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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

December 30, Sunday.—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.
 „ 31, Monday.—St. Sylvester I., Pope and Confessor.
 January 1, Tuesday.—Feast of the Circumcision.
 „ 2, Wednesday.—Octave of St. Stephen.
 „ 3, Thursday.—Octave of St. John, Evangelist.
 „ 4, Friday.—Octave of the Holy Innocents.
 „ 5, Saturday.—Vigil of the Epiphany.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.

St. Elizabeth was the daughter of the King of Hungary, and the wife of Louis, Landgrave of Thuringia. She was remarkable for her charity, and took a special delight in serving the sick with her own hands. On the death of her husband, St. Elizabeth was driven from her home, and reduced to take shelter with her children in a building that had been used for swine. These and other privations she bore uncomplainingly. She died in 1231, in the 24th year of her age.

St. Sylvester, Pope and Confessor.

St. Sylvester, a native of Rome, was called to rule the Church during the twenty-one years which followed the accession of Constantine. One of his principal cares was to provide churches for the faithful, who were now, for the first time, allowed perfect liberty in the exercise of their religion. The most important event in the pontificate of St. Sylvester was the celebration of the First General Council, which was presided over by the Papal legates, and in which the errors of Arius were condemned. St. Sylvester died in 335.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

A. LEGEND OF THE NATIVITY.

The chilly, wind-swept stable-home
 A holy Temple hath become,
 And Mary worships at the shrine
 Of Emmanuel Divine.
 Prostrate, adoring kisses meet
 She presseth to His Sacred feet
 Who lieth where the beasts have trod,
 While in great awe she doth repeat—
 'My God! my God!'

The cattle's straw-strewn stable-home
 A Royal Palace hath become;
 Before Him, throned upon the mow,
 Again our Lady sweet doth bow,
 In homage kissing His dear hand
 Who earth and Heaven doth command,
 While in great rapture doth she sing
 With all the choiring angel band—
 'My King! my King!'

But now the stable hath become
 The Holy Infant's earthly home,
 And Mary stoops to lift and hold,
 And fondly to her bosom fold,
 This Child of glory and of grace
 And shower soft kisses on His face:
 'My Love! My own most precious One!
 Come to Thy Mother's dear embrace—
 'My Son! my Son!'

—'Boston Pilot.'

Every moment of time may be made to bear the burden of something which is eternal.

The good God has measured out our years; and of these years that He has resolved to leave us on this earth, He has marked out one which shall be our last. What distance is there between that moment and this? The space of an instant!

If you cannot be happy in one way, be in another, and this facility of disposition wants but little aid from philosophy, for health and good humor are almost the whole affair. Many run about after felicity, like an absent-minded man hunting for his hat, while it is in his hand or on his head.

There are few souls so base but some fond heart is ready to trust them. God sometimes sends the clinging vine up the dead trunk of the tree to teach us that even in death His grace clings green and vigorous, and to remind us that the wretched life, though deformed and unsightly, can be made beautiful by ever-clinging love.

The Storyteller

ETHEL'S ANSWER

It was Christmas Eve, and the sleepy little village of Preston has awakened from its usual indifference to assume the holiday spirit. The pretty stone church on the hill had been occupied all day by the young ladies of the parish, whose busy fingers had so skillfully decorated it with the loads of pines and cedars brought by the young men from the snow-covered woods, and by night it was a bower of rustic beauty.

When the last touch had been given to the cave of Bethlehem, almost hidden under a profusion of green, the happy workers took their departure. As they passed into the dark, gloomy street, the snow came down in a riotous flurry, so that Ethel Blandford gladly accepted for herself and several friends an invitation to ride home in Frank Marshall's new cutter.

Ethel was the most accomplished and beautiful girl of the village, and the daughter of a widowed mother, whose inheritance had been spent by a profligate husband. When the change came from affluence to poverty, Mrs. Blandford gave up her elegant mansion and moved into a small house. Her health declined, and Ethel took entire charge of the family and the education of her brothers and sisters. Mrs. Blandford's income was a mere pittance compared to what it had been a few years previous, so that it was scarcely sufficient to make 'both ends meet.' With the assistance of Ethel and by making over the many garments the little ones required, she managed to keep the wolf from the door, although his growls were sometimes not far away.

Ethel was a great favorite in the community, for she was kind to all and interested herself in everything tending to promote the happiness of her neighbors. She was a devoted Catholic, and her greatest pleasure was to be present at the daily Mass. But even this comfort she denied herself rather than permit the household duties to devolve upon her delicate mother. When sacrifices were to be made, Ethel was always expected to make them, nor did she ever disappoint the family.

For several years the rich and aristocratic Frank Marshall had been a visitor at the Blandford cottage, where he spent at least two evenings each week. Ethel gave him no reason to hope that she cared more for him than she did for several other young men who came frequently to her mother's. She did not dare ask herself whether she loved him or whether he loved her. He had not announced his love, and she did not suppose he would care to marry a poor girl. Mrs. Blandford realised that he was in love with Ethel, and, while she would not object to the match, she regretted that he was an agnostic, as her own husband had been.

Ethel alighted from the conveyance at her own door, thanked Frank for his thoughtful kindness, and at once entered the house to begin her second day's labor. She must hang a few wreaths on the walls of their humble little parlor, dress the Christmas tree, and have the children's clothing ready for them to put on to go to the five o'clock Mass. When she had finished her labors and was taking a little rest, Frank was shown into the room. He was always a welcome guest, being bright, light-hearted, and kind. Although by far the wealthiest man in the village, he was considerate to all, even to the priest, whom he visited in case of sickness or distress. Ethel noticed as he entered the room that his face was not lit up with the light that usually played around his handsome features, and she imagined he was not at ease. Before she had time to try to account for the change in the manner of her friend he advanced towards her and handed her a beautiful bouquet of half-blown roses. Knowing her appreciation of flowers and their language, which she thoroughly understood, he awaited a reply, but was disappointed when Ethel coolly expressed her thanks and proceeded to exhibit a few of the many little presents she had made for the children. He made a poor effort to be interested, but did not dare to mention the object of his visit. He wanted a Christmas present for himself, the most valuable she could give—her love. Now he was in despair. If she cared for him, the blush of the half-blown roses that he gave her would have brought a deeper tint to her cheek and a brighter light to her eye. He recited in a low tone the lines of Wordsworth:

To me the meanest flower that blows can give
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And added: 'There are some thoughts that lie not only too deep for tears, but too deep for words. Do you cherish any such? If so, can you not find a flower that will express them as I hoped to have mine revealed by the unfolded rose?'

Ethel handed him a leaf plucked from an oak geranium, and quietly but firmly replied: 'Flowers are often kind messengers, and spare us from telling our friends things that seem cruel. But it would be far more cruel to deceive them. You remember the line:

"I must be cruel, only to be kind"?''

Frank said a sad good-bye, and left the house. He loved Ethel devotedly. He had not doubted that his proposal would be accepted, and it was not until the bit of geranium had been given him that his hope vanished. Placing the leaf in his pocket-book, he drove home, not yet willing to abandon his suit.

Christmas dawned brightly for the little ones at Mrs. Blandford's. They went to early Mass, and were then given the presents, most of them Ethel's handiwork. During the day a letter came for her from Frank, with a valuable present. He asked that the leaf of geranium might be exchanged for a rose leaf, so that Christmas might not pass without giving him a ray of hope.

Ethel replied to the note and returned the present. To do so caused many tears to fall upon her cheeks, for she now realised the fact that she loved Frank. But he was an agnostic, and with her unbelief was a sin. She was fully determined never to marry an infidel. She knew how dark had been her mother's life because of her husband's infidelity, and how sharp was the arrow that pierced her heart when he died without the last preparation for the long journey into eternity. She did not tell Frank why she had declined his request to exchange the symbol of friendship for one of hope, but she made it quite clear to him that she would never alter her decision.

That evening Frank called at Mrs. Blandford's and urged Ethel to become his wife. His protestations of love were in vain, and when he forced her to tell him the cause of her refusal she kindly informed him that she would never marry an unbeliever, although she admitted that she loved him.

Frank received his refusal as thousands of others have done and will do until the end of time. The light of his life had suddenly been extinguished, and he never expected to enjoy another happy day.

A few days later he left town, scarcely knowing where his wanderings would take him. After spending a few days in New York, without for a moment forgetting the weight that crushed his energies and robbed him of peace, he sailed for Europe, determined to drown his sorrow in the gaieties of Paris.

One evening about the middle of January, Mrs. Blandford called Ethel to her room and told her many things concerning the family that she had never heard before. Finally she informed her that the little pittance saved from her once handsome fortune had been spent, and that the mortgage on her little home was about to be foreclosed by a Mr. McGregor, a Scotch money-lender. Ethel tried to console her mother, and said she would seek employment as a clerk in a store or as a school teacher, and if she failed in these, she would become a housemaid or make any sacrifice to save her mother and the children from actual want.

'Ethel,' replied Mrs. Blandford, 'you can do better than that. You can save us this house, and by renting a few rooms I can take care of the children until James is old enough to help us.'

'Tell me how, mother, and I'll do it quickly.'

'Not only can you help us, but you can secure an elegant home for yourself,' added Mrs. Blandford, sorrowfully.

'I care nothing for an elegant home, mother,' responded Ethel, becoming alarmed, as she imagined her mother intended to insist upon her marrying Frank Marshall. 'But tell me how I can save this house for you. Don't keep me in suspense a moment longer, please.'

'I will tell you, my daughter,' commenced Mrs. Blandford; 'but in the first place let me assure you that I do not wish you to do anything that is disagreeable to you. But for your own comfort, and for the comfort of the children, I'll let you read this letter and decide for yourself. Here is a letter from Mr. McGregor.'

Ethel took the letter and read it, while the blood surged to her cheeks. It was short and business-like, saying: 'The mortgage is due and must be paid. However, I wish to marry, and if your daughter will become my wife I'll cancel the indebtedness.'

A few minutes passed before Ethel could control her emotions.

If you think it is for the best, mother,' she said, 'I'll marry this man, but, of course, you must tell him that I shall never love him.'

No, my child, I would not have you do so for the world unless you are satisfied. I think it would for you to accept his offer, but if you are not willing I'll write Mr. McGregor and tell him his offer is declined. He is an honorable man, and calls himself a Catholic. You might bring him back to the Church, and thus help him as well as ourselves.'

Ethel placed her arm around her mother's neck, and between her sobs said:

'If it is the will of God, I will marry him, for grace will be given me to bear the burden. Write to Mr. McGregor and tell him that I do not and probably never shall love him, but that, trusting in heaven, I consent to become his wife and will do my duty.'

So deeply was Mrs. Blandford troubled on account of her financial embarrassment that she did not realise what it cost her daughter to make the sacrifice. In fact, she thought it was really for Ethel's happiness, as well as for the comfort of the other children that she had permitted Mr. McGregor's offer to be even considered. She wrote the money-lender that his offer had been accepted, and that Ethel would name the day for the marriage, which must take place in the church.

Ethel spent many hours before the Blessed Sacrament, laying her sorrows at the feet of Our Lord, and begging the protection of the Blessed Virgin.

When Mr. McGregor called at Mrs. Blandford's and asked for Ethel, the poor girl, with an aching heart, entered the parlor, fearing her strength would not be sufficient to enable her to endure the fearful ordeal.

The money-lender, finding his reception so cold, did not tarry long. He, in a business-like manner, told her he had come to ask her to name the day for the marriage, and to make any arrangements that were necessary. He told her they would have no unnecessary expense, and that they would be married in the church, as he was a Catholic.

Ethel was so nervous that she could not talk to the old gentleman, and asked him to give her a week to decide. He was so infatuated with her beauty that he was willing to promise almost anything she asked, and soon took his departure.

Ethel was truly a heroine, for she was making a sacrifice not for a few weeks or months, but probably for life. She was brave, but not strong enough to carry the load she had taken up. She was willing to suffer to spare her mother and her sisters and brothers from suffering, but, in spite of her willingness, her cheeks faded, her eyes grew dim, and she became ill. Her mother was alarmed, but still did not read the secret buried in her daughter's heart, on which filial devotion had laid a load heavy enough to crush it. Six months passed, and Ethel had not yet named the day for the sacrifice. Finally, when Mr. McGregor would wait no longer, she referred him to her mother.

'I will,' she said, 'fulfil any arrangement she makes, but I must tell you I love another. You have been told more than once that I did not love you, and that I only consented to the marriage to save my mother and the children from want. Do you still insist upon my keeping the engagement?'

With the indifference that he would have ordered his attorney to close a mortgage and sell a house or farm, he insisted that Ethel observe her promise and become his wife. I she did not marry him within a month, he declared, he would sell the house, even if the family were turned out of doors.

The day was then named, but before it came Ethel was taken with typhoid fever, and the family physician said she would probably die, which would be better for her than a recovery, as the fever had so burned her brain that she would be insane, even should she recover physically. When McGregor heard this he sold the house, which was purchased by an old friend, who permitted Mrs. Blandford to occupy it at a nominal rent. She was given, through sympathy, the position of teacher in the village school, and was thus enabled to make an humble living for the family.

Ethel lived, but reason had fled, and for a few years she was kept at home a harmless imbecile. Then she was taken to an asylum in New York by the parish priest. 'The physician in charge said her case was almost hopeless, although he had known of a few persons in the same condition as she was who recovered. He promised to have everything done for her that science could do, and added: "We are expecting an expert in insanity from Paris, who has made some wonderful cures there. He has attracted the attention of the medical fraternity in Europe by his writings. When he comes I'll bring this case to his attention."

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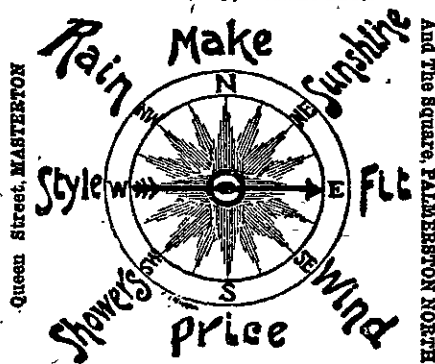
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months, but was still unhappy. Finally he went to Rome, where so many wretched of the human race have gone for peace. While there he attended a course of Lenten sermons and became a convert. He was rich, and had nothing to occupy his time, and concluded to study medicine. He went to Paris, entered a medical school there, and surprised his professors by his wonderful advancement. His only object in life now was to become an expert in diseases of the brain. When he graduated the faculty predicted for him a brilliant future. He practiced a few years in Paris, and then returned to America to take charge of all the cases of brain trouble in the asylum to which Ethel had recently been taken.

Passing through the public wards a few days after he had entered upon his duties, his attention was drawn to the sweet but pitifully thin features of a young woman patient. Where had he seen that face before? He was strangely moved. Sad memories crowded upon him, amongst them a dread suspicion that almost caused his heart to stop beating. 'How foolish! It is not possible,' he murmured. But his inquiries brought a prompt confirmation of his fears. It was indeed Ethel Blandford. For eight years, they told him, had she been afflicted, and her case seemed hopeless. What a change. But his was 'the love that never dies.' In his eyes she was the beautiful Ethel of former years, and he made a vow to devote his skill to the apparently hopeless task of restoring her reason.

He did not try to make himself known to her, although he asked her many questions, that he might determine whether or not there was any hope that reason would again resume its throne within her mind. At first there was scarcely a gleam of hope, but within a few weeks he concluded that there was one chance in a thousand of her recovering. She was removed to a private room and received special attention. After a long battle skill and love triumphed, and, to the surprise of even Dr. Marshall, she recognised him and asked him to see her home. Within another month she was pronounced permanently cured, and the old priest was asked to come for her.

The following Christmas a sealed envelope was handed to Ethel. It was from New York, and contained, fastened to a white sheet of paper, the leaf of oak geranium that she had given Frank Marshall years before. The return mail took to him the feathery fragments of a half-blown rose.—*Catholic Standard and Times.*

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Ikerbert Durant was lonely, although it was Christmas Eve and the street in front of his luxurious home was filled with evidences of joyousness. As he sat in his study, an unopened book on his lap, there came to his ears a faint echo of the hustle and bustle of the merry crowd passing with loads of good things for the great feast. He could not read. In spite of himself, his thoughts went back several decades to his childhood, when his good Catholic parents notwithstanding their poverty, were so busy preparing to celebrate the coming of the Babe of Bethlehem. In imagination he saw the forms of those who gave him life and laid the foundation of his future success.

'Were it not,' he said to himself, 'for the thoughts that, unwelcome, come from days long passed, I would say the street is filled with silly fools, who endure the discomfort of crowded stores and the cold for an absurd idea. Why this waste of time and money to celebrate a certain day? One day is as good as another, unless there is a decline in stocks. And yet so many make a fuss, that is the right word, over Christmas. It has no place in the calendar of sciences, and is only the invention of designing monks. It is true I was taught to reverence the day, but a few years at college dispelled the illusion my poor old parents created for me. Christmas, like Santa Claus, could not stand the light of reason, and when I was a man it disappeared just as effectually as old Santa did with the coming of long breeches. Still, I am sad to-night, and feel that disaster of some kind is not far off. The house lacks something money cannot purchase. I am lonely.—It may be that I made a mistake when I gave up Clara because her father's fortune went with so many others on that Black Friday. I was then only beginning my financial career, and, of course, could not form an alliance with the daughter of a bankrupt. Money came, but not happiness.'

The soliloquy was interrupted by the entrance of the butler, carrying a silver tray, on which was a visiting card.

'James,' said the master, as he took the card, 'I am not at home to-night.'

The butler bowed, and was about to leave the room when he was told to remain. Mr. Durant examined the card, and was surprised to see that it contained the name of George Deberg, one of the leaders of the Stock Exchange.

'Show the gentleman into the reception room,' he ordered; 'and tell him I will join him within a few minutes.'

'Deberg,' murmured Durant, has repulsed all my advances, and seemed determined to know me only as a broker. I tried to cultivate him, or rather become acquainted with him socially, for he is worth knowing, but failed. What has brought him here to-night, of all others? Certainly not business, for no man would invade a private home on Christmas Eve to talk business. Well, I shall see him and solve the riddle.'

Durant greeted his visitor cordially, while trying to conceal his surprise at seeing him.

'I am indeed happy,' he said, 'to see you at last in my house. An old bachelor is lonely at this season.'

Mr. Deberg took the extended hand rather coolly, saying: 'I imagine that some bachelors enjoy their lonely lives when they have such inviting homes which they insist upon retaining for their sole and exclusive use.'

'You forget, my friend, that a lonely life is a necessity with some of us. Not every one can secure a partner for the journey of life. We should have the sympathy, not the censure, of those who, like yourself, have won prizes.'

Deberg looked straight at his host as he replied, and there was a suggestion of contempt in his tone:

'Some men secure money by reprehensible methods; others win the love of noble women only to abandon them when fortune takes wing. But few find no response to their love. To which class do you belong?'

Had the winter's sky reverberated with peals of thunder, Durant would not have been more surprised, and he remained silent while his companion continued:

'I see that you do not wish to be placed in either of these classes, but do not forget that we are not estimated so much by our words as we are by our lives.'

Durant had at last obtained control of his emotions, and replied with the indifferent air he so often assumed in Wall street:

'I suppose I must be placed in the third class, among the few whose love stirs no responsive chord in the heart of the loved. So I should have your sympathy, should I not?'

'Certainly you should, and I sympathise with you so much that I shall withdraw the curtain that you may see pictures of the past. It may enable you to enter with a proper spirit on the celebration of Christmas. First, we see the picture of a noble youth, faithful to all his duties as a son and Christian. Then we have the gay young man who has forgotten his old parents and his religion. Next the successful man of business, who, after winning the love of a noble girl, forgets his words of affection as soon as her father's fortune vanishes. Do you care to study these pictures? I have not come here to find fault with you, but to point out your mistake, that I may help you, help you undo, as far as possible, a great wrong. You have not forgotten Clara Walsh. She is dying, and has expressed a wish to see you before she is separated from you by the river we cross but once. Will you go with me to see her?'

At the mention of a name he had not heard spoken for twenty years the color left Durant's face. He had tried to forget, and thought he had succeeded. Yet the tidings that she was dying made his heart beat more quickly than it had for a score of years. When his astonishment gave place to sober judgment, he said in a sad voice:

'Then she is still living? I thought, as I had not heard from her for years, that she was dead.'

'Yes, she is living, but the physicians say there is no hope for her. She is at my house, and has been governess for my children and companion to my wife since the death of her poor father. Will you come to her?'

Durant forgot that he was the stoic, who no longer believed life could bestow happiness; or that there was any use in seeking it unless it could be found in the acquisition of money. In an instant he recalled the days he had spent in the company of Clara Walsh, and he again felt that it would be a joy to see her, though on her death-bed.

'I will go,' he said, 'at the risk of opening old wounds in her heart and in mine.'

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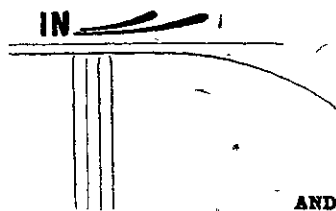
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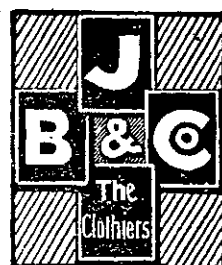
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Current Topics

Greetings

A Catholic poet (John Savage) wrote of the passing years:—

Years roll through the palm of ages
As the dropping Rosary speeds
Through the cold and passive fingers
Of a hermit at his beads.

May the Year-Rosary of our readers be a long one, and every bead in it a gem of heaven's choicest blessing!

Christian Heroes

Last week we detailed the simple but magnificent heroism—heroism to death—displayed by eight Little Sisters of the Poor in their effort to save the life of an aged cripple during the recent great earthquake at Valparaiso. These noble-hearted religious were plundered and banished from France for the crime of loving God and serving the hapless poor for His dear sake. Here is how an English Protestant writer, Mr. Lord, describes the splendid charity of the exiled French Fathers of the Sacred Heart during the same dread catastrophe: "In the afternoon our little party moved to the Congregacion de los Sagrados Corazones, where are domiciled the French Fathers. Their kindness and attention to 1500 homeless persons—to say nothing of the wounded and sick—will always live in my memory. Here we were fed and housed, notwithstanding the enormous loss they had sustained by the partial destruction of their large edifice in Calle Independencia. After what I have seen during the past few days, I will take off my hat to every Roman Catholic priest as long as I live. They deserve it. I am not a religious man, as the ordinary term goes, but the priest follows the teaching of Christ in the hour of need."

Home Rule

Patience is usually power. But, like quinine, it is more easily prescribed than taken. But it generally has its reward. Ireland's long watching and waiting and striving for the right of self-government accorded to the Isle of Man, seem to be near their reward of realisation; and Mr. Devlin may be (as he has prophesied) the last envoy from Eire to plead for moral and financial aid for the cause of Home Rule. The editor of the 'National Review' avers that Mr. Balfour 'stands absolutely clear of the devolution intrigue, and is ready and eager and panting for the Home Rule fray which is advancing upon us by leaps and bounds, in spite of the declarations of more than one Cabinet Minister, that a General Election won on Free Trade gave no mandate for Home Rule.' The same writer adds this further interesting item of information: "There is reason to believe that Sir Antony MacDonnell has already drafted a measure constituting an Irish Parliament and an Irish Executive in Dublin."

'As to the attitude of King Edward,' said Mr. T. P. O'Connor a few weeks ago in America, 'I feel he is not unfavorable to Ireland. He is shrewd enough to see the enormous importance of Ireland to his country and to his dynasty, and there is none more anxious than he to accomplish the reconciliation of that country. When he went to Ireland some years ago he received a hostile reception that brought him to the reality and depth of Irish discontent. It shattered the tissue of gossamer lies built up by the press of London to the effect that the Irish people were contented. For these reasons I believe that if conditions were favorable King Edward would say to his Ministers that the time had come for closing this conflict forever.'

Howling on for More

The Freemason-Radical-Socialist 'Bloc' or 'machine' that rules France are not content with the closing and confiscation of 27,000 Christian schools and numerous institutions of religion and charity, and the plunder and proscription of 160,000 persons whose lives were devoted to the children and the sick and suffering poor. Like the greedy ocean, they are

'Sick of prey, yet howling on for more.'

The immediate prospect of the plunder of churches and other ecclesiastical buildings has aroused the 'staunchless avarice' of the lodges, and they are already hovering around waiting for their prey. Here is an extract from an article in a Freemason organ, the 'Acacia,' published in Paris:—

'In the buildings which have been reared in every quarter, for centuries devoted to religious superstition and the gratification of ecclesiastical ambition, we perhaps shall soon be authorised to preach our doctrines. Instead of clerical psalmody which now resounds there, the beat of the chairman's gavel, the acclamations of the Masonic brethren, and all the ceremonial utterances of our order will awake the echoes of the immemorial arches.'

The Philadelphia 'Catholic Standard' of October 29, quotes from an editorial article in the previous week's issue of 'The Presbyterian,' of the same city, a still more unexpected and melancholy proposal to make use of the 'worship associations' for the purpose of stealing French Catholic churches and devoting them to the purposes of an alien cult. The article (according to our Philadelphia contemporary) is headed 'Opportunity for Protestantism in France.' The nature of the 'opportunity' is set forth with frank brutality in the following paragraph:—

'Whatever may be the issue of the struggle between the Pope and the Government, the present situation affords a great opportunity to French Protestantism and lays upon the other Protestant Churches a great responsibility for the furnishing of assistance in evangelising France. There is no doubt that in many cases there are Protestant congregations ready to occupy former Roman Catholic churches with "religious associations." According to the new law, they will be furnished with the building by the Government, if the Catholic clergy are still holding out against reorganisation of their congregations, according to the Pope's decree.'

The spirit that inspired that paragraph dwells, we should say, in a place remote from heaven. We will not do our separated brethren in this or any other part of the world the injustice of supposing that any considerable section of them would, in our day, favor a return to the sixteenth century policy of forcibly stealing and occupying the churches of their Catholic fellow-Christians—for the glory of God. Moore's well-known lines would well apply to a so-called Christian creed that would ally itself with atheists and Christ-hunters to fatten on the plunder of an old and persecuted faith:—

'Yes—rather plunge me back in pagan night,
And take my chance with Socrates for bliss,
Than be the Christian of a faith like this.'

These two incidents, however, serve at least to show the uses to which the provisions of the so-called Separation Law may be—and, in the opinion of the Church's enemies, ought to be—put in afflicted France.

The French Persecution

In the long, long ago (so runneth an Arab legend) a Sultan asked Solomon for a motto for a signet ring—a motto that should hold good both for prosperity and for adversity. And Solomon wrote these words:

'This also shall pass away.'

The Catholic poet Southwell couched the same idea in the couplet:—

'No joy so great but runneth to an end,
No hap so haïd but may in fine amend'.

Persecutors pass and persecution dies, and the Church lives on and sees the end of them all. And as the chemist knows how to distil a healing dew from the root of the deadly aconite, so does God know how to draw good out of intended evil. Even persecution (says the Prince de Broglie) has its uses, for it passes through the crucible the courage and the virtues of individuals and of peoples. It has been known to give a spinal column even to the physical coward.

Everything seems to show that the Church in France is facing the latest phase of the atheistic persecution with high hope and courage. Oppression is no new experience to the church in France. 'The attitude of the Government in France throughout the whole of the nineteenth century', said Cardinal Moran recently to a 'Catholic Press' interviewer, 'has been one of tyranny and oppression. It may seem strange to us that a Bishop would not be allowed to publish a pastoral letter without submitting it to the Prefect of Police. That is French law. You know that the Penal Laws in Ireland prohibited either the clergy or the people to meet in any numbers without the sanction of the Government, and the reply of the Irish was that they met in the mountains and on the hillsides to carry out their religious exercises. They were heedless of any sword of persecution that might be hanging over them, and persistently refused to abide by any regulations of the Government in this direction.' 'Of course,' added his Eminence, 'we don't exactly know the relations of the people and Government in France, where they have been accustomed to look to the State for everything. One of the results of the persecution of the Irish during three hundred years is that we look to the Government for nothing. In matters of religion we are quite independent. Religion is our guide, and I think in our present position in Australia we are both able to and are willing to protect our own. These are the principles I would apply in France. . . Perhaps it seems very inconsistent to our view of things that before adopting any particular course of action in France they write and ask what Rome would advise them to do. Well, if such difficulties arose here in the Commonwealth or in Ireland we would not trouble Rome at all. We would settle them ourselves. It is not a duty that would devolve upon Rome. It is ours, and we would discharge it in the best possible way. . . In such matters those who are opposed to Home Rule assert that it would mean Rome Rule. We know nothing of that kind of thing. We are determined to rule by common sense, duty, and religion, and do not throw the burden upon Rome, for we are confident that if we abide by those principles we shall always have the fullest approval of the authorities in the centre of Christendom when the case comes before them.'

In the opinion of the Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney the cessation of Government subsidies will result in a closer union of the clergy and their congregations in France. 'The real hope of religion', said he, 'as the world is situated nowadays, is the union of the priests and people, and I think the system by which the clergy have to rely on the religious spirit of the people even for their subsistence is the most desirable and the one that ensures the happiest results to both parties.'

And thus out of evil will come forth good—out of the lion's mouth honey. And as to the regime of atheistic persecution, 'this also shall pass away.' During the French Revolution, in the days of the Constituent Assembly, the French bishops and fifty thousand of their clergy refused to take an oath which their

consciences rejected. They went calmly to prison, exile, or death. We look to the French clergy to-day to display in the home-land the magnificent devotion which makes them such noble martyrs upon the foreign mission-field. As to the closing of the churches, we doubt that any Government is strong enough for that, especially among the sturdy Catholic population of Brittany and the Auvergne. 'There are in France,' said the Bishop of Bayonne some months ago, '64,000 churches. Priests and people have only to continue to use them as in the past. There are not in France 64,000 regiments to compel respect for the sequestrators, the breaking of the seals, and to close 64,000 churches every Sunday. A decree ordering the closing of the churches would be inapplicable, simply because it would lack practical sanction.'

CIRCULAR LETTER

BY THE BISHOP OF AUCKLAND

Bishop's House,
Ponsonby, Auckland,
December 17, 1906.

Rev. Father—and his parishioners,

Every happiness and joy attend you all at Christmas and during the new year. While our prayers at this holy time must be for peace on earth to men of good will, our thoughts will carry us to Rome, and remind us of the sorrows of our Holy Father occasioned by the trials of the Church in France. The newspapers give us such scant information, and the editors readily uphold any story against the Church. While sounding the praises of the authors of this persecution, they give honor to those men who have declared that their determination is to try and dechristianise their country, and who, under the mask of Equality and Liberty, are striving to stifle the consciences of their people. That they may succeed for a time is not unlikely, but that they will root out the Faith is as impossible as in days of old, when the barge of Peter was seen to be tossed in the midst of the most tempestuous waves, and when to all appearance it was in danger of shipwreck. Jesus Christ is the Helmsman who will guide her in all her ways and bring her safely out of danger. As it has been in the past so it will be in the future, for 'O Holy Roman Church, City of our strength, behold us thy children assembled in spirit within thy walls, around the tomb of the Fisherman, the Prince of the Apostles, whose sacred relics protect thee from their earthly shrine, and whose unchanging teaching enlightens thee from heaven. Yet, O City of Strength, it is by the Saviour, Who is coming, that thou art strong. He is thy wall, for it is He that encircles, with his tender mercy, all thy children; He is thy bulwark, for it is by Him that thou art invincible, and all the powers of hell are powerless to prevail against thee. Open wide thy gates, that all nations may enter thee; for thou art mistress of holiness and the guardian of truth. May the old error, which sets itself against the faith, soon disappear, and peace reign over the whole fold: O Holy Roman Church, thou hast forever put thy trust in the Lord; and He, faithful to His promise, has humbled before thee the haughty ones that defied thee, and the proud cities that were against thee. Where are now the Caesars, who boasted that they had drowned thee in thine own blood? Where the Emperors, who would ravish the inviolate virginity of thy faith? Where the Heretics, who, during the past centuries of thine existence, have assailed every article of thy teaching, and denied what they listed? Where the ungrateful Princes, who would fain make a slave of thee, who had made them what they were? Where that Empire of Mahomet, which has so many times raged against thee, for that thou, the defenceless State, didst arrest the pride of its conquests? Where the Reformers, who were bent on giving the world a Christianity, in which thou wast to have no part? Where the modern Sophists, in whose philosophy thou wast set down as a system that had been tried, and was a failure, and is now a ruin? And those Kings who are acting the tyrant over thee, and those people that will have liberty independently and at the risk of truth—where will they be in another hundred years? Gone and forgotten as the noisy anger of a torrent; while thou, O holy Church of Rome, built on the immovable rock, wilt be as calm,

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as young, as unwrinkled as ever. Thy path through the ages of this world's duration will be right as that of the just man; thou wilt ever be the self-same unchanging Church, as thou hast been during nearly nineteen hundred years past, whilst everything else under the sun has been but change. Whence this thy stability, but from Him Who is very Truth and Justice? Glory be to Him in thee. Each year, He visits thee; each year, He brings thee new gifts, wherewith thou mayest go happily through thy pilgrimage; and to the end of time He will visit thee, and renew thee, not only with the power of that look wherewith Peter was renewed, but by filling thee with Himself, as He did the ever glorious Virgin, who is the object of thy most tender love, after that which thou bearest to Jesus Himself. We pray with thee, O Church, our Mother, and here is our prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus, Thy name and Thy remembrance are the desire of our souls: they have desired Thee in the night, yea, and early in the morning have they watched for thee."

From the Octave of the Epiphany until further notice the Oratio Imperata will be 'Pro Papa'.—Again every kind wish to you and yours,

Yours affectionately in Christ,

✠ GEO. M. LENIHAN,
Bishop of Auckland.

The Irish Delegates

SPLENDID MEETING IN CHRISTCHURCH

Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., arrived in Christchurch on Tuesday afternoon of last week from Timaru. On the journey he was joined at Ashburton by Rev. Fathers O'Connell and Ilikson, and Messrs. P. Burke and J. Barrett, representing the Christchurch reception committee. At the Christchurch railway station the visitor was received by the Vicar-General (the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais), Rev. Father Cooney, Mr. G. Laurenson, M.H.R., Mr. E. O'Connor, and a number of the members of the reception committee, and was driven to the Cafe de Paris Hotel. He dined with a number of prominent local sympathisers with the Irish cause.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

In the evening Mr. Devlin addressed a public meeting in His Majesty's Theatre, and made a brilliant and forceful appeal on behalf of the cause of self-government for Ireland. The member for West Belfast (says the 'Lyttelton Times') is a natural orator, imbued with a fervent love of his country and a passionate desire to see Ireland enjoying the freedom and independence that is accorded to the great colonies of the Empire. He asked not for sympathy, but for a full recognition of Ireland's right to freedom.

Mr. T. Gapes presided, and there were also on the platform the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, Messrs. G. Laurenson, G. Witty, and W. W. Tanner (members of the House of Representatives), many representatives of the Catholic clergy, and the members of the reception committee. There was a large attendance. The speaker had evidently the sympathy of his audience from the first, and the applause was loud and frequent.

The chairman apologised for the absence of the Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Father Kennedy, and Mr. T. H. Davey, M.H.R. He said that he had consented to preside with very great pleasure. In New Zealand all the people enjoyed freedom—freedom of the person and freedom of speech—and it would not be necessary to ask a colonial audience to give Mr. Devlin a careful and impartial hearing in regard to the Irish national cause.

MR. DEVLIN'S SPEECH.

Mr. Devlin, after the applause that greeted him when he rose, said that his first duty was to express his profound obligation to that very large and representative meeting for the public spirit and the kindly interest manifested in the cause of Ireland. He felt the great honor that had been done to him as the representative from Ireland, because, in view of the variety of local attractions and the many fascinations offered by this great city, it was no small testimony to the value which the people placed upon his mission when they attended in such large numbers, first of all to hear the Irish question stated, and, second-

ly, he trusted, to show their practical sympathy and their moral support for that cause which he had come to humbly plead. His second duty was to express his deep and heartfelt gratitude to the chairman for the promptitude and spontaneity with which he came forward to preside at the meeting, and to show that in Christchurch, as in other parts of New Zealand, there were public men, enjoying the confidence of the citizens and secure in that courage and devotion to liberty which inspired Mr. Gapes to occupy the position. Since he arrived in Australasia, Mr. Devlin continued, until he addressed a great meeting in Dunedin a few nights back, not only Mayors of cities but also Premiers of States, had extended to him a friendly and cordial hospitality and a warm-hearted greeting. In both Australia and New Zealand, Mayors of cities had had the courage and the public spirit to extend a welcome to the envoy, and to sympathise with the cause that envoy represented. It was only in the nature of things that

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in these lands, men who had watched the wonderful growth and the mighty advance which these great self-governing colonies had made under the priceless glory of free institutions, men who had the courage to act, as well as the intelligence to think, and who enjoyed freedom and self-government themselves, should be sufficiently enlightened and patriotic to manifest an anxiety to see similar rights and privileges extended to another people. About six months ago he had had the privilege of hearing the last speech delivered by New Zealand's honored and respected late Prime Minister, Mr. Seddon. (Applause.) He had been honored with an invitation from Mr. Deakin to attend a dinner organised by the Victorian Government in honor of this Colony's great first citizen. He heard Mr. Seddon deliver what, to his mind, was one of the most impressive speeches he had heard in favor of the untrammelled right of the self-governing colonies to direct their own fortunes, and to advance their own interests without interference from any class or section. Mr. Seddon had concluded his speech by saying that he was going back with pleasure and joy to 'God's own country,' and he could not help feeling that it was profoundly impressive for an Irish member to see that gathering of the guides and directors of the free colonies of the Empire. He could not help thinking that there was another land that might well be styled 'God's own country.' It was the cradle-land of his race, Ireland. His mind went back to his dear Home-land, 16,000 miles from which that gathering took place. He thought of 'God's own country' here, enjoying its splendid material advantages, and he thought of another land, gifted with superb mountains, exquisite scenery, fertile soil, great rivers, and every material advantage Providence could bestow upon a nation. He asked himself, What was the meaning of

The Marked Difference?

One land was flourishing and free, splendid in its institutions, progressive in its power, with the luxury of a contented and a happy people. He saw that although God made this country great, man assisted Him. God also made Ireland a splendid country, but man denied the Irish people the advantages that had made New Zealand a great and powerful land. In coming to this great city of Christchurch to make an appeal to New Zealanders for their sympathy and co-operation, he could not do better than state in clear and lucid terms the demands made by Irishmen, and to do so in a way that would be well understood by New Zealanders, irrespective of creed or political persuasion. He would simply say that the Irish Nationalists were working for 'Ireland for the Irish,' as people in New Zealand enjoyed 'New Zealand for the New Zealanders.' Irishmen simply claimed for their country the rights and privileges held by the people of this land. They asked that their people should be allowed to apply their genius to the adjustment of those economical and industrial reforms that would make for more prosperity amongst the people and for the greater achievements of the nation. They asked for the right of the Irish people to conduct their own purely domestic and internal affairs according to their own ideas and aspirations. On that foundation, he ought to receive the sympathy and co-operation of all freedom-inspired citizens of this country. In coming to Christchurch to plead the cause of Ireland, he might make his claim for the right of his country to manage its own affairs, and guide its own destinies, upon high sentimental, historical, and traditional grounds.

The remainder of Mr. Devlin's speech was mainly on the lines of those delivered in other centres, and its conclusion was marked by prolonged applause.

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THE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. G. Laurenson, M.H.R., then moved the following motion—That this meeting of the citizens of Christchurch is in full sympathy with the people of Ireland in their efforts to obtain constitutional government on similar lines to those which England has freely granted to all her self-governing colonies. He said that it was with peculiar pleasure he moved the motion. After hearing Mr. Devlin's speech, he realised how it was that the Irish representatives in the House of Commons had brought Home Rule within the sphere of practical politics, and had gone far to solve the Irish land problem. 'I advocate Home Rule for Ireland, because I love the British Empire,' said Mr. Laurenson. 'Ireland cannot be prosperous without Home Rule, and Great Britain cannot be truly great while indignation smoulders in the hearts of the Irish people. I would like to give a word of cheer to Mr. Devlin. History records many long and bitter struggles between the classes and the masses. In every instance the masses have won, and in every instance time has shown that the masses were right.' Mr. Laurenson mentioned that he had always advocated Home Rule for Ireland, from the platform and elsewhere, and had never wavered in his conviction that freedom was the right of the people. Nearly every great thinker who had visited Ireland had come to the conclusion that the only cure for Irish sorrow was 'a national system of government.'

Mr. J. Barr seconded the motion, and expressed strong sympathy with the Home Rule movement. The great majority of the New Zealand workers, he said, believed that Ireland should have the freedom accorded to other portions of the Empire.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. Barrett moved—That this meeting now takes up a collection to assist the Irish Parliamentary Party in the Home Rule movement. He said that the Irish cause needed money, and he hoped that the people of Christchurch would show their practical sympathy. He himself proposed to contribute £20.

Mr. E. O'Connor seconded the motion, which was carried. A collection was taken up, and realised a handsome sum in cash and promises.

Presentation to Father T. McKenna, Pahiātua

At the conclusion of Mass on Sunday at the Catholic church (says the 'Pahiātua Era,' December 16), the members of the congregation presented the Rev. Father T. McKenna with an illuminated address and a purse of 100 sovereigns.

Mr. D. Brosnahan said he had much pleasure in being present on behalf of the members of the church at Woodville to unite with the members of the Pahiātua church in making a presentation to Father McKenna, a presentation that was not being made on account of past services rendered by him to the church. It was a spontaneous one and was given as a token of the esteem and respect in which Father McKenna is held by members of the church. The tribute that was about to be paid to their pastor was on account of the severe illness that he had recently come through and which had filled them with feelings of alarm, and they had decided to subscribe a purse, which they hoped would not be returned in any way to them, but that it would be spent by Father McKenna for his personal benefit in the way of recuperating his health.

Mr. Andrew Quinlan then read the following address:

'Dear Rev. Father.—It is now about fourteen years since you came amongst us. During the whole of that time you have been in charge of this parish, and for the greatest part of the time you have labored amongst us without assistance. You have seen the district grow from small beginnings to its present flourishing condition, and it is no small thing to say that the progress of Catholicity has kept pace with the progress of the district. The church at Pahiātua has been built and further enlarged; the church at Woodville has been enlarged; a new church has lately been opened at Ilamua; valuable property has been acquired, and we have now in our midst a Catholic school taught by the Sisters. We recognise that the progress made is due mainly to your efforts and self-sacrifice. Your late severe illness has naturally caused us to reflect on these matters, and we wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your recovery, to testify publicly our appreciation of your work, and to pray that you may long be spared to labor amongst us. We recognise further that the works we have mentioned have entailed pecuniary sacrifice as well as per-

sonal discomfort on your part, and in asking you to accept the accompanying purse of sovereigns, we do so, not so much with any idea of reimbursement, but as a small token of our appreciation of you and to show that here, as elsewhere, the ties that bind the Catholic people to their priests are real, grounded in love of our faith and on our high regard for their sacred calling.

Signed on behalf of the Catholics of Pahiātua, Woodville, and surrounding districts by T. Quirke (chairman), H. McSherry (hon. sec.), E. Sullivan, D. Brosnahan, M. Galvin, J. Hennessy, A. Quinlan, E. Troy, J. Igoo, W. Buckley, G. H. Goldfinch, W. McCaffrey, T. Murray, J. Diamond, J. J. Beech, A. McLeod, D. O'Brien, T. Martin, W. Donoughue, J. McCleary.

Mr. T. Quirke, of Romik, spoke of the progress of the Church in the district, especially during the time Father McKenna had been in charge of the parish. During the 14 years he had been with them Father McKenna had sacrificed his own personal comforts for the advancement of his parish, notably by enlarging the church at his own expense and by giving over his comfortable house to the Sisters, and had gone to live in a humble cottage. Mr. Quirke congratulated Father McKenna on his complete recovery from his recent severe illness, which had caused the parishioners grave anxiety. Mr. Quirke then handed the address and the purse of sovereigns to Father McKenna.

Mr. E. Sullivan endorsed the remarks made by Messrs. Brosnahan and Quirke.

Father McKenna, in returning thanks for the honor done him, said he was never very good at expressing himself on occasions such as the present, and he had great difficulty in employing words to express his heartfelt thanks to his congregation for the kindness, love, and devotion they had bestowed upon him. He had seen the first stone of the first Catholic church built in Pahiātua. During that time he had labored amongst them for about three years, when he was transferred to Patea, where he remained for another three years, when he received the appointment of parish priest of Pahiātua. When he returned he found that the congregation had grown so large that the first church was inadequate for its requirements. The first work he did, however, was to have a presbytery erected, and in which he lived. He then took steps to have a new church built, and it was the one in which they were then assembled. He then turned his steps in the direction of acquiring further church property, in which he was successful, and the property acquired would be very useful in time. They had property valued at about £2000. Referring to the Woodville district, Father McKenna said that when he first went there he found that the church was very small, and he set to work and had it enlarged. As time went on he found that the congregation had outgrown the church, and it had to be made still larger to meet requirements. A great deal of thanks was due to the parishioners and friends who had co-operated with him in carrying out the work, and it was mainly due to that that they had Church property throughout the districts, which was very valuable. Father McKenna concluded his remarks by again thanking the parishioners for the high tribute they had paid him.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH

(By A VISITOR)

(Continued.)

The Sacred Heart College, Auckland, an institute of learning which does infinite credit to the Marist Brothers, commands a magnificent view of wide stretching suburbs, especially from the balconies, which extend over two frontages. Constructed of the most durable materials, on a site which apparently could not easily be excelled, with ample grounds for recreative and general purposes, the college is a valuable asset of the progressive Northern diocese. From sanitary and healthful considerations nothing has been overlooked, and the results are shown in the healthy appearance of the pupils at their studies or games. The internal arrangements and appointments of the college are all that could be possibly desired. Working under such admirable conditions, one need not wonder at the record already established, and the repeated successes of the devoted Brothers and their charges. In the company of the genial director, Bro. Justin, and his confreres, one of the pleasantest, most entertaining, and, I might add, most instructive of hours, it is possible to pass, is spent by the visitor who may be assured beforehand of a cordial reception. From personal experience I

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would strongly recommend any visitor to the Northern capital not to omit calling at the Sacred Heart College, as I am satisfied enlightenment on matters educational will result, and sincere satisfaction be felt at Catholic advancement and prospects, as affecting the rising generation more particularly, and the community as a whole.

Meane.

Having the good fortune, whilst passing through the beautiful town of Napier, to meet the kindly pastor of Meane, the Rev. Father McDonnell, at his invitation I spent a few very pleasant and profitable hours at this missionary centre. Under his guidance the scenes in and about the locality, so vividly impressed upon the memory of the many theological students now arduously engaged in the work of the priesthood in various parishes of the Archdiocese of Wellington and the diocese of Christchurch, were pointed out. Especially interesting was a view of the fine ecclesiastical seminary, with its prettily kept garden and picturesque surrounding landscape. Here, too, was seen the valuable meteorological instruments of the rector, the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, one of New Zealand's foremost experts in this branch of useful science. Close by also is the new site for the magnificent telescope he possesses, the largest in the Colony. On the lawn opposite the main entrance of the seminary there is situated a unique sundial, designed by the talented rector, which affords quite an interesting study in itself. Near to the seminary is the parish church, St. Mary's, which was founded at the end of 1850 as the centre of the mission in Hawke's Bay. The church has been raised and considerably improved since Father McDonnell assumed charge, and so far as material appearance is concerned will probably last for many years to come. The sanctuary of St. Mary's has hallowed associations, having been the scene of many memorable events in connection with the adjoining seminary—the starting point in the career of the Colony's contingent to re-inforce the world-wide Order of Marist missionaries. Situated in close proximity to the church are the convent and the parish schools in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The farming, gardening, and poultry raising operations of the Brothers, and the famous vineyards next claim attention, all of which reflect great credit on the industrious staff. Meane is a charming retreat reached through pretty lanes and country by-roads, and situated in the centre of beautiful rural scenery. It is perhaps the one place in New Zealand distinguished from another as being familiar to our Catholic people, since almost colonisation first began, and appears destined to continue for very many years in the van of apostolic learning, life, and labors.

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 22.

Tenders are being invited for the erection of a new presbytery for the Rev. Father Richards, Lincoln. The fine new convent at Rangiora for the Sisters of the Missions is now nearing completion, and is to be solemnly blessed and opened by his Grace Archbishop Redwood in January.

The Sacred Heart Convent (Sisters of the Missions) and Mount Nagdala Asylum (Sisters of the Good Shepherd) were each awarded gold medals for excellence of exhibit in a particular section of the 'Home Industries' at the Exhibition. Pupils of the Sisters of the Mission who made individual exhibits were also successful in securing awards.

On Wednesday evening, December 12, the pupils of the Convent schools (Sisters of the Missions), Leeston, gave their annual concert in the local Town Hall in the presence of a good audience. The Rev. Father Mahony and a party of friends from Christchurch assisted in an excellent programme. Miss L. O'Boyle and Mr. R. A. Horne shared the duties of accompanists.

The Sisters of Nazareth desire to sincerely thank their numerous kind friends for generous contributions throughout the year, and the valued assistance and helpful encouragement extended to the collecting Sisters in their arduous duties incidental to the upkeep of Nazareth House. The Rev. Mother expresses deep gratitude for gifts thoughtfully sent in to cheer the old people and gladden the hearts of the orphan inmates during the festive Christmas season.

During a sermon in the Cathedral last week on the evils of indiscriminate reading the Very Rev. Father Clune said: 'We spend a penny a day on buying secular papers and think nothing of it, whilst the bare suggestion of spending a similar amount once a week on a good Catholic paper like the 'Tablet' will not apparently be seriously considered. Get the 'Tablet,' get it regularly, and read it and you will be all the better for it. In every way the 'Tablet' is a really good paper and supplies all that is needed for the family reading.'

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

December 19.

Rev. Fathers O'Reilly, Lowe, and O'Brien, visitors from Australia, have been in Auckland during the last few days.

Next Friday evening a presentation will be made to the Very Rev. Father Gillan by the committee of St. Benedict's Church.

Quite a busy time has been experienced in the city and suburbs in the annual entertainments and presentation of prizes at our schools. The entertainments have been of a very excellent character indeed, reflecting the highest credit upon the teachers and affording genuine pleasure to the large audiences attending them.

The officers for the ensuing term were nominated for office at last night's meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, and the election was fixed for January 15. Bro. M. J. Sheahan alluded to the forthcoming visit of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. for West Belfast. He urged every member to exert himself on behalf of Mr. Devlin's mission. Bros. Casey, D. Flynn, and Kane spoke in hearty support of the motion. It was resolved to present an address from the branch to Mr. Devlin.

Rev. Brothers John and Stratonique, of the Marist Brothers' Order, are at present in Auckland. Brother Victor, Provincial for Australasia and Oceania, is also here. Last evening a welcome was accorded them by the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association at their club room, Pitt street. His Lordship the Bishop, Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Molloy, Murphy, McMillan, and Farthing were present. His Lordship the Bishop heartily welcomed Brothers John, Stratonique and Victor. He felt sure the number of ex-pupils they saw together now must be very cheering and comforting to them. It was evidence of the lasting character of the work done by the good Brothers in Auckland and elsewhere. To their old teachers and their old school the young men were attached by ties of religion, and of gratitude. Mr. Furlong, an ex-pupil, welcomed the visiting Brothers on behalf of the club. They all freely admitted the great and many obligations they were under to the Marist Brothers. Their good teachings and example remained with them, and guided them throughout life. To his Lordship the Bishop and Brother George the club was indebted. In existence but over two years, they claimed to have accomplished much that was good in the community. Financially their position was improving, and ere long it would be sound. Rev. Brother John replied, and thanked the Bishop and the young men for their hearty and kindly welcome to them. It was thirty years ago since he first visited this Colony. He had visited many parts of the world since then. He had met and conversed with several of their former teachers in those parts, all of whom spoke affectionately of their old pupils in New Zealand. He then told them how persistently their late lamented and beloved Bishop, Dr. Luck, worked to secure the Marist Brothers for Auckland. He dwelt on the persecution in France, and the number of their schools which were closed, and the Brothers dispersed to every part of the world. In this connection the Bishop of one of the South American dioceses told him that he felt so thankful to the persecuting French Government for turning the Brothers out of France, because otherwise he would not have secured them for his diocese. The great battle of Christian education was going on. He witnessed the great Catholic demonstration in London recently in the great Albert Hall in favor of Catholic education. It was a great sight. He was glad at heart to witness that night the good and lasting effects of Catholic teaching. After all it was not in the school itself but out in the world afterwards that this good work was tested. He thanked the Bishop, priests, Brothers, and ex-students for their warm reception of Brothers Stratonique, Victor, and himself. Recitations were given by Messrs. McKenna and Herbert, a vocal item by Mr. Jas. Lonergan, and a fine chorus by members of the musical branch of the club. It was indeed a most enjoyable evening.

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On Friday evening the Old Boys' Association will give a social gathering in honor of Brother George.

The meeting for the purpose of promoting Mr. Devlin's mission in Auckland is fixed to take place in the Brothers' school on Monday evening, January 7. It was considered useless to call meetings during the holidays.

The formal ceremony of opening and blessing St. Benedict's Convent, which has recently been built on a site adjacent to St. Benedict's Church and school-house, was performed last Sunday afternoon by his Lordship Bishop Lenihan, in the presence of a large gathering of clergy and others.

Mr. A. M. Myers (Mayor of Auckland) stated, in the course of a few introductory remarks, that he was pleased to be in a position to repeat the statement he made at the laying of the foundation stone of the building, that the Catholics as a community were deserving of the greatest credit for the manner in which they attended to the education of their children—an education which, he felt sure, was making for righteousness and good citizenship. He specially commended the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who, he remarked, devoted their whole life to the education of the young people, and who were entitled to the sympathy and co-operation of parents in carrying out their self-sacrificing obligations. He congratulated the Sisters on the past success of their labors in educational affairs, and on the fruition of their efforts in now having a suitable home to occupy while continuing to perform their noble work.

The Hon. Mr. Thompson and Mr. E. Mahoney also congratulated the Sisters on the results of their efforts in the past, and both speakers expressed an earnest hope that the same measure of success would attend their work in the future.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan acknowledged the heavy debt the Church was under to the Sisters of St. Joseph, who in twenty years had materially assisted in getting established three large schools in place of one small one then existing. With the co-operation of parents and the admirable work of the religious communities the Church was providing a religious and secular education which was yielding grand and noble results.

The Very Rev. Father Gillan, on behalf of the Sisters and himself, gratefully accepted the encouraging remarks of the speakers, and also thanked parents and friends for their assistance in the erection of the convent.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

December 19.

The Conciliation Board, under the presidency of Mr. P. J. O'Regan, of Wellington, sat at the Court-house, Wanganui, on Friday to frame an award covering the plumbing trade throughout the whole of the industrial district of Wellington on the hours and wages to constitute a week's work and wages per hour, which would prove acceptable alike to employers and employees.

Mr. O'Regan gave an address on Rating on Unimproved Land Values on Friday evening, his Worship the Mayor presiding. Mr. O'Regan stated that he believed in rating on unimproved value because it was just. He was also a believer in direct taxation. He also said that the labor question would never be settled until the land question was settled. After the meeting the supporters of the tax formed themselves into a committee to work up interest in the question.

Entertainment at Gore

An excellent entertainment was given by the pupils of the Convent School, East Gore, at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, December 19. The weather was decidedly unfavorable (says the 'Mataura Ensign'), and doubtless deterred many from attending; but, as it was, the hall was comfortably filled by an appreciative and demonstrative audience. The entertainment, taken as a whole, was of a high order of merit, and afforded proof positive of the excellence of the methods of instruction that are adopted and put into execution by the Sisters of Mercy. The entertainment was opened with an overture by Misses D. Carmody and M. Lynch, which was very nicely played. A laughable farce, entitled 'The Doctor's Holiday,' followed, in which the burden of the acting fell on Masters E. Sweeney, T. Ambrose, and P. Monaghan, who all ad-

mirably sustained their parts. 'The Standard Bearer' was rendered by a number of the schoolboys, and was followed by a couple of songs by the junior pupils. A recitation was given by Misses A. Lawlor and M. Johnston. A piano duet followed, the participants being Misses D. Holland and M. O'Kane, who acquitted themselves very creditably. One of the best items of an attractive programme was undoubtedly the song 'The Gleaners,' which was sweetly rendered by a number of the pupils in appropriate costumes. A recitation, 'The monotony of school inspection,' given by Master Lawlor, was loudly encored. His enunciation was clear for one so youthful. A song by the juniors was followed by a good exhibition of hoop drill by a number of the pupils. A piano duet was then played acceptably by Misses S. and M. Lawlor. After the singing of 'Ring the bell for Christmas' by junior pupils, a recitation which caused much amusement was given by Masters W. and H. Poppelwell. A fine exhibition of club-swinging, characterised by precision of movement, was given by the Misses McNulty and Miss O'Kane. A duet by Misses Carmody and Cooney followed, and the evening's entertainment closed with a laughable grand chorus entitled, 'Napoleon and his army.'

Catholic Schools, Blenheim

The following is the report of the Inspector, Mr. D. A. Strachan, M.A., on the Catholic schools, Blenheim:—St. Mary's Boys' School.—Compulsory subjects: Reading, satisfactory; composition, satisfactory, essays of high quality; writing, satisfactory, Standard V., good; spelling, good, Standards VI., V., III., good to excellent; recitation, satisfactory to good; Standard I., excellent; arithmetic, fair; Standard III., excellent; drawing, good, Standards VI., IV., III., II., excellent; singing, good; physical instruction, good; geography, fair; history, good to excellent—judging by essays this subject is taught by right and interesting methods; moral instruction and health, receives attention. Additional subjects.—Nature study and elementary science, gardens have been instituted, and judging by the essays, much very good work has been done there in cultivating original observation; handwork, brush drawing improved in originality. Order, discipline, and tone of the school, very good; efficiency of the school, satisfactory. I was pleased to note the greatly improved attendance. The school has advanced considerably during the past year.

St. Joseph's Girls' School.—Compulsory subjects.—Reading, good, Standard III., excellent; composition, good (of high quality in essay); writing, excellent; spelling, good; Standards VI., V., IV., excellent; recitation, good; arithmetic, fair to satisfactory, Standard II., good to excellent, Standard VI., good; drawing, good to excellent, Standards VI., V., III., II., excellent; singing, excellent; physical culture, good to excellent; geography, satisfactory; history, good to excellent, Standards V., IV., III., excellent; moral instruction and health, satisfactory. Additional subjects.—Nature study and elementary science,—nature study is taught by means of gardens (with which a fair beginning has been made) and by Gillies' 'Plant Life,'—satisfactory. Weather and temperature charts are kept. Science study has improved. Handwork, brushwork, very good; modelling in plasticine, satisfactory, needlework, good to excellent. Instruction of Class P., good. Order, discipline, and tone of the school, excellent. Efficiency of the school, etc., good. The Sisters deserve much praise for the general standard attained.

Three out of the four members for Adelaide in the South Australian Parliament have been journalists—Messrs. Denny, Ponder, and Roberts.

At four meetings held in Victoria during the first week in December by Mr. Donovan, the Irish envoy, a sum of £500 was subscribed.

The Rev. Father E. Bradley, recently ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral by his Eminence Cardinal Moran, and a student of St. Patrick's College, Manly, has been appointed assistant to Dean Slattery at St. Joseph's, Newtown.

After many years of fruitful service in the spiritual vineyard of the archdiocese of Melbourne, the Revs. E. J. Luby (Brunswick), D. B. Nelan (Essendon), and R. S. Benson (South Yarra) have been made parish priests; or irremovable rectors.

The death is announced of Lady Morris and Killanin, widow of Lord Morris and Killanin, and mother of the present Lord Killanin. Her husband was Lord Chief Justice of Ireland and afterwards Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

A Merry Christmas

Why do we say a 'merry' Christmas, why a 'happy' New Year? All of these ages-old expressions have a deep significance, which custom causes us to pass over lightly. We can be 'merry' for a day—most of us. We can be 'happy' for a year—all of us. It is superfluous to say 'a happy, merry, Christmas,' because to be merry one must first be happy. 'A merry New Year' is out of the question; no one but a paid jester or a thoughtless fool could be merry for a whole year.

'Merry Christmas' has a delightful sound. Every letter in it seems to laugh to the accompaniment of tinkling bells. Merry Christmas conjures visions of resplendently decorated fir trees; of stockings bursting with gifts; of delicious viands and jesting talk; of mirthful music, glad some song and jolly games. Now, every one cannot, or will not have that sort of a Christmas. Some of us every Christmas find a vacant chair where a dearly-loved one sat last Christmas. Notwithstanding this, we can be happy, since it is sinful to be unhappy and to repine at the will of God, although for the mourner there is no 'merry' Christmas. Religious generally prefer the 'happy' Christmas greeting; their favorite form is 'a happy, holy Christmas.' A greeting suitable to everybody is 'a happy Christmas' (or 'a peaceful Christmas'), 'and many joyful' (or 'prosperous') 'returns of the New Year.' To a sufferer in one of the hospitals some years ago a friend sent an original greeting, 'The peace of Christmas be yours, and the hope of many strong and happy New Years of life!—a wish that came true.'

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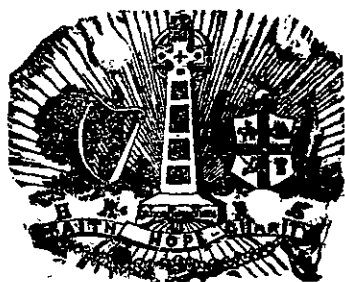
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(From our own correspondent.)

The large hall of the college was well filled on Monday evening, December 17, when the annual distribution of prizes was made by his Excellency the Governor. Besides his Grace the Archbishop and the local clergy, the Hon. G. Fowlds (Minister for Education), Mr. T. E. Y. Seddon, M.H.R., Mr. J. P. Firth (Principal of Wellington College), and Mr. Martin Kennedy were among those present. The prize-giving was interspersed with musical items, the following programme being submitted: Songs by the Rev. Father Hills and Masters Ryan and Miller, a violin solo by Miss Julia Moran, a pianoforte solo by Mr. H. Seymour, and several choruses by the pupils. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Premier and his Worship the Mayor. The prize list is as follows:—

General Excellence.—John Duggan, gold medal given by Old Boys' Association.
Good Conduct.—Henry Seymour, gold medal given by Archbishop Redwood.
Honorable Mention.—Joseph Stewart.
Diligence Medal.—Mark Devoy, donated by Provincial.

Christian Doctrine.—O'Leary; second division, Bernard Ryan.

Excellence in Class Work.—Second class, John Duggan; third class, Bernard Ryan; fourth class, H. Rasmussen; fifth class Alonzo Dwan.

CLASS SUBJECTS.

Second Class.—English, Essay, Francois Kelly; English, John Duggan; Latin, William Ryan; French, William Ryan; Algebra, Joseph Ryan; Arithmetic, Joseph Ryan; Geometry, Joseph Ryan and John Duggan, equal; Drawing, John Duggan.

Third Class.—Essay, Nicholas Geaney; English, Maurice Butler; Latin, James Ryan; French, James Ryan; Arithmetic, Alfred Cullen; Algebra, Alfred Cullen; Geometry, E. J. Burke; Drawing, Alfred Cullen.

Fourth Class.—Essay, Richard Mulgan and Michael Cleary; English, H. K. Lynch; Latin, Mulgan and Lynch; French, Leo Poff and Henry Rasmussen; Arithmetic, Terence Malone, Leo Poff, and K. Lynch; Algebra, Bernard Rasmussen and Terence Malone; Geometry, Mulgan and Terence Malone; Drawing, Henry Rasmussen and Kildare Lynch.

Fifth Class.—Essay, Joseph Devine; English, Cyril Andrews; Arithmetic, Alonzo Dwan.

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Music.—Pianoforte, Henry Seymour (first division), Bernard Malone (second division); Violin, Nicholas Geaney; Singing, Robert Miller (senior), Bernard Ryan (junior).

The following names appear on the Board of Honor.—Akukata, Bennett, Cameron, Campion, Done, Duggan, Geaney, H. Lynch, K. Lynch, London, O'Connor, O'Leary, Poff, Joe Ryan, William Ryan, Seymour, Stewart, Frank Kelly, Lavery, McGrath.

At the conclusion of the distribution the Rector, Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., B.A., in a particularly happy speech referred to the splendid behaviour of the boys during the year, and to the efforts of both teachers and pupils to make the best of their opportunities. He was particularly pleased with the junior classic class, in which many of the pupils had attained over eighty per cent. in a very difficult paper. This result reflected very much to the credit of the young priests, who he felt sure would leave their mark on our educational work. The good feelings that had always existed with Wellington College continued, and the boys of the two institutions were friendly rivals. The Rector impressed upon parents the necessity of sending their boys to college when about 13 or 14 years of age, so as to give them an opportunity of obtaining a solid foundation in their education. He also deprecated the system of cramming that was working such baneful results on the Colony.

His Excellency briefly addressed the boys. He said that it gave him great pleasure to attend St. Patrick's, for he always felt at home there. As the prize winners were called he noticed many names that in his youth meant much to him. He could say that no one outside the Catholic Faith appreciated more the sacrifice and self reliance of Catholics in the matter of education than he did. He felt honored in being allowed to associate himself with the college, and if he could help it at any time an application to him for assistance would not be in vain.

His Grace then congratulated the boys on the result of the year's work, and trusted that they would ever strive to be a credit to their teachers.

The Hon. Mr. Fowlds also addressed a few words to the boys. He paid a tribute to the self-reliance so prominently displayed by Catholics in the work of educating their children. He would be pleased to render what help he could.

Three hearty cheers for his Excellency, three for his Grace, and three more for the Rector concluded the proceedings.

The Executive Committee, Dunedin, appointed to arrange for a suitable reception and presentation to the Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, have decided that the presentation is to consist of an address in album form, and that the function is to be held in the Garrison Hall on January 18. Speakers have been arranged for, also a bright and attractive musical programme. This public meeting will undoubtedly rank among the most successful ever held in Dunedin. All classes of the community are represented on the Executive Committee, which has given every evidence of deep enthusiasm.

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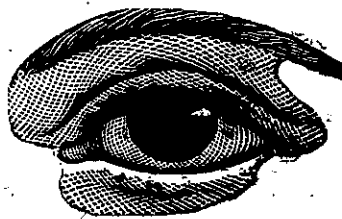
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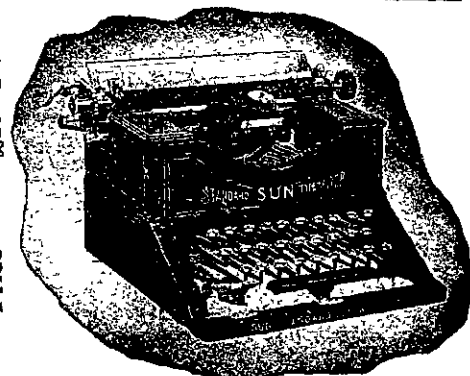
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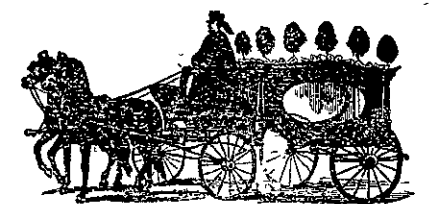
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THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES.

Will begin at 7.30 p.m. on MONDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY, 1907, and end on the morning of SATURDAY, 12th of JANUARY.

The Retreat will be preached by the Very Rev. J. Ryan, S.J.

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THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES

Will begin at 7 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of JANUARY 1907, and will end on the morning of MONDAY, the 14th JANUARY.

The Retreat will be preached by the Rev. Father O'Dwyer, S.J.

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WORKERS' DWELLINGS OPEN FOR LEASE, WITH
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MONDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1907, AND FOLLOWING DAY,
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D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands

District Lands Office,
Dunedin, 20th December, 1906.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

Send news **WHILE IT IS FRESH.** Stale reports will not be
inserted.

Communications should reach this Office **BY TUESDAY
MORNING.** Only the briefest paragraphs have a chance
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Reports of **MARRIAGES** and **DEATHS** are not selected or
compiled at this Office. To secure insertion they must be
verified by our local agent or correspondent, or by the
clergyman of the district, or by some subscriber whose
handwriting is well known at this office. Such reports must
in every case be accompanied by the customary death or
marriage announcement, for which a charge of 2s. 6d. is
made.

O M A K A U A R T U N I O N

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 blocks with remit-
tances, and enable him to make the Art Union what he anticipated
—a great success.

MARRIAGE

BALTON-KELLEHER.—On the 12th of November,
at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, by the Rev.
Father Coffey, John, second son of Mr. James Bal-
ton, Waipori, to Johannah Mary, youngest daughter
of the late Mr. M. P. Kelleher, Waikerikeri Valley.

DEATHS

McGRATH.—At Wellesley Road, on December 12,
1906, Charlotte Parson, the beloved wife of Michael
McGrath, aged 42 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

HARRIS.—On December 19, at his late residence,
Hampden, Dominic Harris, beloved husband of Winifred
Harris; aged 76 years.—R.I.P.

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

*Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Aposto-
lica 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 27, 1906.

THE PASSING YEAR



N a few days the curtain will drop upon
1906. The year has been in many respects a
memorable one. In the field of religion and
politics it has been scored more or less
deeply with sundry events—some of merely na-
tional, some of international importance. For
New Zealand, the event of the year has been
the passing of the late Premier, Mr. Sed-
don. 'There's hope,' says Hamlet, 'a great man's
memory may outlive his life half a year.' Nowadays,
the public memory, like Fuller's purse, is so over-
crowded that even big events easily drop out through
its gaping mouth. The late Premier has, in a degree,
suffered the fate that befalls great men who live in
strenuous and fast-moving times. But as one who af-
fected his generation, his name is sure to live. The
rugged greatness of the mountain range is not to be
mentally grasped from the foot of its highest peak,
but from the distant plain below. In an analogous
way great men suffer, especially in days of crowded
incident like ours, from the foreshortening effect of the
nearer standpoint, and are set in their right perspec-
tive only by the distant view. For New Zealand
Catholics, another incident of the dying year was the
admitted collapse of the Bible-in-schools agitation.
From its inception, the movement was like the disease
called the calenture, which sometimes seizes sailors in
the tropics, disturbs their imagination; sets them
mooning and dreaming of distant and longed-for scenes

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—but leaves them with flabby muscles and folded arms, incapable of action. Phelps will have it that Don't Care came to a good end—at any rate,' says he, 'it came to some end.' The movement to capture the public schools for sectarian purposes came to the end that it deserved. And few there be that shed a tear or placed a wreath upon its grave. For, the normally constituted man would rather sit idly watching the rye-grass grow than be a party to an agitation that for a generation limited itself to words, words, words, and never allowed its energy to follow the normal path of discharge. Catholics are 'not in this matter stricken with a moral calamity, and the year that is passing 'afay in the ewigkeit' has been singularly fruitful in effort and sacrifice for the little ones of Christ's flock on this far-out rim of the world.

The American Continent has supplied us with the chief sensations of the year—earthquakes that take rank among the great ones of history, and the crying scandals that focussed the eyes of the world for a brief and shuddering period upon the methods of the meat-packing trusts of Chicago. For Catholics, the most noted and melancholy feature of the year's brief history in Australia has been the injection of a spirit of vehement no-Popery fanaticism into the political life of some of the States of the Commonwealth. The effort to drive Catholics and tolerant Protestants out of public life has, however, happily failed, and the dream of anti-Catholic ascendancy remains—and, we trust, will ever remain—the dream of the babbling child that wanted the moon to play with and the stars to run away with. In Great Britain the long and bitter onslaught on Christian education has, for the time at least, failed; and a measure of self-government promises an early ending of the long misrule that sends the population fleeing from Ireland to this hour as from a blighted and pestilence-stricken land. In France the Lodge has, in this closing month of the year, placed the Church with her back to the wall to fight for her corporate existence in that unhappy country. The war against Christianity is being conducted there by a ring of aggressive atheists. As coarse and fierce and intolerant as the Tudors, they have as little knowledge of the 'liberty' and 'equality' of which they mouth in the tribune and on the platform, as they have of the fourth dimension. The poet says that

'The man of abject soul in vain
Shall walk the Marathonian plain;
Or thrid the shadowy gloom
That still invests the guardian pass
Where stood, sublime, Leonidas,
Devoted to the tomb.'

To the small-souled rulers of the Third Republic the noble devotion and self-sacrifice of tens of thousands of 'unsalaried religious to the children and the sick and suffering poor made no more appeal than would the plain of Marathon to the pimple-headed globe-trotter. On the contrary, such devotion was made a form of high treason to a Republic that it is now proposed to make, like its intolerant rulers, atheistic root and branch. 'We must,' said Minister Bland at Amiens, 'get rid of Christianity.' But

'God fulfils Himself in many ways.'

One of these is the Way of the Cross. The Church in France is treading it with bleeding feet to-day. If all things ended

'Here upon this bank and shoal of time,'

she might compromise on faith or principle with her crucifiers. But she has chosen the only possible course, open to her and faced the sacrifice. We await the issue with confidence that with her, as with her Master and Exemplar, the Way of the Cross will be the way to the victor's crown.

Notes

Mr. Devlin, M.P.

Human feelings, like the electric current, commonly give, but a poor response to movements at the other end of the earth. But the orator's voice is a mighty power. And the soft magic of Mr. Devlin's eloquence has, all along, the track of his triumphal progress through New Zealand, captured for Home Rule the sympathy even of the indifferent or the critical or the hostile that have come within the sound of his voice. The newspaper press has treated him with conspicuous generosity in the matter of space, and among them sympathy is general, and frequently very pronounced, in favor of the cause which he advocates with such compelling eloquence and argument. The 'Southland Times' (Invercargill), though not definitely committing itself to Mr. Devlin's Home Rule proposals, wrote very sympathetically on the misgovernment of the Isle of the West. And editorial articles in favor of Home Rule have appeared, among other papers, in the Dunedin 'Evening Star' and the 'Lyttelton Times' (both of which were very pronounced), the 'Otago Daily Times,' the 'Witness,' the 'Temuka Leader,' and the Timaru 'Herald.' The moral force of such pronouncements is not easily over-estimated. It may safely be taken as an indication that the great bulk of the population of New Zealand are desirous of extending to the one distressed, discontented, and decaying part of the Empire those principles of self-rule which have produced such beneficial results in these young and prosperous lands.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Masses were celebrated on Christmas Day at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 6, 7, 8, and 9 o'clock, and Pontifical High Mass, at 11 o'clock.

A large number of members of the H.A.C.B. Society in reg. approached the Holy Table at the nine o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., congratulated the members of the Society on the practical exhibition of their faith, and spoke in very complimentary terms regarding the good work which the Society was doing.

Mr. Devlin in Wellington

Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., addressed a crowded and enthusiastic meeting in the Town Hall, Wellington, on Friday evening. The Hon. T. W. Hislop, Mayor of Wellington, presided. Resolutions in support of the cause of self-government for Ireland were carried by acclamation. A feature of the proceedings was the eloquent speech of the Premier, Sir Joseph Ward, who expressed his appreciation of the splendid work done by Mr. Devlin. We had made arrangements with our Wellington correspondent to wire a full report of the meeting, but owing to departmental regulations regarding the sending of press messages on evenings of Saturday and Sunday to weekly papers, he was unable to comply with our request. We shall publish a full report of the meeting in our next issue.

As we were going to press we received a letter from our Wellington correspondent in which he states that Mr. Devlin arrived there on Thursday morning, and was received by Mr. Martin Kennedy and other members of the reception committee. While in Wellington he was to be the guest of Mr. Kennedy. After his meeting on Friday night he is not to speak again until January 8, when he will address a meeting at New Plymouth, visiting Hawera on January 9, Wangarei January 10, and Palmerston January 11.

A notice with reference to the train arrangements for the New Year's holidays appears in this issue....

The Commissioner of Crown Lands notifies that fourteen homes at Windle, Borough of Morningside, will be open for lease with right to acquire the freehold on Monday, January 21, and following day at the District Lands Office, Dunedin....

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Home Rule for Ireland

The following letter appeared in the Christchurch 'Press' of Friday last:—

Sir,—While human nature is what it is, prone to evil and false judgments and unreasoning prejudices, we must be prepared to expect differences of opinion upon all vital questions affecting the public interest. This, if it serve no other purpose, at least secures us from the danger of sinking into a state of dull monotony of thought and action that would be at once disastrous to all human progress and endeavor. On this ground, then, I claim the right to differ with you now, as I have often differed with you before, on the Home Rule question. In your leader of December 19th you seem to me to be singularly, and, may I say, unpardonably defective in logic. "While we are always glad," you say, "to welcome public men from the Home Country, and to listen to their views on public questions, we do not agree that the people of this Colony should be asked to express an opinion on Home politics, especially upon matters with which we have no immediate concern." Now, sir, if Ireland be, as you say it is, an integral part of the United Kingdom, and if New Zealand be, as it undoubtedly is, an integral part of the British Empire, we have a right,

An Unqualified Right,

to give an expression of our opinion upon any great question affecting the interests of the Mother Country, or any part of it, else why did the late Mr. Seddon send out ten contingents to the Transvaal to assist England in suppressing the Boers? Further, what object would any public man have in coming to this Colony to be welcomed even by the editor of the 'Press,' if he dare not try to elicit from the people whom he addresses an expression of their opinion? If you are glad to welcome him, as you say you are, and glad to listen to his views on public questions, what obliquity of vision is it that prevents you from seeing it is to get an expression of your opinion and to enlist your sympathy in his cause that he travels 1200 miles to speak to you? No one on earth to-day even suggests that Ireland is well governed, and if not, why not? And no one denies the right to a member of the Imperial Parliament to state a case for his constituency in any part of the Empire, if by doing so he hopes to obtain some advantage for them. If the permission to state a case be accorded to him, he has a right to expect an expression of opinion upon it, and in the case under discussion that opinion has been given not only by hundreds and thousands, but by millions of people who have heard Mr. Devlin tell of his country's wrongs.

You say that Ireland is an integral part of the United Kingdom. Then, if it be so, why in the name of justice and fair play is it the only spot on the wide Empire of England where one can never get out of sight of poverty and all the concomitants of poverty, idleness, thriftlessness, dirt and discontent? Why is it the only spot in the Empire where ruin and decay and desolation stare you in the face everywhere you go, and meet you at every turn of the road? Why is it the only place in the Empire from which its people are flying as from a plague spot, or why is it the only place in the Empire where hope is dead and every incentive to industry is crushed out of men's hearts utterly? If it be an integral part of the Empire, why does it not share in the Empire's prosperity? What does the Empire's extension, the success of its arms on land or sea, the increase of its wealth, the expansion of its commerce matter to Ireland? Not two rows of pins; her only interest in these things is the amount of taxation they heap upon her shoulders. To say, therefore, that that unfortunate country is an integral part of the United Kingdom is an unmitigated clap-net. However, as my opinion goes only for what it is worth, I beg, sir, to submit to your readers a few facts which are as indefensible and unjustifiable as

They are Monstrous and Astounding.

Let me first say that Ireland has 300,000 less of a population at the present time than Scotland. In the London 'Daily Chronicle,' of January 20th, 1906, Mr. Arnold White, writing on 'Crimeless Ireland,' tells us that in 1903 there were 2114 criminal convictions in Scotland, while during the same year in Ireland there were 1169, but that in Ireland the cost of the police force was for that period £1,569,214, while in Scotland it amounted only to £529,196. Now, if Ireland be an integral part of the United Kingdom, why, may I ask, does it cost over a million

and a half of money to 'run in' about one thousand or more criminals, while it cost Scotland but half the money to run in double the number? According to Mr. White Ireland is twice as crimeless and ten times as moral as Scotland and yet the law costs and the Land Commission in Ireland total £555,229, while the same business is done for Scotland at a cost of £259,373. The census of 1903 gives the illegitimacy rate of Scotland as being about ten times that of Ireland. Again, the Local Government Board of Ireland costs £79,875, while the Local Government Board of Scotland manages to get through its work at a cost of £15,825. In fine, Ireland with 300,000 less of a population than Scotland, and with but one half its crime, has to pay two millions a year more than that country for the conduct of its legal business. But serious as these financial grievances are, they are not the only one nor the greatest from which Ireland suffers to-day. In a country of which it may be safely affirmed that the large majority of the people are Catholics, every position of trust and emolument is given to Protestants, and from all the higher positions in the country Catholics are religiously excluded. The entire machinery of the law is in the hands of Protestants, in fact everything that is worth having in the country is in the possession of the dominant party. Yet in the face of this we are told that Ireland is an integral part of the United Kingdom! No, sir, the system of Government in Ireland is rotten, root and branch. It is a disgrace to England; it is the foulest stain upon her escutcheon; it is the one sweltering sore upon the body politic, it is the vilest thing outside the Empire of the Czar, and the sooner we get rid of it and try some other remedy with long suffering and patient Ireland, the better for all concerned.—Yours, etc.,

M. NOLAN.

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

December 23.

The third conversazione in aid of the furnishing of the new presbytery took place in the Volunteer Hall on Monday evening last. The first part of the entertainment was opened by a piano selection by Miss Spring, after which the following programme was gone through:—Recitation, Mr. F. D. O'Connell; song, 'Doreen,' Mrs. Skinner; song, 'The anvil,' Mr. V. Coira; song, 'The skipper,' Mr. Jordan (encore, 'The land of the Leal'); song, 'Kerry dances,' Mrs. Lynch (encore, 'The harp that once'); Highland reel, Misses Lynch and Brosnahan (encore, Highland fling); song, 'Anchored,' Mr. McDonald; song, 'Mona,' Mr. Milsom (encore, 'The good-bye at the door'); song, 'Why did they sell Killarney?' Miss Beri (encore, 'Bidel'a'); song, 'I may or may not,' Miss Spring (encore, 'Little Irish girl'); song, 'Killarney,' Mrs. Lynch; song, 'Father O'Flynn,' Mr. Jordan. The second part consisted of a drama, 'The Jealous Husband,' which was staged by members of the Catholic Dramatic Club.

On Friday afternoon (says the 'Tuapeka Times') we were afforded the privilege of attending a private song and pianoforte recital given by Miss Mary Woods, L.R.A.M. (Royal Academy of Music, London), who has just recently returned to her home in Lawrence after spending two years at the Royal Academy, London. The items chosen for the recital consisted of selections from the classical masters, Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin, Bach, etc., and were varied so as to exhibit the performer's technique and artistic powers in rendering the works of the great composers. As a pianoforte performer Miss Woods was consistently successful in New Zealand. She was ever ambitious to study music in London under the great professors. Fortunately she was successful (after her preliminary examination at the London Academy) in getting a place under the celebrated German Professor, Oscar Beringer. In singing she was privileged to be a pupil of the world-renowned Professor Alberto Randegger, whom she recognises as a marvellous teacher. Contrasting Miss Woods' performance on Friday with her musical abilities, good as they were, before she left, one cannot but be struck with the wonderful improvement that has taken place both in her vocalisation and pianoforte playing. Her technique and touch are simply wonderful, and musical critics who have had the pleasure of hearing her play and sing freely express themselves astonished at the marvellous improvement she has accomplished in so short a period.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, 1907.

The following alterations in and additions to the ordinary train service will be made in connection with the above.

SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

An Extra Express train will leave Dunedin at 12.40 p.m., Christchurch arrive 9.30 p.m. Will stop at Seaciff, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, Oamaru, Studholme, Timaru, and Ashburton. The Invercargill-Christchurch Express train leaving Dunedin at 1.26 p.m. will not take passengers from Dunedin for Waitati, Seaciff, Waikouaiti, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, Oamaru, Studholme, Timaru, Ashburton, and Christchurch.

SUNDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

Train for Dunedin will leave Christchurch at 10.35 p.m., arriving Dunedin 10.13 a.m. on Monday.

MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER, TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY, and WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

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, Waiholia, 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, Waiholia, 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 Dunedin will leave Mosgiel at 6.50 p.m.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 1st & 2nd JANUARY.

SPORTS AT OAMARU 1st & 2nd JANUARY.

RACES AT WAIKOUAITI 1st JANUARY.

RACES AT PALMERSTON, 2nd JANUARY.

The 5.45 a.m. Dunedin-Palmerston train will NOT run.

Holiday Excursion Tickets for Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seaciff, and Waitati, to Dunedin will NOT be available by DOWN MAIL train arriving at 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., Seaciff 10.55 a.m., Puketeraki 11.4 a.m., Waikouaiti 11.18 a.m., arriving Palmerston 11.40 a.m.

Extra express trains will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.50 p.m., and 6.40 p.m., stopping at Waikouaiti, Puketeraki, Seaciff, Waitati, also at Upper Port Chalmers to allow passengers to alight, arriving Dunedin 8.0 p.m., and 9.3 p.m. respectively.

Trains for Palmerston and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 8.15 a.m., 9.50 a.m., and 10.30 a.m. Return trains stopping at intermediate stations will leave Palmerston at 4.5 p.m., and 6.0 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.16 p.m. and 8.45 p.m. respectively.

Train will leave Oamaru for Dunedin and intermediate stations at 10.15 p.m.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 8.25 p.m., will not leave till 9.20 p.m.

The train usually leaving Port Chalmers for Dunedin at 9.25 p.m., will not leave till 10.3 p.m.

The 5.0 a.m. Dunedin-Balclutha train will NOT run.

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.

MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

An extra express train will leave Dunedin at 12.40 p.m., Christchurch arrive 9.30 p.m. Will stop at Seaciff, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, Oamaru, Studholme, Timaru, Ashburton.

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

Train for Christchurch will leave Dunedin at 10.45 p.m., arriving Christchurch 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday.

Train for Dunedin will leave Christchurch at 10.35 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 10.12 a.m. on Tuesday.

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

Train for Oamaru and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 11.15 p.m.

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

Train will leave Dunedin for Balclutha and intermediate stations at 6.20 p.m., connecting with trains for Lawrence and Catlins River Branches.

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

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

Train will leave Invercargill for Dunedin at 11.25 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY.

Holiday Excursion Tickets from Dunedin and stations North thereof to Waitati, Oamaru, and intermediate stations will NOT be available by UP MAIL train leaving Dunedin at 8.5 a.m.

Special Express train will leave Dunedin at 7.30 a.m., arriving Oamaru 11.5 a.m. This train will stop at Ravensbourne, Upper Port Chalmers, Waitati, Seaciff, Waikouaiti, Palmerston, Shag Point Junction, Hillgrove and Hampden, only.

Special Express train will leave Oamaru at 7.0 p.m., arriving Dunedin 10.45 p.m. This train will stop at Maheno, Herbert, Hampden, Hillgrove, Shag Point Junction, Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seaciff, Waitati, Upper Port Chalmers, and Ravensbourne only.

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

SPORTS AT MIDDLEMARCH.

Train for Middlemarch will leave Dunedin at 7.45 a.m.

Trains for Dunedin and intermediate stations will leave Middlemarch at 5.15 p.m., and 6.35 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

Holiday Excursion Tickets from Dunedin to Waitati, Seaciff, Waikouaiti, and Palmerston will not be available by UP Mail train leaving Dunedin at 8.5 a.m.

Holiday Excursion tickets from Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seaciff, and Waitati to Dunedin will NOT be available by Down Mail train arriving Dunedin at 9.15 p.m.

An Extra Express train will leave Dunedin at 12.40 p.m., Christchurch arrive 9.30 p.m. Will stop at Seaciff, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, Oamaru, Studholme, Timaru, and Ashburton. The INVERCARGILL-CHRISTCHURCH EXPRESS train leaving Dunedin at 1.26 p.m. will NOT take passengers from Dunedin for Seaciff, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, Oamaru, Studholme, Timaru, Ashburton, and Christchurch.

Train for Christchurch will leave Dunedin at 8.50 p.m.

Train for Dunedin will leave Christchurch at 9.0 p.m., Dunedin arrive 7.5 a.m. on Thursday.

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 to Milton, Stirling, Balclutha, and stations on Lawrence and Catlins River Branches.

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

Train for Invercargill will leave Dunedin at 9.40 p.m.

Train for Dunedin will leave Invercargill at 10.15 p.m.

BY ORDER.

Several school reports which came to hand too late for this issue will be published in our next.

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Irish News

ANTRIM—Carrickfergus Salt

Regarding the increase in Great Britain in the price of salt, Mr. Altman, a Dublin salt manufacturer, said to a newspaper representative:—To a certain extent the Irish market is guided by the prices of the Cheshire market, which practically commands the salt trade of the world at present. Though there are many salt deposits in Ireland, unfortunately the Irish manufacturers are compelled to import a quantity of rock salt. Is Irish rock salt of an inferior quality, then? Quite the contrary. There is enough salt in Ireland to supply the whole nation for two centuries to come, and it commands a higher price than any other salt on the market because of its well-known purity, due to the brine which it contains. It contains nearly 98 per cent. of sodium, which is the highest percentage of any kind of salt. If properly developed, it is an industry that could oust all competitors from the field. What are the forces working against this? The English monopolists, with a large capital at their back. Carrickfergus, which is the principal works in Ireland for the supply of rock salt, is under the thumb of the English trust, and is guided by their prices. Everybody loses by it. We lose, the Dublin merchants lose, and I have been losing considerably for the last five years, and as the price rises the consumer will feel it.

CARLOW—Primary Education

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and a member of the National Board, delivered an address in Carlow Cathedral on Sunday, October 27, on the question of primary education. He said the agitation which had been carried on during the past few months in order to secure something like justice for primary education at the hands of the Imperial Treasury had his heartiest support, and he hoped that every public board in the country would demand that justice should be done to the Irish child. He could not well conceive anything more discreditable to the Lords of his Majesty's Imperial Treasury than the shocking condition in which they had forced managers and commissioners to leave the schools during the past year and a half. He (the Bishop) knew of certain schools in his own diocese where the children were crammed together like sardines in a box. The managers had everything ready for building more than a year ago, when suddenly a ukase issued from the Treasury, 'No more building grants' until the commissioners accept our conditions. He said deliberately that nothing could be more absurd than these conditions, some of which were absolutely impossible as far as the commissioners were concerned.

CAVAN—Charitable Bequests

The late Most Rev. Dr. McGinnis, Bishop of Kilmore, who died on the 15th of May, 1906, left personal estate valued at £6163. Probate of his will has been granted to the Very Rev. Patrick O'Connell, of Coothill, and the Rev. James Judge, of St. Patrick's College, Cullies, Cavan. The testator bequeathed £250 to be held in trust for Edward M'Canley, and he left £900 for a bursar in St. Patrick's College, Kilmore, £50 for Masses, £104 for distribution among the five convents at Kilmore, £20 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, £20 to the parish of Kill for the poor, £20 for distribution among the poor of Castlereghan; and he left his pectoral cross and the relic of the true Cross, and his chain, to his successor as Bishop of Kilmore; and his vestments to St. Patrick's College.

CORK—A Priest Passes Away

The death has taken place of the Rev. Timothy Canon Murray, for twenty years parish priest of Douglas, near Cork. He was born in 1830 in Murragh, near Bandon. He entered Maynooth in 1848, where he was ordained in 1856. His first mission was in Dunmanway, and he held curacies in various parts of the diocese until his appointment as pastor of Douglas subsequent to the demise of the Very Rev. Canon Scannell. About this time also he was made a member of the Chapter of Cork. During his long period in the pastoral charge of this extensive parish the needs of his people, spiritual and temporal, enlisted his warm and practical sympathy.

DERRY—An Inventor

The invention of the Rev. Aubrey Foster, Waterside, Derry, of a new aeroplane machine is at present causing

a good deal of discussion and speculation in the north-west. The rev. gentleman is now busily engaged building the machine himself at the rectory, Newtown-cunningham, County Donegal, and he has the various parts practically ready for fitting together. He has taken the precaution of patenting provisionally his invention, but he is naturally diffident about giving much information about it until he sees what success attends the preliminary experiments.

DUBLIN—New Zealand Visitors

Rev. Fathers Tubman, S.M., and Marnane, S.M., were recently the guests of the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., at Leeson street, Dublin. Dr. Watters, it may be added, still throws his energies into the congenial channel of education, and presides over a large school in Dublin.

Clerical Appointments

Two appointments have just been made by the Archbishop of Dublin to the Diocesan Chapter—the Very Rev. D. Downing, P.P., to the Prebend of Tipperkeatin, second portion; the Very Rev. J. Braman, P.P., to the Prebend of Donaghmore, first portion.

The Degree of Philosophy

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy has just been conferred by the Royal University for the first time. The successful candidate was Mr. Murphy, M.A. Mr. Murphy is secretary of the Catholic Graduates' Association and a prominent Gaelic Leaguer.

Visit of Bishop Grimes

His Lordship Bishop Grimes (writes an esteemed Dublin correspondent) was the honored guest of the Marist Fathers, Dublin, towards the middle of September. The Rector, Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., gave him a hearty welcome. His Lordship paid the school a visit and received an address of welcome from masters and pupils. In reply, Dr. Grimes dwelt on the great work done in New Zealand by the Marist Fathers, some of whom were educated in the Catholic University School. By kind permission of Dr. Watters, and amid the ringing cheers of the boys, a whole holiday was proclaimed. Dr. Watters entertained the Bishop to dinner at the college. Amongst those who came to meet Dr. Grimes were the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, the Right Rev. Mgr. Fitzpatrick, V.G., the Right Rev. Mgr. MacManus, V.G., Right Rev. Mgr. O'Donnell, V.G., Canons Fricker and Murphy, the Very Rev. W. Delaney, S.J., LL.D. (President University College), and all the local clergy. His Grace the Archbishop was unfortunately on the Continent at the time.

Encouraging the People

His Grace Archbishop Walsh (says the 'Freeman's Journal') gave away on Sunday, October 27, the secret of his success as a Chancellor of our Catholic Exchequer. He gives the whole credit of it to Dr. Croke. 'Never make a poor mouth,' was the characteristic advice of the big-hearted Churchman. 'There is nothing that will encourage the people that have money to entrust you with for the work of the diocese as seeing you spend what you have, seeing you spend it freely and well.' The Archbishop has followed that advice, and has never found himself short of the means to help on any good work that his priests and people were engaged in. But his Grace's openhandedness is not more conspicuous than his care that the works he assists are both necessary and measured to the need. If he 'never makes a poor mouth,' he never encourages a useless work.

Death of a Distinguished Literary Man

The death is announced of Mr. Richard J. O'Mulreagh, M.A., which occurred at his residence, South Circular Road, Dublin. His demise has removed a very notable figure in Irish life. Few outside the political arena have played a more important, though unobtrusive, part in influencing National progress in the country. His instincts were always National, and his purpose always patriotic. He was a man of many attainments. He began his student career as an agriculturist in the Model Farm, Glasnevin, under Professor Baldwin, and afterwards proceeded to the Continent, where he established himself as a professor of English. In the College of Louvain he found a congenial field, where he pursued his linguistic studies, and it was his great boast that he knew no less than eight languages thoroughly, and could read many more. Returning from Belgium in 1876, he, on the recommendation of Professor Baldwin, was appointed agricultural editor of the 'Weekly Freeman' by the late Mr. E. D. Gray, which post he held, with credit to himself and with the greatest satisfaction to Irish agriculturists, to the very last.

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MEATH—Mullingar Cathedral

The Most Rev. Dr. Gaughran, Bishop of Meath, has received £47,082 from the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, his predecessor in the Bishopric, for the erection of a Cathedral in Mullingar.

SLIGO—Primary Education

Speaking at a meeting held in Sligo Town Hall, the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy said he had made a study of the Irish Education Question, and had convinced himself that the chief defects in it were traceable to the financial difficulty. Perhaps the most flagrant violation of justice that was ever perpetrated was to be found in the malversation of funds that essentially belonged to the department of Irish Primary Education. If the rate introduced by Mr. Goschen in 1892 had been adhered to Ireland would now be entitled to £460,000, which was being systematically withheld from her. By a clever piece of prestidigitation Mr. Wyndham had converted moneys which, in equity and in honor, should be devoted to Irish education, to the buying out of landlords, to the making of railways, canals, and in relieving the excessive local taxation of the country.

TIPPERARY—Death of a Priest

Rev. Father Hall, formerly rector of St. Patrick's, Wolverhampton, has passed away at Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, in his seventy-eighth year.

The Temperance Movement

At a conference of laborers in North Tipperary, at Nenagh, a resolution was passed stating that they were gladdened by the progress of the Temperance movement. They were proud that Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty's pastoral was generally obeyed by the people of that part of the country during the last harvest season, and that in some instances where it was disobeyed members of the Association refused to take part in such disobedience. They viewed with alarm and regret anti-Catholic and immoral Socialism preached by Continental Labor leaders, and urged that the Gaelic League deserved the support of the Land and Labor Associations.

TYRONE—Serious Accident

On October 29 a very serious accident occurred while Mr. John Weir was holding an auction of furniture at Bank House, Strabane, for Miss Smyth. Owing to the excellent quality of the furniture, and the fact that it was market day, the sale was very largely patronised. After the contents of several rooms had been disposed of, the party proceeded to a large drawing-room on the second storey, where there were some fine lots to be sold. The room quickly filled with buyers, and at least sixty persons, including a large number of ladies, were crowded inside when, without the slightest warning, the floor gave way, and with a loud crash all fell to the ground floor underneath, a distance of about fifteen feet. Several policemen and a number of civilians rushed up and broke the front windows of the room (the door was locked, and the uninjured, who had struggled to their feet, came out to the street. It was then seen that practically everyone inside had sustained injuries of a more or less serious nature. One by one the injured were carried out. A farmer named Patrick McGettigan got a leg broken, Mr. Joseph Cooper, of Castletown, was seriously injured, and the two men were conveyed to the Lifford Infirmary with all possible haste. Mrs. Fyffe, of Castletown, was so seriously injured that her life was despaired of. Among the others who were badly hurt were Mr. Eugene O'Doherty, secretary to the Donegal Agricultural Committee; Mrs. Kelly, Carricklee; Thomas Knowles, Strabane; and Matthew Gallagher, Strabane, who were taken to their homes. The others sustained principally cuts and bruises about the head.

WATERFORD—Death of a Religious

Intelligence has been received with regret in Dungarvan, of the death in a convent at Wibrick, Belgium, of Miss Kate Kiely, sister of Mr. T. F. Kiely, the Irish athlete and world's champion, and of Sister Camillus, of the Convent of Mercy, Dungarvan.

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People We Hear About

The death has occurred in Paris of Madame Gounod, the widow of the celebrated composer, aged seventy-seven. She was the daughter of a professor of music.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., had an interview with President Roosevelt when he was in America, renewed his acquaintance with Professor Goldwin Smith, and dined with Mark Twain, the veteran humorist being as delightful as ever.

Mr. Bourke Cochran, the eloquent Irish-American, and Miss Hanna, the daughter of a former Governor of the Philippines, are about to be married. Recently Mr. Bourke Cochran gave £10,000 for the development of industries in his native town of Sligo.

Mr. Stephen Gwynn, the recently elected Member of Parliament for Galway, is a Protestant Nationalist, and a grandson of William Smith O'Brien. Apart from his descent, he is himself one of the most cultured of modern Irishmen; a man who has achieved success in many fields. He has written some very charming novels dealing with the mystic side of Celtic character, and as a publicist his writings on matters of current interest have always commanded a wide circle of admirers in Ireland.

Lord Ripon, as Leader of the Upper House, was one of the chief figures at the re-assembling of the Lords. People with a taste for political prophecy are talking of Lord Ripon's coming retirement. It is obvious that a man of eighty has not an immense political future, but rumors of this withdrawal have been flying about for so long that the public have ceased to pay much attention to them. Lord Ripon will be much missed in politics, for he has been actively concerned in them ever since he became Under-Secretary for War in 1859. Almost always in or out of office, he has made people respect his ability.

Mr. Walter Townley and Mr. Esme Howard, who have just been appointed respectively British Minister at Buenos Ayres and Councillor of the British Embassy at Washington, are both Catholics; and both, as it happens, converts to the Catholic Church. Mr. Townley, who is in no way related to the great Lancashire Catholic family of Towneley of Towneley (now extinct in the male line), is married to a daughter of the late Earl of Alhmarle, whose daughters followed their parents into the Catholic Church, while their sons remained Protestant. Mr. Esme Howard belongs to the family of the Howards of Greystones, in Cumberland, a Protestant branch of the house, which stands next in remainder to the Dukedom of Norfolk after Lord Howard of Glossop and his two sons.

Viscount Guillamore, who celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday recently, is an O'Grady, and, equally of course, a Standish of that ilk. He is the third brother to bear the title conferred upon his grandfather. When Standish O'Grady, Chief Baron of the Irish Exchequer, was on the Bench, a pleader remarked that a certain plaintiff had only 'the shadow of a title.' 'Then he must be an Irish Peer,' said Standish, who became one himself on his retirement. The first Viscount Guillamore it was who prosecuted Robert Emmet, as Attorney-General for Ireland, in 1803. Emmet's insurrection was itself the cause of this. The murder of Lord Kilwarden killed Emmet's enterprise at the outset, and made a legal vacancy which placed the Attorney-Generalship at O'Grady's disposal. His son and successor, the present peer's father, fought with all the valor of his name at Waterloo. Lord Guillamore is a bachelor.

Lord Crofton, an Irish Peer and bachelor, celebrated his birthday the other day—his seventy-second. He is more than 'the shadow of a title,' for he has a seat in the House of Lords since 1873 as a Representative Peer for Ireland. He is usually described as the third baron, but is really the second, the first Lord in this instance having, paradoxically, been a lady. The title was conferred on Lady Crofton in 1797, having been intended for her husband; and her son dying before her, the title descended to the present Lord Crofton's father. The Croftons have been in Roscommon since the days of Elizabeth, and survived the terrible times of the seventeenth century, when one ancestor of the present peer spent himself in the cause of Charles I. Another was attainted by James II., and lived to serve his successors.

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CANADA—The School Question

In a letter to the 'Sun' of Baltimore, the Rev. Robert P. Kerr, a Protestant minister, who has been travelling in Canada, writes:—"The Roman Catholic Church is very powerful in the Province of Quebec, and nearly all of the French are found within its pale. The Church possesses great wealth and a magnificent system of educational institutions. In the Province of Quebec the public school funds are divided per capita between the Protestants and Catholics, there being two distinct sets of school boards and schools. In the Catholic schools the Catholic faith is inculcated and in the Protestant schools the Bible is as thoroughly taught as geography or arithmetic. I find a great reverence for law and for the Sabbath Day, and there are twenty-six times as many homicides per million of inhabitants in the United States as in Canada. There is a similar ratio between the two countries in other criminal statistics. I find the churches filled at both services on Sunday, the evening service being as well attended as that of the morning."

ENGLAND—The 'Red Mass'

In accordance with what has become an annual custom, the Catholic members of the legal profession in London assembled in Westminster Cathedral on October 23 for the Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost, or, as it is more generally termed, the 'Red Mass,' celebrated in order to invoke the Divine blessing on the ensuing session of the Royal Courts of Justice.

A Church Opened

Costing £10,000, and planned to accommodate a congregation of 600, a handsome Catholic church was formally opened at East Hill, Wandsworth, recently by Bishop Amigo, of Southwark, and Father Bernard Vaughan preached the dedication sermon.

Papal Distinction

At the request of the Bishop of Birmingham his Holiness the Pope has graciously conferred the dignity of Knight of St. Gregory on Mr. E. A. Olivieri, J.P., of Selly Park, for his distinguished service in the Catholic cause.

A Presentation

Mr. John St. Laurence, K.S.G., has been presented with an illuminated address and testimonial on the occasion of his retirement from the post of secretary to the Catholic Voluntary Schools' Association. The Archbishop of Westminster made the presentation.

Death of a Catholic Nobleman

Lord Arundell of Wardour died in the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, London, on October 26. He had gone up on the previous Tuesday to be present at a meeting of the Catholic Peers, and to take his place in the House of Lords during discussion on the Education Bill. On the day previous to his death he received the last rites of the Church. There was widespread sorrow when the news of his death reached Wardour and Tisbury and the surrounding villages. The late Lord Arundell had endeared himself to all. He was regarded with feelings of the utmost respect and esteem. The body was taken to Wardour. An immense concourse of people assembled at Tisbury to accompany the body to the church at Wardour Castle. His remains were interred, after Mass and burial service, in the vault under the church, where rest many of his noble ancestors.

Religious Profession

On November 13 (writes an esteemed Dublin correspondent under date November 5) will take place at Rochampton, the Reception and Profession of several New Zealand young ladies—Misses Mechtildes and Cecilia Kennedy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kennedy, Wellington; Miss D. Loughnan, daughter of Mr. Henry Loughnan, of Christchurch; and Miss Smith, daughter of Mr. William Smith, of Kaikoura. The Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., of Dublin, is to preside, receive the vows, and preach on the occasion.

FRANCE—Mayors Suspended

Nine French Mayors have been suspended for having replaced crucifixes in the schools.

War Against Religion

The Mayors of not less than three hundred and eighty-six French towns (says the 'Catholic Times'),

have sent in their resignations rather than consent to the taking down of the crucifixes in the Communal schools, and several prefects have followed their example. In many places the inhabitants have carried the crucifixes back to the schools in procession, and nailed them to the walls. Instances of children being punished for having rosaries or prayer-books in their possession are increasing, and the French papers of the Opposition are full of particulars of this sort of petty persecution. Throughout the country from end to end the names of God, Jesus Christ, and the Virgin Mary, and even of the saints, have been effaced from all the school books, and a teacher who recently opened school hours with the Lord's Prayer was immediately denounced by the Freemasons of the town, and lost his position within twenty-four hours for this awful crime (!); but a teacher who held the crucifix in his hands for the children to spit upon as they went out of the school was immediately promoted to another place—rather fortunately, since some of the people of the town had announced their intention of lynching him in the public streets if they could catch him! There can be no question whatever that before very long a frightful revolution, which will exceed in horror the Commune of 1870, will break out in France; they will use dynamite this time instead of petroleum.

GERMANY—The Emperor's Predilections

The well-known Catholic proclivities of the Emperor William appear to be exciting the alarm of the Evangelical party in Germany. The Berlin correspondent of 'Le Temps' telegraphs as follows to his paper:—"The National Liberals and also the Evangelical Union compared with bitterness the reply of William II. to the note of felicitation sent by their Congress with the telegram addressed by the Emperor to the Catholic Congress of Essen. To the latter William II. himself despatched his warm thanks, but to the National Liberals and the Evangelicals he simply transmitted his thanks through his Chief du Cabinet, M. de Lucanus. This has irritated the 'Leipziger Tageblatt' profoundly. It says:—"There is nothing more distressing or significant to Evangelicals than the hope entertained by the members of the Catholic Church that they will one day count the Emperor William amongst the faithful. We profess ourselves ignorant of the private religious sentiments of the Emperor, but nobody can deny that the imperial attitude denotes a strong bias towards Catholicism. We do not forget the warm protestations of adherence to the Evangelical faith proclaimed on the heights of Wartburg, but we cannot fail to see that the Catholic clergy are treated with more consideration by the Emperor than the Protestant clergy. His predilections are for monasteries, and those who occupy them. The imperial desire is to revive the ideal of the Middle Ages, and we see in this mental attitude a strong approach to Catholicism. The Emperor perhaps aims at a practical end, and hopes that the Catholic and mediæval ideal will aid him in realising his own romantic ideal; but this personal ideal of the Emperor has much of analogy with the Catholic cause."

ITALY—The Holy Father and Venice

The Pope intends to benefit Venice by donating a number of standard meteorological instruments to the Observatory of the Patriarchal Seminary. The instruments have been specially made by the manufacturer, Mr. J. J. Hicks, of London, who had inquired before of the pleasure of his Holiness. The Pope chose these for the Observatory of Venice, in particular an anemometer, with the thought that by it the sailors would know when it was dangerous to go out of port. It will be set on the top of the Observatory, visible to all. On October 27, Mr. Hicks drove to the Vatican with Canon Pyke, of St. John's, Islington; Miss Hicks, and Miss Sperati. Dr. Lapponi, at whose villa they called, drove in another carriage. The instruments had been arranged in a hall adjoining the Papal apartment by Mr. Hicks two days previously, and when his Holiness came to see them he was provided with pictures and explanations in Italian of the gifts. Each of the instruments had been verified at the British Physical Laboratory, and almost all are without errors, 'so that,' to use the words of the donor, 'they become standard for ever.' Every one has engraved on the glass: 'Made by J. J. Hicks, London, and presented to his Holiness, Pius X., 1906.'

SPAIN—The Queen

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SWITZERLAND—Church Progress

The Cantonal Council of Basle, whilst rejecting the proposed law for the separation of Church and State in Switzerland, has agreed to accept a clause placing the Catholic Church on the same footing that it enjoyed before 1870, when it was deprived of its churches and the priests of their salaries. Such is the progress of Catholicism in Switzerland that in the city of Zurich no less than five fine churches are in course of erection, and the foundation stones of a sixth, dedicated to St. Michael, were laid recently. It will be remembered that in 1870 Zurich was, after Geneva, the chief stronghold of the 'Old Catholic' movement. The 'Old Catholics' still retain two churches, one of which dates from pre-Reformation times, but the congregation has dwindled down to only twelve persons; whereas the huge Catholic Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul is crowded every morning by immense congregations. Two-thirds of the population of Zurich is now Catholic. They number 45,000, and are increasing yearly, not only by the influx of emigrants and visitors from other parts of Switzerland and Europe, but through the return of many of the 'Old Catholics' to the original Fold.

UNITED STATES—A Large Parish

The largest parish in the world in point of number of members, according to a correspondent of the 'Catholic Union and Times,' is a Polish parish in the northwestern part of Chicago. It is under the patronage of St. Stanislaus Kostka and comprises about 5000 families, or 35,000 communicants. Father Vincent, the pastor, is a great believer in organisation and more than fifty societies of various names and purposes were founded to stimulate the zeal of the flock. The total membership of these societies exceeds 30,000. There are temperance clubs, singing societies, military companies, turners, and other societies for physical culture, dramatic and literary clubs, social unions, charitable guilds and every conceivable organisation that will interest young or old. Eight or more circulating libraries are maintained by the parish. The dramatic club gives frequent performances in the Polish tongue, and its members are very proud of the fact that Mme. Modjeska once appeared with them upon the stage in one of their performances.

A Heroic Priest

The Rev. J. F. Eger, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, New Castle, Pa., proved his heroic qualities recently in assisting to save Louis Barthberger from death by suffocation when a sand bank caved in on him. The priest was one of the first to reach the scene, and, springing into the hole, began to shovel the sand from the man's body. Directly above was a huge block of sand which was momentarily expected to fall upon the rescuers. Unmindful of the peril Father Eger and his companions worked until they rescued the unfortunate man.

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The large new Slav Catholic church, Wilkesbarre, Pa., built largely by the money which Father Joseph Murgas has made out of his wireless telegraph inventions, was dedicated recently by Bishop Hoban of Scranton diocese. Father Murgas, two years ago, perfected a wireless telegraph system, by which, it is claimed, messages may be sent ten times as far as by any system of telegraphy now in use, each letter or code word being represented by a musical note. His invention is now being installed by a company and he has been paid a large sum for it. His sole ambition is to use this money for the advancement of his Church and for providing facilities for other inventions.

Pittsburg New Cathedral

The new St. Paul's Catholic Cathedral, of Pittsburg, said to be the most beautiful edifice in the State, was dedicated recently by Monsignor Diomede Falconio, Papal Delegate to America, assisted by Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, Archbishops Farley of New York and Ryan of Philadelphia, and a score of other high dignitaries of the Church.

The wasp has been observed to waylay and rob bees while the latter, laden with honey, were returning to the hive.

Time and again attention has been called to the danger of using many of the artificial foods on the market for the feeding of babies. The Taieri and Peninsula Milk Supply Company, of Dunedin, call attention to their properly prepared humanised milk for babies, which is put up in sterilised bottles, and delivered daily at 1/- per week....

Domestic

By 'Maureen'

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How to be Comfortable in New Boots.

You would hardly believe that there are special times and seasons for the trying on of new boots. But so it is. You need a larger pair of shoes in summer than in winter, and it is always best to try them on in the latter part of the day. The feet are then at the maximum size. Activity naturally enlarges them or makes them swell; much standing also tends to enlarge the feet. New shoes should be tried on over moderately thick stockings; then put on a thinner pair to ease your feet if the shoes seem to be tight. It is remarkable what a difference the stockings make. If they are too large or too small they will be nearly as uncomfortable as a pair of shoes that are too tight. New shoes can be worn with as much ease as old ones if they are stuffed to the shape of the feet with cloth or paper and patiently sponged with hot water. Or, if they pinch in some particular spot, a cloth wet with hot water and laid across the place will cause immediate and lasting relief. Milk applied once a week with a soft cloth freshens and preserves boots and shoes.

Jam-Making.

Plain Gooseberry Jam.—Those not liking a very sweet jam, may allow 5 or 5½ lb of sugar to 8 lb of gooseberries. The fruit should not be fully ripe; top and tail it, and put it in the preserving pan with a good ½ pint of water, let it boil without the sugar for quite half an hour, and the faster it boils the better; it is a mistake to boil jam slowly. Put in the sugar, and boil another half-hour, stirring almost constantly. When it begins to coat the spoon it is done. Green gooseberries may be done in the same manner, but rather more water should be allowed.

Red Currant Jelly.—Do not strip the currants from their stalks, but if at all dirty they may be washed, then drained as dry as possible. Put them a handful at a time into a piece of cheese-cloth, or strainer, then squeeze all the juice through with the hands. Continue until all the fruit is squeezed, then weigh the juice, a pint of which will weigh about a pound. For every pound of juice allow ¾ lb sugar, make this very hot in the oven, and it should also be broken up small. Boil the juice alone for about twenty minutes, pour it hot over the sugar, and stir till quite dissolved. Turn it at once into small pots, without boiling again. If it is not set by the following day, stand the pots in the sun for a time; this method is generally effectual.

Strawberry Jam.—This jam is perhaps more difficult to make of a good color and consistence than any other. The following recipe will be found very superior: The strawberries should be large and red, but not too ripe; pick them carefully, then throw them into a large pan of boiling water. The moment the water boils again strain the fruit from the water, and leave it on a dish. Allow ¾ lb sugar to each pound of fruit, and put it into the preserving pan with rather less than ½ a pint of the water which scalded the strawberries, to the pound. Boil the syrup, without stirring, until a strong thread will form between the thumb and forefinger if dipped into it. Put in the strawberries, and watch them till they boil. When this is the case, turn the jam at once into pots, using syrup and fruit in equal portions.

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Tripods, Heads, 3s and 3s 9d each.

View Finders, Direct View, 2s 3d each.

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Science Siftings

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Connecting Four Continents.

By the construction of three short tunnels (says 'Civil Engineering'), one from Gibraltar to the Moroccan coast, another beneath the Behring Strait, also the Channel tunnel which is at present being projected, and by linking up these tunnels with existing railway systems, London would be in direct communication with the four continents—Europe, Asia, Africa, and America.

Wireless Telegraphy.

It is announced in Berlin from New York that the North German Lloyd's steamer 'Bremen' received from the station of Nauen, near Berlin, clearly transmitted news telegrams by wireless telegraphy every day for four days after her departure from Bremen, the messages successfully reaching her even at a distance of about 1550 miles.

Match Statistics.

It is estimated that the United Kingdom manages to consume 500,000,000 a day, which comes out at about twelve for every man, woman, and child. Smokers probably account for the greater number, so that they will be interested to know that about ninety tons of wood are used up in the form of matches every day, or about 30,000 tons a year. If one day's consumption of matches were placed end to end, they would extend for a distance of about 15,000 miles. Sweden and Norway, where matches are made in enormous quantities, export over 25,000 tons of wooden matches every year. In France, where the tax on matches averages fourpence per inhabitant, the consumption is comparatively small.

Early Advertisements.

The first newspaper advertisement appeared in Great Britain in 1642. In Greece, advertising was done by criers. The ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans were the first to use billposters, some of which were found on the walls and buildings of Pompeii. It was not until the eighteenth century that magazine and newspaper advertisements became a recognised medium between manufacturer and buyer.

The First Coal in England.

It was to supply the wants of smiths and lime burners that English coal began to be systematically dug about A.D. 1200. This mineral fuel suited the requirements of their crafts even better than wood. An unwonted and widespread demand for fuel for these purposes sprang up at this period in connection with the numerous feudal castles and ecclesiastical buildings which were being erected throughout the kingdom. Not only were the smiths and lime burners the sole patrons of coal at this early stage, but for a long time subsequently they continued to be its principal consumers.

Lava from Vesuvius.

Lava from the recent eruption of Vesuvius has been carefully examined by T. Tommasina. The samples examined included a piece taken warm from the summit of the crater and four pieces from the Valle d'Inferno, each containing a coin or medal. The lumps produced a dissipation of charge amounting to forty-two volts per hour.

Getting Out of a Difficulty.

To build a ship and not be able to get her out to sea is a somewhat unlucky experience. A firm of Amsterdam shipbuilders have just narrowly escaped that misfortune. The correspondent of the London 'Daily Telegraph' in the Dutch port, states that a new liner built for the Java trade, when launched, a few days ago, proved too lig for the available depth of water, and stuck fast after she left the ways. Fortunately it was that the mishap occurred in Holland. That country, as most people know, lies for the most part below the level of the sea, and this depressed condition in the present instance enabled the shipbuilders to solve the difficult situation of peace, just as in former days it enabled the hardy Hollanders to solve some difficult problems of war. The simple expedient was adopted of opening the sea sluices at Ymuiden, and allowing the water to rise sufficiently to float the stranded liner. It was a mere detail that in floating the ship a number of houses in the lower-lying parts of the town were partly submerged. One wonders what would have been said on the Clyde if Messrs. Brown had been obliged to ask the corporation to allow them to inundate Glasgow in order to get the 'Lusitania' afloat.

Intercolonial

Mr. Brendan Gavan Duffy, who was recently appointed associate to Mr. Justice Higgins, is the third son of Mr. Frank Gavan Duffy, K.C.

Rev. Father Reidy, of Albany (West Australia), the other day received a sick call which necessitated a journey on horseback of over 250 miles.

The gold yield of Victoria for November was 63,409 ounces gross, or 58,265 ounces fine, valued at £237,493, being a decrease of 15,071 ounces as compared with the return for the previous November. For the eleven months of the year the gold amounted to 748,627 ounces gross, or 691,839 ounces fine, valued at £2,928,706, being an increase of 23,656 ounces, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

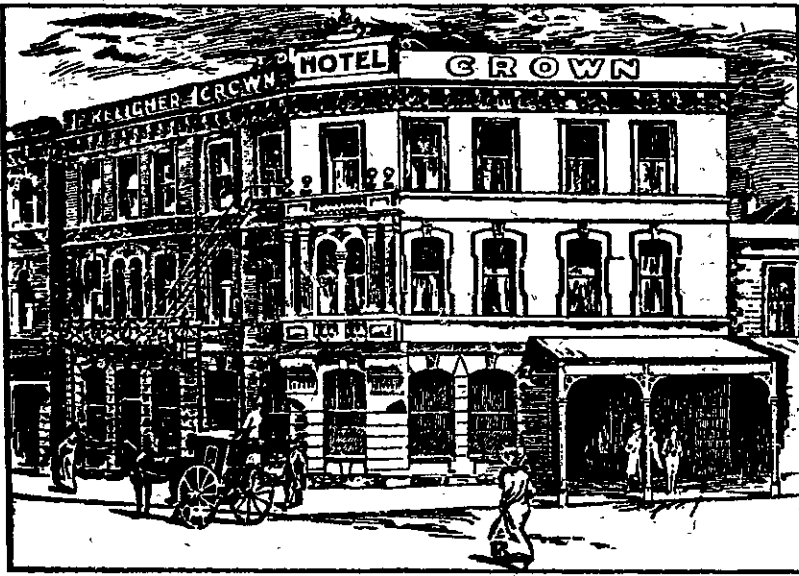
Rev. M. J. Daly, formerly of the clerical branch of the Victorian railways, was on December 8 ordained priest at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, by the Bishop of Ballarat. There was a large congregation, and subsequently a breakfast was held at St. Patrick's Hall. The new priest is a son of Mr. John Daly, who was for many years a sergeant in the Victorian police force.

The Right Rev. Dr. J. H. Norton was consecrated Bishop of Port Augusta, South Australia, in St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sunday, December 9. His Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide, Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, presided, and the consecrating prelate was the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney. He was assisted by Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Wilcannia, and Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland.

Mr. J. J. Callaghan, who for the past twenty-four years has been principal of the Hamilton Superior Public School, received a flattering local valedictory on the occasion of his retirement from the public service through ill-health (says the Sydney 'Freeman'). The Mayor of Hamilton (Mr. J. L. Cram) presided. Several presentations were made, the chief being a silver hot-water kettle to Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan from the teachers, and a silver teapot from the pupils. Mr. Callaghan was presented by the staff of the infants' department with a silver pen and stamp box. Mr. Callaghan, who has been over 34 years in the Education Department, held a very high position in the estimation of his fellow-teachers, and has been president of the Teachers' Association. As a Catholic citizen he has acquitted himself worthily. Mr. Callaghan is an old boy and an old teacher of the formative days of St. Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, and prior to his joining the Education Department was on the staff of the 'Freeman.'

The Hon. John Meagher, who was reported to be on his way back to Sydney (says the 'Catholic Press'), has changed his mind, and decided to spend his Christmas among the old folk at home. His present intention is to leave Ireland on the 28th December. For a man who is over seventy years of age, Mr. Meagher has had a wonderful holiday. He was received by the Pope on his arrival in Italy; then he toured Spain, and, having letters from the most influential quarters in Rome, all doors were open to him, and he attended most exclusive State ceremonies in Madrid, and was received by the young King. He visited France, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, and has been in Ireland for many months, crossing over to the Continent with a pilgrimage to Lourdes. The other day he was one of the speakers at a great meeting in Dublin of the Catholic Truth Society, presided over by Cardinal Logue.

The Rev. Father L. O'Keefe was presented recently by the people of Orange with an address and purse of sovereigns, prior to his departure on an extended trip to his native land. The purse contained 550 sovereigns. Father O'Keefe has been in Orange for upwards of seventeen years. Writing of the presentation, the 'Orange Leader' says:—It has never been our lot to attend a more magnificent meeting. It was indeed a marvellous manifestation of the very sincere regard, the truly deep affection which lay in the hearts of the people of this district, with whom the rev. gentleman had come into contact. The greatest honor, perhaps, of that wonderful demonstration was the fact that a large percentage of the audience, and a big share of the magnificent purse of sovereigns presented to Father O'Keefe, represented the feelings of sincere regard felt for him by representatives of other Churches and denominations. The meeting was a boundless and immortal testimony to a very sterling character—and we use that last word in its fullest, broadest, and noblest meaning.



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The Family Circle

BALLADE OF CHRISTMAS

Hang up the holly, nor forget
The waxen-berried mistletoe;
What matter if the wind be wet
And roads be slushed with melting snow?
The lamplight's gleam, the yule-log's glow,
Shall brighten all the hours that glide,
And we will bless them as they go—
The merry days of Christmastide!

The clouded sun makes haste to set,
The feet of night are overslow,
The bare bough shivers, black as jet,
While gusty winter's breezes blow;
But on our hearts, no gloom can throw
Its shadow, where glad thoughts abide;
We sing our stave and laugh, Ho! Ho!
The merry days of Christmastide!

Barbished awhile are cares that fret,
Sad memories of grief and woe;
We make a truce with old regret
And bitter tears of long ago;
Such cares may come, such tears may flow
Before the winter shall have died;
But cares and tears must never know
The merry days of Christmastide!

ENVOY.

Friend Father Time may bend his bow
To slay our pleasures in their pride;
His malice cannot conquer so
The merry days of Christmastide!

— Irish Monthly.

TWO LITTLE CHRISTMAS ANGELS

The following true story of the heroic self-sacrifice of two children for the Christ-Child's sake is sent by a reader, who hides the identity of the little girls under fictitious names. The contributor hopes that some of our youthful readers may be influenced by this story to perform some similar act of generosity to the poor during the coming holy season:—

In the year 1862 there resided in the town of F—a family of four, a dear old lady, her daughter, and two little girls, seven and nine years of age respectively. They, like all other children of their age, were counting the days until Christmas should arrive and planning out of their small means to remember dear grandma and mamma with some little gift. It had been their habit from their earliest recollection to present mamma with a Christmas turkey, as the income she had did not permit of such a luxury. This year they had saved up (out of hard-earned money, for they received from that mother each week a small amount for doing their share of the housework) 10s, which they had planned to invest in a turkey and a few accessories for the Christmas dinner. On the Sunday before Christmas the priest of the parish church begged from the altar that the congregation would remember substantially at Christmas a poor family who were in a starving condition. At dinner that day the older girl spoke of the thought that had come to her during the pastor's remarks, and suggested to her younger sister that they obtain their mother's consent to give the money they had saved for their Christmas dinner to the starving family. The younger one, Ellen, was not at all willing at first, as their diet, for financial reasons, was a perpetual Lenten fare, and Christmas would not come again for 365 days; furthermore, she was extremely fond of turkey. After some reasoning on the part of Cissie, the older girl, Ellen consented. "The mother told them how pleased she was to hear that they thought of others, but suggested that they think their sacrifice over before they took any steps to forego their Christmas dinner. Two days later they came to their mamma and told her they realised what they were doing and begged her permission to add to their gift some of their toys and any discarded clothing she could spare. Grandma and mamma entered into the spirit of self-sacrifice, and that evening a substantial bundle, together with the 10s, found its way to the poor family. Christmas dawned, an ideal day. After Mass the morning was spent in exchanging the gifts made by loving hands. Dinner time arrived. Two happier little girls could not be found in all the town of F— than Ellen and Cissie. They both declared they

never ate a turkey that tasted quite as delicious as the roast pork, and no cranberries ever had so delightful a taste as the apple sauce. The mother assured them that the dear little Infant Jesus was so pleased with their sacrifice that He had blessed their dinner with the additional flavor of contentment. While she was speaking the bell rang, and the expressman brought in a large box addressed to the Misses—. Upon opening it they found a turkey, cranberries, and everything that goes to make up a Christmas dinner. It was sent from a distant town by their mother's old friend and former teacher, who, although she was ignorant of their sacrifice of a Christmas dinner, had determined to send them these dainties, as she was sorrowfully aware of the struggles their good mother was making to give them the convent training she herself had enjoyed.

Could you, good readers, only have witnessed the scene that followed the opening of that box you would, like the writer, thank God for a Catholic education. Cissie was so overcome that tears started down her little cheeks, and she exclaimed: "Oh, mamma! the Infant Jesus has given us back a hundred-fold what we did for His poor."

Years have rolled into a decade since that Christmas, and those little girls have grown into women and are still true children of the Sacred Heart. Every Christmas when they are planning to bestow the customary Christmas presents among their family and friends they first find out how much money they may spend and how many people there are to remember, then divide the amount into equal parts, but first on the list is the amount for charity, and each Christmas that goes to some poor family to cheer their Christmas, as that Christmas box of long ago did the little girls of F—. 'Catholic News.'

A DIVISION OF LABOUR

William H. Crane, the actor, tells of an amusing incident that occurred in the course of a performance by a company with which the comedian was connected at one time. Crane had been the understudy of the leading man, and it became his duty at a critical time to lift up the fainting heroine and convey her to the wings.

At the time mentioned Mr. Crane was slight and anything but strong, so that the task assigned him was extremely difficult, when it is considered that the leading woman weighed nearly two hundred pounds.

After sundry attempts to accomplish the 'business' assigned him, with little hope of its accomplishment, the strain was broken by the hearty laughter of the audience, for a strong shrill voice from the gallery had shouted:

'For heaven's sake, man, take what you can and come back for the rest.'

AFTER-DINNER PHILOSOPHY

Housewives form their opinions of one another from the pastry on the pie.

It has been said that the life of an intelligent bachelor is very well worth living, but no woman is willing to admit that a bachelor is intelligent.

When a man is in love he thinks it is the most beautiful thing in the world; when he's out of it he thinks the opposite, with an exclamation point.

Relatives and pirates always quarrel over a division of property.

Many a husband is hungry for love his wife wastes on the dog.

Agree with your wife and you can always have your own way.

If time and tide were to wait for men the world would soon be at a standstill.

TONGUE TWISTERS

To get really good tongue twisters from the collection of thousands that have been compiled by elocutionists is a difficult thing. These elocutionists usually rely upon the letter 's' in various combinations which tend towards hisping unless one is exceptionally clear-spoken. There are a few, however, which are really puzzling, and we submit some to our readers:

The sun shines on the shop-signs.
She says she shall sew a sheet.
The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick.
The sea ceaseth and it sufficeth us.
A noisy noise annoys an oyster.
Peers peer from the pier perusing penny papers.
Fighting feyer's feverish fight fighters feverishly fear fever.

HELPFUL ADVICE

'Why, Henry, she exclaimed, 'what is the matter with you? You seem excited.'

It was a minute before he could control his voice sufficiently to speak.

'I am,' he snorted. 'I have been insulted.'

'How? Who did it?' And her spirit rose.

'By a scoundrel who came into my office this morning. I have nursed my wrath all day, and now I have come to you for advice. What would you do if a man were to tell you to go to Jericho and stop there?'

As he strode about the room he kicked over the table and a couple of chairs.

'Why, dear,' she replied, after the impulsive manner of women and with the utmost sincerity, 'I wouldn't go.'

Then he sat down and thought that a good wife's advice was an anchor to windward in a husband's most tempestuous moments.

THEIR STEERING GEAR

A professor of a profound subject at Harvard University has a small son who is very observant and inquisitive and a hired man who has all the Irish wit and good humor.

The other day the small boy was playing with a cat in the stable while 'Larry' cleaned the harness.

'Say, Larry,' he asked, 'why do cats always land on their feet?'

'They steer themselves with their tail.'

'Well, how do rabbits steer themselves? They haven't long tails, only a stub.'

'With their ears. That's what they have their long ears for.'

'Well, how does a bulldog steer himself? He doesn't have long ears or a long tail.'

'With his bark.'

The boy looked doubtful and was silent. Presently he ran in to his father's study, and in a few minutes came back to the stable.

'Larry!'

'Yes.'

'That's true what you told me about bulldogs. I asked papa, and he read something to mamma out of a book about "barques that steer against the wind."'

ODDS AND ENDS

A class was reciting in a school the other day.

'Who can give me,' said the teacher, 'a sentence in which the words "bitter end" are used?'

Up jumped a little girl excitedly. 'I can, teacher. "The cat ran under the table, and the dog ran after her and bit her end."'

The question is often asked by travellers, 'Where is the safest seat in the train?' The answer is given by an engineer, who, after scientific calculation and protracted experience, asserts that the safest seat is in the middle of the last car but one.

You seldom see a man so honest that he says to his wife, 'Where did I leave my hat?' He usually says, 'Where did you put it?'

FAMILY FUN

What is book-keeping?—Forgetting to return borrowed volumes.

If a bear were to enter a draper's shop, what would he want?—Muzzlin'.

Why is a watch the most difficult thing to steal?—Because it must be taken off its guard.

When is a ship in love?—When she is tender to a man of war.

When is a boat like a heap of snow?—When it is adrift.

What three letters change boy into man?—A G E.

Who can speak all the languages?—Echo.

Why is a gooseberry pie like counterfeit money?—Because it is not current.

Name a word of five letters from which if you take two, but one remains.—Stone.

Everything has what a pudding has—what has a pudding?—a name.

The largest moth-known is the Giant Atlas, found in China, the wings of which measure nine inches across.

All Sorts

Animals to the number of 70,000,000 are killed yearly for the sake of their fur.

When a fish loses any of its scales, by a wound or other means, they are never renewed.

Christmas Island, in the Pacific Ocean, was discovered by Captain Cook on December 24, 1777, and so called in honor of the season.

Civilisation does not tend to the horse's longevity. In the wild state he lives to be thirty-six or forty years old, while the domestic horse is old at twenty-five.

Druggist.—Try it again, little one. What was it your mamma told you to get?

Little girl (with another severe mental effort)—I think it was 'I died of opossum.' I want ten cents' worth.

She—I asked Dr. Price at dinner if he thought raw oysters were healthy.

He—What did he say?

She—That he never knew one to complain.

Among insects the most intelligent are those of the ant tribe, while next to them rank wasps. Bees come some way lower down the scale. Beetles are hopelessly stupid, but even they are not as bad as butterflies and moths.

Little Willie, aged five, was very interested watching the telephone man repair the telephone. After a little time he inquired:

'Please, have you any more speaking tubes to spare?'

'Yes, my little man,' replied the workman, 'lots of them.'

'Well,' said little Willie, 'I do wish you'd put one into our baby, because she can't speak at all.'

Arabian horses show remarkable courage in battle. It is said that when a horse of this breed finds himself wounded, and knows instinctively that he will not be able to carry his rider much longer, he quickly retires, bearing his master to a place of safety while he has yet sufficient strength. But if, on the other hand, the rider is wounded and falls to the ground, the animal remains beside him, unmindful of danger, neighing until assistance is brought.

Not the least surprising discovery an Englishman of the Plantagenet period would make, if he could visit the Grocers' Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall, would be (says the 'Daily Chronicle') that there is such a person as a 'retail grocer.' A retail grocer is as impossible, according to strict etymology, as a 'weekly journal,' since a 'grocer,' or 'grosser,' as it used to be spelled, is really a trader 'in gross'—that is to say, in large quantities, wholesale. Our ancestors spoke of 'grossers of fish' and 'grossers of wine,' and an Act of Edward III. expressly mentions that 'grossers' dealt in all manner of goods. In those days 'spicer' was the word for 'grocer' in the modern sense. But it happened that the Grocers' Company, founded in the fourteenth century, specialised in spicery, and so 'grocer' gradually took the place of 'spicer.'

By 1940, or maybe even earlier, the population of the Greater New York will be three times what it is now, or, in round numbers, will be twelve millions, according to a computation made by Dr. W. H. Guilfooy, Registrar of Records to the Department of Health. According to the same authority, the city's population will be doubled by 1927. Dr. Guilfooy has based his estimates on the State census of 1905 and the federal census of 1900. These show that the growth of the city annually is 3.15 per cent. compounded. On June 1, 1905, the population of New York City was 4,014,304; on June 1, 1910, it should be 4,700,442; on September 23, 1927, there should be 8,028,608 persons living within the city limits, and on October 12, 1930, there should be 12,042,912, if the growth continues at the rate it has in the last half decade. But the chance that this huge total will be reached considerably sooner is great, because the death rate is continually decreasing. For the five years 1900-'05 the average death rate per thousand was 19.40, while for the year ending June 1, 1906, it was only about 18.00 per thousand. If this last rate is maintained, or is bettered, as seems probable, there would be a gain in population of 1.40, or more per thousand. This is not taken into consideration in Dr. Guilfooy's estimate. This would mean that the doubling of the city's population would be achieved at least a year earlier than stated.

OUR SCHOOLS

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

The Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly presided at the annual distribution of prizes to the students of the Sacred Heart College, Auckland. The prizes were distributed in the interval in the following programme:—Overture, "The Princess March" (Harry Hiscocks), College Orchestra; chorus, "Oft in the still night," Students; drama, "Major John Andre"; orchestral selection, "Smiles and tears" (Round); chorus, "Murmuring sea," Students; tableau. The following took part in the drama:—Masters G. Turnbull, G. Ball, C. Carroll, J. Kelly, J. Molloy, J. Sheehan, J. R. Taylor, W. White, W. Webb, C. Simmons, H. Quinn, P. McConville, N. Sneddon, B. Lavery, E. Blake, W. M'Lellan, D. O'Brien, J. Scott.

The Right Rev. Dr Lenihan sent a telegram apologising for his absence, and expressing his intention of offering a prize next year for the study of Esperanto.

The Superior in his annual report said:—Genuine education has for its object the development not only of the intellectual and physical faculties of the child, but also the careful nurturing of those spiritual faculties with which the Creator has endowed it. Civilisation is the product of education, but there can be no permanent civilisation without this threefold aim of education. The tendency of the twentieth century is to minimise the importance of the spiritual training of children, and, if possible, to root it out from every system of education. The British colonies and the United States have long since adopted the system of godless education, France has suicidally expelled her religious teachers, and the fate of religious education in England is now trembling in the balance. It behoves us, then, whose conviction of the necessity of religion in education has remained invulnerable against the onslaughts of secularism, to proclaim with trumpet voice that men are still the children of God, and that their highest and most sacred duties are those they owe their Maker. Since the foundation of Christianity the Catholic Church has been in all ages the great bulwark in the defence of the rights of God. She is still fulfilling that glorious destiny, and despite the frenzied efforts of the atheism of France, she will fight in the coming struggle with the same courage and determination that broke the power of Bismarck and brought him to Canossa. It is the proud privilege of a Catholic College to form one of the outposts of our holy Mother the Church, and in a small way the Sacred Heart College claims that honour and that privilege. You will be able to judge how this college fulfils its purpose when you hear the report of the work done during the year. Before the season of Lent closed a Retreat of three days was preached to the boys by the eminent missionary, Father Clune. During Easter week the brothers and pupils spent a most enjoyable picnic at Mototapu. Sports were held, the prizes being provided by a few of the ex-students of the college. The year 1906 has been a record year for the college on the athletic field. After a very keen inter-college football competition the end of the season found Sacred Heart College in possession of the coveted banner. In the Secondary Schools Old Boys' Competition, which was, if anything, keener, our ex-students went through the season without defeat, and thus became the envied possessors of the Old Boys' Union's banner. The end of the cricket season of 1905 found the Sacred Heart College and St. John's Collegiate School the joint holders of the cricket cup. We are thus in the unique position to-night of being able to exhibit all the three trophies in connection with secondary schools' sport. Owing to the encouragement given to the good old Irish game of handball by Mr T. B. O'Connor, who has again presented a gold medal for competition, a very fine tournament was held recently at the college. Whether it is owing to the great interest displayed by the boys in their games, or to the exceedingly healthy position and surroundings of the college, the boys have been remarkably free from illness of any kind. While our pupils display that healthy appetite for outdoor games and manly exercises, which must tend so much to the development of a robust constitution, the results of the examinations of 1905 demonstrate that success in sports is by no means incompatible with mental progress. In the senior Civil Service examination Masters P. Amodeo and E. Mahoney secured full passes, an achievement which reflects the greatest credit on themselves and on their college. Both these are now prosecuting their studies at the University. Two boys passed the matriculation and solicitors' general knowledge examination, while seven boys secured Junior Civil Service passes. I think if a comparison be made on a proper basis, these results will compare favourably with those of any secondary school in New Zealand. We cannot expect to rival the State-endowed colleges of New Zealand in examination results under present conditions; and this for two reasons—firstly, because those colleges get the very cream of the talent of New Zealand through the scholarship system; and, secondly, because boys that have gained scholarships remain longer at school. Our people do not realise that a boy's college education is incomplete when he has passed the matriculation examination. He should remain at

school at least two years after matriculation, if he wishes to go through his University course with distinction. And let me point out again the necessity of University education for our talented Catholic lads. We are living in an age when endless facilities for higher education are being afforded to youth, and if Catholics are to maintain any status among their fellow citizens, they must have men of education to write and speak for them. In order to encourage the Catholics of New Zealand to take advantage of the sound education given at the college we have offered a scholarship to the boys attending the Brothers' schools in the various towns of New Zealand. This scholarship is tenable for three years, and has an annual value of 35 guineas. There remains for me the pleasant duty of thanking our numerous friends for their kindness in giving donations or in giving us assistance in various ways during the year. We have to acknowledge in the first place a bequest of £25 left to the Sacred Heart College by the late Miss M'Loughlin, of Mount Eden. Educational institutions are often crippled through want of funds, and such bequests are very helpful. Though his Lordship the Bishop is unavoidably absent, he is with us in spirit, and we acknowledge our deep debt to him for his many kindnesses. On behalf of the brothers I thank Monsignor O'Reilly for honouring us with his presence to-night and presiding over this ceremony. To those gentlemen who have so unselfishly offered their services in connection with the orchestra and drama we tender our sincere thanks.

The following is the prize-list:—

Special Prizes.—Good conduct (gold medal): Claude Simmons. Christian doctrine (gold medal): William M'Lellan. Essay on "Richard John Seddon": E. Kavanagh 1, E. Blake 2. Historical essay, Debating Club (gold medal): C. Carroll 1, J. Scott 2. Music (violin, gold medal): J. Kelly. Prizes also were awarded to the following for success in musical examinations:—W. Simmons (piano), D. O'Connor, W. Dwyer, H. Quinn, T. Kelly, B. Clarke, J. Molloy, A. Gibbons, L. Buxton (violin). Batting average in cricket team: N. Sneddon. Highest individual score of season: B. Clarke. Bowling average: E. Blake. Winner of the handball tournament (gold medal): T. M'Loughlin. Representative caps were presented to the following, who represented the united colleges in the annual Rugby football match: B. Lavery, W. Webb, T. M'Loughlin, W. White, J. McDonald, and F. Quinlivan.

Matriculation Class.—Aggregate merit (gold medal): C. Simmons 1, C. Carroll 2. French: C. Simmons 1, R. Taylor 2. Chemistry: C. Simmons 1, R. Taylor 2. English: B. Lavery 1, C. Carroll 2. Arithmetic: R. Taylor 1, C. Carroll 2. Latin: C. Carroll 1, B. Lavery 2. Geometry: B. Lavery 1, C. Simmons 2.

Civil Service Class.—Aggregate merit (gold medal): George Ball 1, E. Buckler 2. French: E. Buckler 1, G. Ball 2. Arithmetic: W. Webb 1, E. Buckler 2. Geometry: W. Simmons 1, W. Webb 2. Geography: E. Blake 1, J. Sheehan 2. Algebra: G. Ball 1, G. Turnbull 2.

Sub. Civil Service Class.—Aggregate merit (gold medal): J. Scott 1, H. Quinn 2. Christian doctrine: E. Fraser 1, F. Bacon 2. English: D. O'Connor and E. Kavanagh (equal) 1, E. M'Lellan 2. Arithmetic: J. Scott 1, C. Molloy 2. Algebra: J. Corbett 1, J. Scott 2. Latin: H. Quinn 1, J. Scott 2. French: H. Quinn 1, J. Scott 2. Chemistry: J. Scott 1, J. Corbett 2. Geography: D. O'Brien 1, H. Quinn 2. Geometry: P. McConville 1, J. Corbett 2. Shorthand: J. Carroll 1, E. Kavanagh 2.

Sixth Class.—Aggregate merit: Vincent Mason 1, Alphonsus Amodeo 2, Thomas M'Loughlin 3. Christian doctrine: Thomas M'Loughlin 1, A. Amodeo 2. Reading: Clem. McManamin 1, John Hopkins 2. English composition: Fred. Quinlivan 1, Vincent Mason 2. Spelling: Frank Kelly 1, John Phelan 2. Arithmetic: James Boylan 1, A. Amodeo 2. Geography: B. Clarke 1, P. Cullen 2. Writing: V. Mason 1, A. Amodeo 2. Chemistry: T. M'Loughlin 1, A. Amodeo 2.

Fifth Class.—Aggregate merit: Leonard Buxton 1, Patrick Cooney 2, Robert McVeagh 3. Christian doctrine: Patrick Cooney 1, Clarence Coburne 2. Reading: Clarence Coburne 1, Leonard Buxton 2. English composition: R. McVeagh 1, Leonard Buxton 2. Spelling: R. McVeagh 1, W. Sullivan 2. Writing: Arnold Moverley 1, L. Buxton 2. Geography: W. Sullivan 1, C. Coburne 2. Arithmetic: L. Buxton 1, P. Cooney 2.

Fourth Class.—Aggregate merit: Beresford J. Nelson 1, Anthony Gibbons 2, Patrick Keeney 3. Christian doctrine: Patrick Keeney 1, Anthony Gibbons 2. Arithmetic: Beresford J. Nelson 1, Anthony Gibbons 2. English: Mervyn Bartley 1, Anthony Gibbons 2. Writing: Beresford J. Nelson 1, Patrick Keeney 2. Orthography: Anthony Gibbons 1, Beresford J. Nelson 2. Recitation: Beresford J. Nelson 1, Anthony Gibbons 2. Home exercise: Gerald Fitzgerald 1, Mervyn Bartley 2. Geography: Patrick Keeney 1, Beresford J. Nelson 2. Reading: Anthony Gibbons 1, Beresford Nelson 2.

Third Class.—Aggregate merit: Joseph P. Darby 1, George E. Toole 2, Douglas J. Ferguson 3. Christian doctrine: Walter Brophy 1, Douglas J. Ferguson 2. Arithmetic: Joseph P. Darby

1. Walter Brophy 2. English: Douglas J. Ferguson 1, Joseph P. Darby 2. Reading: Douglas J. Ferguson 1, George E. Tole 2. Writing: Ernest J. Penwarden 1, Walter Brophy 2. Orthography: Joseph P. Darby 1, Douglas J. Ferguson 2. Recitation: George E. Tole 1, Joseph P. Darby 2. Home exercise: George E. Tole 1, Douglas J. Ferguson 2. Geography: Geoffrey Coupland 1, Joseph P. Darby 2.

MONASTERY OF THE SACRED HEART

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

On the afternoon of December 14 a numerous gathering of friends, relatives, and others interested were present at the prize distribution to the pupils of the Sisters of the Mission High School, and at the following excellent musical programme submitted:—Duet, 'The Village King,' Misses L. Green; K. Hayden, K. and M. O'Malley, I. Grange, A. Coakley, U. Williams, G. Baker, E. Poff (organ), S. Anson and K. O'Halloran (harp); instrumental selection, 'Advance Guard' (Ellis); Misses W. Brick, V. Barker (violins), C. Coakley (banjo), R. Young (harp), L. Dwyer (piano), N. Coakley (organ); action song, 'Polite Little Maids,' junior pupils; cantata, 'The Children's Queen' (Stratton), the pupils; trio, 'Ave Maria' (Schubert), Misses L. Barker (first harp), R. Young (second harp), and D. Amys (organ); instrumental selection, 'Remembrance' (Telma), Misses W. Brick, C. Coakley (violins), A. Riordan (organ), M. O'Connor (piano), L. Barker (harp); duet (Weber), Misses D. Amys, N. Coakley, L. Barker, E. Murphy (first piano), F. Lyford, V. Barker, M. O'Connor, A. Riordan (second piano); chorus, 'Holiday Duet,' pupils.

An inspection of the display of work revealed a wealth and variety of the useful and ornamental in a bewildering array. Taking the exhibits in the aggregate, rather than to individualise, one is at once struck with the advancement in many subjects and the uniformly high order of merit shown, which reflect the greatest credit on the teaching ability of the Sisters and diligence and talent of the pupils. To summarise, there were to be seen paintings in oils and water colours, drawings in black-and-white, etc. Modelling and wood-carving still maintain prominence; the articles shown included tables, music cabinets, sideboards, and photo frames. In fancy work were shown cushions, fire screens, mantel drapes, lace, and embroidery. In plain sewing and articles of artistic finish there were shown handkerchief sachets, table centres, bed spreads, specimens of Mountmellick work, lace, drawn thread, and Teneriffe work. Specimens of dressmaking by advanced pupils, a work recently introduced, held a foremost place. In the kindergarten section was shown quite a creditable array of pretty things. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chénais, V.G., presided at the distribution of prizes, a number of visiting and resident clergy being also present. After addressing those present and congratulating the Sisters and pupils on their successes during the year, he read the following results of examinations held during 1905:—

School Examinations.—Civil Service: Irene O'Connor (dist.), A. De Garney.

Associated Board of R.C. and R.A.—Higher Division: (Singing) M. O'Connor (pass); (pianoforte) A. Riordan (pass). Lower Division: N. Coakley (dist.); E. Murphy, R. Buchanan (pass). Elementary: M. Ryan (pass).

Trinity College (Musical Knowledge).—Senior Division: A. Riordan (honours); M. Wildey, M. Yemm, K. O'Halloran, E. Murphy (pass). Intermediate Division: I. Sheppard, N. Coakley (honours); V. Barker (pass). Junior Division: N. Cronin, G. Barker, E. Moyna, Flo. Lyford (honours); D. Randall, E. Cronin (pass). Preparatory Division: M. Mullane (dist.); M. Rodgers, M. Cummings (pass).

Trinity College (Practical Examination).—Higher Exams.: Lottie Barker (A.T.C.L.); M. O'Connor (C.T.C.L.). Senior Division: A. Riordan (honours); Kura Robinson, L. Dwyer, M. Parsons (pass). Intermediate Division: F. Lyford, E. Murphy, N. Coakley (honours); M. Wildey (pass). Preparatory Division: Isabelle Greene (dist.); Vera Barker (pass) (violin).

Associated Board of R.C. and R.A.—Local Centre (Intermediate and Rudiments): A. Riordan (pass). Higher Division: E. Poff, D. Amys (pass). Lower Division: A. Rainbow (dist.). Elementary: K. O'Malley, P. Scott (pass). Primary: I. Grange, S. Ansen (dist.); A. Coakley (pass).

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, TIMARU

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, took place on Wednesday afternoon, December 12. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chénais, V.G., presided, and there were also present a number of local and visiting clergy. An excellent programme, consisting of a drama, vocal and instrumental music, etc., was submitted. The musical and other items were given between the acts of the play. The characters in the drama—"Christians under Trojan"—were taken by Misses E. Aspinall, G. Vavasour, H. Nottingham, M. Carey, C. Henrys, M. Mackenzie, and B. Vavasour. The balance of the programme consisted of the following items:—Entree, 'Zaragosa March' (Ortega), Misses Mina Ward, N. Loughnan, Lily Watts, and M. Carey; piano duet, 'Valse Carnavalesque' (Chaminade), two pianos, Misses Mina Ward and G. Vavasour; action song, 'The Blacksmith,' junior pupils; chorus, 'O Sing to God' (Gounod), senior pupils; piano duet, 'Belisario' (Goria), two pianos, Misses M. Carey and C.

Henrys; French recitation, 'L'Ostensoir' (Delaorte), Misses M. Ward, K. Twomey, and N. Loughnan; violin solo, 'Mazurka' (Musin), Miss V. Thompson; vocal solo, 'Serenata' (Braga), Miss C. Fernandez, accompanist Miss M. Ward, violin obligato Miss V. Thompson; chorus, 'Quid Retribuam' (Griesbacher), senior pupils.

At the conclusion of the programme the prizes were distributed, the list being as follows:—

Decorations.—The Second Medallion and Ribbon of Merit has been given by the votes of the pupils, ratified by the Religious, to Christina Henrys; the Third Ribbon to Mary Buckley; the Fourth Ribbon to Mina Ward; the Fifth Ribbon to Hilda Nottingham; the Sixth Ribbon to Blanche Vavasour; the Seventh Ribbon to Enid Aspinall; next in merit, Nancy Loughnan, Gwendolen Vavasour; the First Green Ribbon to Evelyn Bailey; the Second Green Ribbon to Mabel Orbell; the Third Green Ribbon to Ethel Rhodes; next in merit, Effie Sheath, Florence Relph; the Pink Ribbon to Dorothy Nottingham, Leila Hamilton, Doris Tate, Ngaio Nixon, Eileen Birdling, Nellie Nottingham, Mary LeCren.

General Good Conduct—Prize, Christina Henrys; next in merit, Mary Buckley.

Christian Doctrine.—First Division: Nancy Loughnan; next in merit, Kathleen Twomey. Second Division: Grace McArdle; next in merit, Gwendolen Vavasour. Third Division: Frances Byrne 1, Mary O'Farrell 2, Mabel Orbell 3; next in merit, Bella Meehan, Evelyn Bailey, Edna Henderson. Elementary Division, Moya Hayward; next in merit, Eileen McArdle.

Diligence.—First Class, Christina Henrys. Second Class, Mary Buckley; next in merit, Nancy Loughnan. Third Class, Blanche Vavasour; next in merit, Frances Byrne, Rita Twomey. Fourth Class, Evelyn Bailey; next in merit, Mabel Orbell, Daphne Nixon. Fifth Class, Florence Relph; next in merit, Mary O'Brien. Sixth Class, Dorothy Nottingham.

First Class.—Elements of Christian Philosophy, Kathleen Twomey. History, Christina Henrys.

Second Class.—Elements of Logic, Nancy Loughnan; next in merit, Grace McArdle. History, Nancy Loughnan; next in merit, Grace McArdle. Geography, Gwendolen Vavasour; next in merit, Mary Buckley. Repetition, Grace McArdle; next in merit, Nancy Loughnan.

Third Class.—Grammar, Eileen Strachey; next in merit, Hilda Nottingham, Enid Aspinall. Composition, Blanche Vavasour; next in merit, Mary Mackenzie, Frances Byrne. History, Hilda Nottingham; next in merit, Enid Aspinall, Frances Byrne. Geography, Hilda Nottingham; next in merit, Edna Henderson, Kathleen McCormack. Repetition, Rita Twomey; next in merit, Frances Byrne, Hilda Nottingham.

Fourth Class.—Grammar, next in merit, Mabel Orbell. Composition, Evelyn Bailey; next in merit, Mary Ward, Freda Goodman. History, Mary O'Farrell; next in merit, Mabel Orbell, Ethel Rhodes. Geography, Margaret King; next in merit, Effie Sheath, Mabel Orbell. Repetition, Mabel Orbell; next in merit, Ethel Rhodes, Mary O'Farrell.

Fifth Class.—Grammar, Rata Nixon; next in merit, Mary O'Brien. History, Josephine Henrys; next in merit, Dorothy Eiby. Geography, Josephine Henrys; next in merit, Mary O'Brien. Reading, Alison Bristol; next in merit, Dorothy Eiby. Repetition, Mary O'Brien; next in merit, Dorothy Eiby.

Sixth Class.—Sacred History, Dorothy Nottingham. Reading, Leila Hamilton.

Seventh Class.—Diligence, Doris Tate. Sacred History, Moya Hayward.

Eighth Class.—Diligence, Ngaio Nixon. Reading, Eileen McArdle.

Ninth Class.—Reading, Nellie Nottingham.

Arithmetic.—First Division, Kathleen Twomey; next in merit, Mary Buckley. Third Division, Hilda Nottingham; next in merit, Grace McArdle. Fourth Division, Ethel Rhodes; next in merit, Dorothy Scott, Mabel Orbell. Fifth Division, Rata Nixon; next in merit, Mary O'Brien. Seventh Division, Doris Tate; next in merit, Eileen Birdling.

Needlework.—First Division, Mina Ward; next in merit, Mary Buckley. Second Division, Ethel Rhodes; next in merit, Dorothy Scott, Enid Aspinall. Third Division, Effie Sheath 1, Daphne Nixon 2; next in merit, Eileen Tate, Florence Relph, Isabel Scott. Fourth Division, Eileen Birdling; next in merit, Doris Tate.

Order.—First Division, Christine Henrys 1, Evelyn Bailey 2; next in merit, Mary Buckley, Hilda Nottingham. Second Division, Mabel Orbell; next in merit, Isabel Scott, Daphne Nixon; prize for five Accessits, Mabel Orbell.

Writing.—First Division, Enid Aspinall; next in merit, Christine Henrys. Second Division, Mary Ward 1, Dorothy Scott 2; next in merit, Evelyn Bailey, Blanche Vavasour, Isabel Scott. Third Division, Freda Goodman; next in merit, Eileen Tate.

French.—Second Division, Mina Ward. Third Division, Nancy Loughnan; next in merit, Mary Buckley; prize for five Accessits, Mary Buckley. Fourth Division, Myrtle Jones; next in merit, Frances Byrne; prize for five Accessits, Frances Byrne. Diligence, Mary Mackenzie; next in merit, Adelene Relph. Fifth Division, Kitty Byrne. Diligence, Mabel Orbell; next in merit, Mary O'Farrell.

Supplementary Division.—Diligence, Effie Sheath, Aileen Strachey; next in merit, Lily Watts, Margaret King. Elementary Division, Eileen McArdle; next in merit, Moya Hayward. German.—Third Division, Mina Ward. Fifth Division, Mildred Carey; next in merit, Grace McArdle; prize for five Accessits, Grace McArdle.

Regular Attendance.—Ethel Rhodes; next in merit, Aileen Strachey.

ROSARY CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, OAMARU

At the break-up, held on December 13, the prizes were awarded as follows:—

Matriculation Course.—Gold Medallist, Aileen O'Donnell. Latin—Cicely Rowland, May Molloy. Application and order, Cicely Rowland.

Civil Service Course.—Class prize, Priscilla Falconer. Second arithmetic, Hannah Cartwright. Physiology, Priscilla Falconer (Mr W. J. Wylie's prize). Second physiology, Hannah Cartwright. General improvement, Aileen Welsh.

Preparatory Civil Service.—Medallist, Cissy Rooney. General improvement, Ellen Pratt.

—Junior School.—

Grade A.—Christian doctrine, Annie Lynch. Bible history, Alis Molloy. English, Molly Dore; second, Grace Molloy. Arithmetic, K. Gallagher; second, E. Cartwright. French, Molly Dore. Writing, Annie Lynch. Application, E. Miller.

Grade B.—English, Irene Madden; second, A. Pringle. Arithmetic, Doris Preston. Writing, Doris Preston. French and arithmetic, Janie Pringle.

Grade C.—English and writing, Dolly Kelly. Arithmetic, Gretta Cooney second, K. Fitzgerald. English, M. Fitzgerald. General improvement, Katie Healy. Application, Una Benson. Attendance, Dolly Kelly. Elocution, Irene Madden. Sewing, Dolly Kelly and Doris Preston (equal).

—General Prizes.—

Junior School.—Conduct, Molly Dore. Politeness, Alis Molloy. Deportment—Julia O'Meara, L. Benson.

Senior School.—Christian doctrine, Molly Dore. Politeness and calisthenics, May Molloy. Outdoor games, Maggie Twomey. Nuns' conduct prize, Veda Slee. The wreath for amiability was awarded by the votes of the pupils to Priscilla Falconer.

Music School.—Trinity College: Senior grade—Amy Gilligan (medal), Veda Slee. Junior grade, Aileen Welsh (medal). Preparatory grade, Janie Pringle (medal). Junior grade (harmony), Cissy Ormiston. Preparatory grade (harmony), Ellen Pratt. Associated Board.—Primary grade, Grace Molloy (medal).

Kindergarten Prizes.—Christian doctrine, James Waters. Reading, Kathleen O'Brien. Counting, May Cooney. Writing, Keith Cassels. Kindergarten work, Dotsy O'Brien. Embroidery, May O'Brien. General improvement, May Hall. Drawing, C. Waters. Politeness, Kathleen Grave. Good conduct, Doris Waters. Singing, Kathleen Grave.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Christian doctrine—M. McMahon 1, Dorothy Sweeney 2. Good conduct, Katie Mansell.

Class Prizes.—Standard VII, Alice Browne. Standard VI, Lucy Magee. Standard V, Katie Counihan. Standard IV, Bella Meehan. Standard III, Kate Connell. Standard I, Maggie Costigan.

Needlework, Maggie Direen (presented by Mrs Cagney). Politeness, Rita Falconer.

The most industrious girl in Standard III, Mary Hogan (presented by Mrs Gamble).

Attendance, Dorothy Sweeney (presented by Mr Cagney). Amiability, Kate Dwyer.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL, DUNEDIN

The annual entertainment by, and the distribution of prizes to, the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, took place in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and there were also present Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and Rev. Fathers Howard, Cleary, O'Reilly, and Corcoran. A varied programme of vocal music, recitations, gymnastic displays, etc., was given before a crowded audience, who thoroughly appreciated the various items. The proceedings opened with the chorus, 'The Merry Mill Wheel,' which was nicely sung by the singing class. This was followed by an excellent recitation, 'The Ancient Race' (Davis), by Master T. P. Laffey. A very interesting item was a display by the junior gymnastic class; then followed a class song, 'The Minstrel Boy.' One of the most taking items of the evening was a recitation, 'The Flowers,' by junior pupils, in which the qualities of the sweet briar were championed by Master Alfred Neill, the lily by Master Linus Ryan, the rose by Master Sylvester Geerin, the poppy by Master M. O'Brien, and the shamrock by Master F. Marlow. 'Cato's Soliloquy' was given with much dramatic power by Mr T. P. Laffey, Master C. Marlow taking the part of Porcius with much success. Master W. O'Connor gave a very pleasing rendering of 'When the Heart is Young,' and Master F. Marlow was very successful in a humorous recitation, for which he was encored. An amusing item was a scene from 'The Heir-at-law,' in which the character of Dr Pangloss was taken by Master W. Coughlan, and that of the heir by Master T. P. Laffey. Then came another song by the singing class, the programme concluding with a very fine display of club swinging by Masters H. Salmon and T. P. Laffey. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Miss Clara Hughes.

At the conclusion of the programme Rev. Brother Brady said that he would dispense with the usual school report on this occasion, and the labours of his Lordship would be lightened as only the principal prizes would be distributed, the

others having been given out at the school that afternoon. His Lordship would also be spared the pinning on of the 37 prizes that had been won by the pupils at the recent Schools' Athletic Championship Meeting.

The prizes were then distributed by His Lordship, the medal for dux of the school going to George Albertson, of Port Chalmers.

At the conclusion of the distribution Rev. Brother Brady thanked his Lordship for presiding, and also the clergy and audience for their attendance. He also thanked the parents for the manner in which they had co-operated with the teachers in seeing that the boys attended regularly, thus showing their appreciation of the good, sound religious and secular education which the pupils were receiving. In conclusion he wished the boys a happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

His Lordship the Bishop congratulated the Brothers and pupils most sincerely on the excellent entertainment provided, and on the successful termination of the year's work. From time to time during the year he had heard most excellent reports on the prosperity of the school from the Superior, and had on various occasions visited the school, when he had an opportunity of observing the close attention paid to their studies by the boys, and their cheerful obedience to the instruction of their teachers. It gave him much pleasure to hear that while the boys were attending to their secular studies they were also attentive to their Christian doctrine and their religious duties. To himself, in the position which he occupied that was a source of great pleasure. He was also pleased to hear of the success of the boys in their sports. It was necessary that the boys should have recreation and athletics, and where these were carried out, as they were at the Brothers' School, so as not to interfere with their studies, they were of great benefit to the pupils physically. He had heard with great pleasure of the success of the pupils at the recent Schools' Athletic Championship Meeting. It was very gratifying that they had such an excellent school in their midst as that presided over by the Christian Brothers, and he would say that no better teachers were to be found in any part of the world. The Brothers laboured with great diligence and ability, and they were very zealous in the work of education. They aimed at giving a good secular education, combined with a good, sound religious education. For this he was deeply grateful, and he could assure the Brothers that their efforts were fully appreciated by him, and he hoped they would long continue to carry on their good work. The aim of their teaching was to direct the pupils to serve God faithfully, to be good citizens, to be useful in the world, and to be good Catholics. (Applause.)

Mr J. B. Callan, jun., in proposing a vote of thanks to his Lordship for presiding, paid a well-deserved meed of praise to the Christian Brothers for their success as teachers. They have had evidence of this in the creditable manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves year after year in the public competitive examinations. There was one thing to be regretted, and that was that so few took advantage of the opportunities which the school offered in the way of secondary education, the reason being that the majority of the pupils left school after passing the Seventh Standard. Their schools had not the advantages of free places at High Schools and scholarships which were available in the State schools, but during the coming year it was intended to put forward an effort to remove this disadvantage to some extent. A movement was on foot among some of the old boys to do something in the way of getting up some scholarships which would be available for deserving and promising boys who, if they had not some assistance, would not be in a position to continue their studies. Many of their old boys who were in good positions in different parts of the colony owed much to the self-sacrifice of the Christian Brothers in assisting them with their secondary studies, and these boys, he felt sure, would be only too willing to assist others.

Mr Hussey seconded the motion, and spoke also in support of Mr. Callan's suggestion regarding the establishment of scholarships.

The following is the prize list:—

Dux of School—G. Albertson (gold medal). Matriculation Form—E. Spain (gold medal), C. Marlow (Mathematics and Latin). Civil Service—H. Salmon (1st), P. J. Collins, H. Moynihan, Thos. Laffey. Sub-matriculation Form—G. Wakelin (1st), J. Fogarty, J. McGettigan, D. Murphy, H. Drury, J. McQuillan.

Standard VII.—W. Ryan (1st), J. Stapleton, J. Salmon, C. Spain, J. McDonald, A. Crawford, J. Lefevre, E. Mullany. Special Prizes.—Irish History, J. McGettigan (gold cross, presented by Mrs Haydon); Christian Doctrine, J. McQuillan; Football, T. P. Laffey; Bowling (Cricket), E. Spain; Captain, H. Salmon. Christian Brothers' School Sports—T. Laffey, P. Heffernan, J. McDonald, D. Burke, A. Cameron, E. Barry (silver medals).

Standard VI.—J. McKay 1, C. Crichton 2, Wm. McAllen 3, D. Mahoney 4, J. Baskeville 5, B. Randall 6. Special Prizes.—Christian Doctrine, J. Baskeville; Book-keeping, W. Monaghan; History, A. Heffernan. Examination Honours.—First in subject: Arithmetic, J. Baskeville; English, C. Crichton; Geography, W. McAllen; Latin, D. Mahoney; French, A. Heffernan; Reading, Denis Mahoney; Dictation, J. Mackay; Drawing, D. Mahoney; Penmanship, W. McAllen; Comprehension, B. Randall.

Standard V.—T. Layburn 1, J. Walsh 2, C. Dunne 3, F. Cameron 4, L. Burke 5, E. Salmon 6, W. Gawne 7. Reading and Geography, P. Newman; Application to Studies, J. McDonald. Examination Honours.—Christian Doctrine, C. Dunne; Arithmetic, C. Dunne; English, F. Cameron; Geography, C. Dunne and T. Layburn; Latin, T. Layburn; French, C. Dunne; Comprehension, J. Walsh; Reading, F. Cameron and C. Dunne;

Book-keeping, C. Dunne; Dictation, J. Walsh and T. Layburn.
 Standard IV.—Aggregate: Francis Marlow 1, L. Walsh 2, Francis Yule and Jack Hally (equal) 3, Joseph McKenzie 4, Alfred Neil 5, T. Lynch 6, P. Keligher 7, James Marlow 8, L. Petherick 9, Michael Lawless 10, J. Cameron 11, Ed. Nolan 12, J. Thompson 13, J. Brady 14, H. Sweeney 15, Lector Shiel 16, E. Meenan 17, Sylvester Geerin 18, W. Trail 19, A. Meenan 20, G. Hawkins 21, M. O'Brien 22, A. Fogarty 23, Bert Cantwell 24, J. Monaghan 25, J. Whitty 26. Christian Doctrine, F. Marlow 1, L. Walsh 2.

Standard III.—Aggregate: Linus Ryan 1, Vincent Shiel 2, Simeon McAllen 3, Dominick Keyes 4, H. Carter 5, J. Flanagan 6, B. Walsh 7, F. Kirby 8, T. O'Brien 9, A. Hesford 10, J. Fenton 11, C. Hastings 12, R. Taylor 13, E. Lippart 14, T. Coxon 15, J. O'Connor 16, A. Gustafson 17, J. Browne 18, S. Mulrooney 19, A. Cameron 20. Christian Doctrine, Linus Ryan 1, H. Carter 2.

Standard II.—G. Thompson 1, F. Brown 2, E. Barry 3, A. Tarleton 4, T. Ryan 5, W. Gleeson 6, H. Munro 7, T. Hally 8, W. Nolan 9, P. Treahy 10, W. Brady 11, James Mackie 12, A. Scoles 13, E. Walsh 14, J. Traill 15, C. Crichton 16, E. O'Sullivan 17, James Sandys 18, J. Maloney 19, D. O'Connell 20. Examination Honours (first in subject)—Christian Doctrine, G. Thompson; Reading, E. Barry; Writing, G. Thompson; Arithmetic, G. Thompson; Spelling, F. Brown; Drawing, T. Ryan; Bible History, E. Barry; Grammar, G. Thompson; Recitation, W. Gleeson; Geography, G. Thompson; Home Exercise, A. Tarleton.

High First Class—James Lennon 1, A. Tourell 2, James Rogan 3, F. Perkins 4, J. Dunn 5, C. Begbie 6, John Scoles 7, T. Collins 8, H. Fogarty 9, James Brown 10.

Low First Class—L. Salmon 1, C. Collins 2, W. Coughlan 3, Davidson 4, G. Coxon 5, P. Hesford 6, W. Simpson 7.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT SCHOOL, WELLINGTON

The annual distribution of prizes won by the pupils of St. Mary's Convent took place on December 11 at the School Hall, Guildford terrace. His Grace Archbishop Redwood distributed the prizes. Following is a list of successful candidates:—

Good conduct (gold medal, gift of Very Rev. Father Lewis, S.M., V.G.), boarders—Constance Trollove; second prize, Stasia Corby. Good conduct (silver medal, gift of Mr White), day pupils—May Curtis. Junior pupils—boarders, Elsie Draper; day pupils, Girly Gibbs.

Christian Doctrine (gold medal, gift of Mr Dealy), Leila Flanagan.

Dux (gold medal, gift of Mr Trollove), Agnes Segrief.

English Composition (gold medal, gift of his Grace Archbishop Redwood), Agnes Segrief.

Diligence (gold medal, gift of Mr Maurice O'Connor), Constance Trollove.

Elocution (gold medal, "The Mechilde Memorial," gift of Mrs Rose), Leila Flanagan.

Painting—First prize, Constance Trollove; (gold medal, gift of Lady Ward), Constance Clouston.

Singing.—First prize, Rita Rabone, A.T.C.L. (gold medal, "The Grace Memorial," gift of Mrs Grace). Advanced Grade, Violet Lamcroft. Intermediate Honours Division, Agnes Segrief. Higher School Division, Rose Segrief. Elementary Honours Division, May Storey. Elementary Pass, Constance Trollove.

Pianoforte Playing.—Gold medal, gift of Mr M. Kennedy, Senior Royal Division, Doris Stapleton. Prize, Senior Trinity, Sylvia Williams. Intermediate Division, Gertrude Blacklock. Higher School Division, Girly Gibbs. Lower School, Maud M'Kay. Elementary Division, Eva M'Kay. Primary Division, Lily Dealy. Diligence in Music—First prize, Muriel Blake; second prize, Elsie Draper and Alice Hodgins; third prize, Frances Gascoigne.

Violin playing, Rose Segrief.

Theory of Music.—Senior Royal Division, Florence Jones, A.T.C.L. Intermediate, Doris Hayward. Higher School, Muriel Hodgins. Lower School, Agnes Segrief. Rudiments, Hilda Flanagan. Primary Division, May Storey and Alice Draper.

Shorthand.—Senior Division, Alice Ross. Intermediate Division, Constance Trollove. Junior Division, Hilda Flanagan.

Typewriting, Olive Essex.

Physical Drill.—Senior Division, Rosie Segrief. Intermediate Division, Eva Gascoigne. Junior Division, Geraldine M'Grath.

Class I.—First Division: Composition, Muriel Hodgins. English, Agnes Segrief. Latin and French, Agnes Segrief. Penmanship, Constance Trollove. Drawing (freehand, model, light and shade), Constance Trollove. Book-keeping, Constance Clouston. Physiology, Agnes Segrief. Mathematics, Nellie Carmody. Needlework, Alice Draper. Second Division: English, Alice Ross. French, Leila Flanagan. Mathematics, Freda Ross. Drawing, Hilda Flanagan. History, Muriel Hodgins. Literature (equal in merit), Constance Trollove, Muriel Hodgins. Book-keeping, Muriel Hodgins. Latin, Muriel Hodgins. Geography, Constance Trollove.

Class II.—Christian doctrine, Olive Young. Mathematics, Stasia Corby. Penmanship, Stasia Corby. Composition, Mary Young. Diligence, Mary Young. English, Lorna Bridge. History and literature, Lorna Bridge. Algebra, Lorna Bridge. Orthography, Lilian Millard. Geography, Lilian Millard. Reading and recitation, May Curtis. Needlework—First prize, Grace Wilson; second prize, Olive Arthur.

Class III.—Christian doctrine, Norma M'Grath. French, Norma M'Grath. Arithmetic, Inniwa Bunny. Grammar, Olive Young. Latin, Olive Young. Composition, Olive Young. Diligence, Olive Young. Penmanship, Alice Draper. Reading and recitation, Maggie Cameron. Spelling and dictation—First prize, May Storey; second prize, Inniwa Bunny. History and literature, Maud M'Kay. Geography, Maud M'Kay. Algebra and geometry, Maud M'Kay. Drawing (freehand and model), Stasia Corby. Needlework, Nellie Brogan.

Class IV.—Composition, Laurie James. Nature study—Laurie James. Grammar and spelling, Girly Gibbs. Arithmetic, Girly Gibbs. Latin, Girly Gibbs. Geography, Alice Hodgins. Literature and geometry, Alice Hodgins. Diligence, Grace Wilson. English history, Grace Wilson. Reading and recitation, Geraldine M'Grath. Penmanship, Dorothy Flewellyn. Freehand drawing, Elsie Draper. French, Winnie Maginity. Brushwork, Ciss Storey.

Class V.—Composition, Rita Bunny. Reading and recitation, Vera M'Inerney. English history, Vera M'Inerney. Nature study, Vera M'Inerney. Geography and mapping, Vera M'Inerney. Grammar, Rita Hodgins. Spelling, Queenie M'Inerney. Penmanship, Rita Leydon. Diligence, Ciss Storey. Arithmetic, Ciss Storey.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Class 1.—Good conduct, Cecil Dealy. Religious knowledge, Lily Dealy. Arithmetic, Dorothy Rabone. Grammar and composition, Lily Dealy. Drawing, Dorothy Rabone. Dictation and spelling, Eva M'Kay. Geography, Lottie Brogan. History, Leger Reeves. Writing, Lily Dealy. Reading and recitation, Monica Whitaker.

Class II.—Religious knowledge, May Brogan. Arithmetic (equal in merit), Athol Bunny and Leger Reeves. Composition, Athol Bunny. Geography, Bessie Gard. Reading and recitation, Kate M'Keown. Writing, Lizzie Ross. Dictation and spelling, Leger Reeves.

Class III.—Religious knowledge, Lynn Edwards. Arithmetic, Rosie Rogers. Composition, Lynn Edwards. Dictation and spelling, Eileen Black. Writing, Eileen Black. Geography, Eileen Black. Reading and recitation, Evelyn M'Grath.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, MILTON

The annual distribution of prizes at St. Joseph's School, Milton (says the Bruce Herald), took place on the afternoon of December 11. The Very Rev. Father O'Neill presided. A very interesting programme of music was gone through, the children's items being specially well done. The opening chorus ("Flowers") by the pupils went with a good swing, the children being grouped facing each other at the end of the schoolroom in tiers. The decorations were very effective, and the Christmas tree loaded with good things. The small boys' action song was a pleasant little item, and Miss May Dwyer, a wee tot, played a piano solo in fine style. "Helping Mother," an action song by little girls, was very prettily gone through. Physical exercises by the senior boys, and piano solos by Miss Lulu Ward and Miss Norah Angus made up the programme—a very good one. The concluding item was a chorus, "A Serenade," by the pupils. The prizes were distributed by the Very Rev. Father O'Neill, assisted by the Sisters of the Convent. The dux of the school, Miss Constance Ward, was greeted with a round of applause by her fellow pupils as she received her medal. The following is the list:—

Dux of school (gold medal)—Constance Ward.

Standard I.—F. Grant. Standard II.—T. Kane. Standard III.—R. Groves. Standard IV.—M. Athy. Standard V.—J. Kane. Standard VI.—D. Walls. Standard VII.—P. Curran.

Regular Attendance.—M. Curran and T. Kane.

Composition and Singing.—K. O'Keeffe.

Shorthand.—E. Wilson; hon. mention, K. O'Keeffe and M. Callanan.

General Improvement.—E. Madden.

Reading and Recitation.—L. Horan.

Religious Knowledge.—Senior Division: J. Dooley, M. Dooley; hon. mention, M. Kumeck, J. Kane, D. Walls. Junior Division: M. A. Doocey, M. Athy, M. Curran, J. Laffey, J. Johnson.

Harmony.—M. Callanan; hon. mention, M. Laffey.

Music.—Senior Grade: N. Angus; first prize, Royal Academy, L. Ward; second prize, M. Dwyer.

Music and Painting.—N. Angus; hon. mention, L. Ward.

Irish History.—D. Walls (gold medal); hon. mention, J. Kane, J. Dooley, M. Kane, J. Kane, E. Hassett.

Irish Language.—Senior Division: E. Hassett (gold medal); hon. mention, P. Curran, D. Walls, M. Callanan. Junior Division: M. Laffey (silver medal); hon. mention, James Kane, J. Dooley, Emily Wilson.

Good Conduct.—Margaret Callanan (silver medal); John Kane (silver medal).

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