hear, in summer eves,
The reaper's song among the sheaves.
Yet where our duty's task is wrought
In unison with God's great thought,
The near and future blend in one,
And whatsoever is willed, is done.

It is but a small claim—to have toiled in faith and hope for the cause of God. If even one of the larger Christian Churches in New Zealand rose from its ignominious easy chair and did the one-half of what their poorer Catholic fellow-colonists have done for the cause of religious education, the school question in New Zealand would be solved within three years.

The A.C.T.S.

The Australian Catholic Truth Society is the most practical outcome of the great Catholic Congress that assembled in Melbourne towards the close of 1904. The need for such an organisation had long been pressing, and soon it was out, full-panoplied, like the knight of the olden chivalry, to do battle for God and truth and right against the forces of ignorance, prejudice, irreligion, and immorality. Its sword and lance are the voice and pen—the lecture and the pamphlet. Within the two infant years of its existence the Society, says its recently published report, 'has prepared and published over forty pamphlets, on subjects of very varied interest. So far, the list of our publications is but sample of what we desire our Society to aim at; but the time has come for the issue of a number of tracts explanatory of the truths we believe, for which there is a great demand. The total number of pamphlets published by the Society up to date is 247,000. The number circulated is 172,840. Of the Society's excellent and recently issued 'Australian Prayer-Book', no fewer than 13,236 copies have been distributed. The organisation is doing excellent work. It is now trying 'in every possible way to reach out to the farthest limits' of the far-scattered States and Colonies of the Australian group. It comes as a shock to us to learn from the report that there are in New Zealand only forty-eight subscribers to this noble and self-sacrificing work. We trust there will be from this Colony a numerous and generous response to the appeal for five thousand more supporters 'who will cheerfully subscribe five shillings a year, and not expect it all back again'. (Subscriptions will be received by the Rev. J. Norris, Catholic Presbytery, Dryburgh St., North Melbourne.) In the interests of Catholic truth, many of the Society's pamphlets are sold below cost price, others at an infinitesimal profit. We hope that there are many among our readers on both sides of the Tasman Sea who will hasten to have a share in this great and good work—mindful of the prophet's promise, that they who instruct many unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity.

Juvenile Smoking

Calverley once sang the manifold stories told by exaggerated opponents to the discredit of Madame Nicotine—alias 'the Fragrant Weed'—

How they who use fuses
All grow by slow degrees
Brainless as chimpanzees,
Meagre as lizards;
Go mad, and beat their wives,
Plunge (after shocking lives)
Razors and carving-knives
Into their gizzards—

besides other enormities too numerous and too sanguinary to mention. A serious political counterpart to this consciously droll exaggeration of the social evils of tobacco is furnished by the solemn dictum of Charles Fourier: 'The nation that smokes perishes'. Neither smokers nor non-smokers accept such sweeping generalisations. But the most progressive States, basing their verdict upon lay experience and medical testimony, place a serious discount on juvenile smoking—and especially on the sucking of those deadly cigarettes that, on the other side of the Pacific, have received the apt appellation of 'coffin nails'. Tasmania is now dropping into line in the matter of penalising juvenile smoking, on the lines adopted—but thus far not conspicuously enforced—in New Zealand. The fair flower of early promise is often withered by the poison-bearing, reverie-producing weed. Yet, despite statutes in that case made and provided, how many boys and hobbled-boys do we see day by day laboring to acquire the nicotine habit at an age and in a form when it is most destructive—toiling after it (as the stammering Charles Lamb, a prodigious smoker, said of himself) 'as some men toil after virtue'. One of George Augustus Sala's old schoolmasters treated the juvenile smoking habit

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In his boarding school in a way that may possibly commend itself to some house-fathers and educationists who may read these pages. 'He made it publicly known,' writes Sala, 'that a boy detected in smoking would not necessarily be caned, but that on three alternate days for a week following the discovery of his offence, he would be supplied at 1 p.m. with a clean tobacco-pipe and half an ounce of prime shag, in lieu of dinner.' The result is told by Sala: 'We had very few unlicensed smokers after this announcement'.

Sectarianism in Politics

There are (according to Bacon) people so selfish that they will set a house on fire 'an it were to roast their eggs'. The various 'sectarian electors' committees across the water lit the flame of religious passion all over two States in order to 'roast their eggs'—to secure an unconstitutional religious ascendancy for their own 'yellow' faction, and to exclude Catholics and tolerant Protestants from public life. 'Supposing', said the Archbishop of Melbourne in a recent discourse, 'Catholics met and issued such an unchristian, uncharitable, and unjust programme, and proclaimed their intention to exclude, as far as they could, every Protestant from Parliament, what would the world say but that they were most unchristian and uncharitable, plotting against the best interests of the State, and not good citizens in seeking to arrogate to themselves powers and privileges they should share with others? Seeing that they (Catholics) were only a fourth or a fifth of the population, how could they adopt measures that would ensure any undue political or parliamentary representation? The whole thing was a farce. It was simply an excuse to justify themselves before their own consciences—if they ever appealed to conscience—at any rate before the world—for the oppressive and unjust measures adopted by them for the purpose of depriving Catholics of those political and social privileges to which they were justly entitled.' The most melancholy feature in this evil business was the scandalous extent to which the movement was captained by men who profess to be ministers of the Gospel of peace and brotherly love. The vast majority of the leaders in this infamous conspiracy against the political and social rights of Catholics and fair-minded Protestants were clergymen. 'They,' said the Archbishop of Melbourne, 'fanned the flame, and fomented an unchristian spirit far more than the laymen, who, taking them as a whole, were not wanting in a sense of justice, a sense of propriety, and a sense of charity.'

Once upon a time—it was in 1824—'Dr. Peppercorn' (Barham of the 'Ingoldsby Legends') described how he and his friends carried home upon a shutter a so-called 'Doctor Marshall'—a talented tipster who had been laid out beneath a gas-lamp by sundry long streaks of 'Eckwid littenin'.

'We bore him home, and we put him to bed,
And we told his wife and his daughter
To give him, next morning, a couple of red
Herrings, with soda-water.'

The orgie of political sectarianism is for the moment done beyond the Tasman Sea. The clerical and lay gutter-politicians that bore its standards are now surveying the scene of their sectarian debauch with a collective head that must ache consumedly with the wild revelry of yesterday and the blighted hopes and disappointed ascendancy aspirations of to-day. The conspiracy has failed to achieve its chief purpose. The Midshipman Easy system of triangular parties still prevails in the Commonwealth Parliament. For all practical purposes, parties stand in regard to each other pretty nearly where they stood before—only a little more chaotic and confused. We commend to the conspirators the Peppercorn 'pick-me-up'—the sectarian red herring which they drew across the political issues of the Federal elections, washed down by something different from the strong waters of religious hate and passion that (like the Genial Showman's 'liquid death') were distilled under the personal supervision of Satan.

The Irish Delegates

OTHER ENTHUSIASTIC MEETINGS

DUNEDIN

As briefly stated in our last issue, Mr. Devlin, M.P., arrived in Dunedin by the first express on Wednesday of last week, having addressed a very successful meeting at Gore on the previous evening. The distinguished visitor was met at the Railway Station by his Lordship Bishop Verdon, Rev. Fathers Coffey (Adm. St. Joseph's Cathedral), Cleary, Ryan, Corcoran, and Buckley, Mr. J. B. Callan (chairman of the reception committee); and several other members of that body. Mr. Devlin was accompanied to Dunedin by Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary (Lawrence) and Very Rev. Father O'Neill (Milton). It is needless to say that he was received with a real Irish welcome by those present. After a brief interchange of compliments, he was driven, accompanied by the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, to the Bishop's palace, being the guest of his Lordship during his stay in Dunedin.

THE PUBLIC MEETING

Not for many years had any public meeting here attracted so much attention. Long before the hour appointed for its opening the Princess Theatre was well filled with an eager and expectant audience. The fame of Mr. Devlin as an orator had reached this Colony long before his arrival, and this no doubt had something to do with attracting to the place of meeting many who were not deeply interested in the demands of the Irish people for self-government. Of the large gathering present, it may be safely assumed that nine-tenths were earnest or enthusiastic supporters of Home Rule, while the balance was made up of the neutral, the curious, and the critical. That the sympathisers were the overwhelming majority of the audience was unmistakably apparent when, at a few minutes past eight o'clock, the chairman (Mr. J. B. Callan), who was accompanied by his Lordship Bishop Verdon and Mr. Devlin, appeared on the stage, their entry being the signal for rounds of applause. The following among others occupied seats on the stage:—Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, Very Rev. Father O'Neill, Rev. Father Coffey, Rev. Father Cleary, Rev. Father McMullan (Ranfurly), Rev. Father Ryan (Mosgiel), the Hon. W. M. Bolt, M.L.C., Messrs. A. R. Barclay, M.H.R., M. Cohen, C. Darling, F. Armstrong, C. A. Shiel, T. Deehan (secretary), etc. A number of the clergy were also in the audience.

When the applause, occasioned by the delegate's entrance, had subsided, Mr. J. B. Callan, in a felicitous and commendably brief speech introduced Mr. Devlin—a gentleman (said the chairman) who by his ability, earnestness, and eloquence had won golden opinions for himself in Australasia. Mr. Callan reminded the audience that it was more than twenty years since he had the pleasure of introducing Mr. John Redmond to a New Zealand audience. The same enthusiasm which swayed Irishmen then was as vigorous as ever. There was one feature about Mr. Devlin's visit which was to be regretted—it was too brief, otherwise they would have much pleasure in taking him to see some of the beauties of Dunedin. (Applause).

MR. DEVLIN'S SPEECH

Mr. Devlin's rising was again the signal for long and hearty applause. He began by thanking the chairman for his complimentary remarks, and the citizens of Dunedin for the cordiality of their reception and for their warm sympathy towards Ireland, as manifested by such a large audience. It was a source of great pleasure to him to know that Ireland, amid all her trials and vicissitudes, in all her struggles for self-government, was not only able to retain the enthusiasm and the splendid fidelity of her own people in the Australasian colonies, but was able to inspire public-spirited citizens of other nationalities to lend a hand in the high and noble task of ending the long-standing conflict between two great peoples, and establishing a spirit of international peace and concord between them. (Applause). During the past century there had been tried many methods for remedying the wrongs of Ireland. In a spirit of indignation, at various epochs of her history, the people had risen in revolt against what they considered a cruel and

Intolerable System;

and perhaps there were persons living in various parts of the Empire who could not give their moral sanction, their support, to what was regarded as unconstitutional outbursts, sometimes justifiable, sometimes un-

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justifiable. He did not come to the colonies to express an opinion on the wisdom or otherwise of those who tried to redress the grievances of Ireland by the means referred to. The weapons of revolution had now disappeared, having given place to the constitutional weapon of moral force; and in coming out to the colonies of Australia and New Zealand, which enjoyed responsible government, he could say on behalf of the Irish people that they wanted in Ireland what the people of New Zealand enjoyed—they wanted Ireland for the Irish, as they had New Zealand for the New Zealanders; they wanted the right to govern Ireland, as her own people govern New Zealand. They wanted the government of Ireland based on the fundamental

Principle of Democracy—

government of the people, by the people, for the people. (Applause). And as every part of the Empire which enjoys self-government is entirely peaceful and prosperous, so the Irish people merely ask for the only portion that is not prosperous, not contented, not happy, not free, the same essential rights which the people of New Zealand enjoy—that they may be in a position to bring to bear upon the public problems that affect their welfare, and the permanent glory of their land that Irish genius and capacity, that public spirit, that brawn and brain, that have played so potent a part in the advancement of every Christian and human cause, that make for human happiness in every other part of this widespread Empire. (Applause.)

Mr. Devlin, having thus cleared the ground, quoted the dictum of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman that good government was no substitute for self-government, and if this were so, how much less was bad government a substitute for self-government. The speaker then brushed aside the contention that the demand for Home Rule was merely a sentimental one; but even if it were so he considered a nation like Ireland, that had given the world warriors, poets, artists, singers, and martyrs, was destined by God for a higher purpose than to be regarded as a mere English province. The speaker dealt with the condition of Ireland when she had a parliament of her own, and then gave a vivid sketch of Ireland during

The Last Century—

a century of national disaster, of decimated population, ruined industries, famines, abortive rebellions, of justice denied, and the rights and liberties of the people trampled upon. He did not refer to these matters for the purpose of stirring up enmity, but to show how signally England had failed during the past 100 years in governing Ireland according to the principles of right and justice. The statements made as to the condition of Ireland during the past century were facts known to every unbiassed student of history, whilst the statistics with reference to depopulation, and the tragic story of the famine years were taken from Government publications. A curious commentary on the government of Ireland was mentioned by Mr. Devlin. The cost of education came from the revenue derived from whisky, so that as the people advanced in sobriety the grant for education was reduced. New Zealand prohibitionists should make a note of this. The paternal interest which the Government takes in education was again illustrated by the statement that

The Policeman

in Ireland is a much more important individual in the eyes of the authorities than the school teacher, as judged by remuneration for services. Another important point touched upon by Mr. Devlin was that of taxation. As the population decreased, taxation increased, so that now she is paying five times the amount into the Imperial Exchequer that she paid with double the population. Ireland had a population about equal to Scotland, yet her police force cost a million more than Scotland, she paid the same amount in excess for her judiciary, and three quarters of a million more for her local government, notwithstanding the fact that it was the most crimeless country in the world, as was evidenced by the frequency with which the judges on circuit were presented with white gloves. Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Chamberlain, and others were quoted in support of the utter failure of English rule in Ireland. The speaker then went on to refer to the change that was making itself felt among the thinking portion of the population of

The North of Ireland,

who were beginning to realise that sectarian strife was sown by interested place-hunters for their own selfish ends. The small section of Irish representatives who called themselves Unionists, had secured lucrative positions out of all proportion to their numbers, abilities, or importance as a party. One of these with a fat salary represented West Belfast in the last

Parliament, but now some other fellow was enjoying the salary, whilst the speaker had the seat. (Applause.) It was to the credit of the Irish party that during its existence not a single member accepted any position of emolument from the Government. Nearly every Under-Secretary, who had been at Dublin Castle, went back to England convinced that the system of government was bad. Amongst these were Sir Robert Hamilton and Sir Redvers Buller (the distinguished soldier).

Mr. Devlin then dealt with the objections to Home Rule on the general lines reported in our last issue. First of all it was contended that the granting to Ireland of the right to manage her own affairs would lead to the dismemberment of the Empire. Well, his experience of Australia and Canada was that the people in those colonies were marvellously loyal, for where there was freedom there was loyalty. The second stock argument against granting self-government to Ireland was that Home Rule meant Rome Rule. This was a hoary calumny, and the speaker challenged any objector to name a single instance where the Catholics of Ireland persecuted any one for conscience sake. Of the 86 members of the Irish Party 25 were Irish Protestants. Donegal with a Catholic population of 95 per cent. returned two Protestants, Mr. Swift McNeill and Mr. Hugh Law; Cork with about the same percentage of Catholics returned Captain Donelan and Mr. W. Abraham. It was the same in Longford, which was represented by Mr. Blake, son of a Protestant prelate, whilst Galway gave the latest example of the tolerant spirit of the Catholics by electing Mr. Stephen Gwynn. (Applause). Then again

Every Leader

in every movement for the betterment of Ireland from Robert Emmet to Parnell, with the exception of O'Connell, was a Protestant. He himself had been elected for West Belfast by his Catholic and Protestant fellow-citizens, being the first Catholic in 25 years, and the second in a century to represent that constituency. His return was an example of the new spirit that was coming into existence in Ulster. (Applause). The third objection was that if they had Home Rule they would quarrel amongst themselves, but even if that were so he thought they could not make such a bad hand of things as had been done during the past century. Furthermore, it was not likely they would agree on every point. They did not do so in Australia, for there they had protectionists, free traders, and labor men. Responsibility would create stability. This was not a fight for material progress nor for political power; it was a fight to prevent their race from extermination. It was to preserve Ireland, to make it the home of a grand old Irish peasantry. In conclusion he expressed the belief that they were coming to the end of this conflict, and it was to be their joy and his to see the last act enacted of this great human drama. And when the Irish envoy next came to New Zealand it would not be to plead for succor and support for a brave and gallant people to fight against unparalleled odds, but it would be to convey the gratitude of the Irish at Home to the Irish abroad and to all sections who love human liberty for its own sake. (Prolonged applause).

RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

In the interval between the speech and the proposal of the resolutions a number of gentlemen made a collection among the audience, the Kaikorai Band at the same time playing Irish selections.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon in a brief speech proposed the first resolution, which was as follows: 'That this meeting endorse the principles of the Irish Home Rule movement, believing that local self-government, while preserving the Imperial connection, will be for the benefit alike of Ireland and the Empire.'

The motion was seconded by Mr. C. Darling, who, in the course of his remarks, said he was not aware of any instance in history where the maintenance of a policy of justice and humanity and morality had led to the disruption of an Empire, but he was aware of many examples, whether of empire, republic, or monarchy, in which a policy that had involved human degradation had resulted in decay and ruin. The Irish party stood for the right of self-government, of individual initiative, and the right of the people to fashion and form and direct the government under which they live.

The resolution was carried with enthusiasm. Mr. A. R. Barclay then moved that the thanks of this meeting be heartily given to Mr. Devlin for his able and clear exposition of the aim of the Irish National movement, and they pledge themselves to assist the Irish and Liberal parliamentary leaders by every means in their power. In the course of his speech he said he firmly believed that after all these years the dawn was breaking, that they were on the verge

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of victory, and that the hour of triumph was at hand, and when that hour did come there would go up from every mountain, hill, and valley in the Old Land, from every glen and hamlet, from every village, town, and city a cry of rejoicing that would be re-echoed in every land on earth where there were men and women who loved their fellows and who honored liberty.

Mr. J. J. Marlow seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.

The chairman then announced that the amount contributed in cash to the parliamentary fund had exceeded £300. The amount has since then been increased to over £330, which is considered a very large sum, taking into account the time of the year, and also that a very successful fortnight's bazaar had only been brought to a conclusion a few days before Mr. Devlin's visit.

Mr. Devlin, after thanking the audience for their patience and enthusiasm, paid a well deserved tribute to Mr. Callan, who was an ideal chairman; he had not had a better at any of the 200 meetings in Australia. He also thanked his Lordship the Bishop for his warm hospitality, Rev. Father Cleary for the deep and active interest he had taken in the mission, and also the other clergy, many of whom had come from a considerable distance to attend the meeting.

When Mr. Devlin resumed his seat at the conclusion of his speech many in the audience were astonished to find that it had lasted over two hours, the time having passed so quickly under the spell of his eloquence. Many who had come out of curiosity or to criticise remained to the end to be convinced by the logic of his arguments, his earnestness, and the power of his oratory. One man had an engagement at nine o'clock, but so carried away was he by the torrential eloquence of the speaker that the end had come before he realised how time had flown. "It was a fine speech," said one of the audience to an old and experienced journalist. "Speech you call it," replied the newspaper man, "I call it an oration, the equal of which I have never heard in my life, nor is it likely I ever shall."

On Thursday morning Mr. Devlin, accompanied by his Lordship the Bishop and Rev. Father Coffey, visited the Catholic institutions in Dunedin. The orphans gave the distinguished visitor a pleasant surprise by singing some of Moore's melodies in Irish. At the Christian Brothers' School he was presented with a handsome gold-mounted walking-stick by the pupils. Mr. Devlin gave addresses to the various institutions visited by him.

OAMARU

Mr. Devlin, who was accompanied by Rev. Father O'Reilly, arrived in Oamaru on Thursday evening, and was met at the railway station by the Right Revs. Mgr. Mackay, the Rev. Father O'Neill, Mr. T. O'Grady, and about 50 of the prominent Irishmen of the district. The visitor was given a hearty reception, and made to feel that during his brief stay in Oamaru (says the 'North Otago Times') he would have the support of many, and that in this distant part of the Empire an active interest is felt in the affairs of Ireland and the advance of the Home Rule sentiment. From the station Mr. Devlin was conducted to the presbytery, where he was the guest of Monsignor Mackay.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the Drill Hall. The chair was taken by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. R. Milligan), who was supported on the platform by Monsignor Mackay, the Rev. Fathers O'Reilly and O'Neill, Messrs. O'Grady, Taylor, Duggan, and Livingstone, while among the audience were the Hon. T. Y. Duncan, Messrs. Creagh, Evans, and others who were subsequently introduced to Mr. Devlin.

The chairman in introducing Mr. Devlin said that the Irish people wished to obtain Home Rule in a constitutional way, and they claimed it as a right. The principle was one that practically all colonials approved of, and it would be strange if they did not support Mr. Devlin in the object of his tour. The country was suffering in consequence of the system of government, and the population was decreasing rapidly. It did not seem to him that, if the government of the country was what it should be, there should be such a rapid emigration.

Mr. Devlin then spoke for about two hours, his speech being mainly on the lines of those delivered in Invercargill and Dunedin.

Mr. George Livingstone said he was doubly pleased to be present because he and Mr. Devlin were countrymen. If any country deserved Home Rule it was Ireland. He hoped that Mr. Devlin would have a pleasant tour. He moved—"That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Devlin for his very instructive and interesting address, and that in the opinion of this

meeting the people of Ireland should have an opportunity granted them of managing their own affairs, similar to all self-governing British colonies; and that we, his Majesty's loyal subjects, believe and hope that Home Rule should be granted to Ireland."

Mr. John Cagney seconded the motion. He was confident that the day was approaching when autonomy would be granted to Ireland.

The motion was carried with applause.

In reply Mr. Devlin conveyed his thanks for the expressions of the motion. He would also move a vote of thanks to the chairman, who had stated the cause with so much sympathy.

The meeting terminated with the passage of his motion.

A sum of about £100 was collected in Oamaru.

TIMARU

Nearly £400 Subscribed

Mr. Devlin arrived in Timaru from Oamaru by the first express on Friday. The chairman and treasurer of the reception committee (Messrs. M. Mullin and D. Mahoney) went down to Studholme to meet him, and found him travelling with Monsignor Mackay, of Oamaru. There was a large crowd on the Timaru Railway Station to welcome him, and as he walked to the carriage which was to take him to the Borough Council Chambers, hearty cheers were raised.

The official welcome took place in the Borough Council Chambers, among those present being the Mayor, and Messrs. Evans, Le Cren, Ward, S. G. Raymond, Howley, Alpers, Moss, Jonas, Campbell, Stumbles, White, Kirk, Harney, Gunn, Rev. Fathers Bowden and Finnerty, and the executive officers of the reception committee.

The Mayor opened the proceedings by formally welcoming Mr. Devlin to Timaru. Mr. Craigie said he noticed by the papers that Mr. Devlin had continued to carry on his mission as successfully in the south of this island as he had done in Australia, and hoped that as he progressed northwards the financial and moral support accorded him would continue to increase. In this country Englishmen, Scotchmen and Irishmen lived together in peace and quietness. As Mayor of Timaru he had the greatest pleasure in welcoming Mr. Devlin, and he sincerely wished that his visit to the town would be as pleasant as possible.

Mr. M. F. Dennehy, secretary to the reception committee, then read the following

ADDRESS:—

"This your first visit to the land of the Maori, must be a source of rejoicing to you, inasmuch as it shows how prosperous a people can become when they are masters of their own destiny. In the midst of triumphs which have attended you throughout the length and breadth of the great Commonwealth of Australia, and in the towns of our own Colony you have so far honored with your presence, your mind must often have reverted to the land whose accredited representative you are, and the contrast between the prosperity of these young countries and the stagnation and decadence which has fallen upon your devoted land, not by the act of Providence, or the fault of her own children, but by a century of misgovernment, must have dimmed the lustre and saddened the joy of your brightest moments. We, the people of Timaru, many of us directly from the lands of the Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle, and others again descendants of those who claim these cherished countries, as their mother, standing in the light of a new century, far removed from all petty prejudices and party strife, and thoroughly imbued with an ineradicable abhorrence of religious rancour, proclaim our firmest belief in the equity, justice, reasonableness, and necessity of "Home Rule for Ireland," being satisfied that it will make a prosperous and contented people; strengthen the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic Union; and consolidate the Empire. It will make of every Celt whether wintering amidst the icy rigors of Nebraska, holding in his hands the balance of power in the Senate of the United States, or tending his flocks on the sun-dried plains of the mighty southern Commonwealth, a shield to defend the throne of Greater Britain against the attacks of its myriad foes. As a harbinger of good tidings you come to our shores, and while wishing you from the bottom of our hearts "Cead mile failte," because of the cause and people you represent, we do not forget what is due to your own personality. As one of that party which, since its inception, has supported every progressive measure that has been introduced into the Imperial Legislature you also command our services; and your herculean labors, the brilliancy of your oratory, and the magnitude of your achievements, since you first beheld the southern cross would alone assure you an enthusiastic reception. With the firmest confidence in the success of your present visit and with the assured hope that the "counsel sage and patriotic zeal,

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the veteran's skill, youth's fire and manhood's heart of steel," will succeed in throwing open the doors of the old Parliament House on College Green to the legislators of a newly born nation.—We are, etc., etc.

In reply, Mr. Devlin, who was greeted with loud applause, said that his very grateful and heartfelt thanks were due to all for their cordial and whole-hearted reception and for having assembled at that inconvenient hour, to show their sympathy with cause of Irish self-government. He had only been in New Zealand for a little less than one week, and had not much time to view personally, her lavish display of nature's grandeur, or to become acquainted with local conditions, but in the short time at his disposal he could agree with the address that this was a country of great scenic beauty and manifold resources, and that its progress was stimulated and assured by the great blessings of responsible government. He was not surprised that in a land such as this, which might be called, as Ireland once was, 'God's own country,' her people inspired by the spirit of self-government, should like to see that priceless privilege also given to another integral part of the British Empire.

The proceedings then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

In the evening Mr. Devlin gave an address in the Theatre Royal. The Garrison Band played a national selection or two in the street as the audience assembled.

The Mayor, Mr. Craigie, occupied the chair, and again welcomed Mr. Devlin to Timaru. He considered it his duty and privilege as Mayor to welcome distinguished visitors to Timaru—Governor, Premier, member of the House of Commons, or sweet singer of national songs. He introduced Mr. Devlin as an eloquent, exponent of Irish national sentiment. Twelve years ago they had a visit from another member of the Imperial Parliament, the late Michael Davitt, whose character and work he highly eulogised, and contrasted with the Conservative element in society and politics at Home, an element which foresaw disruption of the Empire if Ireland were granted Home Rule. New Zealand, he said, was a refutation of that idea, with its prosperous and contented people living under a democratic form of government and notably loyal to the Empire. They were not controlled from England at all, save through their Governors. The present and the late Governors were both Irishmen, and so long as they sent such men as Governors New Zealand would never ask to have the link severed. Mr. Craigie spoke of the great men whom Ireland furnished in every branch of public life, political and military, in all parts of the world. It was absurd to say that if Ireland were granted Home Rule it would mean destruction of the Empire. Mr. Craigie concluded by apologising for having to leave the meeting to attend a statutory meeting at which he must be present, and he nominated Mr. Wm. Evans to take his place as chairman.

Mr. Devlin thanked the Mayor for his kindness and public spirit in according him a hearty welcome on his arrival at Timaru. He recognised in the Mayor one who had only to make up his mind, and he would take the right course with decision and energy. He rejoiced to find, though he had been only eight days in New Zealand, that New Zealanders of all nationalities were heart and soul with Ireland in her desire for those blessings of self-government which inspired the flourishing institutions of this prosperous land. Mr. Devlin then went on to speak of self-government for Ireland, the main points of his speech being similar to those dealt with in the southern centres.

Mr. S. G. Raymond proposed the following resolution:—That this meeting appreciates the great efforts that have been made by the party led by Mr. John Redmond, and is satisfied that conferring Home Rule on Ireland is necessary for the contentment of the country, and will greatly promote its prosperity and the stability of the British Empire. Mr. Raymond said they had listened to a speech than which nothing could be more convincing except a visit to Ireland. He had lately travelled through Ireland, and the spectacle he saw, of languishing industries, while those of England were flourishing, the gloom resting upon the people, the miserable habitations of many of them, impressed him with a firm conviction that some material and radical change was absolutely necessary.

Mr. Evans seconded the resolution. He said he had done that sort of thing before, when Home Rule was not so popular. He too had lately been through Ireland, and came away more in favor of Home Rule than ever. Mr. Evans gave some of his personal recollections of older Home Rule movements, and concluded by saying that Mr. Devlin's splendid speech must have given many people a better idea of Home Rule.

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Alpers proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Devlin for his speech. In the course of a few remarks, he said that Mr. Devlin himself was a stronger argument than any speech, of the fitness of the Irish to rule themselves. He was himself a countryman of their Queen, and like her, only an Englishman by naturalisation, but as an outsider he recognised the justice of Ireland's claims. Mr. Alpers pointed out that throughout the 19th century England had granted free institutions to one colony after another, the latest being the Transvaal, while the people were still disaffected. He had come to the meeting with nothing Irish about him but the color of his neck tie; he left it Irish also at heart.

Rev. J. G. Chapple, St. Andrews, seconded the motion, and in doing so justified his position as a speaker at a Home Rule meeting. He stated that he was converted to Home Rule when a youth, through reading up the subject in order to take the affirmative side in a debating club in Queensland, when no one else would do it.

The motion was carried with applause, and Mr. Devlin returned thanks for the motion, to the Mayor for his remarks, and to the Mayor's locum tenens for his kindness. Mr. Evans, he had been told, had supported Home Rule when it was not fashionable, and was one of its bravest defenders and boldest advocates. He thanked the Mayor for his public spirit in taking the chair, and also those gentlemen who had pleaded the cause of Home Rule with an ability and a knowledge which would put to shame many of his own countrymen.

A MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE.

Mr. Devlin's visit to Timaru (writes our own correspondent) has been most successful, the total amount cleared, when all returns are to hand and expenses paid, cannot be far short of £400, a very creditable amount indeed. Mr. Mullin, chairman, Mr. Mahoney, treasurer, and Mr. Dennehy secretary of the reception committee, did splendid work, and to their efforts and unsparing devotion Timaru's fine contribution to the Home Rule fund is directly due. Mr. Devlin contracted a severe cold on his way to Timaru, and after his address there he was ordered a week's complete rest. However, on this (Monday) morning he is greatly improved, and hopes to be able to fulfil his engagements in Christchurch to-morrow (Tuesday) night. In the meantime his meetings at Waimate, Ashburton, and Rangiora have had to be abandoned.

INVERCARGILL

The subscriptions in Invercargill on behalf of the Home Rule fund are expected to reach £100 by the time the lists are closed. Gore subscribed £100, including, as previously stated, the sum of £25 from Queenstown.

HAWERA

A largely attended meeting was held in the convent schoolroom, Hawera, to discuss the question of inviting the Irish envoys to visit the town. The Very Rev. Father Power presided, and delivered a stirring address on Home Rule. Mr. Bunting addressed the meeting on somewhat the same lines. Mr. D. Hughes, jun, spoke from the standpoint of an Irish colonial. Mr. Clarkson (Normanby) said that he was not Irish—he was English—but had been brought up from the cradle to regard Home Rule as the Irishman's birthright, his father having been a most enthusiastic Home Ruler.

Messrs. B. McCarthy and G. Ryan were elected joint secretaries, and Mr. Cullinan treasurer. All present—about 40—were elected as the general committee for Hawera, and committees from each of the centres between Waverley and Opunake (inclusive) were appointed. Very Rev. Father Power, Messrs. D. Barry, T. O'Neill, Kelly, Cullinan, D. Hughes, and the secretaries, were appointed an executive committee.

Over £50 were collected at the meeting, some of the amounts being as follow: Very Rev. Father Power and Mr. O'Neill, £5 5s each; Mr. Barry, £3 3s; Rev. Father O'Dwyer, Messrs. D. B. Hughes, A. A. Quin, Fred. Quin, E. Cullinan, M. Kelly, M. Kelly (Te Roti), T. McPhillips, and J. O'Dea, £2 2s each.

POSTPONED MEETINGS

The meetings announced for Ashburton on December 15, Waimate on December 17, and Rangiora on December 19, were unavoidably postponed, as Mr. Devlin suffered from a cold in the throat, though otherwise in excellent health. The few days' rest since the Timaru meeting on Friday have completely removed the passing trouble, and Mr. Devlin was in excellent voice and vigor at the Christchurch meeting on Tuesday night. The postponed meetings will be addressed by Mr. Donovan, who is expected to reach New Zealand on December 31.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 1906.

The following alterations in, and additions to, the ordinary timetable will be made in connection with the above:—

SATURDAY, 22nd, and MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

An extra express train with Dining Car attached will leave Dunedin at 12.40 p.m., Oamaru, 4.10 p.m., Christchurch arrive 9.30 p.m.

The **INVERCARGILL-CHRISTCHURCH EXPRESS** leaving Dunedin at 1.26 p.m. will NOT take passengers from Dunedin for Seacliff, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, Oamaru, Studholme, Timaru, Ashburton, and Christchurch on Saturday.

The 1.26 p.m. train from Dunedin will, in addition, not take passengers for Waitati and Waikouaiti.

MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

Holiday Excursion Tickets from Dunedin to Waitati, Seacliff, Waikouaiti, and Palmerston will NOT be available by the UP MAIL train leaving Dunedin at 8.5 a.m.

Holiday Excursion Tickets for Milton, Stirling, Balclutha and stations on Lawrence and Catlins River Branches will NOT be available by DOWN MAIL train leaving Dunedin at 8.25 a.m., nor will holiday excursion tickets from stations on Catlins River and Lawrence Branches, and from Balclutha, Stirling and Milton be available by UP MAIL train arriving Dunedin at 7.5 p.m.

An extra express train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin at 9.5 a.m., arriving at Balclutha 11.25 a.m. This train connects with Lawrence and Catlins River Branch trains and will stop at Caversham and Mosgiel to pick up passengers, and at Henley, Waihola, Milton, and Stirling to pick up or set down passengers.

An extra express train will leave Balclutha at 4.30 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 6.56 p.m. This train connects with trains from Catlins River and Lawrence Branches. Will stop at Stirling, Milton, Waihola, Henley, also Mosgiel to Caversham inclusive to pick up or set down passengers.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Clinton at 8.55 a.m. will NOT leave till 9.40 a.m.

Train for Balclutha and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 6.20 p.m., arriving Balclutha 9.18 p.m. This train connects with trains for Lawrence and Catlins River Branches.

The Express train leaving Dunedin at 5.45 p.m. will NOT take passengers from Dunedin for Milton, Stirling, Balclutha, and stations on Lawrence and Catlins River Branches.

Train will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel at 11.20 p.m.

TUESDAY, 25th DECEMBER.

The whole of the train service between Oamaru and Clinton will be suspended with the following exceptions:—

The UP and DOWN MAIL and Express trains between Dunedin and Christchurch. The DOWN and UP MAIL and Express trains between Dunedin and Invercargill.

The 8.15 a.m. Dunedin to Oamaru and the 2.30 p.m. Oamaru to Dunedin.

The 6.35 a.m. Oamaru to Ngapara, and the 8.47 a.m. Ngapara to Oamaru.

Trains will leave Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 9.25 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.5 p.m., and 8.25 p.m., returning from Port Chalmers at 10.10 a.m., 3.20 p.m., 5.0 p.m., and 9.25 p.m.

The 8.55 a.m. Dunedin to Clinton, the 6.25 a.m. Clinton to Dunedin, the 2.50 p.m. Clinton to Balclutha, and the 5.13 p.m. Balclutha to Dunedin.

Trains for Caversham, Mosgiel, and intermediate stations leave Dunedin at 8.55 a.m., 9.20 a.m., and 8.20 p.m. Trains leave Mosgiel for Dunedin at 8.13 a.m., 10.19 a.m., 7.36 p.m., and 9.10 p.m.

The 7.45 a.m. Dunedin to Alexandra, and the 9.30 a.m. Alexandra to Dunedin.

The 7.20 a.m. Outram to Dunedin, and the 9.20 a.m. Dunedin to Outram.

The 6.45 a.m. Lawrence to Milton, and the 10.5 a.m. Milton to Lawrence.

The 11.15 a.m. Balclutha to Catlins River, and the 2.20 p.m. Catlins River to Balclutha.

WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

Holiday Excursion Tickets from Dunedin to Waitati, Seacliff, Waikouaiti, and Palmerston will NOT be available by UP MAIL leaving Dunedin at 8.5 a.m., nor will holiday excursion tickets from Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seacliff, and Waitati to Dunedin be available by DOWN MAIL train arriving Dunedin at 9.15 p.m.

An extra express train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 9.25 a.m., stopping at the following stations:—Waitati 10.26 a.m., Seacliff 10.55 a.m., Puketeraki 11.4 a.m., Waikouaiti 11.18 a.m., arriving Palmerston 11.40 a.m.

An extra express train will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.50 p.m., stopping at the following stations:—Waikouaiti 6.12 p.m., Puketeraki, 6.30 p.m., Seacliff 6.40 p.m., Waitati 7.2 p.m., arriving Dunedin 8.0 p.m.

Trains for Palmerston and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 8.15 a.m. and 9.50 a.m., arriving Palmerston 11.10 a.m. and 12.50 p.m. respectively.

Return trains stopping at intermediate stations will leave Palmerston at 4.5 p.m. and 6.0 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 7.16 p.m. and 8.45 p.m. respectively.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Palmerston at 5.27 p.m. will NOT leave until 5.36 p.m.

Holiday excursion tickets for Milton, Stirling, Balclutha, and stations on Lawrence and Catlins River Branches will NOT be available by Down Mail train leaving Dunedin at 8.25 a.m., nor will Holiday excursion tickets from stations on Catlins River and Lawrence branches and from Balclutha, Stirling, and Milton be available by Up Mail train arriving at Dunedin at 7.5 p.m.

An extra express train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin at 9.5 a.m., arriving Balclutha at 11.25 a.m. This train connects with Lawrence and Catlins River Branch trains and will stop at Caversham and Mosgiel to pick up passengers and at Henley, Waihola, Milton, and Stirling to pick up or set down passengers.

An extra express train will leave Balclutha at 4.30 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 6.56 p.m. This train connects with trains from Catlins River and Lawrence Branches and with train for Outram. It will stop at Stirling, Milton, Waihola, Henley, also Mosgiel to Caversham inclusive to pick up or set down passengers.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Clinton at 8.55 a.m. will NOT leave till 9.40 a.m.

Train will leave Outram for Mosgiel at 6.10 p.m., returning leaving Mosgiel at 7.5 p.m., connecting at Mosgiel with trains to and from Dunedin.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Mosgiel at 5.15 p.m. WILL leave at 5.0 p.m.

Train will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel at 10.20 p.m.

RACES AT WINGATUI.

Trains will leave Dunedin for Wingatui Racecourse at 11.0 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 11.45, and 12.15 p.m. The 11.20 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. trains will NOT stop at intermediate stations.

Trains will leave Wingatui Racecourse for Dunedin at 5.12 p.m., 5.35 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. The 5.12 p.m. and 5.35 p.m. trains will not stop at intermediate stations.

REGATTA AT PORT CHALMERS.

Trains will leave Dunedin for Port Chalmers Lower at 7.8 a.m., 10.15 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12.10 p.m., 1.10 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m., 4.5 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 6.15 p.m., 7.33 p.m., 8.25 p.m., 10.15 p.m., and 11.0 p.m.

Trains will leave Port Chalmers Lower for Dunedin at 7.8 a.m., 8.16 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 1.9 p.m., 2.15 p.m., 4.5 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 5.3 p.m., 5.35 p.m., 6.15 p.m., 7.0 p.m., 9.25 p.m., 11.0 p.m. and 11.45 p.m.

THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

RACES AT WINGATUI.

Trains will leave Dunedin for Wingatui Racecourse at 11.0 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 11.45 a.m., and 12.15 p.m. The 11.20 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. trains will NOT stop at intermediate stations.

Trains will leave Wingatui Racecourse for Dunedin at 5.7 p.m., 5.30 p.m., and 5.45 p.m. The 5.30 p.m. train will not stop at intermediate stations.

SPECIAL NIGHT TRAINS.

DUNEDIN—CHRISTCHURCH.

MONDAYS, 24th and 31st DECEMBER.

Dunedin depart 10.45 p.m., Oamaru 2.47 a.m., Christchurch arrive 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday. Will stop at Waitati, Seaciff, Waikouaiti, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, and Maheno, also at any station north of Oamaru to allow passengers from south thereof to alight.

WEDNESDAYS, 26th DECEMBER and 2nd JANUARY.

Dunedin depart 8.50 p.m., Oamaru 12.55 a.m., Christchurch arrive 7.20 a.m. on Thursday. Will stop at Waitati, Seaciff, Waikouaiti, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, Maheno, also at any station north of Oamaru to allow passengers from south thereof to alight.

CHRISTCHURCH—DUNEDIN.

SUNDAYS, 23rd and 30th DECEMBER, and MONDAYS, 24th and 31st DECEMBER.

Christchurch depart 10.35 p.m., Oamaru 5.0 a.m., Dunedin arrive 10.13 a.m. following day. Will stop between Oamaru and Palmerston to set down passengers from North of Oamaru and between Palmerston and Dunedin to pick up or set down passengers.

WEDNESDAYS, 26th DECEMBER, and 2nd JANUARY.

Christchurch depart 9.0 p.m., Oamaru 3.5 a.m., Dunedin arrive 7.5 a.m. on Thursday. Will stop at Oamaru, Maheno, Hampden, Hillgrove, Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seaciff, and Waitati to pick up or set down passengers, also at any station south of Oamaru to allow passengers from North thereof to alight.

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MONDAYS, 24th and 31st DECEMBER.

Dunedin depart 11.15 p.m., Oamaru arrive 4.25 a.m. on Tuesday.

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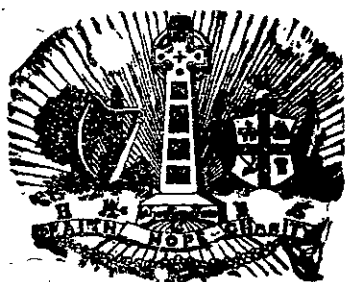
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Oats.—The quantity on offer is little more than sufficient for the local trade, and although more inquiries are being received from shippers, only small quantities are available for export. The demand is almost entirely for good to best feed lots, damaged and inferior lines being almost unsaleable. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 0½d to 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 11½d to 2s; inferior and medium, 1s 8d to 1s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—During the past week there has been a better tone in the market. Millers show more disposition for business, and favor prime quality of velvet or Tuscan. Medium quality attracts little attention. Fowl wheat continues to meet with good local and export demand, and is not offering quite so freely. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium to good, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 11d to 3s; broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Last season's potatoes are now practically out of stock, and the market is being supplied chiefly with Australian new season's crop and locally-grown kidneys and other early sorts. The latter are selling at about 2d per lb, while Australian Derwents are worth £8 to £9 per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—No prime oaten sheaf has come forward for some time. Any arriving now is sure of ready sale at satisfactory prices. Buyers have a strong preference for the best, and in consequence even with a bare market indifferent quality has little attention. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; light and discolored, £2 15s to £3 5s per ton. (bags extra).

Straw.—Wheat straw is scarce, and has good inquiry at 35s to 37s 6d. Oaten is fairly plentiful, and sells at 40s per ton.

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

Oats.—Stocks are now somewhat reduced, and there is a good demand for all offering. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; inferior to medium, 1s 8d to 1s 10d per bushel.

Wheat.—There is a better inquiry for milling quality, and fowl wheat continues to meet with a ready sale. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium to good, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; good whole fowl wheat, 2s 11d to 3s; broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 2s 10d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Supplies of old potatoes are just about finished. Australian Derwents are selling at from £8 to £9 per ton, while new potatoes are realising 2d per lb.

Chaff.—The market is bare of supplies, and as there is a good inquiry for good chaff, prices are firmer. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4 2s 6d; extra, to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 to £3 15s; inferior to light, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a fair sized catalogue at our sale on Tuesday, prices being on a par with those ruling at the previous sale. Small made up to

6d, summers to 9½d, spring does to 12½d, spring bucks to 17d, winter bucks to 16½d, winter does to 20½d, and horsehair made up to 15½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—At Tuesday's sale we offered a large catalogue, which was keenly competed for, and prices were much about the same as last week's.

Hides.—We submitted a catalogue of 253 at our sale on Thursday, when late prices were well maintained. Our top price for ox was 7½d, and for cows 6½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 9.

A retreat was given during the past week to the Children of Mary by the Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, who is on a visitation to St. Patrick's parish, celebrated the eight o'clock Mass this morning, and it must have been very gratifying to him to find almost the entire congregation approaching the Holy Table. Both the men's and ladies' branches of the Sacred Heart Society, Hibernians, and Children of Mary in regalia made an imposing appearance. At the nine o'clock Mass a number of children received their First Communion. After Mass the children adjourned to the Zealandia Hall, where breakfast was waiting for them, under the tender care of the good Sisters, assisted by Mrs. Mrs. Higgins. After the eleven o'clock Mass his Grace held a reception in the Zealandia Hall, where he received deputations from the various parish committees, Hibernians, and Young Men's Societies. His Grace administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of children and adults in the afternoon, when the church was again crowded. At Vespers an impressive sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, after which there was a reception of the Children of Mary by his Grace the Archbishop.

The second annual concert given by the senior pupils of St. Mary's Convent was held in the Opera House on Thursday last, when there was a very large audience. Judging by the hearty applause and the frequent recalls, it was evident those present were highly pleased with the entertainment. The stage was converted into a veritable garden of palms and arum lilies. It is impossible to pass the singing of Miss Gertrude Perrin in Meyerbeer's 'Shadow song,' the voice and rendition demanding an imperative double encore. Miss O'Brien quite took the audience by surprise, and well earned her encore. The following is the programme:—Duet on two pianos, 'Valse in Ab' (Moszkowski); Misses Meachen, Pegden, Holben and Solitt; Shakespearean chorus (a) 'Blow thou winter winds,' (b) 'Hark the lark,' (Stokes), soloist, Miss Tucker; song, 'The worker,' (Gounod), Miss Porter; part song, 'Lullaby,' Misses E. Abraham, Perrin, Clifford, Porter, and Simpson; song, 'Birds of balmy woodlands' (Weberlin), Miss E. Abraham (encore); part song, 'Evening' (Smart), Misses Clifford, Graham, Gaustad, Cameron, O'Connor, and Simpson; song, 'Out on the rocks' (Sainton-Dolby), Miss O'Brien (encore); song, 'Shadow song' (Meyerbeer), Miss Perrin; duet, 'Die Fischerinnen von Procida' (Raff), Misses Rawlins and T. Graham; chorus, 'Spinning song' (Wagner), soloist, Miss Cameron; trio, 'The flower greeting' (Churchmann), Misses Abraham, Clifford and Gaustad; song, 'The beating of my own heart' (Macfarren), Miss Clifford (encore); piano solo, (a) 'Polonez Op. 9 No. 6,' (Paderewski), (b) 'Etude V.' (Liszt), Miss O'Connor (encore); song, 'Home song' (Liddle), Miss Cameron (encore); chorus, 'You stole my love' (Macfarren), Mrs. Innes, Misses Abraham, Clifford, Perrin, Gaustad, Graham, Garrity, Martin, Tucker, Dun't, Paton, Cox, Cameron, Porter, O'Brien, Simpson, O'Connor, Park, B. Perrin, O'Reilly and Hodgins. Accompanists, Misses O'Connor and Rawlins.

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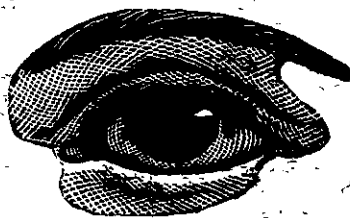
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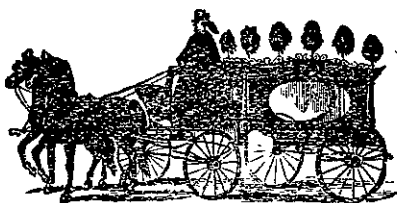
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DRAWING will absolutely take place on JANUARY 1, 1907. Father O'Dea makes a final appeal to his kind friends and well-wishers who still hold books to return books with remittances, and enable him to make the Art Union what he anticipated—a great success.

IN MEMORIAM

M'CHESNEY.—In ever loving memory of James M'Chesney, who died December 14, 1905.—R.I.P.

Notice to Correspondents

Owing to the pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over several school reports, all of which we intend to publish next week in a special supplement.

Correspondence intended for our issue of January 3 should reach us not later than the preceding Saturday.

The train arrangements for the Christmas holidays are advertised in this issue.

The proprietors of the Melbourne 'Advocate' have received the right to publish in Australia the last work of the late Mr. Michael Davitt, 'From Ballybrack to Jericho,' in which the distinguished writer gives his personal reminiscences. The first chapter will be commenced in the issue of the 'Advocate' for January 5. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiae causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1906.

'CHRIST-HUNTING' IN FRANCE



THE last stage in the atheist campaign against Christianity in France opened on the twelfth instant. The first skirmishes in the Armageddon of these two irreconcilable forces are now proceeding, and the civilised world has its eyes upon the scene and its mind in tension awaiting the results of the grand onset that is coming. The French Ministry has made its object brutally plain. Their object is not merely (as their organ, the 'Siccle', put it) 'to shake off the yoke of the Papacy'. The boast of the Premier, M. Clemenceau, is that he has scaled heaven and dethroned God. And his colleague, M. Briand, recently declared with a collective 'we' at Amiens, in words oft quoted by us, that the Ministry mean to 'hunt Christ out of the Government' of France and to 'put an end to Christianity' in that unhappy country. 'It is', says the 'Pall Mall Gazette' (London), 'a pity that the leaders of public opinion in this country should fail to realise the simple truth that the present struggle in France is not between the reasonable freedom of the State and clerical domination, but between aggressive atheism and the "idee chretienne" (Christianity). It is' (says a Protestant clergyman, the Rev. Custis P. Jones, in a letter written on October 10 to the Baltimore 'Sun') 'the work of the common enemy—atheism—of Christians of every name, Protestants as well as Catholics, and the success of this foul blow against the Church of Rome would only turn over France to infidelity, and not to Protestantism'. The following are some of the features of the new onset against religion in France: (1) A Bill is to be pushed through Parliament for the immediate confiscation of churches, presbyteries, seminaries, etc., and the conversion of them to secular uses—with the exception of such churches as have been taken over by schismatic associations of laymen. (2) Bishops and priests who decline to fall in with the Government effort to force a lay, instead of a hierarchical, rule upon the Church, will be deprived of their civil rights—in other words, be treated as outlaws—and liable to banishment. (3) Persons conducting or assisting at any unauthorised act of public worship are liable to be imprisoned along with thieves, forgers, and other common malefactors. (4) Any priest or layman who denounces such tyranny or persecution is liable to fine or imprisonment. He will not, however, have the privilege of being tried by a jury of his peers, but by a Correctional Tribunal composed of judges appointed by the Government—after the fashion of the 'promovables' and 'removables' of such execrated name in

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Ireland. (4) Worship associations composed of clergy or laity in schism have been declared by the Council of State to be in full accord with the law; and (according to recent cable messages) it would seem as if the Ministry is to take an active part in the attempt to rend the Church asunder. Pressure on our space compels us to defer dealing with other features of the new campaign of Atheism against Christianity in lodge-ridden France.

Notes

A Greeting

To all our readers, the best joys and blessings of the Christ-Child's natal day!

Exiled French Heroines

If France is the loser, the rest of the world is the gainer, by the great numbers of devoted men and women that have been banished like common malefactors from their native country by the 'Christ-hunters' who now control the destinies of the Third Republic. Here is, in part, how a secular daily newspaper on the spot—the 'Diario Popular'—editorially describes the simple but devoted heroism of eight Little Sisters of the Poor, exiled by the French Government, in their efforts to save one of their old and helpless charges during the recent great earthquake at Valparaiso:—

'In the hour of horror, in the hour of sadness, in the hour of darkness, there shone, poured down from heaven, a light divine, that of charity most resplendently beautiful, shining to illumine the paths of men forever and making evident with striking realism the truth and the humanity of the religion of Christ. Although their house was in flames, with a heroism most sublime those eight Little Sisters of the Poor entered to seek and save the life of an aged cripple, and to-day they stand glorious martyrs before the throne of the Most High God. Driven from France by an impious government, those holy children of God have won, amid the ruins of the great hospital of Chile, the crown of Christian virtue, and in heaven their glory shall be imperishable.'

The French Minister to Chile cabled the news of the death of these noble heroines of Christ to the French Government. But such heroism tends only to enrage those who can neither appreciate nor imitate it. Well may France exclaim, as a King George did in a somewhat analogous connection: 'Accursed be the laws that deprive me of such subjects!'

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 15.

Arrangements have been made to hold the picnic on Boxing Day at Koro-Koro, a beautiful spot for the purpose near Petone.

On Thursday the children of St. Joseph's Orphanage were entertained at Day's Bay by Mrs. Kennedy. The weather was excellent, and the children had a most enjoyable outing.

The Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., conducted a retreat last week for the Children of Mary at Thorndon. On Sunday evening he delivered an eloquent sermon at the Sacred Heart Basilica on the Immaculate Conception.

It is expected that the Young Men's Camp at Christchurch during Christmas week will open with over a hundred members of the Federation under canvas. Father Kimbell appealed to the young men on Monday evening to attend in large numbers.

The representatives of the Incorporated Society of the Crusade of Rescue have good reason to feel thankful to the people of Te Aro parish for the collection made at the churches on Sunday realised nearly £90, which is the largest that has yet attended the efforts of the representatives since leaving England.

During the week we have had with us the Hon. A. Wilmot, a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory, and an M.L.C. of Cape Colony. Our visitor is an accomplished linguist, and quite recently brought out a translation of a devotional work written by a Jesuit in the eighteenth century. The original work is widely read on the Continent, and the translation, which bears the English title 'I am the way,' has been commended for its accuracy and grace. Mr. Wilmot left on Wednesday evening for Christchurch.

A crowded audience assembled in St. Patrick's Hall on Tuesday evening to hear the Hon. A. Wilmot, M.L.C., speak of South Africa. By the aid of some very interesting views of the natural scenery and illustrative of the life and industry of the South African colonies, the lecturer in a pleasing manner gave his hearers a very good idea of the state of things in those countries and of their great possibilities. He referred to the wonderful success of the Jesuit missions in Rhodesia, where a great deal was expected from the rising generation. A tribute was also paid to the late Cecil Rhodes for his efforts to assure British supremacy in Africa. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker.

During the week the results of the November law examinations came to hand, and the names of some of our young men again figure among the successful ones. In fact all the Catholic students have been successful in the sections for which they sat. Messrs. T. Jordan and E. J. Fitzgibbon have now completed their degree course, and at the next capping ceremony will have the degree of Bachelor of Laws conferred upon them. Messrs. F. P. Kelly and H. O'Leary, also of this city, have passed the first section of the final LL.B., and Mr. J. Hannan, son of Mr. Michael Hannan, the well-known barrister of Greymouth, has done the same.

It has been the custom during recent years for the members of the Catholic Club, who are for the most part 'old boys' of the Boulcott street school, to entertain the Brothers prior to the Christmas vacation. Year by year these gatherings have grown in numbers and enthusiasm, and that on Monday evening afforded the pleasing sight of the teacher being the guest of his grateful pupils of former days. The largest room in the building was set aside as a supper-room, and the tables were bounteously laden with a variety of good things. Among those present were the Rev. Fathers Kimbell, Goggin, and Quinn, the Rev. Mr. Hurley, and Messrs. J. Godfrey, Rülpert, and J. J. Devine. The toast of the evening, that of 'Our Alma Mater,' was proposed by Mr. A. H. Casey who, as an 'old boy' of the school, referred to the fond associations that clustered around the Brothers' School in Boulcott St., and to the warm feelings of friendship and kindly interest that the old boys had for their teachers, and the future well-being of the institution. He took the opportunity of wishing Brother Paul and his co-workers a happy and a holy Christmas and a bright and prosperous new year. The toast was honored most enthusiastically. Brother Paul in reply spoke of the great need of religion as an element of man's educational development; without it there was something wanting. Where it was banished there the seeds of many of our social evils were being sown. He was very happy to know that the 'old boys' cherished for the Brothers such kindly feelings. The toast of 'Education' was proposed in an able speech by Rev. Father Goggin, of London, who, after a reference to the work of the Marist Brothers in the cause of Catholic education, said that to-day many of our educationists were overlooking the kernel of the question. The very etymology of the term indicated that education in the true sense was a due development of man's faculties. There was the religious as well as the other sides of his nature to be regarded. In an education without religion there was absent a great refining and restraining influence. He took advantage of the occasion to compliment the young men on the forward state of their movement, and said that from it he had learned something that he hoped would be of use to him in initiating a Federation of the Societies in England. Mr. J. J. Devine, in replying to the toast, recounted the first meeting held by the Catholics of Wellington to consider what attitude they were to take up on the education question. At that meeting, which took place about thirty years ago, they expressed their determination to have their own schools, and they were just as determined now. How faithful the Catholics of New Zealand had been to that resolution could be measured by the splendid position that their schools occupied at the present time. Now that the older ones who had championed the cause in the past were going on the retired list, it was for the younger men to keep the flag flying. The toast of the Catholic Young Men's Club was proposed by

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Mr. J. Godfrey Raupert in an interesting speech, in which he referred to the place of the Church in the religious life of the world to-day. He advised the young men to gain some influence with the press, for it was a mighty power in the land. The secretary of the club (Mr. J. McGowan), in reply, said that the membership of the club was still increasing, and that all branches were in a flourishing condition. The toast of 'Federated Societies' was given by Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, who, after referring to the good results of federation, urged his hearers to avail themselves of the splendid opportunities for advancement that were within the reach of all. The Rev. Father Kimbell in reply delivered a forcible address, in which he spoke of the great results of combination. He would like to see the press made more use of in making known what was being done in the Catholic world. The toast of the 'Catholic Magazine' was proposed by Mr. S. J. Moran, who paid a tribute to the work effected by the magazine in the scheme of federation, and also to the energy and abilities of the editor. Mr. McKeown in reply announced that efforts were being made to issue the magazine next year as a monthly. The toast of the ladies' was given by Mr. C. Gamble, and acknowledged by Mr. P. J. McGovern. Musical items were contributed by Messrs. Leiby, McGovern, Gamble, and Foote, and the Rev. Father Goggin. Mr. Moran gave two very pleasing recitations. The singing of "Auld lang syne" brought the proceedings to a close. The several accompaniments were supplied by the Rev. Father Kimbell.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

December 12.

It is announced that the Irish delegates will visit Wanganui during the second week in January.

Members of St. Mary's Catholic Club are reminded that their quarterly Communion will take place on Sunday, December 30.

Mr. Chas. Lafferty, president of the Christchurch Catholic Club, was in Wanganui last week. He was shown over the club rooms, and was pleased with the progress the young club has made. The cribbage tournament was concluded on Wednesday, the winner being Mr. P. B. Lomax, who has thus won both the billiard and cribbage tournaments.

On Sunday morning there was a large attendance at St. Mary's Church, when 35 children made their First Communion, his Lordship Bishop Lenihan being celebrant of the Mass. After the Mass the communicants adjourned to the convent for breakfast, which was provided by the Sisters. At Vespers the Bishop preached an impressive sermon to a large congregation. His Lordship made feeling reference to the late Dean Kirk, whom he eulogised for his many good works, and saintly life. He congratulated the pupils of the convent on their singing of the hymns during the evening. After the sermon the children renewed their baptismal vows.

On December 10, a most interesting function took place, when Sir Joseph Ward unveiled the monument erected in Cook's Gardens in memory of the fallen troopers in the Boer War. After the ceremony of unveiling Sir Joseph Ward was waited upon by a deputation from the Wanganui Chamber of Commerce, who desired that the work in connection with the Parapara road, which would open up the interior down to Wanganui, should be let in large contracts, or the money should be handed over to a local body for expenditure. Another deputation from the Wanganui Harbor Board waited on the Premier representing the necessity for further shed accommodation. He promised to lay the matter favorably before his colleagues, and he assured the deputations of his sincere sympathy in their requests.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

At St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening the Rev. Father O'Dwyer, S.J., preached an impressive sermon.

The children of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage were taken out to Mosgiel on Tuesday in a couple of drags, and were entertained at Holy Cross College by his Lordship the Bishop.

The ceremony of Profession and Reception took place at the Convent of Mercy, South Dunedin, on Wednesday, December 12, when Sister M. Chanel Murphy, Hokitika, was professed, and Sister Genevieve McTavish, Winton, was received. The ceremony was performed by his Lordship the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Father Howard and Rev. Father Claffey, S.J.

The bazaar in aid of the Dominican Convent, Milton, was very successful from every point of view, the total amount received being over £200. Before its close the Very Rev. Father O'Neill, on behalf of the Dominican Nuns, thanked all those who had in various ways assisted towards the success of the bazaar, specially mentioning Messrs. Coombe Bros. for the free use of hall, the Milton Brass Band, and those who had come from Dunedin to assist. He also expressed gratification at the valuable support rendered by members of other denominations. The following is a list of stallholders and their assistants:—England.—Mrs. W. Kirby (in charge), Mrs. Dunn, Misses Reed, Coleman, and Fahey. Ireland.—Mrs. Laffey (in charge), Mrs. J. Curran, Mrs. Corrigan, Misses M'William and Maloney. Scotland.—Mrs. Moroney (in charge), Mrs. Keogh, Misses Scanlan, M'Leod, Ward, and Angus. Refreshment Stall.—Miss Staunton (in charge), Misses O'Neill, Troy, Grealish, Callanan, O'Keefe, Walsh, and Mrs. Groves. The shooting gallery was run by Messrs. M. Kretz, W. Kirby, H. Dickson, and R. Lockhart, and the fish pond was in charge of Mr. M. Curran, assisted by Miss Katie Curran and Miss Wilson.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 17.

Close holiday is being observed to-day (Monday) in honor of the fifty-sixth anniversary of the foundation of Canterbury. The greatest attraction will, of course, be the Exhibition, in the grounds of which the Fijian firewalkers from the Island of Benga, who arrived during the week, will give their first performance, and the only one yet given outside their own island territory.

On last Sunday week the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced at the eleven o'clock Mass in St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, and concluded on the following Tuesday morning. On the Sunday evening the sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Tymons (Waimate), and on Monday evening by the Rev. Father Cooney (Lytleton).

The mission of the Redemptorist Fathers in the Cathedral is being very largely attended throughout. On last Wednesday evening, in the presence of a great congregation, the Very Rev. Father Clune preached a splendid discourse on temperance. At the half-past nine o'clock Mass on Sunday last the Rev. Father Lowham made an impassioned appeal to any neglectful ones to respond to the exceptional time of grace during this, the last week. In the evening the Cathedral was again crowded, when the same gifted preacher delivered an impressive discourse on the general judgment. He also announced a special Mass at eight o'clock next Sunday, when every man in the parish is expected to approach the Holy Table. Those associated with the H.A.C.B. Society, the Catholic Club, and St. Vincent de Paul Society, are to attend in their distinctive regalia.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

December 14.

Rev. Father O'Connor, who made a short visit to Auckland, returned last Saturday by the 'Sierra' to Sydney en route to Bolivia, South America.

St. Benedict's new convent is to be blessed and opened next Sunday afternoon by his Lordship the Bishop. The building is a handsome one, and the Sisters of St. Joseph and the priests and people of St. Benedict's parish are to be heartily congratulated on this last addition to their parochial property.

At the time of writing no information is to hand when Mr. Devlin will arrive in Auckland, in consequence of which nothing has been done. Efforts without avail have been made to obtain the desired information. That he will be in Auckland well after the holidays is welcome news. Within the next few days the question should be set at rest, when all will set to work in order to bring Auckland into line with the South in its desire to help on the cause of Ireland.

The 'Auckland Star' in an editorial article last night dealing with the crisis in France said: 'We may fairly describe it as a conflict between a national democracy and a foreign theocracy.' Again he says: 'But we fail to see in the antichristian laws any sign of that "persecution for righteousness" sake, etc.' Of course he doesn't. But still the editor cannot refrain from saying: 'Nor is it possible to withhold admiration and sympathy for the courage that inspires these devoted sons of the Church and the sacrifices they are prepared to make in her cause.'

A concert and dramatic entertainment, given by the pupils of the Convent Schools and their friends in St. Bonaventure's Hall, Parnell, last Thursday evening, were largely attended, and the programme evoked much appreciative applause. A musical sketch, 'The Dancing Lesson,' was very well done, as were a number of dancing items by pupils of Miss Knight. The programme included a vocal duet, 'La Serenata,' by the Misses Topp and Atkins; instrumental solo, by Miss M. Anderson, duet, 'Martha,' by Misses O'Sullivan and Spinks; vocal quartette, by Misses Topp, Reardon, Atkins, and Nolan; recitation by Miss E. Topp; and instrumental solo by Miss E. McDonald. The second part of the entertainment was a dramatic piece, 'The Gipsy Girl.'

His Lordship the Bishop returned from his trip South last Wednesday. Owing to the 'Rarawa' missing a trip on Tuesday, the Bishop was detained one day, and in consequence missed the opportunity of presiding at the Sacred Heart College entertainment at St. Benedict's Hall that evening. From Hawera, however, he sent Rev. Brother Justin, Superior of the college, a telegram in which he expressed his deep regret at not being present to hand the prizes to the successful students. He promised in the wire to offer for next year a prize for the student who excelled in Esperanto. The Bishop said he intended, if present, to refer to Mr. Joseph Devlin's visit to Auckland and to ask his people to rally around and heartily support the member for West Belfast. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, who presided in the absence of the Bishop, informed the large audience of the intention of the Bishop, and on his behalf spoke in support of Mr. Devlin and his mission, and hoped that every Irishman and Irishwoman would rally round Mr. Devlin and make his visit the success it so richly deserved. Mr. M. J. Sheahan, who moved a vote of thanks to the Monsignor for presiding, prefaced his remarks by urging all to attend Mr. Devlin's meeting.

Holy Cross College, Mosgiel

The distribution of prizes to the students of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, took place on Thursday of last week, his Lordship Bishop Verdon presiding. There were also present Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary (Lawrence), Rev. Fathers Coffey and Cleary, and all the clergy of the College. A short and very excellent programme of music was given. The Right Rev. Dr. Verdon and Monsignor O'Leary addressed the students. The following is the prize list:—

Sacred Scripture.—Equal: C. Collins (diocese of Dunedin), M. Scanlan (diocese of Dunedin), T. Connolly (archdiocese of Wellington).

Dogmatic Theology.—Equal: C. Collins (Dunedin), M. Scanlan (Dunedin), T. Connolly (Wellington).

Mental and Moral Philosophy.—James Hanrahan (Christchurch).

Senior Mathematics.—Equal: Cyril Molloy (Dunedin), Wm. Skinner (Auckland).

Moral Theology.—Equal: C. Collins (Dunedin), M. Scanlan (Dunedin). Proxime accessit: T. Connolly (Wellington).

Senior Latin and Greek.—J. Hanrahan (Christchurch). Proxime accessit: T. Keough (Wellington), W. Skinner (Auckland).

Intermediate Latin.—H. Mulholland (Dunedin), B. Kaveney (Dunedin).

Arithmetic (junior).—Leo O'Neill (Dunedin).

Algebra (junior).—Equal: David Darby (Christchurch), John Crannitch (Christchurch).

French.—Equal: M. Keane (Wellington), J. Falcóner (Dunedin).

Christian Doctrine.—Richard Burke (Dunedin).

Senior English.—Equal: Maurice Keane (Wellington), W. Skinner (Auckland).

Junior English.—Leo O'Neill (Dunedin).

Junior Latin.—John Riordan (Christchurch).

History and Geography (senior).—Maurice Keane (Wellington).

History and Geography (junior).—Equal: J. Crannitch (Christchurch), J. Monaghan (Dunedin).

The students are to be in the College on February 23.

After a successful run at His Majesty's Theatre, Dunedin, 'The Squaw Man' gave place last night to Wilson Barrett's dramatisation of 'The Christian,' which was staged in the complete and finished manner for which all Mr. J. C. Williamson's productions are noted. This evening, Friday, and Saturday 'The Virginian' will be staged. The company is an all round strong one, and patrons may well expect a very fine performance....

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The Hon. A. Wilmot, K.S.G., a member of the Cape Legislature, and a leading Catholic in South Africa, was a visitor to Dunedin in the beginning of the week. The Hon. Mr. Wilmot has been a leading public man in South Africa for many years, and one of the reasons of his visit to New Zealand is to inquire into the working of our land and labor laws, and especially the Advances to Settlers Act. At the present time South Africa is not able, notwithstanding its vast area, to supply its own people with the necessities of life, and therefore the Government have in contemplation an irrigation scheme to assist the farmer in increasing the production of the country, and also to induce settlers to take up land. For this latter purpose the Government have under consideration the question of assisting settlers, and Mr. Wilmot has been inquiring into the means adopted in New Zealand for the encouragement of settlement. In his inquiries he received the greatest attention and facilities from the Government officials, who placed a large quantity of valuable information at his disposal. Our distinguished visitor expressed his high appreciation of what he had seen in New Zealand, especially the crops and the beautiful scenery.

Mr. Wilmot paid a visit to the office of the 'N.Z. Tablet' on Monday morning for the purpose of interviewing the editor and getting some particulars of the life of the late Bishop Moran, which he intends to embody in an account of the work of Bishop Richards (our late Bishop's successor in the Eastern Vicariate of Cape Colony), which he is contributing to the 'Catholic Magazine' of South Africa. Mr. Wilmot is well-known in South Africa as a graceful writer on various subjects, especially Catholic matters, and his writings in our South African Catholic contemporary have always been recognised as one of the main features of that excellent and ably edited monthly.

Mr. Wilmot was greatly impressed with the extent and comprehensiveness of the Exhibition. One feature above all others which riveted his attention was the fernery, with the beauty of which he was quite captivated. He was also greatly impressed with the substantial character of the buildings in the principal cities, and with the surrounding scenery. The Avon at Christchurch, with the well-planted parks, and the Southern Alps in the distance took his fancy. He was highly pleased with the substantial progress made by the Catholic Church in the 'Britain of the South,' which he considered a very appropriate name for New Zealand, the beautiful cathedrals in Christchurch and Dunedin being much admired by him. Mr. Wilmot went north on Tuesday, and is to meet the Irish envoys at Wellington on December 27. He returns to South Africa by way of Australia.

Mr. Devlin in Christchurch

Mr. Devlin left Timaru for Christchurch by the first express on Tuesday. Our correspondent wires to say that the distinguished visitor had a splendid send-off from Timaru, the Mayor and Councillors, and leading professional men being at the railway station to bid him good-bye. Mr. Devlin was delighted with his visit. Our Christchurch correspondent wires to the effect that Mr. Devlin had a most successful meeting in His Majesty's Theatre on Tuesday evening. The results were highly satisfactory.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Hugh Gourley, an old and highly esteemed resident of Dunedin, who passed away at the age of 81 years. Mr. Gourley was a native of Ballinahinch, County Down, Ireland. In 1852 he came out to Australia, and spent about ten years in Victoria, principally in Geelong. He came to New Zealand in 1861, attracted by the discovery of gold in Otago. After spending some time in Central Otago he returned to Victoria, and brought back his family to New Zealand. He started in business in Dunedin, among his other undertakings being a line of coaches to Port Chalmers. For a long time he had been identified with public offices in Dunedin. As Mayor of St. Kilda for many years, as a member of the City Council, and eventually as Mayor of the City of Dunedin, as a member of the Otago Harbor Board and as its chairman for a long series of years, as a member of the Benevolent Trust for a very lengthened term, as a visiting justice of the gaol, as a member of the Legislative Council for seven years, and in other capacities his activities covered a very wide field. The deceased was a broad-minded man, and always maintained the most cordial relations with his Catholic fellow-citizens.

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Irish News

CORK—The Oldest Poor-Law Official

Irishmen (says the 'Irish Weekly'), will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Maurice Healy, father of Mr. T. M. Healy, M.P. The late Mr. Healy was the oldest poor-law official in the country, and was appointed clerk of the Bantry Union in 1846, when he was only nineteen. In 1862 he was appointed clerk of the Lismore Union, which post he held till his death.

DERRY—Postal Appointment

Mr. D. O'Doherty, postmaster of Castlebar, has been promoted to the postmastership of Cavan. Mr. O'Doherty is a native of Coleraine, in which town he is held in the highest esteem by all classes and creeds, and his well-merited promotion gives much satisfaction to all who knew him.

DUBLIN—Irish Fruit

Mr. F. W. Moore, the Curator of the Dublin Botanic Gardens, delivered an extremely interesting and practical address at the Fruit Growers' Conference, which was held in connection with the Show of the Royal Horticultural Society at Ballsbridge. He pointed out that the first Irish Fruit Show had been held at Cork, during the Exhibition there. He declared that the present year's Show was the best that had yet been held, and was a far better Show than that of the Royal Horticultural Society of England. The quality of the fruit was up to the very highest standard; all round the fruit was better, though at the English Show there were some individual classes superior.

GALWAY—The Rival Candidates

In his election address Mr. Stephen Gwynn, the successful candidate for Galway, said: 'I stand in support of every measure for the better housing of the laborers, of every enterprise that will offer more employment in Ireland, and of every effort to improve education in all its branches. I do my best to help in keeping alive the ancient language and literature of Ireland, which are the pride and ornament of Galway.' His opponent, Captain Shaw-Taylor, who stood as a revolutionist, made the following profession of his political faith: 'I stand for the extension of self-government on lines equitable to all sections of Irishmen; for the re-instatement of every evicted tenant; for economic holdings for all agricultural tenants; for fair play for the town tenants; for justice for the laborers; for the revival and the betterment of Galway manufactures, the fishing and other industries.—God Save Ireland.'

KING'S COUNTY—The Agricultural Department

The committee that has been inquiring into the working of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Department had the evidence before it recently of Father O'Reilly, P.P., of Kilcormack. He declared that the Department was an un-Irish Department, and that it was largely staffed from abroad. He referred also to Sir Horace Plunkett's notorious book, which, he declared, was one of the factors that militated against the Department, and very nearly destroyed the Department's work in the King's County. Father O'Reilly stated very frankly that gentlemen 'who praised everything foreign and discounted everything home-grown were doing a great deal of harm to the country.'

TIPPERARY—A Local Industry

A meeting for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Industrial Development Association was held in the Town Hall, Nenagh, recently. The Very Rev. Dean White presided, and said that some time ago it was hoped that a woollen industry could be started in the neighborhood. There were obstacles in the way then, but now they had been removed, and, given a fair amount of capital and intelligence, he thought there should not be much difficulty in starting a woollen industry in Nenagh. In Nenagh there was a great deal of work in this line going to other towns, and if the money thus spent could be kept at home it would be so much the better. A committee was appointed for the purpose of eliciting information with a view to starting a local industry.

Owing to the great pressure on our space we have been obliged to curtail our 'Irish News' in this issue. Ed. 'N.Z.T.'

People We Hear About

The death is announced of Dr. Lapponi, the Holy Father's physician.

The Dublin 'Freeman's Journal' congratulates Mr. Standish O'Grady on the well-deserved tribute of a literary pension of £75 a year which has just been conferred upon him by the Government as an inadequate recognition of his splendid services to Irish literature. The pension is less valuable for the amount than for the distinction it confers, for politics are unfortunately stingy to literature. The many readers of Mr. Standish O'Grady's works will heartily rejoice in an honor which they know to be well deserved. It would serve no purpose and it would need much space to even briefly recapitulate his brilliant contributions to current literature.

In his lifetime, Prince Hohenlohe, whose memoirs have caused a sensation, seemed the embodiment of discretion and silence. He was not good at speechmaking, and he used to read what he had to say to the Reichstag—it was seldom more than from ten to twenty laconic sentences—from a piece of blue paper. He once gave a young official who wanted to know how to get on the advice to wear a black coat and hold his tongue. This good counsel he himself followed all through his life. He was far more silent than Moltke and fully as sententious in what he did say when he opened his lips. The Prince was the head of a well-known Catholic house. His second son, Prince Alexander of Hohenlohe-Schillingsfurst, who was responsible for the publication of the memoirs, has tendered his resignation as President of Upper Alsace, and it has been accepted by the Emperor.

The 'Irish World' tells an extremely interesting story about Mr. T. P. O'Connor and an Irishman he met in Philadelphia. The incident took place in the lobby of the New Willard Hotel. The man was Patrick Clarke, of Spokane. Mr. O'Connor recalled to his memory the fact that he had met him seventeen years previously, on his last visit to America, and that at that time he was a very enthusiastic supporter of Home Rule. 'Mr. Clarke,' we read, 'shook both hands of the Irish Parliamentary envoy for several minutes. He told how he had advanced in prosperity, until he is now one of the wealthiest mine-owners in the North-West. "I am stronger for Home Rule than ever before, and better able to show my sentiments," he said. "In proof of this statement, I am going to write out my cheque to Mr. Ryan for 1000 dollars for the good cause." The memory of the Irishman, and the generosity and patriotism of the Irish-American, are equally remarkable.'

Sir John Madden, Chief Justice of Victoria, has been telling a Cork interviewer that his visit to Cork is the first after fifty years' absence. He lived in Ireland till 1851. In my early youth, said Sir John, I was the play-fellow of Dr. Tanner, of the Irish Parliamentary Party, whose father lived next door to my father at Blackrock, but my father went to England in 1851, and I went there to live with him for a little while, but was sent to school to Beauchamp, near Lille, in France, where I stayed for two years. At the end of 1856 I left for Australia with my father, and, mark you, he was a Young Irelander, and an intimate friend of the gifted and eloquent Thomas Francis Meagher—Meagher of the Sword—and, indeed, you will get an idea of his political predilections and of his patriotism when I tell you that he secured and cherished as his dearest possession the sword of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, a relic that is still kept by my family in Australia.

As a member of the House of Commons at the end of the nineteenth century, The O'Gorman Mahon was a romantic anachronism. In his early days he had been a great duellist, and Mr. Justin McCarthy tells a story in the 'Pall Mall Magazine' of his way of looking at duelling. During his later years, the years in which I knew him, he was one of the guests at a London dinner party where something happened which compelled him to assert himself. One of the company rather unluckily said to him, "I suppose, Colonel, you must have received a great many challenges in your time?" "Sir," replied The O'Gorman Mahon, with cold dignity, "I never received a challenge in all my life—I never gave any gentleman the slightest reason to challenge me—but I regret to say that I had to send many challenges to other men." Mr. McCarthy observes that he never knew The O'Gorman Mahon's exact age, but he took an effectual part in getting Daniel O'Connell into Parliament, and himself entered the House of Commons in the same session as Mr. Gladstone.

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A SUGGESTED FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE EDUCATION QUESTION

To the Editor.

Sir,—Allow me to blow a discordant note in the chorus of praise started by Mr. Scott's proposal of a conference between Catholic delegates and representatives of other religious bodies with a view to a concerted action to win a denominational system of education subsidised by the State.

Mr. Scott mentions one of the obstacles blocking the way to a mutual understanding, when he says: 'Each of the bodies represented should submit a written statement of his demands.' On the part of the Catholic Church this work has already been done, not once but hundreds of times. Every council has formulated 'in writing' the Catholic doctrine, rights, and claims. Have not the Bishops of New Zealand spoken and written, collectively and singly, on the subject of education? Is not the clear manifesto of the Hierarchy on Bible-reading in schools ringing still in your ears? Like a charge of dynamite it has blown the bogey to atoms, its fragments are to be found nowhere. Let the Catholic claims be formulated again, if you wish it, for the benefit of Protestant synods. Their answer may be presumed: 'We have heard this before, thank you.'

Mr. Scott thinks it possible to draw up a statement containing pure Catholic doctrine, acceptable to members of Protestant synods. Would Mr. Scott make the attempt of drawing up such a statement. If he does, success to him! But let me recall to him the words of Bossuet, writing to Leibnitz, towards the end of a long correspondence: 'Il n'est encore rien venu à moi de votre philosophie.'—Nothing has come to me yet of your philosophy. If attempts at mutual understanding failed at a time when Protestantism was nearer to its origin, showed some vigor and clear aims, what little hope of united action is there now, when the Bible-reading movement failed to create a warm agitation in the ranks of Protestants? When Mr. Scott has found that formula destined to make a basis for agreement, let this formula be exhibited before it is sent for. When it comes back, it will be like the Education Bill leaving the House of Lords and saying: 'I am not myself at all, my father and relations don't know me now.'

After fifty years of noble work in the cause of Christian education, this embassy sent to our opponents to enlist their sympathy and obtain their help would be a sorry admission of weakness. Is the Catholic Church so very tired of fighting secularism single-handed that a cry for help is our only resource? By no means. We are stronger than when the battle started. We have gained in experience and in numbers. Such help is not refused, but is not solicited.

Suppose that, contrary to expectations, the conference is held successfully; the delegates have performed miracles of courtesy and tact; they have avoided burning questions; and, like sensible men before a house on fire, they did not wrangle about saving curtains but saved the building, saying: 'For the sake of our common Christianity—whatever this may mean—let us have a long pull and a strong pull and a pull all together on the Education question.' Suppose that all the delegates of all the Protestant synods pledge themselves to advocate denominationalism at the next elections. Suppose that every pulpit will re-echo the cry: 'State aid to all private schools.' Do you really believe that New Zealanders will be guided by their clergymen, in politics? Is there any parson in New Zealand capable of commanding two votes on any question? New Zealanders will vote at the next elections, as they have always voted, for telephones, roads, railways, and bridges, without heeding in the least this proposed new alliance of clerical forces for Christian education. The results of this famous conference will be annulled by the rank secularism pervading the politics of the country.

What about reviving the dead agitation? Yes, Dean Burke has stated that the agitation is dead. This statement must have been made in one of these fits of drowsiness to which polemicists as well as poets are subject. The Dean is a doughty champion of Catholic education and of every sacred cause; he has done excellent work in the Catholic school, and near him there are two such schools splendidly equipped. Forgetting his own work, and the efforts of those

around him, the champion closed his eyes once for a well needed rest, and between two winks he talked in his sleep and was heard to say: 'The agitation in favor of Catholic education is dead.' His friends smile and say: 'It will not take much to wake him up; he cannot even sleep quietly; he dreams of fighting.' That statement about the death of the old agitation will be taken seriously when every Catholic school in the land has been closed. Agitation by loud talk may be dead. Who is the worse for it? But agitation by earnest and constant work is going on as strong as ever, and that is the agitation which checks the tide of secularism.

Let us again suppose that the battle of Christian education has been fought and won by the allies of the conference. The State will subsidise every private school. Our troubles only begin. Please, on what conditions will this subsidy be obtained? Have the bargains between Church and State been so beneficial to the Church in the past? How often has not the State bound the Church with golden chains? State aid acts on the Church like a stroke of paralysis. Chains of gold remain badges of slavery and should not be accepted; or if accepted they should be broken off speedily.

No doubt the additional tax for schools is a heavy burden on our people. But the liberty of education is worth any sacrifice. The Church is not hampered in the choice of teachers and in school management—a boon to be appreciated. Our people show no sign of discouragement under the burden; they bear it bravely; their knees are staunch, their steps firm, their courage undaunted. We can well afford to go on without this proposed conference, which looks like some appointments made by motorists—which appointments suppose such fine roads, such fine weather, such reliable machines, such a combination of favorable conditions, that such appointments (although sincere in theory and made in perfect good faith) often end in total failures. Such, I fear, is the fate awaiting this forward movement by way of a conference between religious bodies.—I am, etc.,

TUBA.

WEDDING BELLS

GREER—LYNCH.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised on November 28 at the residence of the bride's parents, Tokomaru, the contracting parties being George Greer, fourth son of Mr. S. E. Greer, Fitzherbert, and Cecilia Maria, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Lynch, of Tokomaru. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in white silk, beautifully trimmed with lace and chiffon, and wore the usual veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful bouquet. She was attended by five bridesmaids, Miss Nora Lynch (sister), Miss Fitzgerald (cousin of the bride), and Miss E. Greer (sister of the bridegroom), and two little dots (sisters of the bride). The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Alex. Greer, as best man, and Mr. T. Lynch, brother of the bride, as groomsmen. The Rev. Father Schaefer, of Otaki, officiated, and Miss Daisy Wood played the Wedding March. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a silver-mounted walking stick, beautifully engraved. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold watch chain and a gold-mounted greenstone brooch with initials, and to the chief bridesmaid a gold-mounted greenstone brooch, and to the other bridesmaids gold brooches. The guests numbered about 200, coming from all parts of the district, and among whom were Mr. W. T. Wood, M.H.R., and Mrs. Wood. The wedding breakfast was served in a large marquee. Mr. and Mrs. G. Greer left by the afternoon train en route for Rotorua, where the honeymoon was to be spent. On their return their future home will be at Fitzherbert West. The young couple were the recipients of a large number of beautiful presents. In the evening a great number of guests enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lynch at their residence, where a most enjoyable time was spent.

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At Mullumbimby a new church is to be erected at a cost of £1300. It will be of brick. We learn that £450 has been either received or promised.

The death is announced of the Very Rev. Dean David Walshe, of the diocese of Salford, England. The late Dean Walshe, was a brother of the Rev. Father Walshe, of Bangalow.

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ENGLAND—The Education Question

In the 'Nineteenth Century' for November, there is an article by his Grace Archbishop Bourne on 'The Peers and the Education Bill.' He states the Catholic case once more and demands amendments on four points: 1. The abolition of the limitations on extended facilities; 2. The provision of means for parents to give effective utterance to their wishes as to management and the choice of teachers—a vital matter; 3. The modification of the monstrous provision enabling twenty-one per cent. of Protestant children in a school not built for them to deprive Catholic children on many days of the week of the definite religious teaching decreed by the parents; 4. Fair play all round—if any one form of religious teaching is to be provided at the public cost, alternative forms must be provided in the same manner. The Archbishop says it is known for certain that 590 out of our 1056 Catholic schools are in imminent danger of destruction, whilst according to a recent and very careful calculation a total representing eighty per cent. of our schools will be placed in jeopardy. There will, he declares, be an evil day in store for any political party that dares to disregard our united conscientious cry for justice.

FRANCE—Irish Sympathy

The pre-eminent fidelity of the Irish people to the Catholic Faith, to which the Cardinal-Archbishop of Paris refers in his reply to the letter of the Irish hierarchy (says the 'Catholic Times') may well be a source of pride to them. His Eminence declares that French Catholics could have no better example to follow than that of the Irish Catholics who, amongst all the children of the Church, 'have given the most striking proofs of inviolable constancy.' O'Connell wished that his heart should rest in Rome. 'That,' says his Eminence, 'is the symbol of your unalterable attachment to the Holy See. We ask God for strength to imitate your admirable fidelity.' There are good reasons why the Catholics of Ireland, and of Great Britain as well, should watch with anxious interest, the progress of the struggle in France. In the penal days, when Catholic priests were under a ban in these islands and Catholic services were held only in hiding places, the Catholics of France extended to the persecuted a cordial and practical sympathy. They not only received refugees hospitably, but many of them helped to provide the means of education for the Catholic exiles; and when our priests came from France to preserve the Faith in England and Ireland and Scotland, they always brought word of the generous kindness they had experienced in France.

GERMANY—The Language Question in Poland

The Prussian Government is keeping up a struggle with the Poles in which the probabilities are that it will be eventually worsted. If people are determined to speak their own language, it cannot be stamped out. When it is forbidden in public places they can speak it and teach it in private, and the most rigorous tyranny cannot prevent them from doing so. At present the strife has assumed an acute phase in Prussian Poland. The State has decreed that religious education must be given in German and not in Polish, but the Polish children—almost all Catholics—have struck and the Archbishop of Posen, Dr. Stablewski, is not only on their side, but in a Pastoral Letter has informed the parents that they are at liberty to confine the religious instruction of their children to home teaching or lessons received from their pastors. There are forty-five thousand children on strike. It is sought by the Government to coerce them, and the Prussian Minister of Education has intimated that the existing regulations will be carried out by every means permitted by the law. But the Poles have with them powerful forces including the Catholic Centre in their efforts to preserve their national language.

SCOTLAND—Presentation to a Priest

That bigotry is slowly but surely dying out in Scotland (writes a Glasgow correspondent) was proved in the spontaneous action of all creeds and classes in Renton in honoring Rev. Father Jansen, the parish priest of St. Martin's Catholic church. This much-esteemed priest is a native of Belgium, but has ministered for many years on the Scottish mission. The rev. gentleman was recently displaced from his seat in Cardross School Board, which he held for six years, by the decision of the Sheriff on the ground that he was not a naturalised British subject. Great indignation was felt in the district when the Sheriff's deci-

sion was made known. As a protest against it, and to mark their esteem of the popular priest the townspeople organised a social which took place in the Public Hall, Renton. Rev. Mr. Maxwell, M.A., Presbyterian minister, and chairman of the School Board, presided over an attendance of 1000 men and women. In his address the chairman said that that meeting was sufficient proof of the profound respect and esteem in which Father Jansen was held in the village and district. The chairman concluded a lengthy speech by calling upon the secretary, Mr. Milvenie, to make a presentation to Father Jansen, which consisted of a purse containing 80 sovereigns, besides paying all the legal expenses incurred in the case. Father Jansen, who on rising was received with tremendous applause, said that he felt he had the sympathy of the community at large. But the demonstrations of that night and the handsome gift they had given him were ample proof that it was from the heart.

SPAIN—Patroness of the May Queens

Her Majesty Victoria Eugenie of Spain has consented to become the patroness of the May Queens in compliance with a petition sent to her by the May Queens of England and Wales through the hon. secretary of the May Queen Register, Mr. J. Deedy, Bromley Common, Kent. The representative of the Catholic May Queens is Miss Elsie Dora French, at Wool, near Wareham, in Dorset.

UNITED STATES—Mass for Newspaper Men

Monsignor Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, recently celebrated Mass at 2.30 o'clock on a Sunday morning for newspaper men and newspaper workers in the Church of St. Francis Assisi, New York City, where 300 men gathered. There were men present representing all the morning dailies. In the course of some remarks he said he would long remember the scene.

GENERAL

Retiring from the World

The Countess Chotek, sister of the Countess Hohenberg, wife of the heir-presumptive to the Austrian Crown, has retired to the Convent of the Sacred Heart at Medenborg.

Heroic Nuns

In a description of the scenes incident to the recent Chilian earthquake, given to a correspondent by Father Cyprian Deltor, superior to the French College in Valparaiso, the following brief but touching reference is made to the heroism of the devoted religious in charge of the home for the aged in that city: 'When the catastrophe occurred the house of the Sisters of the Poor rang with cries for help from over a hundred old men who resided therein. The good Sisters immediately began to attend to the latter and brought them out one after another into the street. They carried some of them on their arms, and placed them in safety. When the last of their pensioners had been saved, one of the old men was missing, and the religious immediately went in his search, but meanwhile the building collapsed, and eight of the devoted and courageous nuns were buried in the ruins.'

A Distinguished Missionary

In a recent issue we gave an extract from the London 'Lancet,' in which that high-class journal paid a well-deserved meed of praise to the members of the Society of Jesus for their work in connection with scientific research. Among the names mentioned was that of Father Massaia, who later on became a Cardinal. It appears our contemporary was in error in saying that Father Massaia was a member of the Society of Jesus, as we understand that he was a Capuchin, and was raised to the Cardinalate because of his labors and sufferings for over a third of a century among the Gallas. It may be mentioned that he was the preceptor of Victor Emmanuel, grandfather of the present King of Italy, who later on offered the distinguished missionary a decoration for his work among the Gallas. This was refused by Father Massaia, who said he had worked for the honor and glory of God, and not for any earthly reward. Cardinal Massaia passed away in a monastery of his Order in Rome in 1890.

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Riversdale

A concert for the purpose of assisting in liquidating the debt on the Catholic presbytery was held in the Drill Hall, Riversdale, on November 19 (says the 'Mataura Ensign'). There was a very large attendance, and Mr. John Maher presided. The programme opened with a pianoforte march, 'On the road to Moscow,' by Masters Thomas and Arthur Smith, accompanied by Miss Dunne with sleigh bells. Miss Brown was heard to advantage in 'Whisper and I shall hear.' Mr. Richards gave a finished rendering of 'Believe me, if all those endearing young charms,' Later in the programme Mr. Richards sang 'Alice, where art thou.' Miss Dunne followed with 'Tit for tat,' while Mr. J. H. Reed (Gore) gave a vigorous rendering of 'The forge,' and further on 'The cows are in the corn.' Mr. A. Gee gave a pianoforte selection in fine style, and Mr. Williams (Waikaiti) treated the audience to a coon song. After a short interval Miss Carmody (piano) and Mr. Carmody (violin), of Gore, opened the second part of the programme with a splendidly played selection. Mr. Meadows (Waikaiti) showed us how to keep our equilibrium on a wire, and then his dexterity in getting clear from a bag. The curtain then rose on the comedy 'Tweedleton's Tail Coat,' by the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses Brown and Pattison, and Messrs. Pattison, P. Murray, F. Baylis, and A. Gee. Mr. A. Gee played all the accompaniments. Nearly all the items were encored. Special mention should be made of the song 'Believe me, I love you,' by Miss Brown.

The Rev. Father Keenan thanked all those who had in any way contributed to the evening's pleasure, especially those from a distance, and members of other denominations, saying it gave him great pleasure to see all working harmoniously in a good cause.

It is understood that about £25 will be the result of the evening's proceedings.

A word of congratulation is due to the committee of management—Miss Dunne (secretary)—for the smooth way in which everything passed off.

The death is reported from West Australia of Sister M. Bernard McDonough, St. Joseph's Convent, Fremantle, which occurred on Wednesday, 21st November. She served eighteen years in the religious life.

The many purchasers of 'Kozie' Tea will be interested in reading the result of the eighth half-yearly distribution of cash prizes, which is advertised in this issue. No fewer than 64 prizes were distributed amongst the purchasers of this tea by the proprietors, three of these prizes being for no less a sum than £5 each.

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Dry Toast.

A leading medical journal points out that toasted bread is really very wholesome, even for invalids. One thing in its favor is the fact that it places a lighter tax on the digestive functions than ordinary bread, since during its preparation some of the starch grains of the flour are ruptured, while some are converted into dextrine, which is easily soluble. Further, the crispness of toast necessitates its being completely moistened in the mouth before it can be swallowed. As a rule, therefore, toast is thoroughly submitted to the action of the preliminary digestive process in the mouth. It is important, however, that toast should be crisp all through, as otherwise the internal portions tend to become plastic and soft, like new bread, and like it difficult of digestion if not thoroughly masticated. To secure this the slices of bread should be first put in the warm stove to absorb some of the moisture, and then toasted, when the desired crispness will be obtained.

Crying Babies.

Nothing is more difficult to the untrained nurse than to diagnose a baby's cry. That something is wrong is at once apparent, but the cause is generally hard to seek. It should, however, be remembered that infants rarely cry when dangerously ill, and in cases of severe illness the first outbreak of sobbing is generally regarded as a hopeful sign. When a baby suffers from bronchitis in its early stages its cry is hoarse, fretful, and rattling, a croupy child when suffering from an attack gives vent to fretful, sharp cries, while in the case of inflammation of the lungs it can better be described as moaning.

Cotton should never be placed next an infant's skin, as this material neither absorbs the perspiration, nor does it keep the small limbs warm, and in the case of a sudden change of temperature, when in the open air or exposed to a draught, a chill will be the result.

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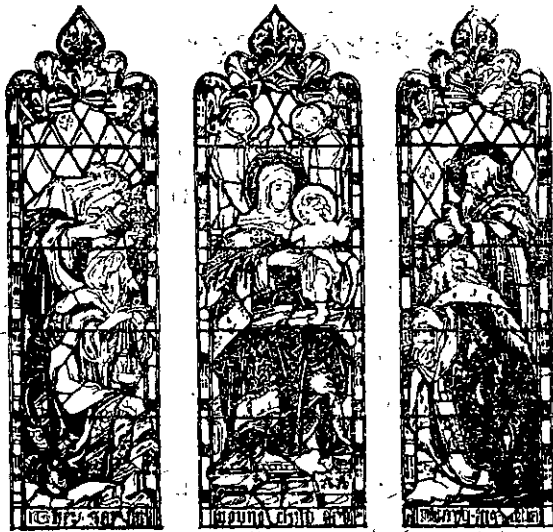
For ordinary garment cleaning purposes there is nothing like soap and water. It is the stand-by of the dry cleaner, and is often employed when his judgment convinces him that the use of naphtha, benzine, or gasoline are unsafe. When cleaning garments at home select a clear day for the operation, so that they can be dried in the open air. Have ready plenty of clear, hot-water and some good white soap; ordinary laundry soap will not do, because it contains too large a proportion of alkali. For woollen fabrics, the water must be as hot as the hands can bear, but for silks it should be several degrees cooler. Do not rub the soap on the goods in either case, but dissolve it in the water before putting the garments in. Dash the latter about in the solution, rubbing the badly soiled parts between the hands, but not on the washboard. If this is not effectual, try brushing with a clean nail brush. This method must not be tried on silken fabrics, for these should be treated more tenderly. When the dirt has all been washed out rinse the articles quickly in several waters, each cooler than the last; shake them well, and hang them on the line in a shady spot, letting them drip dry. See first that the line is clean, and do not attempt to wring the water out of them, for wrinkles caused by wringing are almost impossible to press out. Pull seams, collar, sleeves, etc., into shape as the garment hangs, and when ready dry press on the wrong side with a hot iron, applying the latter over a piece of thin paper, and using a clean ironing cloth—a flannel one, if the material is embroidered. Silk should not be hung up to dry, but should be partially dried between towels and then ironed. Trimmings of lace and ribbon are best removed before washing. Attention to these details will turn the articles out like new, and save the necessity of sending them out to the dry-cleaners.

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A Natural Mystery.

High in the mountains of the State of Vera Cruz, an immense lake of quicksilver, valued at many million pounds, has been discovered. Volcanic action, it is believed, smelted the quicksilver out of the cinnabar ore and it ran down and filled the depression. It is proposed to bring down the precious product through a tunnel.

The Lake of Geneva.

According to M. Boson, a Swiss meteorologist, the Lake of Geneva possesses the quality of a kind of natural seismometer in the case of volcanoes. The lake seems to be liable to periods of severe depression and of equally severe upheaval, and these violent oscillations are, according to the professor, merely the outward signs of agitation in the bowels of the earth which may be relied upon to break out somewhere on the surface.

A Remarkable Operation.

A remarkable hair ball from the stomach of a young girl has been brought to notice by Professor Von Bramann of Halle. She had a habit of swallowing ends bitten from her long hair, forming in time a bulky accumulation, thought felt only as a slight pressure, and when the mass was removed by an operation it was found to have shaped itself to the cavity, like a cast in a mold. Iron tonics had changed the light color to black.

Effect of Vibration.

In a gun factory a great bar of steel, weighing five hundred pounds, and eight feet in length, was suspended vertically by a very delicate chain. Near by a common bottle cork was suspended by a silk thread. The purpose was to show that the cork would set the steel bar in motion. It seemed impossible. The cork was swung gently against the steel bar, and the steel bar remained motionless. But it was done again and again and again for ten minutes, and lo! at the end of that time the bar gave evidence of feeling uncomfortable, a sort of nervous chill ran over it. Ten minutes later and the chill was followed by vibrations. At the end of half an hour the great bar was swinging like the pendulum of a clock.

The Chimpanzee.

Liberia is the home of the chimpanzee, of the beautiful monkey known as 'Dandy Jack,' of the water chevrotains, and such strange beasts as the manatee and the armadillo. The chimpanzee is said to bear a real relation to man, and people who do not entertain that view will be able to gauge the sagacity of the animal from the following interesting anecdote:—I saw in 1904 a young female chimpanzee from the Cavalla River in the possession of the German Consul at Cape Palmas. It would have been difficult to meet with a more human creature not actually of the genus homo. This chimpanzee lived in her owner's house as a child might have done, with a negro nurse to look after her. She was generally allowed complete liberty, and did not abuse this freedom by breaking or spoiling anything within her reach, and, strange to say, was wonderfully clean in her habits, a virtue too often wanting in chimpanzees. Puppe would come when her name was called and fling herself into her master's arms. Puppe's sympathy with strangers was discriminating. If she liked the person introduced, she would climb on his knee and tender charming caresses, pushing out the long lips in a pout to be kissed.

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Intercolonial

The Hon. John Meagher is on his way back to Australia, and will probably be home by the end of the month.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran laid the foundation stone of a new convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph at Rookwood a few Sundays ago.

Master Desmond Gavan Duffy, a nephew of the late Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, won the Berthon Scholarship in the University of Melbourne. It was open to all university students in their first year. He was educated at St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, where he recently completed his course.

Of the 24 aldermen elected to the Sydney City Council, ten are Catholics: Aldermen J. English, who headed the poll in Belmore; T. Hughes, Bourke Ward; J. Lane Mullins, who headed the poll by over 300 votes in Bligh Ward; E. W. O'Sullivan, M.P., who headed the poll in Cook Ward; A. J. Kelly, who was returned unopposed for Deniston; A. McElhone, for Fitzroy, a ward for which five other Catholic candidates stood, and all polled well; W. P. Fitzgerald and G. McIvor, returned unopposed for Gipps; T. H. Barlow and R. D. Meagher, returned unopposed for Philip.

The late Mr. Martin Danaher, of Warren-road, Marrickville, railway contractor, who died on November 2, left £32,655 7s 5d. By his will deceased appointed his widow, Margaret Danaher, and his children, Evelyn Augustine Danaher, Margaret Adelaide Danaher, Mrs. Catherine Macauley, Mrs. Mary Byrne, James Danaher, and Henry Edward Cyril Danaher executors and trustees of his estate, which is bequeathed to the widow and nine children. The net value of the New South Wales estate was declared to be £20,250, represented by real estate situated in King-street, Newtown, Enmore, and Marrickville. Deceased also left certain real estates in New Zealand.

Amongst the passengers on board the Cunard liner 'Campania,' that sailed for New York from Queens-town on Sunday, October 27, were the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Armidale, New South Wales; the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bathurst, New South Wales; the Rev. Fathers Marshall and Shanahan, Ballarat, Victoria; and the Rev. Father Dunne, Sydney. These visitors are (says the 'Catholic Times'), after a prolonged sojourn on the Continent and Ireland, now making the return voyage to Australia via America. Their departure was witnessed by many of their numerous friends, including the Rev. Father Carroll, Waterford, and the Rev. Father O'Brien, Armidale, Australia.

A general ordination was held in St. Mary's Cathedral on the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle. His Eminence the Cardinal officiated, having as assistants the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran and the Very Rev. Father H. McDermott (President of St. Patrick's Ecclesiastical College, Manly). Nine priests and three deacons were ordained. The priests are: Rev. Fathers Archibald McDonald, (Sydney), Edward Bradley (Sydney), Thomas Walsh (Melbourne), William Bernstein (Melbourne), Albert Wright (Rockhampton), Henry O'Reilly (Rockhampton), also the following from the Sacred Heart Monastery, Kensington: Rev. Fathers Paul Lynch, M.S.H., John O'Connor, M.S.H., and Francis Kenny, M.S.H. The deacons are: Rev. Thomas Kelleher (Sydney), Rev. Thomas McBride (Melbourne), and Rev. Arthur McHugh (Sydney).

Speaking at Rookwood the other day Cardinal Moran said they had just brought the elections to a close in Sydney, and he was happy to say that throughout all the municipal contests there was not the smallest sign of bigotry on any side, as far as he could see. At least, so far as Catholics were concerned, they resolved to give their votes for the best man, whoever he was, that was presented to them, and he thought the citizens had made an excellent choice. The only instance of an effort to introduce anything like bigotry was when the Grand Master of the Orangemen was brought forward in opposition to Mr. Thomas Hughes, and he (the Cardinal) was happy to see that Mr. Hughes gave him a most princely beating. He hoped it would always continue thus, and that those who endeavored to introduce the Orange flag or any other element of sectarianism in municipal or electioneering matters would always be defeated, no matter under what flag they might present themselves. He hoped people would always vote for the best man and the best patriot who could most efficiently promote the interests of the country. Thus they would put an end to bigotry and sectarianism which had done so much damage in the past to the interests of the country.

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I gave the matter careful thought,
And then in candor told him what
I deemed it best to do.

A cloud appeared upon his face,
He tried to talk me down;
I sought to guide him for the best—
He came with friendship in his breast,
And left me with a frown.

MORAL.

When men go out to seek advice,
Is truth what they demand?
Not if it shows rough ways before,
Or throws the slightest shadows o'er
The things that they have planned.

A TRUTHFUL CRITIC

The grandfather of the present Shah of Persia took it into his head one day that he could write poetry. He accordingly set to work, and in the course of three or four hours turned out some stanzas which impressed him as being pretty good.

Wishing to be assured of their merit, however, he sent for the poet laureate, the official versifier of his court; and, handing him the verses, ordered him to read them and then state truly his sincere opinion as to their worth.

The poet was not much of a courtier. After reading the manuscript very attentively, he said:

'Sire, since you command me to tell the truth, you will permit me to remark that, in my humble opinion, there is nothing at all poetical about these lines, and—'

'Here, guards,' furiously interrupted the Shah, who, like most writers, wanted praise when he asked for criticism, 'take this rascallous out to the stable and tie him up alongside of one of his long-eared brethren.'

No sooner said than done. The unfortunate poet was forced to live during several weeks, side by side, with a peculiarly stupid donkey called Aliboron.

At last the Shah, thinking that the lesson had been sharp enough, gave the poor poet his liberty. But he caused him to appear before him again, and submitted his criticism a second bit of verse, taking the trouble this time to read it aloud himself.

The poet listened attentively, and, as soon as the Shah stopped reading, turned quickly and hurried toward the door.

'Hello, where are you going, man?' inquired the Shah, with considerable surprise.

'Back to the stables, Sire.'

Now, the monarch was not a fool; and this method of letting him know that his composition was worthless rather tickled his sense of humor. He burst out laughing, forgave the poet for his frankness, and gave up writing verses.

A SWEET DISPOSITION

There is no more potent beautifier than disposition. If those who spend time and money in an anxious pursuit of good looks at the hands of professional beauty-makers would devote just a portion of this time to the cultivation of a beautiful disposition, results would be even more gratifying.

A happy way of looking at life is the best eye brightener and a calm that defies disturbance the most potent complexion lotion. It is said of a certain young actress that she has discovered beautifying possibilities in the reading of poetry. She selects a certain kind to produce the particular expression she wishes, but all good poetry she finds conducive to the cultivation of beauty. It is perfectly true our reading is reflected in our face. The thoughts produced by reading noble sentiments finely expressed are mirrored in our features quite as surely as are the less lofty emotions produced by poring over flabby, excitable, morbid, or injurious reading matter. If you don't believe this, contrast the serene, thoughtful expression of a lover of good poetry with the face of one who habitually feeds on yellow literature. What you read and what you think helps to make your disposition. And your disposition largely makes—or mars—your beauty.

A BARGAIN

She was an economical, industrious, and ambitious young wife, and tried to persuade her husband to give up smoking. She pointed out in exact figures how much he spent on tobacco. And you would be better off,' she said, 'mentally, physically, as well as financially, without your pipe.'

'But all great men have smoked,' he urged.

'Well,' she said, 'just promise me that you'll give up smoking till you're great. I'll be quite satisfied.'

TAKE TIME OVER IT

'I noticed,' said the chemist to his assistant, 'that a gentleman came in with a prescription, and that you took it and gave him the stuff in about three minutes. What do you mean by that? When a prescription for salt and water or peppermint and cough syrup is handed to you, you must look at it doubtfully, as if it were very hard to make up. Then you must bring it to me, and we will both read it and shake our heads. After that you go back to the customer and ask him if he wants it to-day. When he says he does, you answer that you'll make a special effort. A patient appreciates a prescription that there has been so much trouble over, and when he takes it he derives some benefit from it. But don't you do any more of that three-minute prescription business, my boy, if you want to become a first-class chemist.'

SOURCE OF HAPPINESS

We each of us possess within ourselves the true source of happiness. Enjoyment is contained in our imagination, not in the book we read; in our appreciation of beauty, not in the picture; in our musical culture, not in the instrument played. Our enjoyment of nature does not depend upon the charm of our surroundings, but upon ourselves. Some men will find more joy in the prairie than others in the Alps, some more joy in the desert than others in the flowers, and forests of fertile lands. Is it the rich, the powerful the popular that obtain the greatest happiness? We look about us and we know that this is not true, though we act as if it were. Blessed are the poor in spirit, 'tis we know is true, though we act as if it were not. No one is truly happy who has not happiness as a well of water springing up within himself into everlasting life.

A CRUSHING RETORT

It is said that Professor Blackie often told this anecdote of himself. This genial old professor used to form a very picturesque figure in the Edinburgh streets. He was a wiry old patriarch, with handsome features and hair falling in ringlets about his shoulders; no one who had seen him could possibly forget him. One day he was accosted by a very dirty little boot-black, with his 'Shine your boots, sir?' The professor was impressed by the filthiness of the boy's face.

'I don't want a shine, my lad,' said he. 'But if you'll go and wash your face I'll give you sixpence.'

'A right, sir,' was the lad's reply. Then he went over to the neighboring fountain and made his ablutions. Returning, he held out his hand for the money.

'Well, my lad,' said the professor, 'you have earned your sixpence. Here it is.'

'I dinna want it,' returned the boy, with a lordly air. 'You can keep it and get yer hair cut.'

THE NEW ORTHOGRAPHY

In the course of some amusing remarks on the question of spelling reform, a critic in the London 'Daily Chronicle' observes that 'phonetic spelling will doubtless be welcomed by many folk, who, though fairly well educated share the failing of Macaulay, who "spelled like a washerwoman." In a note to the phrase "O.K. opon de soobject," Leland, the American humorist, wrote: "In 1835, I heard it said that General Jackson in a letter spelt all correct "oll korrekt," and this I believe to be the real origin of the expression.' The passage has a special interest at the present moment; for it would seem to show that in his bold efforts to establish a more rational and phonetic spelling, President Roosevelt is following in the footsteps of one of his most illustrious predecessors in the Presidential Chair. But with the proposed destruction of the old orthography, will the world always be sure of as convincing an etymology even as Leland gives of 'oll korrekt'?

HOW SHE CAUGHT HIM

Frank, dear,' said Mrs. Darley, 'Mrs. Fordick was talking about you the other day, and she said she thought you didn't look well. Do you know, I'm getting to be quite anxious about you?' 'What are you anxious about, I'd like to know? Don't I eat and sleep well?'

'Well, you sleep fairly well and your appetite is not so bad, but—'

'But what? Am I bent and round-shouldered and bald, or what is it you mean?'

'Why, dear, I thought that possibly you ought to get your life insured. You know we have very little saved up, and if you were to go off and die it would leave me in very poor circumstances financially. If, for instance, you went into a rapid decline—'

'Mary Jane, what on earth are you talking about? To listen to you one might think that I came from a consumptive family, and I was in the last stages of a galloping consumption, with my death-warrant written all over my face, and that you were getting ready to be an interesting widow, and go off and have a good time on the returns from my life insurance policy. I'm not going to take out a policy, and I'm as healthy and strong as I ever was in my life, and I don't want you to intimate that there is any sort of hard work which I cannot do.'

'Oh, I'm so glad to hear that, Frank!'

And Mrs. Darley gave a little gasp of joy and threw her arms round her husband's neck. 'I'm so glad to hear you say you are well and strong, because the lawn needs mowing so badly, and I was dreadfully afraid that you were too ill to push the lawnmower.'

Whereupon Mr. Darley went out and cut the grass in front of the house.

ODDS AND ENDS

Purchaser: 'Have you any pedigrees to give with this dog?'

Dog vendor: 'No, sir; I'm all out of pedigree. But I don't mind chucking in a chain and collar.'

Boy: 'Pa, what is a hero?'

Father: 'A hero is a man who tries to read a newspaper in the same room with a boy about your size.'

The Correct Definition.—'What is a medley?' asks the ignoramus, looking over the programme of music. 'A medley in music,' replied the knowing one, 'is the equivalent for the boarding house term of hash.'

FAMILY FUN

How can you sit where another cannot?—In that other's lap.

Ask a question to which 'No' cannot be answered. —What does 'Y-e-s' spell?

How can a circle be drawn round a person, which he cannot jump out of?—Around his body with a bit of chalk, etc.

How to empty a corked bottle of wine without drawing the cork, breaking the glass, or making a hole in it or the stopper.—Drive the cork in.

To push a friend's head through a ring.—Run your finger through the ring, and touch the person's head with the tip.

How can a candle be placed so that all can see it but the holder of it, though he shall not be blind-folded or otherwise debarred from looking?—Put it on his head, like the miners carry theirs.

To put something in a person's right hand, which he cannot hold in his left.—Let it be his left elbow.

To crawl into a quart bottle.—Set the bottle in the middle of the room, go out, and returning on all fours, say, 'Ladies and gentlemen, this is crawling in to the quart bottle.'

To Guess Several Cards Chosen at Random.—Show as many cards to each person as there are persons to choose; that is to say, three to each if there are three persons. When the first has thought of one, lay aside the three cards among which he set his choice. So with the next two persons, and then spread out the three first cards, face up, and above them the next three, and above these the last three, so that all the cards may be in three heaps of three each. Then ask each person in which lot is the card he thought of, and this much known, you can tell the cards, for the first person's card will be the first in the heap to which it belongs; the second's will be the second of that next heap, and the last person the third of the last heap.

All Sorts

A Bill providing that all meat exported from Holland shall bear an official stamp as a guarantee of quality, has been introduced by the Dutch Government. Any infraction of this law will meet with severe punishment.

The chief proprietor of the 'Times' has issued to subscribers to the Book Club a letter requesting them not to borrow or buy the publications of certain firms. Was it not the 'Times' that used to denounce boycotting in Ireland indignantly?

The population of Bohemia is sixty-five per cent. Czech and thirty-five per cent. German. There is great rivalry between them. Business men speak both languages but prefer to be addressed in their own tongue. Of the foreign languages spoken, French is the most popular.

Germany is taking the same strict measures to eradicate the evil of adulterating foods as the United States. Some surprising deceptions have been brought to light by these investigations, such as cheese made of potato flour or grated potatoes, and 'pure plum jam' made entirely of beets.

A poor lady whose husband had just failed was bemoaning the fact. 'At any rate,' she said, 'as she wiped the tears from her eyes, the Brown failure was worse than ours.' 'How so?' said one who knew that her husband's smash-up had been terrible. 'Why,' she said, 'we only failed for one shilling in the pound, whereas Mr. Brown failed for fifteen.'

Here is a marriage notice from the 'Colemees Banner' of North Carolina:—Miss Jennie Jones and Bob Henry were married at the Jones mansion last night. The bride is the daughter of our constable, Jones, who made a good officer and will undoubtedly be re-elected next spring. He offers a fine horse for sale in another column. The groom runs a grocery store on Main street, and is a good patron of our advertising columns, and has a good line of bargains this week. All the summer he paid two cents more for butter than any other store in town.

Sir Henry Irving went incog. with a friend to see an actor who had gained very considerable reputation by impersonations of himself. He was an attentive and absorbed spectator of the performance, in which his tricks of manner and gestures were not so much mimicked as honestly attempted to be reproduced. 'Well,' he said to his friend, 'well, do you think he imitates me well?' 'Very well, indeed,' said his friend. 'Ah,' said Sir Henry Irving in a tone of soliloquy, 'how very kind and forbearing the public must be to me.'

A man who had purchased a fine-looking horse soon discovered that the animal was blind, and after several weeks he succeeded in disposing of her, as the defect did not seem to lessen her speed nor detract from her general appearance. The next day the new owner of the horse appeared. 'You know that mare you sold me?' he began. 'She's stone-blind.' 'I know it,' replied her past owner, with an easy air. 'You didn't say anything to me about it,' said the purchaser, his face red with anger. 'Well, you see,' replied the other, 'that fellow who sold her to me didn't tell me about it, and I just concluded that he didn't want it known.'

New K.C.'s are called 'within the bar' by curious rites in England. Clad in court costume and the full glory of full-bottomed wigs and new silk gowns, they perambulate each of the courts in the Strand which is occupied on the day of their novitiate, and are solemnly asked by the presiding judge, 'Mr. A, do you move?' 'Mr. B, do you move?' and so on, to each new candidate for honors in turn. Each in turn rises and bows deferentially, and then departs to go through the same ceremony in the next court. By recognising the counsel's right to move the court, however, the judge has thereby acknowledged his presence within the inner bar. In older days, when the sergeants were still a class of barristers, singularly distinguished above their fellows, the initiation was rather more elaborate. The newly-fledged serjeant on his appearance 'counted'—that is, read a pleading or 'count' from some suit in active process—whereafter the senior serjeant present moved for the writ in the action to be read. To this the next serjeant, in point of seniority said, 'I imparte.' This stirred up the judge, who thereupon said to the new serjeant, 'Be it so; Brother A, do you move?' Brother A bowed and all was over, excepting only that the novice had to give to each of his brother sergeants a ring, bearing either his family or any other motto which he might select.