

following picture, given by the "Speaker," of the present condition of things in the Mother Country will soon be applicable, with but little qualification, to our own Colony: "The work of destruction proceeds as merrily as of yore; old men and maidens, dogs, and young children are still done to death in our highways and byways; the nimblest man moves in peril of his life. It is safer to walk on the six-footway of a railway than on a country road. But all this is now "inevitable" and "accidental"; breaches of the law are venial or "technical," and no one is to blame except perhaps the unhappy victims who would not get out of the way. . . The outer doors of the justice room are blocked by the cars of the magistracy, who in dulcet tones impose mitigated penalties on offending millionaires. Peers, statesmen and officers of high rank—nay, even judicial authorities—habitually disregard the law, while county councillors and county officials career through their districts in costly cars bought out of the rates and driven by chauffeurs engaged at public charges."

A Merited Tribute

'Of the dead be nothing said but what is good' ran the old Latin proverb, and there are few cases where the maxim has more fitting application than in that of the late Michael Davitt. John Dillon's recent eulogy of Davitt was a noble tribute, and its concluding paragraph will touch a responsive chord in many hearts: There never was, said Dillon, a sweeter or more loveable nature than that of Michael Davitt. Brave to a fault, hot-tempered and fierce in his anger like a true Celt, the storm passed quickly, and his nature was quickly all sunshine again. He harbored no rancor against any man, not even against those who had injured him deeply. And one of the faults on which his friends were inclined to rally him was that he forgave too quickly and was a bad hater. His was a great Christian life; and in the two main virtues of Christianity—love for his fellowmen and the true spirit of service and unselfishness—I can not recall that in my life-journey I have ever met his superior. And in my humble judgment some people who have felt called upon to find fault with Michael Davitt would be much better employed if they offered up to God an humble prayer that grace might be given to them to do for their fellowmen during their lives one-tenth of the work which Michael Davitt did during his strenuous life so gloriously accomplished.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Rev. Father Ryan, of the diocese of Geraldton, Western Australia, arrived in Dunedin from Melbourne on Wednesday morning of last week.

The Rev. Father Delany, of Holy Cross College, leaves this week for Invercargill, where he is to take the place of the Very Rev. Dean Burke, who is about to pay a visit to Ireland.

The bodies of Masters W. E. Mullaney and T. Curran, who were drowned at Waiholo on Tuesday of last week, were brought to Dunedin by the second express on Wednesday, and were taken to St. Joseph's Cathedral. The procession from the railway station to the Cathedral was headed by the boys from the Christian Brothers' School. On Wednesday morning a Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased was celebrated at the Cathedral, the funeral leaving there at eleven o'clock for the Southern Cemetery. The funeral procession was headed by the altar boys, the Christian Brothers' Cadets, after which came the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School, then the clergy, and general public. The Rev. Father Coffey and the Rev. Father Howard officiated at the cemetery.

The three-masted barque, 'Marguerite Mirabaud,' was wrecked on the Akatore Beach on Sunday morning.

Holy Cross College, Mosgiel

The Provincial Ecclesiastical Seminary of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, will re-open after the vacation on next Saturday, when students will return to their studies. On Monday the new additions will be solemnly blessed by his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington, and the new term will be formally opened by him. On Sunday, in connection with the opening of the new additions, his Grace will preach at High Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral. The sermon in the evening will be preached by the Very Rev. Dean Burke, of Invercargill.

WEDDING BELLS

STAUNTON—CURREEN.

Considerable interest (says the 'Waipawa Mail') was taken in a marriage which took place on February 11, the contracting parties being Miss E. M. Curren and Mr. M. J. Staunton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Johnston, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride looked well in her wedding dress of champagne cloth with hat to match, and was attended by Miss Eccleton as bridesmaid, attired in cream delaine edged with sea green velvet ribbon, and sea green hat to match. Mr. J. Eccleton acted as best man. After the wedding breakfast at the presbytery, the happy couple left for a month's tour of the South Island. The presents of the bridegroom to the bride were a gold watch and chain, and an ivory bound prayer book, and he gave the bridesmaid a diamond and ruby brooch and an ivory bound prayer book. The presents received by the newly-wedded pair were of a handsome description.

OBITUARY

MR. T. LEATHEM, TAI TAPU.

By the death of Mr. T. Leatham at New Brighton at the age of 75, on the 5th inst., Canterbury loses one of her pioneer settlers. The deceased was born in County Cavan, Ireland, and had resided at Tai Tapu to within a few weeks of his death for over 32 years. He was ailing for the past six months, but his death was still unexpected. The deceased was a thorough Catholic, and never neglected an opportunity during his long life of attending Mass. He was attended in his last illness by the Rev. Fathers Hickson and Richards, and was fortified by the last rites of the Church. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's, Manchester street, by the Rev. Father Hoare, and thence the funeral proceeded to the church at Shand's Track and on to the Lincoln Cemetery. The Rev. Father Richards officiated at the grave. The cortege was one of the longest ever seen in the district, testifying to the respect in which the deceased was held. Mrs. Leatham pre-deceased her husband by five years. He leaves a family of grown-up sons and daughters to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MRS. P. HALLY, DUNEDIN.

The many friends of Mr. P. Hally, Dunedin, learned with sincere sorrow of the death of his wife, who passed away at her residence, Leith street, on Saturday last. The deceased had been unwell for some time, but it was only within the last few weeks that her illness became so serious as to cause anxiety to her family and friends. The late Mrs. Hally was born in St. Helen's, Lancashire, and her parents dying when she was of a tender age, she was taken charge of by relatives in Gort, Galway, and was educated at the convent school in that town. She was of a retiring disposition, a fervent Catholic, and always took a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Church. During her illness she was constantly attended by the priests of the Cathedral parish, and died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church, of which she was a most devoted member. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon. The remains were taken to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where the first part of the burial service was read by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, and thence to the place of interment—the Southern Cemetery—where the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., officiated at the graveside. The deceased leaves a husband and three children to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and a fond mother.—R.I.P.

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