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February 24, Sunday.—Second Sunday in Lent. 25, Monday.—St. Felix III., Pope and Confes-

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26, Tuesday.—St. Margaret of Cortona, tent.

27, Wednesday.—St. Marcellus, Pope and Martyr. 28, Thursday.—St. Ignatius, Bishop and Martyr. 1, Friday.—The Holy Shroud of Our Lord. 2, Saturday.—St. Simplicius, Pope and Con-March fessor.

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St. Marcellus succeeded Pope Marcellinus in 308. After a Pontificate of nineteen months, he succumbed to sufferings inflicted on him by the tyrant Maxentius.

The Holy Shroud of Our Lord.

St. Matthew, after describing the Crucifixion, continues: 'When it was evening there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked the body of Jesus. And Pilate commanded that the body should be delivered, and Joseph, taking the body, wrapped it up in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own monument, which he had hewed out in a rock.'

#### GRAINS OF GOLD

THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

If I should see a ghostly hand.
Against the wall this night,
What message would it bring to
What sentence would it write?

If 'Mane' were the first word traced Before my awe-filled gaze, Should I find comfort in the past, Its countless squandered days?

'Thecel' on the wall appeared, Should I not be afraid est justice full be meted out When life's poor deeds are weighed?

And if that hand should write once more, What would the message be? Should I a sentence dread of doom, Or pledge of mercy see?

'This not till night the hand appears— Life's sun is shining still: I yet have power to guide the hand, To write whate'er I will.

Sacrifice imparts to the soul a holy power of affection, hitherto unknown to it.

They who are right can afford to pardon whether victorious or defeated.—Bishop Spalding.

Have death always before your eyes as a salutary means of returning to God.—St. Bernard.

It is God alone for whom we never have to search vain; we are always able to find Him.—St. Bernard.

The foolhardy man prevails there and now; the prudent man in the long run and everywhere.—Abbe Roux.

Keep thyself innocent, O my soul! that, endowed h greater delicacy, thou mayest feel thyself at all with greater delicacy, thou mayest feel the times penetrated with the presence of God.

Take care that you do not knowingly rejoice at the downfall of your neighbor, nor at a misfortune that has befallen him.—Ven. L. de Blois, O.S.B.

Every heavy burden of sorrow seems like a stone hung around our neck, yet are they often only like the stones used by pearl-Avers, which enable them to reach their prize and to rise enriched.

Teach self-denial in your homes. It is not kind to the child to allow him everything he asks. Teach him that the truest and greatest happiness is to be found in denying himself and helping others. It is not kind to

### The Storyteller

#### THE DEFECTION OF MRS CAPTAIN

When young Doctor Marlowe came to Corning, carrying somewhere in his luggage his hard-earned shingle, fresh from the paint shop, he little knew what excitement he was going to cause in that staid old New England town. He might have guessed, had he been acquainted with the genus of such places, that the mere announcement weeks before of the coming to town of a new doctor—made in the 'Daily News' amid such state affairs as the painting of Tim Roche's house and Martha Cutler's birthday, party—was going to throw and the shade all other topics of conversation. For days and days it was wondered who he was, whence he came, what he looked like, was he married, was he going to be, was he any good, and what did old Doctor Blake, who had seen 'vast, generations succumb to the infliction of his perpetual poultice and pill, think of this young upstart of a boy who was coming with a new diploma to be his rival?

And so when Dr. Marlowe did alight from the train on a Sunday evening he discovered from the nudging and whispeting that took its course amid the crowd—which evidently included all the feminimity of the town—that he was the conquering hero of the hour. Involuntarily he glanced at John Murray's wagon, as if, perchance, it might not be a car of triumph with a brass band hidden somewhere to do Konfor to him and his new shingle. But the wagon drove off with the box of boneless codfish it had come for, and the nearest approach to the town band was the whistling of the train in the distance. The doctor smiled and bowed to his audience, and entered the station to airrange for the removal of his baggage, which now attracted the glances of the ladies, and extorted their surmises as to whether all, the trunks contained his clothes or his wife's—that is, if he had a wife.

But the doctor was not prosaic enough to enlighten them upon the point, and grasping his suit case he trudged along the main street till he came to the aristocratic old mansion of Martha Pickering, the relict of the late Captain Pickering, who served so nobly

Corning gentry. Its origin had been lost in the dim obscurity of history, somewhere about two or three years after the Captain had come from battle with a title to bravery, and no one except the narrow-minded was anxious to remember that the Captain had questionable antecedents, and, as old Tim Murphy, who served under him, tostified, had done 'more mean tricks than the divil himself.' The Captain in his new dignity—which was made still greater by his being elected a selectman and called upon every Decoration Day to give his reminiscences of the war, while the school children in white dresses and patriotic sashes surrounded him in Evergreen Cemetery and sang 'America'—the Captain, I say, soon became an honored personage, with glory enough to terrify even Abigail Darling, who called herself a real daughter of the Revolution, and who was, without doubt, past her teens, even at that remote period.

The Captain's glory was not dimmed by his sudden demise. Mrs. Captain still held to, it tenaciously, and poor Abigail, who had hopes of recovering her vanished heritage when the Captain was well under ground, was doomed to disappointment. Mrs. Captain was still the leader of society, the first of the first families, whose dictum upon affairs, general and particular, religious, social, artistic and political, was as final as, the day of doom. It mattered not that her well-worn black silk, which had done service at weddings, funerals, and affairs of state for an indefinite period, still clung to the fashion plates of the fittes. It had as many reminiscences as an antiquated actress, and Mrs. Captain was always eager to be its fond interpreter. But, leader of society as she was, and was conceded to be even by her younger opponents who aspired to that vaguely honorable title of rank, it was not on account of receptions and big dinners. Mrs. Captain always had a horror, vehemently expressed, of such abuses of the talent and the

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It was a shock, therefore, to the rural sensibility when it was learned that the great leader of society had let out her front parlor and spare chamber to the new doctor. The young ladies who had commented had let out her front parlor and spare chamber to the new doctor. The young ladies who had commented enthusiastically upon the doctor's good looks, his apparent prosperity and other undefinable qualifications were dumfounded to see him pass the hotel—where it was presumed he would stay—and enter the aristocratic abode of Mrs. Captain Pickering, who had been cautiously peeping out from behind her lace curtains from the moment she heard the train whistling its approach to the station.

Here was fresh material for the gossips! Mrs. Captain taking in boarders! She wasn't so wealthy after all! And the doctor—what could have possessed him to go there? Well, he must be a Protestant, even though someone had said that Father Johnson said he was a Catholic. But, bless you, Mrs. Captain would never give up her front parlor and its lustrous hair-cloth set to a Catholic, even if he was a doctor and young and handsome. So that point was settled, to his credit or discredit, according to the mind of the observer.

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The fact that he had no 'O' or 'Mc' or something as positively Gaelic—and she had never met never supposed there existed Catholics with other titles—was sufficient not to disturb her peace of mind or cause any doubt to arise when Dr. Pickering, of had written

titles—was sufficient not to disturb her peace of mind or cause any doubt to arise when Dr. Pickering, of Boston, her late husband's second cousin, had written to ask her to board his dear friend, Dr. Marlowe. There was no occasion for a discussion of the subject till the Friday of that week. From the very first the landlady had been won to ker boarder. He was amiability itself, easy to suit, ready to help her, and above all a good listener, a fact that demonstrated his wonderful patience when Mrs. Captain had the floor, which was about all the time, generally speaking.

Friday night was meeting night at the Congrega-tional church, of which the doctor's hostess was an ancient and honorable member. It was always a sacred evening to her, and nothing short of a monument on top of her could keep her away from divine service. It was necessary for her to have a double portion of devotion, for the Captain in his day had been known, to himself, as a free-thinker, and to others as an old heathen, despite his honorable rank. And this religious disposition she carried after his demise, not that she thought it would better him for a melecular terried. disposition she carried after his demise, not that she thought it would better him—for somehow she fancied he had reached the nine choirs after all his vagaries and attacks upon things ecclesiastic and ministerial—but because it had become to her a second nature.

'Doctor,' she said, as she opened her parlor door, you don't forget Friday night, I hope?'

'Yes Friday night is meeting right was livery you

Yes, Friday night is meeting night, you know. You come with me?'

She imagined the sensation she would make entering the church on the arm of the man about whom all the town was talking.

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'Oh, meeting night; is it? But, Mrs. Pickering, I don't belong to your Church.'

'Oh, that don't matter much. 'I'm a Congregationalist, but I can stand Baptists or Presbyterians. Lots of 'em come to our church.'

'But I am not either Baptist or Presbyterian. I'm a Catholic.'

'A Catholic! Why doctor you astourd me!'

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'A Catholic! Why, doctor, you astound me!'

She sank upon her sofa, for the second time in

its many years of service.

'Why, yes, Mrs. Pickering, didn't you know? I told

Dr. Pickering to mention the fact to you, fearing
that such a blot on my character might lead you to re
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ject me, and I fancied he had done so.'

The doctor actually laughed at the woe-begone face of the woman on the sofa, but she hardly heard him. She was thinking of the effect such an announcement would have upon her townspeople and co-religionists. Her house, the house that had sheltered Minister Browne when his own home was burnt, that had been

sanctified by her daily scriptural readings-she forbore to think of the many times the Captain had raised the root with other than pious ejaculations—now to be made the retreat of a Catholic!

'Doctor, how could you deceive me so? Oh, it is terrible, terrible! I am disgraced. I can't look dear

Mr. Harlowe in the face again. Oh, you must go; you

Mr. Harlowe in the face again. Oh, you must go; you must.'

With tears and groans, the sorrowing Mrs. Captain slammed the front door after her and crossed the street to the meeting-house, entering late for the first time in her life. She paid little attention to the service, and could not bless the Lord in any terms of joy and gladness. It was the period of her affliction, and in the burden of all the hymns she fancied that every voice was shricking at her, 'lieretic!' 'Romanist!' dirty Irish!' If she could have read the thoughts of many she might have found such questions as—'Mrs. Captain, where is the doctor?' 'Mrs. Captain, why didn't he come?' 'Mrs. Captain, how do you like him?' and so on.

There was only one thing to be done—she must have spiritual advice. She must go to Minister Har-

There was only one thing to be done—she must have spiritual advice. She must go to Minister Harlowe and tell him all about her defection, weep out ther affliction of spirit, and take counsel from him as to the reparation of the scandal. She forgot all about the members of the terrible inquisition who were waiting for the meeting to be over to ply her with questions, and, heedless of the remarks that were passed about her being more haughty than ever on account of her boarder—oh, the ignominy concentrated in the pronunciation of that word!—she went to the minister and unburdened her soul to him.

'To think of it. Mr. Harlows in the spiritual service of the minister and the professional service of the minister and unburdened her soul to him.

unburdened her soul to him.
'To think of it, Mr. Harlowe, he's a Catholic.'
'Who's a Catholic? The doctor? Why, I know 'Who's a Cath What harm?'

The minister was forced to laugh at the tragedy

The minister was forced to laugh at the tragedy so evident in her face.

Why, Mr. Harlowe! She was beginning to have doubts of his orthodoxy. How can you laugh at such a terrible calamity, and you the one we all look to for good example?

'Very well, Mrs. Pickering, and why not give an example of religious tolerance? You told me yesterday that you liked the doctor, he was so kind.

'Yes, and he paid me a month in advance. But it's the money of sin. You should have told me, you should, you should—' the tears were flowing again—' but I'll give it all back, if it breaks my poor heart.'

'Patience, Mrs. Pickering; the doctor strikes me as an amiable, intelligent young man. If he was an atheist you wouldn't think of putting him out. Be not unchristian to a fellow-Christian.'

'Oh, Mr. Harlowe, it does me so much good to hear you say that, and I need the money so bad! But what will people say? But if you think it is all right, why, I will hear my cross, and pray for his conversion, and perhaps he will see the error of his ways Good-night, Mr. Harlowe.'

'Good-night, Mrs. Pickering. But I think you will have a heavy task converting him.

Mrs. Captain returned home somewhat mollified. She was determined to brazen it out with carping neighbors, and cast her burden this time not on the Lord

Mrs. Captain returned home somewhat mollined. She was determined to brazen it out with carping neighbors, and cast her burden this time not on the Lord but on the minister. She regretted the scene she had enacted before the doctor, fearing that perhaps he would demand his money back and seek other quarters, but she was loath to go to him and explain that there was no necessity for him to retreat. He saved here the trouble at breaklast by venturing on the subject

"I suppose I must look for other quarters immediately," he said, looking intently at her, and wondering at the smile on her face.

'No, indeed, Doctor. Forgive me, but it was such a surprise. You must stop right here, even if you are a Catholic. Why, even poor Captain didn't have any religion to speak of, you know, and I never thought of putting him away.'

'Indeed!'.

Indeed!

'Indeed!'
The doctor knew it was not the fitting reply, but he was at a loss for something better. He was then in the class with the heathens and publicans along with the Captain. He smiled blandly, and went vigorously at the oatmeal before him.

And so the danger of removal passed with only a shadow. Mrs. Captain became kinder, if possible, than she had been. Her best preserves, hitherto reserved for state occasions, were in great danger of being exhausted, so frequently were they employed to tempt the appetite of the doctor, notwithstanding the fact that the athletic and voracious youth needed no such incentives to demolish the 'dainty lunch' that took the place of breakfast, dinner, or supper at very short notice.

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The news leaked out on Sunday morning, when the doctor was actually seen passing the Congrega-tional church and going to High Mass at St. Michael's.

That nine days' sensation would have despatched Mrs. Captain to the side of her dear Captain beneath the granity monument if some neighbors had had their way. How could she do it? What was she thinking of? Questions interminable, and to all the same answer:

'Ask the minister. He advised it. Watch me convert the dector?

convert the doctor.

To the Catholics of Coming it was no less a source of wonder, but wonder that brought joy. At last they had a Catholic doctor, and for a long time last they had a Catholic doctor, and for a long time Dr. Blake had little to do, so anxious was everybody to meet Dr. Marlowe and talk with him. But the nine days' wonder passed as all things mortal, the fine days' wonder passed as all things mortal, and soon Dr. Marlowe was an established fact in the life of Corning. Nor was his popularity restricted to the own people. The fact that Mr. Harlowe vouched for him and declared himself his friend, much to the disgust of Dr. Blake, added to the weightier fact that Mrs. Captain, whose word was law, pronounced him the finest young man she ever met—who knew more about the Scriptures than she herself, no matter what folks said about Catholics never looking into what folks said about Catholics never looking into Bible, and being made to swallow anything the Pope a Bible, and being made to swallow anything the Pope of Rome gave them—was enough to ensure popularity to anybody, let alone a smart, handsome man like this young Irish doctor. It was, however, only after an acquaintanceship of three months that Mrs. Captain delivered such a fulsome ewlogy in favor of the Church in general and Dr. Marlowe in particular.

It certainly demonstrated the ability of the doctor to undermine, in such a short time, the bed-rock principles of the Reformation as embodied in Mrs. Captain. even to the ac newledgment that he wasn't balt

tain, even to the ac nowledgment that he wasn't half bad for being a Catholic. Not that she had relinbad for being a Cathone. Not that she had reinquished her idea of converting him to Congregationalism. That was a thought that grew upon her. Indeed, it was this perseverance that taught her how much the doctor knew of the Scriptures, when he overturned with one text the argument she had spent all the afternoon in formulating. It disconcerted her for the moment and she muttered to berself something turned with one text the argument she had spent all the afternoon in formulating. It disconcerted her for the moment, and she muttered to herself something about Satan's ability to quote Scripture, but in her heart she acknowledged that it was really hard work to snatch from the burning such a brand as the doctor. But it did not lessen her respect for him, even though she knew he had such idols as a crucifix 'and rosary upon his bureau. The good Lord, she trusted, would show him in time the folly of his ways.

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The doctor, on the other hand, liked the old lady who constituted herself his guardian, spiritual and temporal. He discovered her soon for what she was, the soul of kindness and honor. Her religious animosity be knew to be a part of her existence, the result of prejudices of past generations, and while he smiled at her undisguised attempt to convert him, he let her argue, knowing that it gave him an opportunity to correct impressions which she fancied to be as true as

argue, knowing that a correct impressions which she fancied to be as true as the rising sun.

'Do tell!' she exclaimed, when, after her lengthy, harangue about idol worship, he explained the real meaning of images. 'Well, Doctor, I've got to believe you, for I know you wouldn't lie to me, but, you see, you're the first Catholic I ever talked religion with, and I just always believed what Protestants said about your Church. There it is, as I often told the Captain—it's never too late to learn.'

The war of the angel of light—that was Mrs, Captain—against the angel of darkness—and necessarily that was the doctor—continued in this good-natured missionary spirit. Many of the staid Protestant neighbors looked with not too kindly an eye upon the liberal views of their social leader. She was becoming too Irish, they thought, when they beheld her time and again mixing up with some of the doctor's Hibernian patients, but it was really high time to remonstrate with her when it was the talk of the town that she went to Mass with the doctor. And remonstrate they did.

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The minister's wife was the committee of one delegated to be the prophet's warning voice, but no pro-phet of good or ill ever received a greater shock than the same lady, who, as soon as she made known her business, was sent on hereway again with such a scathing rebuke ringing in her ears that she declared to her husband she verily believed Mrs. Captain was possessed, all on account of that Irish doctor. Certainly, Mrs. Captain was possessed of something. The mirester admitted that. She had laughed even at him when. greater shock than

he had quietly objected to the bad example a church member gave in passing her own meeting-house to assist at rites of idolatry.

'Idolatry! Why, Mr. Harlowe; it's you that's narrow now. Dr. Marlowe is a man, a real good man who is proud of his religion, and says his prayers when he eats, and always is doing good, and never refuses the poor. Why, he's a saint, he is, and any Church that can make such men as my doctor can't be very heathenish, so there!'

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tor can't be very heathenish, so there! The discomfiture evinced in the minister's face as he hurriedly walked away was now a source of amusement to Mrs. Captain. Formerly it would have meant to her a sleepless night. But every word she said of the doctor was true. Piety and faith were to him a natural inheritance. He had never deemed it unmanly to be ardent in his faith. And thus it was that religion entered so deeply into his professional life. It was gion entered so deeply into his professional life. It was soon known that the doctor loved the poor; that he was always at home to them; always ready to aid was always at home to them; always read, them, and give them careful attention when he knew there was no money coming to him. Mrs. Captain admired this generosity. It preached to her more eloquently than any religious discussion. Yet it alarmed

her, too.

'Doctor,' she said to him one day, 'you're just killing yourself. You're losing your appetite. I eat more'n you do now. Those long night drives will just bury you.'
'But what can a man do? If people are sick the

doctor must go. but if you, die some one: else'll take your place—that is, in the town, not in my house, though. Nobody'll ever take your place here, if

you die.'
'Very encouraging, surely,' laughed the doctor, as

But Mrs. Captain was nearly right in her prophecy, and that time came sooner than she expected. work and neglect of self had undermined doctor's constitution, and the next morning found him unable to leave his bed. He bade Mrs. Captain enter his room when she came to call him as usual, and she looked at him with an 'I-told-you-so' glance in her eye.

'Mrs. Pickering, I'm afraid it's pneumonia. Will you send over to Dr. Blake?'
'Dr. Blake? No, indeed. He'd only be too glad to see you leave town. I'll telephone to Dr. Bemis, to Pembroke. It won't take him long to get here.'
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'Very well, Dr. Bemis, then, and, by the way, you might send for Father Johnson. It won't hurt me to see him. 'I can make my confession, anyway.'
'Confession, dear me, as if you had anything to confess. Very well, don't you stir, and we'll have you all fixed up in a jiffy.'

The doctor forgot his pains as he listened to her voice at the telephone. 'Yes, Father Johnson. That dear boy of mine is sick; pneumonia—just killed himself with charity. He's got something to confess, but I'm sure he never did a mean trick in his life. Right away? All right.'

A few words to Dr. Bemis at the telephone, and she returned to the room to put) things in readiness for the coming of the priest. She obeyed, minutely, the orders which her patient gave, and prepared the

for the coming of the priest. She obeyed, minutely, the orders which her patient gave, and prepared the table with the daintiest linens which had been laboriously made years before, and never used since the day they were first put away.

"I wish the busybodies of this town could see Father Johnson coming here, she said, as she saw the priest coming up the front walk. I'd be the talk of the town for a year."

You might light one of those candles, and meet Father Johnson at the door, if you will, Mrs. Pickering. He may be bringing the Blessed Sacrament."

To Mrs. Captain it seemed almost like participating in idolatry, but she offered no objection. She descended the stairs with the candle in her hand, and without a word conducted the priest to the doctor's room and left him there.

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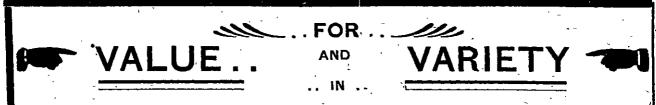
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### . Current Topics

#### Why have Protestants been Silent?

To those who have followed with any care the course of events and the utterances of politicians in France during the past few years it will long ago have been apparent that the campaign of spoliation and oppression, which has been carried out recently with such virulence and brutality, is a deliberate attack, not on the Catholic Church alone, but on Christianity itself-is, in a word, as the 'Tablet' has already expressed it, 'Christ-hunting' pure and simple. It is, and it is meant to be, an assertion of the absolute supremacy of the civil power over all spiritual rights and interests, and this being so, it is an astonishing that not one of the Protestant churches has been found to raise its voice in protest against the French infamy or in approbation of the firm and heroic stand taken by the Vicar of Christ on the question. This is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that some at least of the Protestant bodies have gone through a very similar experience to that which the Catholic Church is now undergoing in France and, to their credit be it said, their resistance to the aggression of the civil power was as strenuous as it was successful. To take but one instance': If there is one episode in their history of which Presbyterians are proud-and of which they have just reason to be proud -it is what is known as the Disruption of 1843, and yet the men who 'came out' on that historic occasion and formed the 'Free Church of Scotland' were merely asserting the identical principle for which the Pope is contending to-day. For many years the intrusion of unacceptable and undesirable ministers, under the Patronage Law of 1711, had been regarded as a grievance by the Scottish people, and in 1834 the General Assembly of the Church passed a Veto Act, which gave a majority of the male heads of families in a congregation the right to reject a minister presented by the patron, on a solemn declaration that they could receive no spiritual benefit from his ministrations. Almost-immediately this Act brought the Scottish Church and the Civil Power into collision. A few months after its passing, a minister presented by the Earl of Kinmoul to the parish of Auchterarder, was 'vetoed' by almost the whole people; and the local Presbytery refused to: proceed to his induction. The case was brought before the Court of Session, and thence was taken by to the House of Lords. Both of these high tribunals affirmed their jurisdiction in the matter, found that the Veto Act was 'ultra vires' on the part of the Scottish Church, and declared that the Presbytery of Auch-Various other cases of a terarder had acted illegally. similar kind occurred, and affairs grew more and more The Civil Courts complicated. interfered with Church, and the Church broke the orders of the Civil At last, in 1842, the General Assembly of the Scottish Church laid at the foot of the throne its 'Claim of Right.' That Claim met with an unfavorable answer. The House of Commons, also, by a large majority, supported the views of the Government Then the crisis came. Two hundred members of the Assembly of the Scottish Church which met at Edinburgh in May, 1843, laid upon its table, on the first day of its sitting, a Protest against what they conceived to be a series of unconstitutional invasions of the Church's rights, and proceeded, under the presidency of Thomas Chalmers, to form themselves into a separate Communion, to which they gave the name of the 'Free Church of Scotland.' A few days later they executed an 'Act of Separation and Deed of Demission,' by which, refusing to acknowledge 'the Ecclesiastical Judicatories established by law in Scotland,' they declared their separation from the Estallishment and their rejection of all the rights and emoluments they derived from the

State, giving up churches, schools, and manses rather than submit to dictation and interference in spiritual matters from the civil power. The position is almost precisely parallel to that in which the Head of the Catholic Church is placed to-day, yet the descendants of the Disruption are as dumb as an ox or even openly rejoice at his discomfiture.

Nor is it owing to lack of opportunity that there has been no public expression of Protestant sympathy with the French Catholics in the glaring injustice that has been inflicted on them and in the diabolic attack that has been made on the freedom of religious worship. In England and America many meetings of protest—open to non-Catholics—have been held; and a masterly paper on the situation by Cardinal Gibbons, published in all the American journals, concluded with the following touching appeal:—

I am getting to be an old man, and I think I know my countrymen. They love fair play, they love liberty; they love to see humane dealings of man with man. And the late years have shown how cordially they hate injustice, tyranny, and inhumanity: and yet France had treated her noblest citizens with injustice and inhumanity; America, which has sympathy for the oppressed of all nations, has raised no protest nor uttered a word of sympathy. If I believed that, my, countrymen would knowingly see a great and beneficent organisation unjustly deprived of its property and the means of continued usefulness; would knowingly see tens of thousands of honest men and noble women robbed of their just income and means of support; would knowingly see hundreds of thousands and even several millions of people brutally wounded in what they hold dearest and most sacred; would knowingly see a majority in the French Chamber utterly disregard and trample upon the rights of the minority, and the rights of millions of their countrymen, in the name of liberty; would knowingly see tens of thousands of men and women, who happen to be priests and nuns, turned out of their homes for no crime but that of loving God and serving their neighbors—I say, if my countrymen can see and recognise all this injustice and tvranny and cruelty, and refuse genuine sympathy to those who suffer by them because of their religious belief; then I will leave life without that faith in American love of justice and liberty and humanity which has been my comfort and support and hope during a long career.

There is a note of deep pathos in this plea of America's venerable prelate, but, with only the most insignificant exceptions, press and pulpit have been completely silent. In this matter Protestantism has missed a high and noble opportunity, and has been palpably and glaringly false to the Christian principles it professes to uphold.

#### The 'Devil's Own'

In one way and another the gentlemen of the wig and gown have bulked somewhat largely in the public eye during the past few weeks. To begin with, interest was aroused by the announcement made some ago that the Government were seriously considering the question of creating King's Counsel in this Colony, and now it is intimated that the innovation has been finally decided on and that regulations will shortly be gazetted in connection with the proposal. The Chief Justice must concur in all the appointments, and it is provided that, except when acting for the Crown, his Majesty's Counsel shall not appear in the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal, unless a junior from outside his own office should appear with him; nor in any inferior court, unless upon special retainer, and a fee of at least ten guineas. The fee for the patent of appointment is Counsel are allowed to appear against the Crown in a case in which his Majesty's Counsel has been dispensed with, but in all such cases a special license must be obtained the fee for which is one guinea, which will of course be charged to the client. The appointment is for life, but in case of disgraceful conduct the letters patent may be revoked. In England-and the same arrangement will presumably obtain in New Zea-

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land-the King's Counsels' robes are of silk instead of the ordinary alpaca 'stuff' of which the junior's gown is made; and 'taking silk' is thus the common phrase signifying that an 'outer' or ordinary barrister has become a K.C. From a purely financial point of view-a point that is generally supposed to have some weight with the fraternity-' taking silk' is often a very doubtful advantage to a professional career. By a usage of the profession a K.C. is prohibited from taking a good deal of minor, though often extremely lucrative, business which fell to his share as a junior, and thus 'silk,' though it may be a stepping stone to the topnotchers, occasionally proves a dead loss to the second rate men. So far as the introduction of the system into this Colony is concerned all that need be said is thatthe proposal has been received without enthusiasm, that it is not in very marked conformity to colonial democratic ideals, and that the coming of the K.C. means dearer law for the people-a consummation devoutly be deplored.

A much more commendable method of improving the status of the profession was that adopted by the N.Z. University Senate at its annual meeting held recently in Christchurch. In the course of the proceedings Mr. Cohen moved-' That the Senate respectfully requests the Minister of Justice to bring in a Bill next session of Parliament to repeal "The Law Practitioners Act Amendment Act, -1898,", and the motion was carried. As is generally known, only barristers, are allowed to plead in the Supreme Courts of the Colony, and prior to the Act of 1898 a solicitor could only become a barrister on passing the Bachelor of Laws or an equivalent examination. The Amendment Act of 1898 abolished this requirement and provided that any solicitor, after having been in practice for five years as a solicitor, might, upon application and without further examination, be registered as a barrister. The result was that a number of men who had managed by dint of hard plodding to scrape through their solicitor's exam. but who had not had the courage to so much as face the more searching barrister's examination, at once made application for admission and were duly enrolled as barristers of the Supreme Court. The obvious tendency of this legislation was to put a premium upon laziness and to lower, not only the dignity and status, but the actual efficiency of the profession. Candidates in law are not now required to serve any term of apprenticeship whatever, and in view of this fact and of the very weighty interests with which members of the profession are charged it is only fair to the public that the test for admission should be reasonably exacting and effective. The repeal of the Amendment Act of 1898, as suggested in the motion adopted by the University a return 'to the old Senate, would bring about state of things, and future candidates for admission as barristers would be required to pass an examination that would adequately test their legal knowledge and attainments. The proposal has been publicly supported by some of the examiners in law and by representative members of the profession, and as it has been officially endorsed by the Attorney-General (Dr. Findlay) it may be safely taken for granted that the Act in question will be repealed within the year.

A third circumstance which has belped to centre public attention on the legal profession of late is the two painful eases of misappropriation of trust funds which have recently come before the courts. It is customary with us to banter members of the profession on the length of their bills and to rally them on their genius for promoting litigation. 'A lawyer,' says Mr. Dooley,' 'gets ye into throuble by makin' the laws and gets ye out iv throuble be bustin' thim. Some lawyers only know the holes in the law that makes it as alsey i'r a millionaire to keep out iv the pinitinchry as f'r a needle to enther the camel's eye. Lawyers are iv'rywhere, even on the Binch,

be hivens. They are in the Ligislachure seein' the laws are badly punctuated and in the coorts seein' that they're thurly punctured. They are in congress makin' the laws and the flaws in the laws.' This fairly represents, as we have said, the sort of badinage that is commonly indulged in regarding the 'devil's own', but below all this the public have a deep-seated confidence in the honor and honesty of the profession-a confidence, we are bound to say, that is for the most part entirely deserved. It is just because the vast majority of the profession are scrupulously honorable that the unscrupulous members have so little difficulty in finding victims. The revelations in the two cases above referred to have set the 'papers clamoring for legislation to protect the public. In both cases the offences had extended over a number of years, and in the Christchurch case the accused deliberately declared that ! The defalcations could never have been carried out had it not been for the facility offered by the present inadequate provisions of the law as to solicitors trust accounts. He did not, however, indicate in what way the law should be amended. It has been suggested that frequent audit of solicitors' books by a public auditor would meet the case, but in our judgment this would be cumbrous, expensive, and ineffective. The Law Society does what it can-by striking the offender off the rolls to mitigate the evil, but it can only act after the offence has been discovered and the mischief has been done. So far as we can see the trouble is one which cannot be fully met by legislation and the only effective remedy is that which the public have in their own hands. Let them be scrupulously careful in all their dealings with their solicitor; let them not, as is often done, hand over funds for investment without getting so much as a scrap of paper in acknowledgment; let them insist on frequent statements of the position of their accounts; in a word, let them put aside sentiment and proceed on the strictest business lines in all their transactions, and they will both safeguard their own interests and protect an ancient and honorable profession from a stigma which it cannot itself avert, but which it assuredly does not deserve.

#### The Bible-in-schools and after

The other day a deputation—the strongest and weightiest which the Protestant bodies could gather together-waited on the Premier of Victoria with the object of inducing him to grant an executive referendum on the question of introducing Scripture lessons into the State schools, the proposed referendum to be presumably at the same time as the coming general election. Mr. Bent very properly refused to assume the responsibility of granting such a request; but as the general elections take place in two or three months' time the matter will be brought before the new Parliament, when there is every possibility of another legislative referendum being agreed to. If Gatholic claims were fully satisfied, the action taken by the Protestant bodies on the subject of religious-instruction would particular interest or concern to of 'course be of no Catholics, but to tax : Catholics for the support of the public schools and then to introduce religious instruction without making financial provision for Catholic schools would be a horse of quite another color. such action would greatly aggravate and intensify the injustice inflicted on Catholics is freely recognised only by ourselves, but by the great body of unprejudiced non-Catholics. This point is stated with such clearness, and the inevitable ultimate effect of such lop-sided legislation is brought out with such fulness and candor in a recent leading article in the Melbourne 'Argus' that the excerpt well deserves to be placed on permanent record.

'If the denominations which are asking for the lessons (says our contemporary) obtain in the State

schools such a modicum of religious teaching as contents them, the grievance of the Roman Catholics will be greatly intensified. They will say, "Things were bad enough for us before; you have now made them much worse. You should not attempt to force us to accept a system to which on conscientious grounds strongly opposed; so, since you have made a change that drives us further away from your schools, you should, in justice, give us a separate grant, so that we may educate our children according to the demands of our own faith." The refusal to do this would give the Roman Catholics a cry which in time would become irresistible. They would assert that they were oppressed for conscience's sake, and, ultimately, the people as a whole would be compelled to yield their point.

" No community living under free political institutions could absolutely shut its ears to the plea of those who consider themselves downtrodden Ultimately, therefore, a fundamental reorganisation of the educational system would have to be made, and the Roman Catholic claims would have to be conceded. So long as no change is made in the secular principle, no demand for a separate grant will be listened to by Parliament, and properly so, too; but once break down the Act, and a great stride will have been taken towards reintroducing denominationalism. Probably the leaders of the Protestant Churches who desire the introduction of Scripture teaching do not see the full effect of their proposal from this point of view. If, however, the Roman Catholics obtained a separate grant, the State would be found to be subsidising the teaching of doctrines of their Church in their schools, but-their Church and their Church only would be so favored. No other denomination would have religious teaching in such full measure at the State expense. In the State schools generally the religious instruction would be of a nondescript character-neither Church of England, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, or Baptist-since, in order to agree upon some form of lessons, those denominations would have to give up the specific doctrines in which they differ from each other. The outlook, therefore, is very unpromising, and it is not merely to be feared-indeed, it seems certain-that we shall be forced back to denominationalism (from which we thought we had escaped in the early seventies), with this difference, that the Catholics will be stronger than ever.'

#### Home Economics '

A very ambitious scheme to scope with the perennial problem of women's housework has recently been broached in Christchurch, and is now in a fair way to be carried into effect. Mr. John Studholme, a Canterbury philanthropist, having been impressed with the great value of the established course of Home Economics in the American Universities, offered to the Board of Governors of Canterbury College to pay £200 a year if the authorities would find the remaining £400 required to pay the salary of a Lady Professor of Domestic Science. The authorities accepted the offer, Miss Gilchrist of the University of Tennessee is to be communicated with, and the new chair of Home Economics will be a reality within the year. The course of study will comprise all that pertains to the home, such as: The proper feeding of infants, the proper kinds and quantities of foods for different ages and seasons, and the composition and cost of foods, the durability, making, cutting, sewing, mending and washing of clothes, the bandaging of wounds, and first-aid, the warmth, ventilation, lighting, plumbing, and everything connected with the health, beauty and cleanliness of the house.'

We have not much sympathy with the modern craze for rushing all our girls, without discrimination, through secondary schools and university, holding that it is the almost certain prelude to overwork and nervous break-down and that, as they afterwards usually settle down to married life, it is at best very largely a waste of time. We think that there was a vast amount of hard common sense in the American humororist's idea when he said: 'If Billings understands human natur, and he thinks he duz, there aint nothing that a true woman luvs more than the hole of a man's harte; and, in order tu git this, she haz got tu kno less than he duz, or maik him think so. I haven't enny doubt that you could eddicate wum-min so muchly that they wouldn't kno enny more about getting dinner than sum ministers ov the Gospil kno about preaching, and while they might translate one oy Virgil's ecklogues tu a spot, they couldn't translate a haby out ov a kradle, without letting it cum apart. If, however, the higher education of women must come it is at least desirable that it should come, as the new scheme proposes, on practical lines and in a direction that will be of some service to them in after life.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

[We'do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by correspondents.1.

#### A SUGGESTED FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE EDUCATION QUESTION

To the Editor.

Sir,—At the end of the able and interesting remained Mr. Scott has done me the honor of writing answer to my 'discordant note;' three questions asked, which fairness to my esteemed opponent and to the subject commands me to answer. Such is my apology for trespassing once more on your lebearance.

(a) 'Is it or is it not desirable that our

(a) 'Is it or is it not desirable that our Catholic schools should receive payment from the State for the hard work that is done for the State?' It is unbard work that is done for the State?' It is undoubtedly desirable, as a matter of justice, that payment should be made to our schools, on a basis not only of results but also of attendance, as the work of teaching dull children is harder than obtaining results. teaching dull children is harder than obtaining results from bright pupils. No Christian State would hesitate in this matter. But modern States are so infected with that kind of liberalism, which is practical athelism, that they view with disfavor any measure of fair play or just remuneration to the Catholic Church, no matter how well earned. Hence it is that so many onerous and sometimes insulting conditions are laid down by the State before a grant may be obtained by the Church. Should the liberty of teaching, belonging to the Catholic Church by every right, be impaired in any way, for instance by onerous conditions affecting the appointment of teachers, the choice of books, the imparting of religious instruction, etc., a noble refusal on the ing of religious instruction, etc., a noble refusal on the part of the Church would be preferable. Poverty with freedom would win my favor sooner than slavery with

golden lace.
(b) 'If it is desirable, has "Tuba" any scheme to (b) 'If it is desirable, has "Tuba" any scheme to suggest whereby this desired result can be brought about?' No new scheme, but the continuation of the work going on so well, and this at the risk of a part of our earnings going to support the Catholic schools—a perfectly safe investment from every point of view, at the risk also of beating the streets regularly to worry our heroes whose help is in the wrong direction. A good long time before the elections, our people and their friends might be pressingly invited and instructed to withdraw their support from candidates opposed to the Catholic claims—in other words to vote like Christians.

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(c) 'If he has not, why throw obstacles in the way of an experiment being tried, which is not in conflict with any Catholic principle, which must do some good, and which may do a great deal?' Here the conference or mutual understanding with other religious bodies on the education question is meant, and on this point, the note which is going to be blown will be more outrage-

note which is going to be blown will be more outrage-ously discordant than ever.

First, allow me to say that I am not throwing new obstacles in the way of an agreement, I am only noti-cing the obstacles already existing. Such obstacles are not of our own making, and to remove them is not in our power. The experiment suggested is not in confor-mity with Catholic practice, and practice is always founded on some fixed principle formulated or under-

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lief on this point :

(1.) The principal obstacle to an understanding between the Cambolic Church and other religious bodies on the question of education, as well as on other questhe question of education, as well as on other questions, comes from an absolute want of a defined attitude against the secular system of education. By the large majority of Protestants, the secular system has been accepted, at least by the laity. If it has been opposed by some of the clergy, the opposition has been so weak as to leave no mark on the politics of this country. The only attempt at mending the secularism of the system-comes from the Bible-in-schools party, and what agreement is possible between that party and the Catholic Church is known to everybody.

(2.) It may be possible to begin negotiating with one of these numerous religious bodies, as to the ending of such negotiations, this is another affair. Religious bodies outside the Catholic Church are 'so numerous at present that the continuation of the negotiations may easily become like a case in Chancery in the continuation of the responsibility and the time at a case in Chancery. interminable, and the time at our disposal is fear-

—interminable, and the time at our disposal is fearfully limited.

(3.) The demand for remuneration on the part of
the Catholic Church is clear, founded on real and
solid work shown by the Inspectors' official reports.
People may open their eyes to consider our claims,
then admit them or reject them. Not so clear are
the claims of other religious bodies. Have they ever
been formulated? They are to be ascertained, yes. I
was forgetting that it, is the beginning of the interminable task, which this proposed experiment places before us. The Catholic Church has a system, a policy; the other denominations have none on the education question. We are told that the Church shouldseek for the help of these denominations as if unity
of action could be obtained without unity of principle
and system. This proposal reminds us of the fellowship
of the kettle and of the earthen pot. The journey of
the Catholic Church on the path of Christian education is difficult enough without the encumbrance of one
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tion is difficult enough without the encumbrance of one or more brittle companions, whose only help will consist in getting broken to pieces; then the sure-footed traveller will have the additional trouble of picking up the fragments and carrying them.

(4) Is there any precedent in history of a deputation sent by the prelates of the Catholic. Church to other religious bodies to form a league for the protection of Christian interests? This question is just put for the sake of obtaining more information on this important subject, and if such precedent exists it will be for the sake of obtaining more information on this important subject, and if such precedent exists, it will be a welcome guiding light in this new venture. Such a step might be easily construed by non-Catholics as an official recognition, on the part of the Catholic Church of other religious bodies as faithful exponents of Christian doctrine—a recognition which the Church can never give. All attempts at bridging the wide and deep chasm separating the Church from non-Catholic denominations are feats surpassing human skill, and my conviction is that the Catholic Church will unite with other religious bodies when the Tower of Babel will be finished.—I am, etc.,

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TUBA.

#### To the Editor.

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Tuba' and Mr. Buckley very strangely. I presume they are both unencumbered with families, otherwise, I venture to say, the question would affect them very differently. It is a very easy matter to be liberal with the other fellow's money. It is also much easier to glibly advocate self-sacrifice than to practise it. For our friends' information I have worked out a short estimate,, from my personal experience, to show to what tune each individual, circumstanced as I am, suffers under our present system of education.

The statutory capitation grant paid by Government for each child to Education Boards is £3 15s per head per annum. The total amount paid last year to Boards was £480,000. It is safe to say that primary education costs this Colony half a million annually. Our population is somewhere about \$50,000, and according to these figures every person in the Colony pays about 11s 9d per annum towards our State education. If you calculate on a family of seven children you will find that the parents pay annually towards the State system £5 5s 9d. Let us say this sum must be paid by the parents for sixteen years, while they are rearing each member of that family. The poor Catholic workman, in the circumstances mentioned, pays £84 12s towards the State

system of education. He pays more, because when his family have been reared and have gone to do for themselves he and his wife must go on paying until their death. But this is only one side of the man's payments towards education. He has to contribute towards the support of the Catholic schools. Working on the same capitation grant, and supposing each child to be kept at a Catholic school for say seven years, the education of the family will cost £183 15s, so that during the school years of their family the parents have to pay in all for primary education the sum of £268 7s. This sum is a heavy handicap on the poor Catholic working-man, imposed upon him during his most struggling years, when he is bringing up his children and trying to make a home.

Does it not appear like mockery on the part of persons contributing little or nothing towards this burden to pat me on the back and call me a 'hero' and a 'martyr,' and exhort me to go on with my acts of self-sacrifice, give no trouble to secularists, but allow them to trample me down as they advance? This is cowardice and baseness of the worst description. Mr. Buckley claims that under the present system we are independent and that seeking

but allow them to trample me down as they advance? This is cowardice and baseness of the worst description. Mr. Buckley claims that under the present system we are independent, and that seeking State aid is looking for trouble. He instances France. But Mr. Buckley is singularly ignorant of the state of things in France. The French Catholic schools were not receiving State aid. Yet the Government has made an effort to utterly destroy them, although the French Catholics have been for the past thirty-five years doing exactly what Mr. Buckley wants us to do—they have been keeping quiet and saying nothing, with the sad results that have now overtaken them. As soon as the trumpet-call issues from the leaders of agnostic coteries who will, unless Christians manfully combine against them, control our politics more and more as the years go by, the Legislature will interfere with Christian schools be they state-aided or not. All this is what has just happened in France. Yet Mr. Buckley wants us to keep quiet, say nothing, cross our hands, bow our heads, await the inevitable, and allow secularists, agnostics, and infidels to trample us down as they advance in numbers and resources. This is as I said above cowardice and baseness. baseness.

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It gives me the greatest pleasure to join with Mr. Buckley in his expression of admiration for the hard and ill-requited, almost hopeless, work of our nuns, Brothers, and clergy. Without them there would be no Catholic schools. But Mr. Buckley advises that their difficulties and burdens should be allowed to continue—should not even be complained of lest the peace of secularists and atheists should be disturbed; lest their anger, forsooth, be aroused; lest they be checked in any way in their career of effort to destroy Christianity and religion. Had the Irish people kept silent and followed the advice of men like Mr. Buckley, in what stage would the Irish Home Government movement be at present? Can minorities by imbecile silence and a do-nothing policy ever advance their position or resist the agressions of the enemy? And the enemy in the present case is undoubtedly agressive and checked by few qualms of conscience, honor, or justice.—I am, etc., etc.,

Mr. William O'Brien several years ago married Mademoiselle Raffalovitch, daughter of a celebrated fi-nancier, with whom he received an immense dowry.

Mr. William Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, is only 32 years of age. It is just eleven years since he first brought his invention before the notice of the British public.

Mr. Percy Jones, the popular bandmaster of St. Augustine's (Geelong) Orphanage Band, has declined a second pressing offer from Albury to take up the conductorship of the local band. Though the salary offered is a tempting one, Mr. Jones does not feel disposed to leave Geelong yet awhile.

Messrs. Beck Bros., painters and paperhangers, Upper Walker street, Dunedin, are prepared to reno-vate premises on the shortest notice....

Notwithstanding the cabled news regarding a rise price of tea, the celebrated Hondai-Lanka is sold the old rate, whilst the quality is better, if pos-

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'The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal.' So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient....

### Diocesan News

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

February 16.

The Rev. Father Kimbell leaves on Sunday Greymouth.

The Rev. Fathers O'Reilly, Graham, and Bartley, of St. Patrick's College, have passed the first section of the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

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The members of the United Irish League will entertain Mr. Martin Kennedy on Thursday next, prior to his departure on a visit to Ireland.

The prizes in connection with a small art union held by the Sisters of Mercy, Wellington South, in aid of the convent altar, were won by Mrs. North, of Kilbirnie, and G. W. O'Sullivan, of Blenheim.

Prior to his entering St. Patrick's College to begin his studies for the priesthood, Mr. J. Campbell, who has been closely connected with church services at Wellington South, received a presentation from the mem-

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Miss Slowey, B.A., of Westport, has obtained
M.A. with second class honors in chemistry.

Slowey's university career has been a particularly bright one, and to win second class honors in a paper set and examined by such an eminent and exacting man of sci-ence as Sir William Ramsay is indeed a fine perform-

ance.

The Rev. Thomas Gilbert is to be ordained priest at the nine o'clock Mass to-morrow in the Sacred Heart Basilica. Rev. T. Gilbert won a St. Patrick's t'ollege scholarship when a pupil of the Kumara convent school. He spent the usual period at the college and the Meanee Seminary, and then joined the teaching staff of his Alma Mater. At the local University College last year he gained splendid results.

#### Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

February 14.

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In your issue of 7th inst a slight error crept in. Miss Lucy Stanley should be Miss Lucy Shanley. Rev. Father Bibeaud from Jerusalem preached at Vespers at St. Mary's Church last Sunday.

Tenders have now been received for the erection of the State Coal Depot at the south end of Ridgway street, and it is expected that coal will be supplied to the townspeople within three months.

There passed away at the Hospital on February 13 Mrs. Thomas Murphy, in her 79th year. The deceased, who was a resident of the parish for many years, was a sterling Catholic and a devoted member of the Sacred Heart League. The interment took place on Thursday, when the Very Rev. Dean Grogan officiated.—R.I.P.

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St. Mary's Church was the scene of an interesting ceremony on Monday, February 11, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Maud Cribb to Mr. Joseph Markham, both of Wanganui. The Very Rev. Dean Grogan performed the ceremony. The bridegroom, who is a prominent member of St. Mary's Catholic Club, received the good wishes of his fellow-members for his and Mrs. Markham's future happiness and prosperity. They were the recipients of a large number of useful and handsome presents.

Keen interest was displayed at the recent Harbor Board elections when the electors voted for candidates who were in favor of or against-Field's scheme of improving the bar of the Wanganui River either by constructing the outside moles or raising the river walls. The electors showed their confidence in the policy of the old Board, who stated openly that the scheme would be ineffectual in the locality for which it was planned by Mr. Field, and returned three of its supporters-Messrs. Bassett, Bignell, and Menli-while Mr. Hogan, M.H.R., gained the other seat. So it is hoped that the present Board will, during its term of office, make a decided iniprovement in the channel on the flats and over the bar of the river. A sum of £30,000 is now available for the construction of outer works, and the ordinary revenue of the Board will be sufficient for dredging and completion of the river

#### Masterton

(From our travelling-correspondent.)

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A sum of about £100 was received in Masterton in aid of Home Rule for Ireland on the occasion of Mr. Devlin's recent meeting, About £70 was raised in Pahiatua for the same object when the gifted young Irish orator spoke there.

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The convent primary schools have opened with a good attendance. St. Bride's high school is now also in full work, and both pupils, and staff are greatly benefited by the commodious new additions which have recently been made to the convent, at a cost of over £700. Since the writer's last visit to Masterton the convent grounds have been considerably enlarged by a judicious and useful purchase. The gardens are also planted in excellent, taste, and the whole building and its surroundings present a handsome appearance.

A mission (conducted by the Very Rev. Father Clune and the Rev. Father McDermott, C,SS.R.) was opened in Masterton on last Sunday evening. It is remarkably well attended, the church, especially in the evenings, being crowded in every part. The congregation joins in the singing of the English hymns during the mission, under the direction of the Very Rev. Dean McKenna, printed sheets of the various hymns being supplied for the purpose to those attending the mission. The excellent and devotional singing of the Benediction and other music by the choir constitutes a very helpful feature of the mission service. The mission closes on Tuesday. On the Thursday following (February 21) Father Clune opens, a mission in Mauriceville. It closes on the following Sunday morning. On the same evening Father Clune, begins a mission in Eketahuna, which terminates on the following Wednesday. During the mission in Masterton, the Rev. Father Kelly (Masterton) replaced the Rev. Father McKenna, of Pahiatua, who is taking a short holiday in the Thermal Districts. The Rev. Father McManus temporarily replaces Father Kelly in Masterton.

#### REDEMPTORIST MISSIONS IN NEW ZEALAND.

Some of the Wellington Redemptorist Fathers (writes our travelling correspondent) have recently been engaged in strenuous missionary work along the line of the Midland Railway. On January 27 the Very Rev. Father Clune opened a mission among the navvies at the Makatote Viaduct—that great and difficult engineering achievement which extends to a length of 860 feet and soars to a height of 300 feet above the deep cleft or ravine below. The mission was very well attended. To Mr. Turnbull (overseer) and to Mrs. Turnbull Father Clune was indebted for generous and graceful hospitality and much kindly and helpful aid in connection with the mission. Mrs. Turnbull presided at the organ. The mission lasted four days, ending on January 31. On the same evening Father Clune began a mission in the hall at Raurimu, which is the present terminus of the Midland Railway on the Auckland side of the line. Near Raurimu is the noted 'spiral' where the line describes a figure 8 in its ascent to higher ground. Raurimu is at present a canvas town of some 1200 inhabitants. The mission continued there till the Sunday morning after its opening. The attendance was very satisfactory, and at Makatote and Raurimu 80 per cent, of the Catholics approached the Sacraments.

On February 24 the Rev. Father McDermott opens a mission at Inglewood. He will there be joined by the Very Rev. Father Clune, at the close of his engagements in the 'Masterton parish. Later on the Fathers will open a mission in Greymouth, and on March 17 in Parnell and Newmarket (Auckland). Some of the Wellington Redemptorist

#### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 18.

The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., blessed and opened the fine new convent for the Sisters of Mercy at Akaroa on Sunday.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, S.M., arrived at Sydney last week, and on Saturday left by the 'Monowai' for New Zealand. Final arrangements are being made for the reception of his Lordship on Friday evening. At all the city and suburban churches Friday evening. At all the city and suburban churches on Sunday an opportunity was afforded the various congregations to subscribe to the testimonial of which the Bishop will be the recipient, and which already is assuming goodly proportions.

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A brave little band of juvenile defenders, representing the Catholic portion of Otago and Westland Cadets, now encamped on the Exhibition grounds, marched to the Cathodral for the 11 o'clock Mass and Vespers on Sunday.

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Mrs. Arthur Mead, who has been often heard our best concerts here, whilst in England reco Mrs. Arthur Mead, who has been often heard at our best concerts here, whilst in England recently went through a successful course of training under Mr. Charles Santley, the eminent singer and teacher, and has so improved her singing that when heard since her return her friends were most agreeably surprised at the display of artistic development. A local musical critic states:—Those who heard her sing prior to going Home will not recognise her at once, so great is the improvement. She has a light brilliant soprano of great flexibility, and in songs such as 'Should he upbraid,' and music of a similar florid character, sings with much artistic ability. Before leaving England Mr. Santley sent her the following letter:—'Dear Mrs. Mead—I hope you will have a fine voyage and arrive home in good health, and that you may soon get to work and show your fellow-citizens how well you have done in your studies. You ought to make an excellent career, both as singer and teacher. I hope you will often let me hear from you, and that I may have the pleasure of helping you in your studies at some not distant day again.' Mrs. Mead will shortly be heard at the Exhibition concerts in conjunction with the orchestra. with the orchestra.

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Another quarter of a million has about been added the attendance at the Exhibition, and the influx of Another quarter of a minion has about been added to the attendance at the Exhibition, and the influx of visitors to the city is unabated. With the approaching close of the harvest operations many of the farming community and their attendants will be released from their duties, and pay their deferred visits, so that the daily average attendance is likely to be maintained until the end. The Brass Bands' contests of last week proved one of the greatest attractions up to date. The result was another well-carned victory for the already champion Garrison Band of Wanganui. The performance of many of the bands was of a very high order indeed, and the points which went to decide the supremacy were closely approached by many af those competing. That fine southern band, the Kaikorai, and the champion Australian band, the Newcastle City, were next in order of merit to the victors. The Wanganui Garrison Band won each of the separate contests, viz., 'Own Selection,' 'Contest Selection,' and 'Quick-step Marching.' It is not alone remarkable, but decidedly creditable, that the Colony should possess such splendid musical combinations as those we have had the unique pleasure of listening to this week, and the efficiency disclayed the server of the accountry bende and the influx of the unique pleasure of listering to this week, and the efficiency displayed by some of the country bands came as a distinct surprise.

#### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

February 15.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, of Sydney, Rev. Father Walsh, Wollongong, and Rev. Father Phelan, who came across from Sydney last week, left last Friday for Rotorua, whence they go south by the Wanganui River.

The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Maitland, the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Bathurst, and the Rev. Fathers Marshall, O'Donoghue, Shanahan, and Dunne, all left for Sydney by the 'Ventura'

last Wednesday.

Miss Leahy, who has, for over a quarter of a century, presided at the organ in the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, was on last Tuesday evening presented with a purse of sovereigns by the Rev. Father Mahoney, parish priest, on behalf of the congregation.

It has been decided that the children of the city parishes will celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the island of Motutany. The Hibernians, with the visiting

city parishes will celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the island—of Motutapu. The Hibernians, with the visiting southern delegates, are expected to join the main body. The national concert in connection with St. Patrick's parish will be held in the Royal Albert Hall on Friday evening, March 15.

In reference to the beautiful marble tablet recently erected in St. Patrick's Cathedral to the memory of the late lamented Michael Davitt, his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan has had a photograph taken of it, a copy of which he intends to forward to Mrs. Michael Davitt, Dublin. Visitors to the Cathedral have greatly admired the work. Being in a conspicuous position it at once attracts attention.

A beautiful new stained glass window, the work of Mr. Alex. Booker, of Brussels, erected to the memory of Patrick and Mary Anastasia Dignan, by their sons, was unveiled in St. Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday morning. In the course of a brief address Rev.

Father Holbrook gave a sketch of the lives of St. Patrick and St. Anastasia, and pointed out the lessons of Faith and Hope taught us by the lives of those saints, and also paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dignan.

As a result of Mr. Joseph Devlin's meeting in Auckland City, Messrs. F. Moore (hon. treasurer) and M. J. Sheahan (hon. sec.) forwarded last Tuesday to Mr. Martin Kennedy, central treasurer, Wellington, a cheque for £550, as a first instalment. The gross receipts so far amount to £580. If one of our two theatres could have been secured, better financial results would have been secured, better financial results would have been attained. Mr. John Dillon's great meeting here in 1889 resulted in a gross profit of £600. When it is taken into account that Sir George Grey spoke there, and that six subscribers contributed over £100 on that occasion, it will be seen that Mr. Devlin has practically reached that high standard, as he had but three large contributors, viz., his Lordship Dr. Lenihan £15, Mr. Maurice O'Connor and Mr. J. J. O'Brien each £25.

At the conclusion of the Auckland meeting the following cable was directed to be sent to Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., Dublin:— Devlin addressed farewell meeting Auckland last night. Mission here magnificent success. Over £5000 raised New Zealand.—Sheahan, Moore.'

Moore.'

#### In Memory of a Brave Boy

On Friday evening a meeting was held in St. Joseph's Hall for the purpose of taking steps to perpetuate the memory of William Ernest Mullaney, who seph's Hall for the purpose of taking steps to perpetuate the memory of William Brnest Mullaney, who lost his life by drowning at Lake Waihola while endeavoring to save that of a schoolmate. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., occupied the chair, and Mr. T. J. Hussey was appointed secretary. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Mr. J. F. M. Frascr and Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., subscriptions being in both cases enclosed. The rev. chairman, in opening the proceedings, said it was not necessary for him to say much about the object of the meeting, which was to take steps to perpetuate the memory of young Mullaney, who displayed such remarkable courage on the sad occasion. His heroism was not the result of an impulsive action, for when he failed in his first attempt he made another, and then it was that he lost his life. The boys of the Christian Brothers' School had already decided to perpetuate the memory of their schoolmate's heroism by putting up a brass tablet in the school, but in addition to this it was desirable that some more public memorial of the boy's brave deed should be got up. His idea was that the amount collected be invested in the names of trustees, and the interest whereon be given annually as prizes for the encouragement of swimming among the pupils of all the schools—public and private—in Dunedin. Another suggestion was that a swimming bath be constructed at the Christian Brothers' School. He made these suggestions, not with the object of leading the meeting, but merely to open the way for others present structed at the Christian Brothers' School. He made these suggestions, not with the object of leading the meeting, but merely to open the way for others present to place their ideas before the meeting. Before concluding he paid a tribute to the kindness and sympathy of the people of Waihola on the sad occasion, and also to the generous assistance given by those who assisted in recovering the bodies. He desired also to thank Mr. Hayward for his sympathy and assistance.

Rev. Brother Brady approved of the suggestion as to the erection of swimming baths, where the boys would be taught how to act on such an occasion as that which occurred at Waihola. To be a good swimmer was not all that was required in such an emergency.

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Mr. G. Haydon expressed his approval of the suggestion for the erection of swimming baths, and Messrs.

J. J. Marlow and T. J. Hussey spoke in favor of establishing a scholarship at the Christian Brothers' School, to be called the Mullaney Scholarship, Eventually it was decided to erect a brass tablet in the Christian Brothers' School, and that the interest of the money subscribed be devoted to the granting of swimming prizes, the same to be competed for annually by boys attending all the schools in Dunedin.

The following committee, with Rev. Father Coffey as treasurer and Mr. T. J. Hussey as secretary, was set up to give effect to the decision of the meeting. Messrs. J. F. M. Fraser, E, B. Hayward, G. Haydon, T. Dechan, and Rev. Brother Brady.

It was decided to have subscription cards printed and distributed, and to forward circulars to the various schools referring to the method of perpetuating the boy's memory that had been decided on, and inviting subscriptions.

#### RETURNING TO THE FOLD

Mrs. Willie Heaven, of Ashfield, Queen's County, Ireland, and The Old Hall, near Chester, was recently received into the Church.

Miss Florence Lister-Kaye, youngest daughter of Mr. Cecil and Lady Beatrice Lister-Kaye, niece of the Duke of Newcastle, and sister to Lady Oxmantown, has been received into the Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thurman McCormick, daughter of the late Senator Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio, and wife of the late R. C. McCormick, former governor of Arizona, has become a convert to the Catholic Church, in New York.

Mrs. C. Templar Davies, mother of Mr. E. Wyatt Davies, the well-known Catholic historian, was received into the Church on Tuesday, November 20, by the Very Rev. Prior O'Gorman, O.S.A., in the Church of the Virgin Mother of Good Counsel, Hythe, Kent.

The Rev. Herbert Leslie Hart, till recently curate of St. Andrew's, Worthing, and formerly chaplain of the Worcester Diocesan House of Mercy, Malvern, was received into the Church at St. Joseph's, Kingswood, Bristol, on December 17, by the Rev. O. R. Vassall-Phillips, of Bishop's Stortford.

The London 'Catholic Times' states that the Rev. A. J. Bratt, who for some time past has occupied the senior curacy at the Anglican Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, has resigned his appointment and joined the Catholic Church. He intends to become a Jesuit.

The Rome correspondent of the 'Glasgow Observer,' writing under date December 8," says: A Jewish gentleman of Modena, Signor Amerigo Namias, with his wife and family, have just been received into the Church. They were baptised in St. Peter's here a few days ago.

At the Church of St. Ignatius, Galway, on November 11, the Rev. Henry Foley, S.J., with the authorisation of the Most Rev. F. J. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway and Kilmacduagh, received into the Church Miss Evelyn V. Ferriss, of London, Miss Ferriss was confirmed on November 13 at St. Patrick's Church by Dr. MacCormack.

The Rev. A. H. Lang, M.A., one of the Six Preachers of Canterbury Cathedral, and for twenty-years connected with the Arobbishop's mission to the Assyrians, both in Persia, and as organising secretary under three Archishops of Canterbury, has been received into the Catholic Church at Erdington Abbey by Dom Bede Camm, O.S.B.

The 'Glasgow Observer' announces that the Rev. Henry Grey Graham, formerly Church of Scotland minister of Avondale, Strathaven, who became a Catholic some years ago, has just been ordained in Rome as a priest of the Catholic Church. Father Graham will probably remain in Rome for some time yet before returning for missionary duty in Glasgow.

Mr. Hend Beaugrand, founder of 'La Patrie,' Montreal, Canada, and who in his day was one of the best known French Canadian journalists and politicians in the Province of Quebec, died at his home at Montreal on October 14, after a long illness, aged 58 years. He was perhaps most widely known as a free-thinker, but before he died he recanted and sent for Archbishop Bruchesi, who administered to him the last rites of the Church.

On the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostic (says the Madras 'Catholic Register') Rev. Father B. Mascarenhas received into the Church Mr. Thomas William Latimer, who was formerly a member of the Church of England. On the same day Father Mascarenhas baptised Luia Faik Choon, a Chinese lady. Mr. W. J. Fonseca and his two daughters have been received into the Church by the Very Rev. J. N. X. Mesquita, vicar of the Catholic church at Trichinopoly.

Samuel J. Kitson, the sculptor, was buried from Blessed Sacrament Church, New York, on November 26. Mr. Kitson was converted to the Catholic Church in 1887, and since then much of his sculpture was of a religious character. He completed a bust representing Christ and a Blessed Virgin statue for the Richmond Cathedral erected by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Ryan, which was blessed on Thanksgiving Day. His Cardinal Gibbons bust, at the Catholic University, also received favorable comment. Mr. Kitson was born in Huddersfield, England, in 1848.

The 'Catholic Times' of December 28 says: Dr. Sa ah Hackett Stevenson, of Chicago, has become af Catholic.

It was learned that just before Justice and Mrs. Keogh, of New York, departed for Europe, Mrs, Keogh became a member of the Church. Her baptism took place in the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Rev. James Campbell, S.J., officiated. Mrs. Keogh before her marriage was Miss Katherine Emmet, daughter of Richard Stockton Emmet, the lawyer. The Emmet family, with a few exceptions, have been Protestants.

The Rev. Richard George Braikenridge Lilly, Master of Arts, of Selwyn College, Cambridge, Licensed Stipendiary Curate of Goring-on-Thames, Oxon, was, says the 'Reading Observer,' received by Father McDonnell, of the Presbytery, Caversham, into the Church on December 13. Mr. Lilly resigned his curacy last October, meaning to go as chaplain and secretary to the Anglican Primate of New Zealand. He has been in ill-health in Devonshire and Cornwall for three months, and has been studying the evidences of the Faith.

Among prominent American converts to the Faith is Judge Walter Acker, of Lampasas, Texas, who was recently received into the Church and haptised. Judge Acker is one of the foremost lawyers of Texas. He served as a judge on the Supreme Bench of the State, and has been Mayor of Lampasas for a number of years. The coming of the Dominican Sisters to Lampasas has done much to disarm prejudice against, and destroy ignorance of, the Church, and the first fruit of this enlarging liberality and knowledge was the conversion of the city's Mayor.

The Benedictine Fathers at Fort Augustus have recently received into the Church two notable converts, Colonel Angus and Dr. Gordon Watson. Colonel Angus is the brother of the Rev. George Angus, M.A., of St. Andrews, himself a convert of many years' standing, one of the fruits of the Oxford Movement, whose reminiscences of that period and its personnel make the most entertaining and informative reading. Dr. Gordon Watson is a South African physician, at present resident in Scotland. His wife is a member of a well known Catholic family in the Highlands, a fact which no doubt smoothed his way into the Church.

The Rev. J. H. Girdlestone, late Vicar of St. Andrew's, Worthing, who has been received into the Church, has (says the 'Catholic Herald') in this respect followed the example of the former curate of Worthing, Rev. H. L. Hart. During Mr. Girdlestone's vicariate a controversy arose regarding Confession before Confirmation, with which the Rev. H. L. Hart was prominently associated, and in connection with which an ecclesiastical commission held a local-inquiry. Mr. Girdlestone resigned the living of St. Andrew's in September, 1905, the serious illness of his wife making it necessary for both of them to go abroad. During his connection with Worthing, Mr. Girdlestone was regarded as one of the most powerful preachers of the town.

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American exchanges report the reception into the Church of The Rev. Henry C. Granger, for eight years rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Evanstown, Illinois. Pressed for an explanation of the step he had taken, Mr. Granger made the following formal statement:—'To whom it may concern,—In making the change from the Protestant Episcopalian to the Catholic Church, I have acted simply in obedience to my convictions, the result of many years of careful study. When I reached the position that I could no longer honorably remain in the Episcopal Church I withdrew. With only the kindest thoughts towards those with whom I have been associated so long, and with faith in God for the future.'

Miss Hersey Wauchope, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Andrew Wauchope, of Niddrie-Marischal, Midlothiam, was received into the Church recently in London. Miss Wauchope is a sister of General Andrew Wauchope, who fell at Magersfontein in December, 1899, and of Lady Ventry, whose death was announced early in December. The Marchioness of Linlithgow and the widowed Marchioness Conyngham her nieces. Together with Miss Wauchope, the Hon. Mary Thesiger, youngest daughter of the first Lord Chelmsford, and late lady-in-waiting to H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck, had also the happiness of being received into the Church. Miss Wauchope and Miss Thesiger have lived together for many years in London, occupying themselves with works of benevolence and charity.

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### Commercial

#### **PRODUCE**

Wellington.—February 16,—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated—London, February 16:—Mutton.—The market is weaker, and the tendency downward. Supplies are increasing, and there is a good demand for prime quality, but heavy mutton is dull of sale. Average Canterbury sells at 4½d; North Island, 4½d. Lamb.—The market is dull for present requirements, and future business is in an unsettled state. Canterbury is quoted at 5½d. Beef.—The market is quiet at unchanged rates. Butter.—The market is glutted and lifeless. Choice New Zealand is quoted at 101s, Argentine, at 101s, Australian at 98s, Danish at 112s. Cheese.—The market is firm, with an upward tendency. Average price: New Zealand manufacture, 66s per cwt. Hemp.—The market is quiet but steady. Good fair grade on spot, £39 10s, and AprilJune shipments, £38; fair current Manila; on spot, £41. Wellington.-February 16,-The Department of Indus-

Invercargill Prices Current: — Wholesale — Butter, (farm), 7d; separator, 9d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 13d. Eggs, 1s per dozen. Cheese, 7d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s,6d. Chaff, £4 per ton. Flour, £9 to £9 10s. Oatmeal, £11 10s to £12. Bran, £4 5s. Pollard. £5 to £5 10s. Potatoes, £5. Retail—Farm butter, 9d; separator, 11d Putter, (fortext), pats, 18th Cheese, 1d. Cheese, 1d. Form, 1s, 2d. par Butter (factory), pats, 1s'4d. Choese, 9d. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Bacon, 10d. Hams, 10d. Flour—200lb, 20s; 25lb, 5s 3d; 25lb, 2s 9d. Oatmeal—50lb, 6s, 6d; 25lb, 3s 6d. Polard, 9s 6d. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s 6d. Potatoes, 7s per cwt.

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

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We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We submitted an average catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers, but, as competition was slack, only a small proportion of the offering changed hands. Values ruled as under:—
Oats.—The quantity on offer is extremely small, very few samples of new oats having so far come forward. Current prices are somewhat above shippers' limits, nearly all oats being sold are taken for local consumption. All sorts have good inquiry. Quotations: Prime milling and best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; inferior and damáged, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Locally grown wheat is now offering more freely, and, being threshed in prime condition, has ready sale on arrival. Medium milling lines are not in demand with millers, but have a ready outlet as fowl

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Potatoes.—Supplies are more plentiful, and only prime freshly dug lots are readily dealt with. These are selling at £6 15s to £7 5s; while stale and inferior lots are not easily quitted at £5 to £6 10s per ton (according to quality).

Chaff.—Consignments have been coming forward freely during the past week, and in view of the quantity on offer it has been impossible to maintain late values. The demand is still confined for the most part to prime oaten sheaf. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £4 15s to £5; choice, to £5 2s 6d; inferior to medium, £4 to £4 10s per ton (hags extra).

Straw.—This is extremely scarce, and, with keen demand, has ready sale on arrival. Quotations: Oaten, 50s; wheaten, 40s to 45s per ton (pressed).

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

Oats.—The market continues firm at late rates, which are as follow: Prime milling, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; good to best feed, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; medium and inferior, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel.

Wheat.—Supplies of new season's wheat is now coming to hand, but the milling inquiry is not great. There is a good demand, however, for fowl wheat. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 4½d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel.

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Potatoes.—Supplies are plentiful, and in consequence prices are easier. Quotations: Prime table sorts, to £7; medium to good, £6 to £6 10s; small and in-

Chaff.—The market is fully supplied, and prices are somewhat easier, viz., prime oaten sheaf, £4 15s to £5; extra choice, to £5 2s'6d; medium and inferior, £4 to £4 12s 6d, per ton.

#### WOOL

Sydney, February 18.—The wool market is strong, and the late rates are fully maintained.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:— Rabbitskins.—We offered a small catalogue at

Rabbitskins.—We offered a small catalogue at our sale on Tuesday, when prices were about the same as those ruling at the previous sale, viz., summers to 9½d springs to 13¼d, winter bucks to 16¾d, and blacks to 13¼d. Horse hair sold up to 18¼d per fb.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at Tuesday's sale to a good attendance of buyers, and prices were again very satisfactory, being much on a par with those ruling at the previous sale.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow, and Fat.—No change to report.

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Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co., report as fol-- 17111 lows :-

Only a moderate entry of horses came forward for last Saturday's sale, and consequently no business of any consequence was done. The bulk of the entry was made up of inferior hacks and light-harness horses. Three or four useful draughts were offered, but failed to find buyers, owners' reserves being too high. Sound young draught mares and geldings are in good demand, and we have every confidence in recommending consignments of these, as well as of strong spring-carters with good action and a fair amount of pace. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £52; extra good do (prize takers), £56 to £60; superior young draught mares £55 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £13 to £25; well-matched carriage pairs, £75 to £100; strong spring-van horses £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks and harness horses, £20 to £25; weedy and aged do, £5 to £8.

#### PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.).

February 17.

The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society meets on Tuesday mext to consider the Order Paper for the triennial meeting to be held at Auckland in March, and to select a delegate to represent the branch.

The many friends of Mr. P. Brady will be pleased to learn that he was elected president of the local branch of the N.Z. Railways Amalgamated Servants' Society last week. Mr. Brady is a highly esteemed member of the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society Society.

Society.

The hall committee are having extensive alterations carried out in the Zealandia Hall, which will be finished in a few weeks. The large stage is being lowered, and two class rooms, 24 by 12, are being erected, and above them are to be built two large rooms for the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society and the Young Men's Debating Society. Mr. L. J. White is the architect, and Mr. Edward Higgins the builder, with Mr. M. Hodgins as supervisor on behalf of hall committee. committee.

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#### How Goldleaf is Made

The art of the goldbeater is one of the oldest hardicrafts in the world, and among those which have changed least. Much of the decoration of Solomon's Temple is believed to have been covered with goldleaf, hammered to the requisite thinness by hand, as it is to-day.

The goldbeater receives his material not in the form of the 60-dwt. ingot in which it is east, but in the form of a ribbon about 1 in. wide and 24 ft. long.

The ribbon is first cut into 200 squares and placed in the 'cutch,' which is a pile of square pieces of a peculiar paper, part animal and part vegetable in composition, the preparation of which is a secret. The best cutches are made in London. A square of gold is placed between each two leaves, and the whole mass is ready for the first beating. ready for the first beating.

This is done with an iron hammer, weighing from 12th to 17th, while the cutch rests upon a granite block, which is supported by a heavy wooden post.

Under the heavy, measured blows of the hammer the sheets of gold begin to stretch, or expand until, in half or three-quarters of an hour, they have reached the edges of the cutch. They are then removed, and with a thin strip of bamboo are cut into quarters, so that the 200 pieces become 200 Next correct the with a thin strip of bamboo are cut into quarters, so that the 200 pieces become 800. Next comes the 'shoder,' a collection of 800 pieces of skin, 4 in square, made from the intestines of cattle. As in the cutch, each piece of gold is placed between two leaves of skin, and bands of parchment or vellum are slipped over the whole pile to keep it together.

Another beating, this time with a hammer weighing from 8 lb to 10 lb, now follows. This takes about an hour, during which the sheets of gold are all the time expanding.

time expanding.

The last stage is the 'mold,' which,

The last stage is the 'mold,' which, like the cutch, and the shoder, is composed of alternate leaves of gold and skin; but the mold is about 5 in. square, and made up of goldheater's skin. The preparation of this is a jealously guarded trade secret.

The skin, like that in the shoder, is made from the intestines of the ox. It is translucent, and not unlike rawhide in color. Although it will stand continuous beating without breaking, it will tear live a sheet of thin paper. The making of a single mold requires the intestines of 500 bullocks. Between 'each two beatings the skin is rubbed with baked and pulverised gypsum. verised gypsum.

A mold contains 1000 sheets. After the second beating the workman takes from the shoder a single leaf of gold at a time, handling it with bamboo pincers, and, when necessary, smoothing it with a rabbit's foot. With the strip of bamboo he cuts each sheet into quarters again, so that the original 200 have now become 3200. One shoder, therefore, contains more than enough gold to fill three molds.

The final heating, in the mold, is done with a

The final beating, in the mold, is done with The final beating, in the mold, is done with a 7 lb hammer, and requires from three to four 'hours. By this time the gold leaf should helve expanded again to the edge of the skins, and should be of the requisite thinness, which is determined by holding it up to the light. It if transmits green rays it is done, and will measure about 280,000th of an inch in thick-

ness.

The hammers used in beating gold are slightly convex on the face. The art of the workman consists in so striking that the gold will always be thinnest in the centre. He must pound with evenness all over the square in order that the sheets of gold may expand without losing their form; but at the same time The art of the workman consists in-

he must keep the thickest part near the edges, so that when the sheets are finally trimmed to size, the thicker portions may fall in the waste, to be recast. No machinery has ever been devised which will do this successfully.

The tools of the craft are interesting and peculiar. The rabbit's foot is exceedingly soft, and just oily enough to prevent the gold from sticking, and the bamboo pliers and cutting slips are the only things with which it is possible to do this delicate work. The gold does not adhere to the fibres of the reed as it does to steel.

The goldbeater performs all his work standing. The

as it does to steel.

The goldbeater performs all his work standing. The use of the heavy hammers in such continuous pounding would, one would think, impose an almost intolerable strain upon the hands and arms. The men say, however, that their arms never ache. The only place where 'it catches them' is in the bend of the knee.

The lack of strain upon the arms is accounted for by the fact that the hammer rebounds. It is an astonishing but by no means a rare thing to see a tonishing but by no means a rare thing to see a goldbeater change hands while the hammer is in the air, and without losing a stroke.

At the time of the census the bacon-curing establish-At the time of the census one daton-curing covernments were 52 in number, employing 224 hands; against 39, with 196 hands, in 1900. There is a steady increase observed in the value of the output, the figures being £86,022 for 1895, £159,564 for 1900, and £253,937 for 1905. The business done in bacon now being £86,022 for 1895, £159,564 for 1990, and £253,937 for 1905. The business done in bacon now amounts to 56,831cwt, hesides which there was a large output of hams and lard.

output of hams and lard.

What is known as the Mount Royal sticking-up case has had a most extraordinary sequel (says the Palmerston South Times'). About six weeks ago an employee at Mount Royal Station informed Constable Hilliard that on the previous evening he had been waylaid by two men on the Mount Royal road and robbed of his watch and chain. After spending a day in investigating the matter the constable came to the conclusion that there was nothing in the affair. His enquiries elicited the fact, that the victim of the alleged robbery was intoxicated, and was escorted home by two residents of Dunedin, who were camped near the Goodwood Railway. Station during the holiday. Constable Hilliard interviewed the two men, and while they admitted that they had assisted holiday. Constable Hilliard interviewed the two men, and while they admitted that they had assisted the informant part of the way to Mount Royal, they stoutly denied having seen his watch and chain. On Thursday last a young man named John Dwyer was fishing near the Goodwood Railway Station, when he captured an immense eel, and on opening the fish he was surprised to find a watch and chain in its stomach. The articles were handed to Constable Hilliard, and as the chain consisted of a collection of Italian coins, it was at once identified as the one alleged to have been stolen from the Mount Royal man six weeks previously. The eel was captured in a large water-hole close to where the two residents of man six weeks previously. The eel was captured in a large water-hole close to where the two residents of Dunedin, previously referred to, had camped. The original owner of the watch and chain left the district some weeks ago, and the police are enquiring as to his whereabouts.

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HALLY.—On the 16th February, at her residence, 244 Leith, street, Duncdin, Ellen, beloved wife of Patrick Hally.—R.1.P. Deeply regretted.

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LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1907.

#### CONFERENCE OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS



LTHOUGH Catholics cannot, in districts where a Catholic school is accessible to them, conscientiously avail themselves of our so-called 'national system of education,' there are many reasons why they should take an active and intelligent interest in the sayings and doings of those who determine on what lines that system shall be run. To

begin with, most of our schools now work to the syllabus issued by the Education Department, and many of them are yearly examined and reported on by the Inspectors of that Department. In remote country districts where it has been impracticable to erect a Catholic school a conside able number of our children are still being educated under the public school system. And in the third place, now that the teaching staff of the Colony has been placed on a more settled and remunerative footing an ever increasing number of our Catholic young men and women are entering the profession and qualifying for service in the public schools. We feel therefore that we need make no further apology for directing the attention of our readers to the proceedings of the Conference of School Inspectors just, concluded at Wellington and to one or two rather important decisions arrived at by that gathering.

Before dealing with the actual recommendations of the Conference it may be worth while to shortly notice some of the resolutions which were not adopted but which yet received an appreciable measure of support. In the first place the Conference have not made any alteration in the syllabus and the general feeling of the teachers will be, 'For this relief, much thanks.' A proposal to make a number of suggested amendments was seriously considered, but fortunately the temptation was resisted. The teachers' respite will, after all, be a brief one, for the Inspector-General is to pay an official visit to England this year and further tinkering with the syllabus is certain to follow. The Conference also—wisely as we think—refrained from altering the conditions regulating the distribution of the national scholarships. At present, the junior national scholarships are open only to the children of parents, whose income is not more than £250 per annum, and the proposal to do away with the income restriction would, if

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adopted, have been a distinctly retrograde step. An attempt was again made to change the method of appointing the Inspectors, and a motion providing for the appointment of all Inspectors by the Education Department instead of by the local Boards received a considerable measure of support. Although the proposal was rejected for the present the general feeling in the Conference was that the existing method of appointing the Inspectorate is illogical, and inconsistent with 'a national system of education and if the Inspector-General has his way the time is not far distant when a change in the direction indicated will be effected:

Of the positive recommendations agreed on by the Conference the most important are (a) the abolition of the pupil teacher system, (b) the faising of the standard which children will be required to pass before they can be allowed to leave school; and (c) the provision, in the new regulations issued by the Conference, enabling Inspectors to hold a central examination for all sixth standard pupils living within a convenient radius. Taking the last first, we would point out that while the central examination arrangement might be a great convenience to the Inspectors it would be very palpably unfair to the children concerned. What the provision means is this: that instead of examining, for example, the Arthur Street; High Street, and Union Street Schools separately the Inspectors will have the power to examine all the sixth standard pupils from three schools at one time and to hold this examination in some central school to be selected by themselves. Everyone knows that even under the most favorable-circumstances children are nervous and excited at examination time, and if the examination is to be held amidsurroundings that are entirely unfamiliar to them that nervousness will of course be greatly increased. provisions regarding the examination of public schools are, by the Education Act, made applicable to the examination of private schools, so that under the new regulation it will be within the power of the Inspec-tors to hold the examination of all the sixth standard pupils from the Catholic schools at North-East Valley, Dunedin, and South Dunedin, at one central building, say the Normal School or St. Joseph's. It is of course optional with the Inspectors whether they avail themselves of the power conferred in this regulation, and it is quite possible that the clause in question may not be actually enforced. Speaking for Otago, we have every ground for the fullest confidence in the reasonableness and considerateness of the Inspectorate; but looking at the matter from the point of view of the children we cannot honestly consider the new regulation an improvement.

A detailed discussion of the arguments for and against the abolition of the pupil teacher system would be of little interest to the general reader, and, as the recommendation on this point was carried with acclamation and will certainly be given effect to, it would besides be an entire waste of time. We will only observe in passing that as would-be teachers, under the new system, will be required to undergo a five years. course of training, the number of teachers available is likely to become more limited than ever, With regard to the proposal to raise the standard of exemption from attendance at school, we do not hesitate to give our voice against the decision arrived at by the Conference. Hitherto the standard of exemption has been the fifth. The resolution adopted by the Conference has the effect of a recommendation to the Education Department that children under 14 years of age shall be compelled to attend school till they have passed the sixth standard. Abstractly and ideally, it is of course desirable that the child should be kept as long at school as possible, but in this workaday world, under the imperative necessity of keeping body and soul together, parents, like the rest of us, have to be content with something very far short

of the ideal. The recommendation has some prospect of being put into operation, seeing that the proposal originally emanated from the Inspector-General, but if it is given effect to, the hardship inflicted on poor parents with large families will be so grave that an agitation will be quickly set on foot for its, repeal,

Throughout the whole course of the Conference, there was one, and only one, reference to the moral aspect of education. Mr. D. J. Cooper, M.A., senior inspector in New South Wales, addressed the Conference, and remarked, inter alia, that 'to promote the moral and spiritual welfare of the youth of the Colony was the goal which all appeared to aspire to.' If only it were! We believe that in no country in the world is there a more gifted, a more earnest, or a more painstaking Inspectorate than we have in New Zealand, and the spectacle of so many able men devoting all their energies to an education that merely feeds the intellect. and starves the soul is a sight to make angels weep. The youth of the Colony require something more than the three Rs to help them over the moral and spiritual difficulties of life. They are looking to their instructors for bread; and in spite of the earnestness, ability, and culture of those over them, they are getting only a stone.

### -Notes

#### His Only Lapse

A story is going the rounds of our which, though it may be nothing more than the fabrication of an imaginative reporter, is still rather too good to be lost. We find it told thus in a Christchurch weekly: 'Is there anything known against this man?' asked Mr. V. G. Day, S.M., during the hearing of a charge of theft, at the Magistrate's Court on Saturday. 'Only that he is a married man,' replied the station sergeant. Thus, adds the Christchurch paper, is greatness thrust on our harmless sergeant.

#### Mr, Dooley on Divorce

Mr. Dooley has made a pungent, and in its way, a powerful contribution on American divorce in the

'New York Times,' We make the following extracts:
'Till death us do part,' says th' preacher. 'Or
th' jury,' whispers th' blushin' bride. 'In Nebrasky,'
continues Dooley, 'th' shackles arre busted because father forgot to wipe his boots; in New York because mother knows a judge in South Dakota. The laws ought to be the same ivrywhere. Anny man ought to be able to get divoorce with alimony simply by mak-in' an affidavit that th' lady's facer has grown too taste. Be hivins, Hinnissy, I'd go bleak for his farther. I'd let anny man escape by jumpin' the contract.' 'What do ye rawly think?' asked Mr. Hennessy. 'I think,' said Dooley, 'if people wanted to be divoorced I'd let thim, but I'd give th! children th' custody iv th' parents. They'd larn thim to behave.'

#### The March of the Motor

Motoring is so eminently fashionable, and the mania becoming so entirely universal, that anything in the nature of criticism or remonstrance can only be offered with bated breath. It is, therefore, in a becoming spirit of meekness and humility that, in view of the two fatal accidents near Christchurch the other week, and of the many minor casualties that are continually occurring, we venture to suggest that it is time that strict and definite regulations were put in force regarding the management of motor cars. The sublime disregard which the average motorist shows for all other traffic is a serious menace to the public safety, and unless the enthusiasts be brought to reason the 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 con-cluding 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 Waihola 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 II, the contracting parties being Miss E. M. Curteen 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 bridesmaid a diamond 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. Leathem 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. Maty's, Manchester street, by the Rev. Father Hoars, 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. Leathem 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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### The Irish Delegates

#### RESULT OF THE MISSION

Mr. Martin Kennedy, treasurer for New Zealand in connection with the mission of Messrs. Devlin and Donovan, has received the undermentioned amounts from the various centres at which meetings were adfrom the various centres at which meetings were addressed by the Irish delegates, and also from one or two places which were not visited. Up to Wednesday returns had not been received from five centres, so that the total results will not be known until these come to hand. The envoys' instructions to Mr. Kennedy were to cable the total received to Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., and this must be done not later than February 22, as Mr. Kennedy leaves on that date for Europe via Sydney. When cabling the funds to Mr. Redmond the following will be the form of advice:—'New Zealand mission terminated, great success, cabled £—— for maintenance of loyal pledgeadvice:—'New Zealand mission terminated, great success, cabled &—— for maintenance of loyal pledge-bound party. Exclude dissentients and factionist friends from participation.' It may be mentioned that the delegates did not handle any of the funds, their expenses being remitted from Home.

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The following are the amounts received from the various centres:—

Invercargill £128 10s; Gore, £112 15s; Dunedin, £314 1s 7d; Milton, £56 18s; Lawrence, £58 3s; Palmerston South (per Rev. Father Lynch), £23 10s; Oamaru, £73 1s 6d; Timaru, £336 16s 6d; Waimate, £79 10s; Christchurch, £200 0s.3d; Bennett's Junction (per Mr. J. O'Halloran), £7 14s; Hokitika, £71 6s 9d; Kumara, £40 8s 6d; Reefton, £54'4s 2d; Westport, £87 15s; Nelson, £42 9s 1d; Blenheim, £52; Wellington, £542 10s 2d; Stratford, £145 4s 6d; Hawera, 225 4s; Wanganui, £172 16s 6d; Palmerston North, £142 5s; Masterton £82; Pahiatua, £90 2s 6d; Hastings, £152 14s 6d; Napier, £257 0s 6d; Thames, £52; Hamilton, £81 19s; Auckland, £550; total, £4233.

### Interprovincial

The twelve workmen's homes erected by the Government in Christchurch have all been let to good tenants. The Government contemplate building more cottages on the quarter-acre sections still remaining in the block of land acquired by the State.

Messrs. Bell, Gully, and Myers, of Wellington, have issued a writ for £15,000 on behalf of the Shaw, Savill and Albion Company against the Auckland Harbor Board in connection with the Calliope dock accident. Writs are also being issued on behalf of men injured and their families.

The Chairman of the Masterton Hospital Trustees (Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R.), in referring to the system of eight hours a day for nurses, stated that the system had worked most satisfactorily. Nursing, he said, was a profession in which it was most expedient that those engaged in it should not be subjected to fatiguing hours. Other trustees ordered these penalty. fatiguing hours. Other trustees endorsed these remarks.

A Press Association message from Wellington states that when interviewed concerning the Seddon memorial movement, the Minister of Education said that each centre seemed to have taken up the movement in its own way, and the idea of the Government was that it, was best to leave each locality to decide on the special form which the memorial should take in its district

About 800 school children's teeth (says the 'Otago Daily Times') have been examined in Dunedin up to date by certain members of the Otago Odontological Society out of 2000, and of the number investigated only 13 perfect mouths have been discovered. Many of the scholars, who range from the First to the Sixth Standards, are in a deplorable state, in respect of their teeth their teeth.

At the time of the last census the number of public libraries, mechanics' and other institutes in the Colony was returned as 313, with 22,770 members, and possessing 567,841 books. The Registrar-general points out, however, that the returns are incomplete as regards the smaller public libraries. The number of libraries which received the Government subsidy for

Mr. F. W. Quaife, by the San Francisco mail, received a letter from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, promising £1500 for a public library and hall at Halswell, providing the local body will provide a site and contribute not less than £100 for maintenance.

The Oamaru deep sea fishermen inform the 'North Otago Times' that they have never noticed sharks so plentiful as this season, and the locality of the edible fish can be told by the number of sharks in the vicinity—large and small. Their high dorsal fins can be seen in all directions as they move about near the surface of the water on the look out for their prey.

There are excellent houses at His Majesty's Theatre every evening to witness the beautiful series of pictures presented by Mr. West, and to hear the popular Brescians in their new songs and sketches. Nearly every item given by this talented company is encored—a practical proof of appreciation by the audience. The pictures are interesting, instructive, and amusing. For this week a new programme has been arranged, so that patrons, who attended in the early part of the season, will have an opportunity of seeing an entirely new set of pictures, and of hearing new musical items.

The sad drowning fatality at Lake Waihola, in which brave young Mullaney was a victim (writes our Christchurch correspondent), occasioned the deepest grief among the congregation of St. Mary's Church, Manchester street. During the residence of the family in Christchurch the deceased was one of the sanctuary boys, and by his great devotion to duty, cheerfulness, and exemplary conduct won the hearts of priests and people, each once of whom feels the distressing occurrence as if it were plary conduct won the hearts of priests and people, each one of whom feels the distressing occurrence as if it were a personal bereavement. At the request of the altar boys, the Rev. Father Hickson offered the Holy Sacrifice for the repose of the soul of the deceased, to whose death he alluded in most touching terms. The ardent prayers of all, he continued, would ascend, not alone for the brave boy, but also that Divine Providence would strengthen the sorely distressed parents in the great blow that had befallen them. As a tribute of respect to his memory the organist, Miss O'Brien, played the Dead March from 'Saul,' as the congregation left the church, tion left the church,

A leastet has been issued by the Registrar-general showing the movement of the population for the years 1902 to 1906. In 1902 the population of New Zealand was 807,929, being an increase of 20,272 on the previous year's figures. In 1903 the total population of the Colony had risen to 832,505, in 1904 to 857,539, in 1905 to 882,462, and in 1906 to 908,718. The excess of births over deaths last year was 15,913, and the net gain in population for the twelve months 28,761. In the year 1902 the net increase from abroad, after deducting the number of persons who left New Zealand, was 7992; and in 1903 it was 11,275. In 1904 the excess of arrivals over departures fell a little, being 10,355 persons; and in 1905 it fell still further, being 9302; but the year 1906 shows the largest increase of all by arrivals, being 12,848 persons over the departures. The natural increase of births over deaths is considerable, on account of the low death rate, and shows a steady rise over each of the five years dealt with in the tables. The total excess of births is 71,794 for the quinquennium under observation.

The picture postcard craze is responsible for many things (says the Christchurch 'Press'), and probably at its door may also be laid the charge of practically completing the extinguishing of the quaint old custom of sending valentines on St. Valentine's Day, the anniversary of which occurred last Thursday. Not so many years back shop-windows, about the beginning of the present month, used to be gay with displays of valentines of all sorts and descriptions from the expensive hand-painted dainty creations with a loving verse printed thereon, down to the penny caricature, the former for exchange between lovers, and the latter for postage to disliked acquaintances or rivals, but now the dusty corners have to be ransacked if a customer asks for a valentine. A very old notion, alluded to by Shakespeare, is that on this day birds begin to mate in England, and on February 14 in England and Scotland, in former times, each young bachelor and maid received by lot one of the opposite sex as 'valentine' for the year. It was a kind of mock betrothal, and was marked by the giving of presents. Later on the custom changed to the sending of cards, and now that, too, has become almost extinct.

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### Irish News

#### ARMAGH-Industrial Development

The Sisters of Mercy in charge of the convent of Bessbrook, County Armagh, have taken an important step in the promotion of the Irish industrial develop-ment movement by inaugurating the knitting industry.

#### CARLOW—Death of a Nun

Sister Mary Bertram, daughter of Mr. Gerald Byrne, J.P., Linkardstown, Carlow, died at the Bnigidine Convent, Mountrath, on St. Stephen's Day, in the 30th year of her age, to the great regret of a large-circle of friends.

#### CORK—A Priest Passes Away

The death of Very Rev. F. Canon M'Carthy, Bantry, occurred on December 28 at his residence, Gortalaggart, Colomane, near Bantry, at the age of sixty years. When ordained, thirty years ago, he was sent to the Mauritius, where he remained in the discharge of his sacred duties until about a year ago, when he returned to the land of his nativity.

#### A Philanthropist

The death of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts is deeply regretted in the South-west of Ireland. When the severe weather of 1879 and 1880 left the South of Ireland fishermen in a pitiable plight, the Baroness came to their rescue with timely aid. Loans were made for new boats, markets were opened up, a fishing fleet organised, and—chief item in this Irish scheme—Baltimore Fishery School was inaugurated in co-operation with the late Father Davis, P.P., and a number of Southern gentlemen. Southern gentlemen.

#### An Appointment.

The Very Rev. P. Sexton, D.D., Professor of Moral and Dogmatic Theology, All Hallows' College, Dublin, has been recalled to his native diocese of Cork and appointed President of St. Finn-Barr's diocesan semi-

DUBLIN—Education Methods Criticised

In the Dublin 'Independent' Mrs. Nora Tynan C'Mahony asks if people are not over-educated no adays. One fault of present-day education methods, she says, is that they aim to turn out everyone, be his or her talents and qualifications what they may, on the same uniform and commonplace, if not common sense pattern—exactly, it would seem, as though we were all intended by Nature to form a community of schoolmasters and schoolmistresses.

A Popular Citizen

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General regret was felt in Dublin at the death of Mr. James Carlyle, managing director of the 'Irish Times,' which took 'place on December 28. Deceased, although a Unionist in politics, was popular with all parties. He was of a most charitable disposition, and no deserving cause ever appealed to him in vain.

#### Death of Brother Moylan

The Rev. Brother Moylan, ex-Superior-General of the Christian Brothers, passed away on December 31 at St. Mary's, Marion, Clontarf. Deceased was born at Tuam, County Galway, in 1848, and educated at the Christian Schools of his native town. At an early age he joined the Novitiate of the Order of which he afterwards berame a distinguished ornament. Thirty-five years of his religious life were spent in Cork, where his memory will long be treasured. In 1900 he was elected Superior-General of the Institute, a position which he filled with great credit until 1905, when he retired, owing to ill-health. Deceased was a widely-read and highly cultivated gentleman, and a great educationist in the highest sense of the word. The remains were interfed in the cemetery of the Christian Brothers at St. Mary's, Clontarf. The Rev. Brother Moylan, ex-Superior-General of the

#### **Domestic Architecture**

The Belvidere College of St. Francis Xavier in Great Denmark street, of whose wonderful beauty as a specimen of domestic architecture Professor Mahaliy has recently written with such enthusiasm, was originally Belvidere House, the Dublin mansion of the Rochforts, Earls of Belvidere, who are now extinct, and who took their title from one of the lakes of the County Westmeath, in which their estates were situated. The staircase of Belvidere House, which is regarded as one of the most magnificent in Europe, is said to have cost the most magnificent in Europe, is said to have cost the sum of £3000, which would be equal to about £9000 at the present value of money. Belvidere House, now the house of religion and training, was in former days the centre of aristocratic society and festivity.

#### A Friend of the Poor

The Very Rev. Charles Cuddiny, P.P., Enniskerry, one of the most esteemed priests of the diocese of Dublin, died on December 29 at the age of sixty-five. His early studies were made in Clonmel, of which he was a native. His theological studies were made in Waterford College, in which he was ordained forty-two years ago. He ministered as curate at Eadestown, Baldoyle, and Bray in turn. Seventeen years ago he was appointed parish priest of Enniskerry. How he labored for the poor throughout his long career in the sacred ministry is well known in the parishes where he ministered. Although deceased had been ailing for some time, his death came as a painful surprise to his friends, as his death came as a painful surprise to his friends, as no later than Christmas Day he celebrated Mass as usual in the parochial church.

#### Want of Publicity

Amongst the correspondence read at a recent meeting of the Dublin Printers' Employment Committee was a letter from a well known Irish author stating that he had produced two books in Dublin, and that his difficulty in getting all his books done in Ireland lay in the greater publicity which books published in England obtained. In reply to the writer's suggestion, the secretary was instructed to state that some Irish authors had stipulated with English publishers for the execution of their works in Ireland.

#### KERRY—Starving Education

The Most Rev. Dr. Mangan. Bishop of Kerry, speaking at St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney, recently, said it was regrettable to think that while their schools were doing better work, they were paid less than before. For the forty passes, they obtained at this year's intermediate examinations, they would have got £659-15s in 1903; £619 18s in 1904; £432 5s in 1905; while this year they only got £392 19s 3d, a reduction of fully 40 per cent. One of the causes of this, he believed, was largely due to officialism in the country. Another cause of the reduction in the school grant was the shrinkage in the drink bill of the country. It was a curious anomaly that, in proportion as the country became temperate, so was education starved. They should emphatically protest against the treatment meted out to them.

KILDARE—Golden Jubilee

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In connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the Very Rev. Father Morrin, P.P., Naas, which was celebrated a few months ago, the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of the diocese, has conferred upon Father Morrin the office of Vicar Forane.

#### LIMERICK—A Christmas Gift

Through the good offices of Father Casey, P.P., Abbeyfeale, each evicted tenant on the estate of the Knight of Glin received a substantial money grant from the Central Branch of the United Irish League as a Christmas box.

#### A Much Respected Lady Passes Away

Mrs. O'Callaghan, mother of the Rev. John O'Callaghan, Glasgow, and the Rev. M. O'Callaghan, St. Paul, Minnesota, died at her residence, Ballylanders, County Limerick, on December 24. Deceased was widely respected, and her death is much regretted.

LONGFORD—Death of a Priest

Very Rev. Thomas B. Quinn, Pastor of the Church of St. Paul of the Cross, Jersey City, U.S.A., died at Clonmore, Longford, on St. Stephen's Day, at the age of fifty-three.

#### QUEEN'S COUNTY—Sale of Estates

Negotiations for the sale of the Stubber estate, situated at and about Castlessemming, Queen's County, to the tenantry, which comprises about 1500 acres, have been completed. The terms of purchase are—First term tenants, 21 and the second term 24 years. Mrs. Hopkins, Blackall, County Kildare, has sold her estate at Grogan, Queen's County, to her tenants, and has agreed to sell to the Estates Commissioners the untenanted land held by her for the purpose of subdivision amongst deserving parties; 22½ are the number of years' purchase given by the tenants.

ROSCOMMON—Death of a Management

#### ROSCOMMON—Death of a Monsignor

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Mgr. Hanly, V.G., Castlerea, who passed away at a private hospital in Dublin on December 31. In connection with the many notable works which the deceased has left behind him as imperishable memorials of the good he wrought, it is but necessary to state that the splendid Cothic church in Castlerea owes its existence to him.

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#### TIPPERARY—A Sad Fatality

A very sad fatality occurred at Cahir recently by which two sisters named Raleigh, home for a holiday with their sister, Mrs. Ahern, lost their lives. It appears that a new house was being built heside Mrs. Ahern's, in Church street, and the gable end, which towered above Mrs. Ahern's, suddenly collapsed during the night and topfled down on Mrs. Ahern's house. The roof was smashed in, and the debris, falking on the bed in which the Misses Raleigh lay sleeping, drove it through the floor of the bedroom into the kitchen below. The unfortunate young women were killed instantly. Miss Alice Raleigh had been employed in Dublin, and Miss Kate Raleigh in Limerick. The servant had a narrow escape, one of the falling stones striking her as she lay in an adjoining room. Mrs. Ahern slept at the other side of the house, and was uninjured.

#### WATERFORD—A Mark of Esteem

The remains of the late Mr. James H. M'Grath, editor and proprietor of the 'Waterford Citizen,' were interred on December 23 in Ballybricken Cemetery. The very large attendance at the funeral showed the esteem in which deceased was held.

#### **WEXFORD—Tenant Proprietors**

Negotiations for the sale of the Coolamain estate, comprising 1200 acres, to the tenants have been concluded with Mr. Bernard J. O'Flaherty, solicitor for the landlord, Sir J. Talbot Power, by Mr. Edward Jordan, Oylegate, Wexford, who acted for the tenants. Nonjudicial tenants are to get a reduction of 9s in the £, 17 years' purchase, and judicial tenants a reduction of 6s in the £,  $21\frac{1}{2}$  years' purchase, according to the terms of agreement, and all the sporting rights go to the tenants.

#### GENERAL

#### Spread of Temperance

Not within living memory (writes a Dublin correspondent) has such a truly sober holiday season been spent in Ireland as that which has just closed. The working classes, freed from daily toil, mostly shunned the public houses. That temperance, self-respect, and true manliness were the result was apparent to all.

#### Re-elected Chairmen

According to a cable-message received last week, Mr. John Redmond has been re-elected Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party. Mr. John O'Donnell was excluded, and Mr. Sheehan was not readmitted.

#### **Agricultural Organisation**

Colonel Nugent T. Everard, presided over the annual meeting of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society IIe said the cause of agricultural co-operation have triumphed notwithstanding the forces arrayed against it. IIe mentioned that in 1905 eighty-one societies had been formed. This year the progress had been sustained, but not at the same rate of increase in numbers. The area covered by societies had been largely increased. There had been developments in the egg and poultry industry, and it was receiving increased attention. The establishment of a bacon factory at Roserea would, he thought, have far-reaching results. Owing to the joint action of the Irish representatives they might hope to see very shortly the repeal of those Acts that prohibit the cultivation of the tobacco plant in Ireland. It was equally important for them to consider this in the light of the employment of their laboring classes, because the employment given on an acre of tobacco was probably three times as large as any other crop that was grown, and the enormous advantage of that employment being given in the dead season of the year was one they must not lose sight of.

Sir Horace Plunkett, the Director of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Education in Ireland, was encountered in America recently by Mr. W. J. Spruson, of Sydney, who says:—'I found Sir Horace Plunkett acquainted with Victor Daley's work and denying him as an Australian, claiming him for Ireland.

The Catholic church at Cooktown was razed to the ground, whilst the presbytery was wrecked, in the recent cyclone. Very serious damage had been done to the convent, which is partially in ruins, while the large additions not long ago made to the convent-school was wrecked. The damage is estimated at £2500.

# People We Hear About

Eight of the thirty-three cities of Massachusetts ave Catholics in the mayor's chair.

Lord Cork, who has entered his forty-sixth year, enjoys two earldoms, two viscounties, and three baronies in the peerage of Ireland.

His Lordship Bishop Delany, the coadjutor of his Grace Archbishop Murphy of Hobart, completed his 54th year on February 1. He was educated in Ireland and in France, and came to Australia 22 years ago.

Mr. J. V. O'Loghlin, of South Australia, who was married the other day, has been a wheatbuyer, journalist, politician, and Minister of the Crown. He was Chief Secretary in Mr. Kingston's long-reigning Ministry.

Sir William Howard Russell, the doyen of war correspondents, died last week at the age of 86 years. Sir William established his war correspondence fame as special for the 'Times' in the Crimean campaign, and incidentally laid bare the blunders of the War Office and the dishonesty of army contractors. He also did reporting work for the 'Times' in O'Connell's Repeal days, and was, it is said, the reporter whom the Liberator outwitted on one occasion by addressing a great meeting in Irish.

Mr. Bryce, who succeeds to the post of British Minister at Washington, was described by the late Speaker of the House of Commons as a walking encyclopædia. He was born in Belfast 68 years ago. His father was Scotch and his mother Irish, and he was educated at Glasgow University, Trinity College, Oxford, and Heidelberg. Since his youth he has been writing classics. For twenty-three years he was Regius Professor of Civil Law at Oxford, anh he can put more letters after his name than any other living statesman.

Very few British statesmen have received as much as £100,000 in official salaries. Mr. Gladstone's total receipts from office came to a little over £102,000; Lord Salisbury's fell just short of £100,000; the Duke of Devonshire has received approximately £64,000; Lord Cross, £74,000; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, £72,000; Lord Goschen, £70,000; and Lord George Hamilton, £68,000; while Lord Halsbury throws all these emoluments into the shade with a total of well over £200,000.

Lord Muskerry, is one of the great champions of the sailor-man in the House of Lords. He has served in the Navy himself, and belongs to the little group of sailor peers who include Lords Glasgow, Orford, Elibank, and Clanwilliam. The 'Plimsoll' of the Peers,' as he has been called, owing to his continued and practical interest in the welfare of sailors, is maternally a cadet of the great house of Fitz-Maurice, Earls of Kerry. He succeeded to the title at fourteen.

Mr. John Redmond, who was re-elected Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party the other day, has been a member of the House of Commons for over a quarter of a century. He entered the House in 1881, and has sat in every Parliament since, yet, curiously enough, he has not been continuously a member. This seeming anomaly arose during the Parliamentary recess of 1891, when he resigned his seat in North Wexford in onder to contest the City of Cork after the death of Parnell. He was defeated, but before Parliament got fully under way was returned for Waterford. Mr. Redmond's warm espousal of the fights and privileges of the clerks of the House of Commans to the freest use of the diving-rooms, and of all the liberties of the House to which they have been so long admitted, is probably to be traced to a chapter in his early life. When his father, the late Mr. William Archer Redmond, was member for Wexford, for which he sat from 1874 till his death in 1880, the future leader of the Nationalists in the House—a circumstance to which is attributable his accurate knowledge of its procedure.

Rev. D. Devane, Administrator of the Bungaree parish for several years, accompanied by Fathers Malone (Daylesford), Benson (South Yarra), Manly (Footscray), and Shine (Camperdown), left by the Mongolia' on February 5 for a trip to Europe. Rev. Father O'Kane, of Smythesdale, will fill Father Devane's place at Bungaree.

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#### About Wool -

Many—in fact, the majority—of our readers have but a very imperfect idea of the various processes—to which wool is subjected before it is spun into thread. As the wool season has now commenced the following article on our staple product will be of interest:

So many wool-growers (says the 'South American Journal') seem to think that when they sell their clips, the wool goes direct to the woollen factory to be turned into cloth, without ever thinking that it must first be sorted, classed, and usually blended together with other clips until a nice pile is put together previous to being scoured. We should say that—seven bales out of ten of even Australian, South American, or English grown wool never goes straight into the woollen factory, but is first of all destined for the process of topmaking and worsted spinning, and when the yarns are sold it is then that they go into the hands—of manufacturers and are destined to be made into cloth. It has been asked many a time, 'How is it that the trade is divided up into so many sections, when, if the wool was taken in hand—by a man in the raw state and turned out in the manufactured cloth, we should then get a better price than when it is handled by so many men before it reaches a state fit to be worn by man?' We might here say that woollen manufacturers do this very thing, they buying the wool in London, and the same not leaving their premises until it is finished and complete as a wearable fabric. But in the topmaking industry this is not the case except in very few instances, and it is because of the universal production of 'tops' and 'noils,' that we desire briefly to explain the meaning of

These Technical Trade Terms,

which are used a thousand 'times every day. It is taken for granted that when a man buys wool he knows expressly to what purpose it is going to be put, and the largest buyers of wool are the topmakers. The preliminary process in the production of wool tops are very simple, but very important, and when many a novice has seen sorters engaged in preparing a blend of wool, he has spontaneously exclaimed, 'I could do that.' To the uninitiated the work may seem very simple, very ordinary and commonplace, but it needs a good deal of experience to be done properly, so that we have not a 'spoilt top.' We have seen many an excellent top in many respects, but literally spoiled by a few coarser ficeces having got into the wool, and though at the time it was thought they would not be seen, yet they have cropped up afterwards in a stronger fibre being seen when the top has been drawn. Hence it is that experience is needed in classing wool, even on the sheep farm, for it is a huge mistake to put into any bale two qualities of wool. When this is done and it is seen, the buyer estimates the worth of the wool by the lowest quality and not the finest. When which are used a thousand 'times every day. the finest. When

A Blend of Wool is Made,

A Biend of Wool is Made, it is not long before we have a sample of top. First, the wool is scoured, and it is done well on purpose to get the best color possible, this being an important and valuable factor in tops. Readers can put it down as a fundamental principle that better the color and better the price, so growers should not tamper with the growing fleece by dipping it into any sheep dip at all injurious to the color of the wools. After being scoured there are the burs to extract, then comes the preparing, carding, gilling, and combing. To being scoured there are the burrs to extract, then comes the preparing, carding, gilling, and combing. To describe all these processes is beyond the scope of this article, but to any sheep and wool man they are indeed highly interesting and educative in their influence. It is, however, the combing machine which gives us 'tops' and 'noils,' and it is the price of these commodities which always determines the actual price of the raw material. By tops' we mean the long fibres of wool got together by the combing machine, every one of which is placed parallel to each other until a long silver is formed, resembling very much a string of tape. Nothing is more attractive about a wool-combing plant than to see a pile of balls of tops, all ready for being sheeted. The white, clean finished appearance of the wool in itself is a picture, causing many a one to wonder concerning the ingenuity of man at inventing such a process as that of woolcombing. woolcombing.

Previous to Machine Woolcombing it was all done by hand, but how in the world it was possible to get a long continuous silver is more than we can tell. Of course, in those days, say 60 years ago, the great thing in wool was length of staple, and the longer the staple the more valuable the wool. In those days the hand combing of the merino was impossible on account of the shortness of the staple, but to-day thousands of bales of short six months' wool are used for carding purposes in the the staple, but to-day thousands of bales of short six months' wool are used for carding purposes in the manufacture of woollen cloths, and it speaks volumes for the advance which has been made in machine construction when wool can be combed of six months' growth. Sixty years ago only such wools as the Lincoln and Leicester could be combed; but to-day almost anything can be combed no matter how short or leng, though in speaking of short combing wool the staple should not be less than 1½ inches in length, that is, if you want to make a decent top.

As wool is passing through the combing machine it leaves behind all the short fibres; or really they are thrown out, and are known as 'noil.' These noils are usually filled with bits of shiv, burr, and refuse, which have remained fast to the wool during previous operations, and it is a remarkable thing, that however much foreign matter there is in the noils it can be dealt with successfully; whereas, if this refuse was

which have remained last to the wool during previous operations, and it is a remarkable thing, that however much foreign matter there is in the noils, it can be dealt with successfully; whereas, if this refuse was in the top, it would practically ruin it. Now these noils are usually taken and extracted, or carbonised, and it is here by the application of chemicals that all this foreign matter is destroyed. Once more

The Ingenuity of Man asserts itself, and instead of these short fibres of wool being worthless, they are of considerable value, in that the maker of woollen cloths can use them to advantage. Hence readers will see that throughout the whole process of wool manufacture, either on the principle of combing for worsteds, or carding for woollens, it is a guestion of 'gathering up the fragments that nothing be lost.' Taken throughout, both tops and noils are useful and even indispensable, for hoing able to put the noils to another purpose, their value helps to reduce the cost of the combed top, this really meaning that the public at large gets the benefit of cheaper fabrics than they would otherwise do were the noils of no value. Readers may take it for granted that whereas to-day a good 60's merino top is worth 24½d per lb, the noils out of such tops will self from 15d to 16d per lb, the color and amount of foreign material in the noils soon making a difference of a penny per lb, ether up or down. Less burr and shiv there is, and of course better will be the price, but the top must be clean whatever else is, and this makes all wool combers particular about getting out as much foreign matter as possible in the shape of 'shoddy' and 'burrs,' more refuse there being here and less there will be in the noils and tops. In the trade we have two distinct sets of men who deal with tops and noils, the former being called 'top-markers,' and the latter 'noil dealers,' and both parties are indispensable to the wool trade. No matter what quality of wool it is, be it 40's crossbred or 60's merino, tops and noils are produced just the same. The Ingenuity of Man asserts itself, and instead of these short fibres of wool same,

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### The Catholic World

#### CEYLON-Education without Religion

Sir Henry Blake, Governor of Ceylon, was present at the distribution of prizes in St. Joseph's College, Colombo, prior to the Christmas holidays, and delivered an address in which he spoke enthusiastically of the good work done by that institution. With the object of the foundation of the College, as explained by Father' Lytton in the annual report, he was, he said, entirely in sympathy; for while, under a "compulsory system of education in a population composed of various races and creeds, the difficulties of giving religious education in the Government schools were almost insurmountable, the fact remained that an education from which the religious element was absent was only half an education, and it left the student groping without guidance for a safe path amidst temptations. tations.

#### ENGLAND—The Irish Party Thanked

In the course of a letter to Mr. John Redmond, M.P., the Archbishop of Westminster says: 'Now that your long struggle for educational equality is momentarily at an end, it is due to you that I should again thank you for the efforts that you and your colleagues have made to rescue our Catholic schools in England and Wales from the jeopandy in which the proposals of the Government had placed them. Knowing as I do, the negotiations which have taken place ing, as I do, the negotiations which have taken place, I am satisfied that you have done your best to deal with a very delicate and critical situation.'

#### A Venerable Religious

The London correspondent of the 'Yorkshire Post' says that a community of nuns from Arras, in France, has arrived at the Benedictine Convent on Corbelly Hill, overlooking the estuary of the Nith, In Kirkcudbrightshire. The Prioress, who bravely undertook the long journey from Arras, is a venerable lady of eighty years of age.

#### Progress of the Church

In the 'Catholic Directory' for 1907, figures are supplied which prove that the Church in Great Britain supplied which prove that the Church in Great Britain during the past year has steadily advanced. In nearly every diocese the number of churches, chapels, and stations was either maintained undiminished or showed a slight increase, but in Southwark the figures went up from 180 to 232. The total number of churches and chapels at present in England and Wales is 1703, as compared with 1640 a year ago. The number of priests has grown from 3414 to 3484, the increase being largest in Southwark, where the figures have risen from 463 to 494 In Scatland the number of priests has grown from 3414 to 3484, the increase being largest in Southwark, where the figures have risen from 463 to 494. In Scotland the number of priests has increased from 525 to 540, and the churches, chapels, and stations remain as before, viz., 373; but in some of the dioceses there has been a small decrease. Of the 4024 priests in Great Britain, 2636 belong to the diocesan clergy and 1388 are Regulars, many of them being French exiles. The estimated Catholic population of the United Kingdom is from five millions and a half to five and three-quarters. Including British America (with a Catholic population of about 2,650,000), Africa, Australia, India, and all other possessions, the total Catholic population of the British Empire is set down as probably about ten millions and a pire is set down as probably about ten millions and a

#### FRANCE—Alleged Infringement of the Law

Fourteen priests were charged before the Rheims magistrates with infringement of the law of 1881. They declared this law could not be applied to them, as Mass was not a public meeting, and as no declaration of public meeting was made in theatres or music halls.

#### Treatment of the Bishops and Clergy

After the treatment to which the French Government has subjected the aged Cardinal-Archbishop of Paris, we ('Catholic Times') cannot be surprised that they have been heaping indignities on other members of the French Hierarchy. They have brought the Bishop of Naney before a Correctional Court on the charge of having assaulted on officer of the gendarmery, and he has been fined fifty frames. What took place on the occasion was described by the Bishop in a letter to the 'Osservatore Romano' He had been expelled from his residence and was accompared by a large from his residence and was accompanied by a large body of sympathisers. Many were cheering lustily for the popular prelate, and amongst them a woman of the working class. As the Bishop passed along he saw the officer rush at the woman and ill-treat her. His sympathy naturally went out to the victim of illusage, and going up to the officer he took hold of him and begged of him to desist. That was the assault for which a fine has been imposed. The order has gone forth from the Government that the law is to be enforced with vigor against ecclesiastics, and policemen who hope for promotion know how the order may be interpreted to their advantage.

#### ROME—The Pope and the Cardinals

All the Cardinals in the Eternal City on December 24 (writes a Rome correspondent) visited the Pope; and presented their Christmas wishes. The Pontificational into conversation with each Cardinal, so that what was merely formal in the beginning ended by being a familiar meeting. The Pope, replying to the Cardinals' congratulations, said he wished he and all the Sacred College could be in France to share the persecution of the clergy. He was consoled, however, by the solidarity of the French episcopate. He trusted the Church would ultimately triumph. All the Cardinals in the Eternal City on December

#### Deaths of Two Cardinals

Our Home exchanges report the deaths of Cardinal Luigi Tripepi and Cardinal Cavagnis. Both were made Cardinals at the same time—April 15, 1901—by Pope Leo XIII., and both passed away in Rome on December 28. Both, too, had literary tastes. Cardinal cember 28. Both, too, had literary tastes. Cardinal Tripepi, whose age was seventy, was for a time one of the writers in the 'Osservatore Romano' and also a director of the paper. He brought literary and scientific people to visit Popes Pius IX. and Leo XIII., by whom he was much esteemed. He was Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Relics and Indulgences, and the author of a number of works on the Papacy. Cardinal Cavagnis held the office of Secretary' to the Sacred Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs, was a man of learning, and published works on theology. His age was sixty-five,

#### The Disbanded Pontifical Army

The Holy Father on December 27 received the survivors of the disbanded Pontifical army, numbering 517, who, led by Colonel Blumensthil, tendered their Christmas greetings. His Holiness thanked them most warmly. A reception of the survivors was held subsequently by Cardinal Merry del Val, who bade them not to despair of victory in France, trusting to the loyalty of French Catholics and Divine mercy.

#### St. Bede's College

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Rarely (writes a Rome correspondent) does the Garrick Theatre give an ecclesiastical student to Rome. This has now occurred, in the case of Mr. George Trolloppe, who has joined St. Bede's after nine years on the stage. He has been a Catholic for two. His age is twenty-six. As a member of Mr. Tree's company Mr. Trolloppe took leading parts. Mr. Williamson, an architect and convert, has also entered the college. He is studying for the diocese of Southwark. Two other new arrivals are Mr. Murphy, a lay Catholic, and Mr. Roberts, a lay convert. In all there has been an increase of five in the college so far during the present scholastic year. The fifth is Father Barrett, a priest of the diocese of Liverpool. In one of two recent audiences Monsignor Prior, the Vice-Rector of the Beda, presented new students of the college to the Holy Father, who blessed them and accorded their requests for favors.

Cardinal Gotti

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Cardinal Gotti, Prefect of Propaganda, who recently celebrated the golden jubilee of his priesthood, is a nalive of Genoa, where he was born on March 29, 1834. At the age of sixteen he entered the Order of the Carmelites, and in 1869 he was called by the General to assist him at the Ecumenical Council. In 1881 he himself became the General of the Order. Leo XIII. sent him as Nuncio to Brazil, and in November, 1895, raised him to the Cardinalate. On the death of Cardinal Ledochowsl.i the Pope appointed him to the onerous position of Prefect of Propaganda. At the Conclave Cardinal Gotti received a good number of votes for election to the Pontificate.

SOUTH AFPICA—Death of a Marist Brother

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The 'Catholic Magazine' for South Africa reports the sudden death of Brother Anesius, S.M., at Urtenhage, aged 32. His death is a great loss to the Marist community there. He was a German by birth, and joined the Order in Cape Town five years ago.

#### SPAIN-Practical Sympathy

Subscriptions are being collected for the French clergy in several Catholic countries on the Continent. The Bishop of Badajos has written to Cardinal Richard offering hospitality fo French priests who are old, ill, or without resources.

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#### UNITED STATES—A Priestly Line

For over half a century a priestly line of O'Briens has labored in St. Patrick's parish, Lowell, Mass', where a handsome church, erected in the place of the beautiful edifice destroyed by fire in 1904, has just been dedicated. The church burned in 1904 was erected by Rev. John O'Brien—' Father John.' He was assisted in the work in Lowell by his brother, Father Timothy, and when both of these priestly brothers died and went to their reward, another Father O'Brien (Rev. Michael), a nephew, was appointed pastor, and later permanent rector. When he, in turn, laid down his work on earth, it was taken up by the Rev. William O'Brien, who is now permanent rector of St. Patrick's.

#### A Priest Scientist

Father Odenbach, head of St. Ignatius' College, Cleveland, has accidentally discovered a method whereby he can intercept wireless telegraph messages by means of the copper roof, on the college, some steel pins, and the lead from an ordinary pencil. While listening to the sounder connected with the ceronograph on the top of the college by which lightning is recorded, Father Odenbach, who had substituted the lead pencil and pins for the usual expensive coherer in the instrument, heard the sounder tick off some Morse code. instrument, heard the sounder tick off some Morse code. Investigation showed he had intercepted messages received at the wireless telegraph company's station there from the Detroit office.

#### **GENERAL**

#### The Sisters of Mercy

On December 12 (says the Edinburgh Catholic Her-On December 12 (says the Edinburgh Catholic Fierald') was observed in all lands where the Order is established, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy. Seventy-five years ago Mother Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Order, made her religious profession, which marked the beginning of a religious community whose main purpose is to assist the poor, the sick and the untaught. Catherine McAuley, who afterwards became the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, was a resident of Dublin, where her charity toward the poor, and motherly care of young girls were well known long before she had any idea of founding a religious Sisterhood. With the permission of his Holiness Pius VIII., the Institute of Mercy was established on the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, September 24, 1827, and on December 12, 1831, Mother Catherine made her holy profession. The Order received the approval of Pope Gregory XVI., May 3, 1835, and the Rule and Constitution were solemnly confirmed by the same Pontiff, June 6, 1841. Before Mother Catherine died she had the happiness of seeing her beloved institution flourish in many parts of Ireland and England. land and England.

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Eat Green Vegetables Every Day.

Green vegetables do not contain, from our standpoint, true nourishment, but they are of equal value as waste and should be taken at least once a day. Vegetables not containing starch may be eaten raw; but such roots as turnips, carrots, and beets must be scraped or grated. The dense fibre renders them difficult of digestion. The green vegetables, watercress, the cabbage family, turnips and rutabagas radishes the cabbage family, turnips and rutabagas, radishes, celery, lettuce, spinach, green peas, string heans, cucumbers, summer squash, parsley, dandelions, chicory, sweet peppers, onions, lecks, carrots, chives, shallots, asparagus and radishes all contain a volatile principle which gives them flavor, and which when they are boiled too long or too rapidly is driven off, leaving the vegetables rather tasteless.

Receipt for a Happy Life.

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In the year 1500 Margaret of Navarre wrote the following 'Receipt for a Happy Life.' More than four centuries have passed since then, but wisdom is ever young, and her quaint words are as full of good counsel now as when she penned them:—'If you would have a happy life, take three ounces of patience and three of repose, and mix together with a pound of conscience. Add as much as the hand can hold of innocent pastimes, and of hope and pleasant memories 3 good drachms'; moisten these with the pleasure distilled from a cheerful heart. Add to love's magic a few drops; but be sparing of these, for sometimes love brings a flame which naught but tears can drown. Grind all these things together; and mix with an ounce of merriment to enliven; yet all this may not bring happiness unless in your orisons you lift your voice to Him who holds the gift of health.'

- Children's Faults.

Many people (says a writer in an English magazine) who have ideas upon the subject of bringing up children will criticise a parent for inclulgences that seem unwise. The attitude of most people is critical, yet the child that has too much bringing up is often as badly off as the child that has too little. The mother who watches every breath drawn by her child has seldom better results to show for her anxiety than the more wholesome let-alone policy of another mother. The emphasising of a fault in a child will often cause its recurrence.

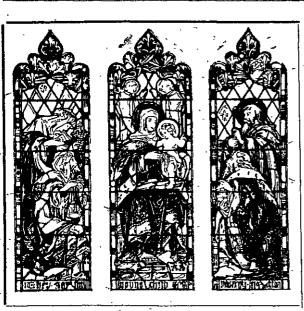
A little girl I saw lately had a most unbecoming

A little girl I saw lately had a most unbecoming habit of squeezing her nose and mouth into a little pucker. I felt afraid the habit would spoil the features of a very pretty child, and snoke to her mother about it. 'Why,' said this sensible woman, 'I think the more we speak about it the more she does it.'

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Durability of Cypress Wood.

Sections of old water pipes of cypress that had been underground and in use for nearly a century were recently exhumed at New Orleans, and, to the surprise of all, the wood was perfectly preserved and as hard as when laid. They were part of the first water works system of the city, and it is thought the wood was from trees 100 years old when laid.

How Mahogany Got Its Vogue.

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The real value of mahogany as a cabinet wood was discovered by a London physician in the latter part of the seventeenth century. The doctor's brother was engaged in the West Indies trade, and on one occasion he brought over in his ship several logs of mahogany as ballast, and suggested that the wood might be of value as beams for the house the doctor was then building. The workmen, however, found that their tools were not equal to the task, and the logs were rolled into the garden, out of the way. When a box was needed a carpenter had—one removed to his shop, but complained, as the others had done, that he could not work the material with his tools. The doctor became interested and ordered that heavier tools be made, and work the material with his tools. The doctor became interested and ordered that heavier tools be made, and after a delay the box was finished, and proved to be so handsome that a bureau was made up from another of the logs. This was handsomely finished, and was declared by experts to be so superior to other woods that a craze for mahogany set in, largely fostered by the Duchess of Buckingham.

Wireless Telephonic Communication.

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Wireless telephonic communication between Berlin and London will be an achievement of the near future, according to Professor Slaby, and he regards it as not improbable that he may ultimately be able to ring up New York. There can be no question as to the success of his first effort to adapt the principle of wireless telegraphy to the more convenient process of talking through the air. Several officials representing the German postal department were present when conversation was transmitted by the new method from Berlin to Nauen, a distance of 25 miles. The instruments were similar in appearance to those used in the Slaby-Arco system of telegraphing. The transmitting apparatus reached a height of 20 feet above the roof of a building in Berlin, which is in itself 70 feet in height, and the receiver had been placed at the top of a high tower. Messages spoken by the Under-Secretary of the Post Office are stated to have been heard 'loudly and distinctly' at Nauen; the test was, in short, completely satislactory, as was also another carried out later over a distance of three miles within the city area of Berlin. Professor Slaby says that much of the success of the invention must be credited to his colleague, Count Arco, and to the technical staff of the Berlin Wireless Telegraphy Company. It would appear that they have completely anticipated Mr. Valdemar Poulsen, the young Darish expert, who stated recently that he was engaged on the problem of wireless telephony. Wireless telephonic communication between Berlin and less telephony.

A fine bronze statue of the Maid of Orleans is being erected in front of the Melbourne Public Library.

### Intercolonial

At the annual meeting of the Hay Hospital the Very Rev. Father T. O'Connell was elected president.

The Very Rev. Father Connelly, Administrator of the Cathedral, Broken Hill, sails by the 'Orontes' on February 28, on a holiday trip to India—his native place. He will leave the mail steamer at Colombo, and then proceed by local steamer to Madras, in which province he was born.

The executive committee of the Australian Catholic Truth Society, Melbourne, for this year consists of the Archbishop of Melbourne, president; Dean Phelan, treasurer; Rev. J. Norris, socretary; Prior Kindelan, Rev. Jas. O'Dwyer, S.J.; Rev. L. Martin, Messrs. O'Meara, Stewart, Quirk, B. Hoare, F. Brennan, and J. S. Meagher.

A cable message was seceived in Sydney the other day that the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College at Rome, presented Sir William Manning, Lady Manning, and Miss Manning to the Holy Father, who showed the livelicst interest in the Catholic Church of Australia, and recalled his pleasurable meetings with his Eminence Cardinal Moran.

A will, filed in the Probate Office, Melbourne, the A will, filed in the Probate Office, Melbourne, the other day, was written on a quarter-sheet of notepaper, and above the testator's and the witnesses' signatures contained only the nine words, 'I leave everything to my wife, without any reservation.' This, it is understood, constitutes the Victorian record for brevity in a will. Some time ago a will was proved in which the testator, also a husband leaving everything to his wife; used only ten words.

on the occasion of the celebration of the centenary of the Order of the Brigiciane nums at Randwick on February 1, the Rev. Mother Provincial, Mother Mary John, celebrated her golden jubilee. The Rev. Mother was the head of the first band of Brigidine nums brought to Australia 23 years ago by Bishop Murray of Maitland. The Order in Australasia has since grown to such an extent that it owns five convents in New Zouth Wales six in Victoria and two in New Zouth South Wales, six in Victoria, and two in New Zea-land, while the membership of the community now stands at 140.

A successful meeting of the partishioners of Sacred Heart congregation, Townsville, was held Sacred Heart congregation, Townsville, was held recently, when a full statement of the accounts respecting the new church building at Stanley street, was presented. The Very Rev. Father Walsh was in the chair, and said it was a lasting credit to the Catholic people of Townsville that they had within the last six years paid up nearly £10,000 for their beautiful church. This they had done while supporting at the same time four schools containing nearly 800 children, providing teachers for them, and keeping the buildings in repair. in repair.

The affection and regard which exist between the Catholic community and their devoted priesthood (says the 'Freeman's Journal') are edifying to other denominations. In this respect the people of Burwood amd Concord gladly seized upon the occasion of the departure of the Rev. Father Byrne to show their appreciation of his services in their behalf during his nine years' residence in their district. In St. Mary's school-hall. Burwood, on January 31, the people of the parish presented their popular priest with a cheque for £150, thus showing in no uncertain terms the loyalty and esteem in which their pastor is held. The affection and regard which exist between the

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His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne has made the following clerical changes and appointments:—Rev. P. M'Gee resumes charge of Drysdale mission; Rev. E. J. Keating, from Korumburra to charge of Woodend mission; Rev. T. English, from Woodend to Daylesford, during the absence of Father Malone on leave; Rev. J. J. Gallivan resumes charge of Gisborne mission; Rev. P. H. Boyle, from Gisborne to charge of Footscray, during absence of Father Manly on leave; Rev. M. Hehir as assistant to Rev. J. Collins, Trentham; Rev. P. Rafferty to the charge of Korumburra mission; Rev. J. M'Keon as assistant to Rev. D. B. Nelan, P.P., Essendon'; Rev. J. J. M'Carter from Northcote to Brunswick, as assistant to Rev. E. J. Luby, P.P.; Rev. Father Berntsen (lately ordained at Manly), to Brunswick; Rev. D. Gleeson, from West Melbourne to Geelong; Rev. Father Walshe (recently ordained at Manly), to Geelong; Rev. M. Quinn, from Drysdale to West Melbourne'; Rev. P. J. Fitzgerald, to Heidelberg; Rev. W. O'Brien, to new mission of Sorrento and Portsea.

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I read to them from my story books, And the pictures they like to see; I can't help thinking they understand-The way they look at me.

My Dolly is only two years old,
I'm seven, and Puss is three';
But still we're the very best of friendsMy Dolly and Pussy and me.

#### THE STORY OF A BRAVE BOY

stood

After the battle of Jena, in which the French defeated the Prussians, the Emperor Napoleon stood among the ruins of what had been a thriving village. It had been set on fire by the burning shells, and all day long the sound of falling timbers had mingled with the groans of the wounded.

Napoleon was conversing with his generals, who were eagerly discussing the triumph of the day, when the marshal advanced, leading a man who was severely wounded. His right arm hung in a sling, while a blood-stained bandage around his head told its own tale. His face, although pale and drawn with suffering, wore a look of resolute daring and courage.

'Sire,' said the marshal saluting, 'here is the man you inquired for.' 'Ah, captain,' said the Emperor, 'I hear you delended your colors against five hundred Prussians. A captain who can rescue his standard at the risk of his life deserves some token.'

Taking the glittering cross from his breast, the Emperor added: 'The bravest in the regiment shall not go unrewarded. Take this cross of the Legion of Honor, colonel, and every time you look at it, remember that Napoleon holds courage such as you have this day displayed at its true worth.'

'Sire,' replied the new-made colonel flushing deeply, 'you will pardon me, I trust, but the cross does not belong to me. I cannot take it.' Napoleon looked surprised. 'I do not understand you,' he said. 'Do you mean that your modesty will not permit of your receiving the well-earned reward of your gallant deeds?'

"Nay, sire, not so,' answered the officer; 'but I

deeds? deeds?'
''Nay, sire, not so,' answered the officer; 'but I cannot accept a reward intended for the bravest in the regiment. Another than I deserves that title.' 'How?' exclaimed the Emperor; 'another officer braver than you! I doubt it, colonel. However, will you be kind enough to tell us where he can be found?'

At a sign from the officer, a little drummer-boy stepped out from the ranks. Advancing and taking the wondering child by the hand, the colonel led him to the Emperor. 'Sire,' he said, 'behold the bravest in the regiment!'

regiment!'

'Indeed!' said Napoleon, glancing down with an amused smile on the boy, who, with wide-open eyes, stood looking from one to another, unable to make out what it all meant. 'And, pray, how did this youthful hero distinguish himself to-day?'

'He is, indeed, a hero,' replied the colonel. 'When the fire was raging fiercest, he brought water to the wounded men, with shot and shell and burning timbers falling around him at every step. Besides this. I saw him, at the risk of his life, drag a wounded comrade from a burning house, which not long after fell to the ground—a feat of courage and daring that would do honor to a veteran.'

As the officer ceased speaking, a ringing cheer burst from the ranks. 'Well,' said Napoleon smiling, 'I think you are right, colonel. This little fellow deserves the title which you have so generously relinquished.'

Then with his own hand he placed the cross of the Legion of Honor on the breast of the wondering drummer-boy, with the remark: 'If I mistake not I shall hear of you again.' Then, turning to the gallant officer, he added, 'You, colonel, shall have the cross you so well deserve to-morrow.'

Napoleon did hear of the drummer-boy. The little hero who, at twelve years of age, risked his life to relieve his suffering countrymen, became a great general, who never forfeited the title he had earned at the battle of Jena-that of the bravest in the

#### PROVIDENCE WAS WITH THE BIRDS

Nothing can surpass in delicacy the reply made by an East Indian servant of the late Lord Dufferin when he was Viceroy of India.

'Well, what sort of sport has Lord—had?' said Lord Dufferin one day to his servant, who had attended a young English lord on a shooting excursion.

'Oh,' replied the scrupulously polite Hindu, 'the young sahib shot divinely, but Providence was very merciful to the birds'

merciful to the birds.'

#### FOR THE LAWYERS

In the incident related below a boy twelve years old conquered a smart and shrewd lawyer fighting for a bad cause.

had cause.

Walter was the important witness, and one of the lawyers, after cross-questioning him severely, said:

'Your father has been talking to you and telling you how to testify, hasn't he?'

'Yes,' said the boy.

'Now,'said the lawyer, 'just tell us how your father told you to testify.'

'Well,' said the boy modestly, 'father told me that the lawyers would try and tangle me, but if I would just be careful and tell the truth I could tell the same thing every time.'

The lawyer didn't try to tangle up that boy any more.

#### THE SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE :

Some people seem to possess the idea that gratitude is only called for where some special attention is shown, where the courtesy is one of magnitude. Whether it is that we are growing too practical and unsentimental, or whatever it is, the fact remains that we are altogether too prone to disregard the little courtesies of life as courtesies. The most subtle thought is often shown in the smallest attention. We all know that the greatest pleasures in this life come from the smaller things—not from the larger. Again and again have I seen this remissness on the part of people. A man shows some little attention to a woand again have I seen this remissness on the part of people. A man shows some little attention to a woman, and it goes unnoticed. A young man shows a courtesy to a girl, and it is received as her right. Hospitality is extended, and remains unacknowledged. Letters of congratulation are written, and go unanswered. It is in these smaller things that we are lacking in the true spirit of gratitude. We take them for granted, absolutely forgetting that nothing is ourse by right in this world; that whatever comes to us in the way of an attention, be it ever so small, is an attention, and comes by favor. It is to be wished that girls particularly would think a. Little more of this. One hears a great deal of complaint among young men nowadays that girls accept courtesies altogether too much as their due.

#### UNCONSCIOUS BUT FUNNY

That the average schoolboy is an unconscious humorist of the highest order is amply proved by the examples which, supplied by schoolmasters, appear from time to time in print.

'Rivers flow because no "one can stop them,' declared one youthful essayist recently; while another

clared one youthful essayist recently; while another when asked to give the seven great powers of the world, wrote in all good faith: Gravity, electricity, steam power, gas power, horse power, armies, and navles.

navies,'

In describing the difference between a physician and a surgeon, yet another budding writer declared: 'A physician is a man who deals with medicines. He goes out to see people. A surgeon is a man who mixes medicines in the surgery for the physician, and who takes legs off when any one requires it or arms.'

The subject, 'Great Men of To-day,' called forth many curious statements, one of the best being: 'England has rose to a very high position in the greatness of men. The greatest detective of the day is Sherlock Holmes. He lives in England and no one who has committed a crime can escape him. Lord Roberts is our greatest soldier. He is our greatest patriarck.'

#### CHIPS OF THE OLD BLOCK

He rejoiced in the not very humorous name of Wood, and he prided himself on his jokes and smart repartee. Few of his friends had escaped the lash of his tongue, and he had victimised many by his practical jokes—in fact, he never lost an opportunity of heing funny. One day he met a friend whose name was Stone, and naturally a name like that was too good a chance to miss.

'Good morning, Mr. Stone,' he said, gayly i 'and how is Mrs. Stone and all the little pebbles?'.

'Oh, quite well, Mr. Wood,' was the reply. 'How is Mrs. Wood and all the little splinters?'

#### WASTED ELOQUENCE

The excited individual entered the crowded room

whilst the meeting was in progress, and having cleared his throat, he took out a bundle of notes, and commenced to address the meeting.

The chairman made repeated efforts to interrupt the speaker, but he refused to be called to order. The oration lasted close upon an hour, and when he had resumed his seat the chairman managed to gain a hearing.

hearing.

'Have you quite done, sir?' he asked.

'Yes—quite; but I defy you to deny the truth of my statements.' he retorted.

'I have no wish to, sir,' said the chairman.

'The gas company, the management of which you complain, is holding its annual meeting in the next room. This is the Vegetarian Society.'

### ODDS AND ENDS

For him who bravely says, 'I will,'
The world's rewards may be but scant; But always they'll be scanter still For that one who complains I' can't.'

"I'm ashamed of this composition, Charley,' said a teacher in one of the Taranaki schools the other day. 'I shall send for your mother and show her how badly you are doing.'
"Send for her—I don't care,' said Charley. 'Me

mudder wrote it, anyway.'

Characteristic of the readiness of the Celt is a reply noted in Leaves from the Diary of Henry Gre-

'I cannot get over your nose,' said a frank American woman to an Irish novelist, whose nose was flat-

'No wonder you can't,' he retorted, 'for the bridge is broken.'

#### FAMILY FUN

They say my first is very bright,
And what they say is true;
But only in my second can
My first be seen by you.
My second would without my first
Seem far from being bright.
My whole is what the working-man
Welcomes with great delight.
Answer.—Sunday. Answer,-Sunday.

The trick of telling a person's age has frequently been given in concrete form; but the mathematical principle has been left to the ingenuity of the listener. It is simple. In what year and month was a person born? Ask your question so that you receive a reply, placing the month in the hundred column and the year in the tens and units columns. Thus, say 'the person addressed was born in August, 1857:—Name the month of birth (August), 8; double it, 16; add 5, 21; multiply by 50, 1050; add the year of birth (that is 57), 1107; deduct 365, making 742; add 115, making 857. The answer gives 8 in the place of hundreds and signifies the eighth month, August; the tens and units give 57, signifying the year of birth in the century. The principle is as plain as it is interesting. The 8 has been raised to the hundred column by the multiplications of 2 and 50. And as to the year of birth, the questioner has been deceived by an addition of 5, which being subsequently multiplied by 50 equals 250. Thereafter he innocently adds the years of his birth, from which all that remains to be deducted is the added 250. This is done, unsuspectingly, by the the added 250. This is done, unsuspectingly, by the arbitrary deduction of 365 and subsequent addition of 115, leaving the net deduction of 250 as required.

### All Sorts

One hundred and twenty firemen are nécessary to feed the furnaces of a first-class Atlantic steamer.

On an average 26,000 letters are posted addresses in England every year. without

The great Austrian salt mine at Wieliczka has 600 miles of galleries and employs 9000 miners. It has been worked for the past six centuries.

On the west coast of Ireland it rains on an average 208 days in the year, in England about 150 days, at Kazan about 90 days, and in Siberia only 60 days.

The population of the chief cities of the world show that London still maintains a long lead:—London, 4,872,710; New York, 3,437,000; Paris, 2,714,000; Berlin, 2,040,000; Tokio, 1.819,000; Chicago, 1,699,000; Vienna, 1,675,000.

Metal does not rust in Lake Titicaca, South America. A chain, an anchor, or any article of iron, if thrown in this lake and allowed to remain for weeks or months, is as bright when taken up as when it came fresh from the foundry.

It is believed that whales often attain the age of 400 years. The number of years these huge creatures have lived is ascertained by taking the layers of laminae forming the horny substance known as whalebone. These laminae increase yearly, just as the 'growths' do on a tree. Colonel

Tufnell, handing a prize to a farm laborer named Devenish, who was a successful competitor in a ploughing match on Langley's Estate, Essex, mentioned that the name of Devenish had appeared for 700 years on the rolls of the retainers and employees on the estate.

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Sir Robert Ball tells an amusing story about the bridge over the Niagara Falls connecting Canada and the United States. He says that a Chinaman once entered the bridge from the American side intending to cross over to Canada. When he got across, however, he was told that there was a toll of £10 on any Chinaman entering the Dominion. As he had no money he was forced to return, but he found to his dismay they would not let him off the bridge on the American-side, for they told him that under no circumstances were Chinaman allowed to enter the States Whether the Chinaman was still on the bridge or not Sir Robert Ball could not say.

The Swiss people constitute that curious anomally a nation without a language, and in this they are alone among all the peoples of the world. This is all the more remarkable when their intense patriotism is considered and their really wonderful love of country. The official languages are German, French, and Italian, these three being the recognised 'mother tongue' 'of the majority of the inhabitants. About three-fourths of the people speak German, while the remainder divide two other languages among them—mainly French and Italian—the languages varying, as a rule, according to the proximity of the people to each country whose tongue they speak. Public documents and notices are printed in both the French and German languages. In the Swiss national parliament the members make their speeches either in French or German, for nearly all the members understand both these languages. The orders of the president are translated by an official interpreter and furnished to the newspapers in both languages. The Swiss people constitute that curious anomally

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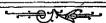
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