

the Bishop) the outlook is very promising under certain circumstances. The hierarchy was established in 1891, and I am the first Bishop of Hakedate. There are three other sees in Japan—Tokio (the archiepiscopal see), Nagasaki, and Osaka. The Dominican Fathers have charge of the Island of Shikoku, which is a Prefecture-Apostolic. There are at present about 130 missionaries and some 40 Japanese secular priests, besides some regular clergy. There are many religious Orders doing excellent work in the country. Our converts are recruited from all ranks of society. On the one hand, we have those of very low caste, while on the other we have the present Minister of the Interior (M. Hara Kei) and Admiral Ito, who are both Catholics. The piety and fervor of the converts are very edifying. I may tell you this as showing the reason for my firm belief in the work for the future: A strong characteristic of the Japanese people is seeking after truth in the material order; they do not by any means refrain from seeking truth in the religious order, and when they have found it they cling tenaciously to it.

Paschal-Time Carols

We hear a great deal of Christmas carols (says the 'Ave Maria'), but there is one country of the earth where quite as much attention is paid to singing of these joyous songs at the blessed Easterside.

In the beautiful, mountainous country of the Tyrol, the true Faith glows still with the devotion of the Middle Ages; and its votaries still keep many beautiful customs with charming simplicity. They are hardy and brave, these Tyrolese mountaineers; and they are devoutly religious. You scarce can pass a mountain shrine, perched high upon the hillside, above it the wild and impenetrable waste of Alps, with snowy glaciers, icebound peaks, without seeing the figure of some pious peasant kneeling there to pray.

All over the green and fertile valleys the 'Ave Maria' calls the faithful to morning prayer; as, when the sun's last rays are gilding green valley and snowy mountain-top to rosy red, it rings the Church's good-night to her faithful children.

To these good souls the Easter time is a season of as great rejoicing as is the Yule. If at Christmas Christ was born for the salvation of men, Easter is the season of His Resurrection—the tangible proof of revelation,—and they honor it equally.

Over every sunlit valley travel bands of musicians (for which the happy peasants of the Tyrol are especially fitted); and at each door they pause, with guitar and zither accompanying their musical voices in the Easter hymns of the Church. The peasants gather around them and join in the glad chorus of these carols, and the scene is most picturesque.

Very quaint and pretty are the costumes of the people,—the men in short trousers, velvet coats, huge hats with feathers or wreaths upon them; the women in short skirts of homespun, full white waist, velvet bodices, and spotless aprons.

Eggs, gaily colored and sometimes made of sugar, are distributed by the housewives; and often a glass of the country's simple wine is given to the musicians.

Thus is Easter observed in a Catholic country, where the people consider the presence among them of a policeman, or gendarme, an insult, since crimes are almost unknown in the Tyrol, and all dwell together in amity and good-will.

There is now a very fine display of seasonable and fashionable goods at the Unique Millinery Store, Lower Stuart street, Dunedin....

Messrs. Dwan Bros., hotel brokers, Willis street, Wellington, report the following hotels sales:—Mr. D. Moynihan's interest in the Makuri Hotel; Mr. J. White's interest in the All Nations' Hotel, Kaiwarra; Messrs. Easton and Austin's interest in Whyte's Hotel, Foxton; Mr. George Edwards' interest in the freehold of the Okaramio Hotel, Blenheim; Mr. J. W. McDuff's interest in the Provincial Hotel, Napier; the lease of the new Grand Hotel, Hastings; the freehold of the Paekakariki Hotel; the lease of the Post Office Hotel, Woodville; the freehold of the Telegraph Hotel, Otaki; the Criterion Hotel, Napier; Mr. Hubert Collins' interest in the Levin Hotel, Levin; Mrs. Strout's interest in the Grovetown Hotel, Blenheim; Mr. Owen Newport's interest in the Club Hotel, Greytown.

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By 'Maureen'

How to Save the Eyes.

Avoid reading in a dark room, in the dusk of evening, or by a poor light. Avoid reading during sickness and after measles, scarlet fever, and any exhausting disease. Avoid reading while lying down. This is an unnatural position, straining the eyes and producing congestion. Avoid reading in a stooping position, for this interferes with the return circulation, and congests the eye and the brain. Avoid rubbing the eyes, with the hand or with a rough cloth; but rather bathe them in cold water twice a day. Avoid prolonged use of the eyes for near or fine work; rest the eye by looking at objects at a distance. Avoid dazzling lights and sudden changes, and never use the eyes when everything appears hazy and the letters blur, but obtain suitable glasses.

How to Put on Gloves.

The length of time a pair of gloves will wear depends very much upon the way they are put on, especially the first time. Never put on a pair of gloves in a hurry; take plenty of time, and keep cool. It is of great importance that the hand should remain dry and cool, and be perfectly clean. It is well to dust it with a little plain rice powder first. Work the fingers well down before you put in the thumb. Work the thumb in slowly, and then the rest of the hand. Begin at the second button and descend, then return to the first button, which will now fasten easily without breaking or stretching the buttonhole. Your hand will frequently be moist with perspiration when about to remove the gloves. In this case pull them off wrong side out, so that the moisture can evaporate. When quite dry turn the fingers and smooth the gloves into shape, laying them in a box or other receptacle long enough to receive them, except in the case of evening gloves, which may be folded half-way up the arm. Another way to make gloves last is to buy them large enough. A glove that is too tight presses the hand out of shape, makes it red, and is always in the worst possible taste.

Care of the Range.

A few hints in regard to the proper treatment of a range may assist some housekeepers. Don't pile the coal above the top of the fire-box, nor allow the top of the stove to get red hot, for it warps and cracks the covers. Be careful not to let the grate get clogged; shake often and keep free from cinders and ashes. Do not let ashes remain in the ashpan; they absorb the heat, cool the oven, and check the draft. Do not allow clinkers to remain fastened to the fire-box. If the box is brick-lined, drop an oyster shell in the fire occasionally, when burning briskly, and the shell will clean off the brick. It is bad policy to 'rush' the range with the oven draught open. It uses too much coal and burns out the range too fast. Don't let the smoke draught stand open, except when fresh coal is put on. Heat that goes up the chimney is so much heat wasted. Wet garbage should not be burned in the stove. If it must be burned, dry it first; otherwise steam is generated and the moisture will injure the fire-box. Don't set leaky vessels or spill cold water on the range; the cold coming in contact with the heated metal will crack it. To get spots off when there has been a bad 'spill over,' cool the lids by changing them, or putting on coal. Clean with paper and finish with a scraper. Keep the reservoir covers closed and so prevent rusting the iron and straining the hinges. Don't let soot accumulate in the flue. Scrape off all soot that hangs to the oven bottom. Pull all soot toward you and be careful not to push it back in the flue. It is not necessary to polish the kitchen range every day. Crumple a newspaper, rub any spots on the stove with a bit slightly dampened, polish with two or three rubbings with dry paper, and the iron will be bright enough.

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The new church-school of St. Pius at Enmore, in St. Joseph's parish, Newtown, was solemnly blessed and opened on Sunday, March 3, by his Eminence Cardinal Moran.

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