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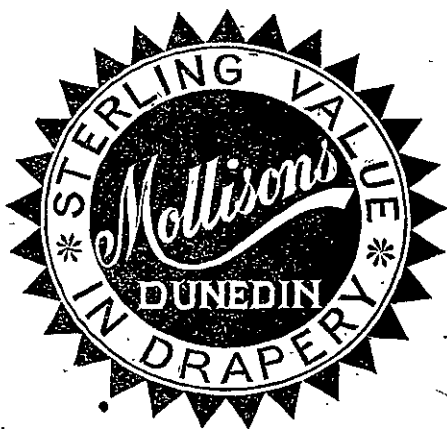
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March 31, Sunday.—Easter Sunday.
 April 1, Monday.—Easter Monday.
 „ 2, Tuesday.—Easter Tuesday.
 „ 3, Wednesday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 4, Thursday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 5, Friday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 6, Saturday.—Of the Octave.

Easter Sunday.

'The festival of Easter,' writes St. Gregory, 'is the solemnity of solemnities, because it raises us from the earth into eternity, which it enables us to enjoy beforehand by faith, hope, and charity.' 'You shall rise again!' This is what the Church says to us by the eloquent voice of her ceremonies. From the holy temple all signs of mourning have disappeared. The altars are decked out with extraordinary magnificence. Ornaments of gay color and rich embroidery appear. Every face is bright. The bells are all in motion. The song of joy—the Alleluia—that word of the language of heaven fallen on earth for our festive days, resounds on all sides, is repeated every moment; is varied again and again; is modulated into every key; and when there are added the rays of a beautiful sun, you cannot avoid those feelings of hope and delight which it is the mission of this great day to inspire.

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THE SOUL'S EASTER.

My soul was dead in sin, and knew
 The horror of the grave;
 My friends with eyes unseeing passed,
 Nor stretched a hand to save.
 But through the universal chill
 There fell one sunlit ray:
 'Twas hope, and 'neath its kindling warmth
 I dared once more to pray.

I felt the Blood of Christ pour forth
 As on dark Calvary's day;
 The darkness denser grew, and lo!
 The stone was rolled away.
 'Twas Easter Day o'er all the world,
 For Christ the Lord was risen,
 'Twas Easter, for my shriven soul
 Through Christ had fled its prison.

—'Ave Maria.'

Good manners are the images of virtues.

To know one thing well, you require to know a little about a thousand other things.

Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

A new light in our heart makes an occasion; but an occasion is an opportunity, not for building a tabernacle, and feeling thankful, and looking back to a blessed memory, but for shedding the new light on the old path, and doing old duties with new inspiration. The uncommon life is the child of the common day, lived in an uncommon way.

To wear a cheerful face when the heart is aching is not deceit. When a good housekeeper cleans the front steps and porch before she sets the house to rights, she does not mean to deceive passers-by. She merely shows some pride in her house and some consideration for her neighbors. We conquer our heart-aches more quickly when we begin by considering the friends who are near us.

When Death snatches one of the unappreciated from our midst, we are filled with lamentations that we did not better understand the poor crushed heart that lies pulseless. The lips that longed for the caress cannot feel it now, nor can the friendly pressure be felt by the cold waxen hand that lies so still on the coverlet. Above the 'unappreciated one' is content. The angels have struck the chord that no earthly hand could strike and an enthusiasm is awakened in the soul that was unknown to it on earth.

The Storyteller

MY RICHARDIS

It had been three long weeks since Martha deserted, and dish-washing had ceased to be a novelty, when one morning a half-grown girl knocked at our kitchen door.

Behind her stood a rosy-cheeked maiden of about nineteen, who clasped her fat hands and cast down her eyes in embarrassment.

'My ma heard as you wanted a girl,' the child began. 'This here's Richardis. Maerner. Folks call her Riggie. She wants a place.'

The pretty name, 'Richardis,' pronounced with the soft German sound of 'ch,' attracted me, but mother seemed inclined to shun it.

'Indeed?,' she said, with the dignity she always wears when she interrogates new servants. 'Where did you work last, Riggie?'

'Riggie' nervously unclasped and clasped her hands, and shot appealing glances at the girl beside her, who replied:

'By Schultze's hotel. She can't talk no English; that's why I come.'

'Oh, indeed.' Mother changed her aim, without loss of dignity, and fired another question. 'Ask her how long she has been in America without learning English.'

'Not so long, she says; an' Schultze, you know, they talk all German,' the youthful interpreter explained.

'M—m. Ask her what she can do.'

So the questioning went on; while I became so absorbed in watching the pretty bashful creature that I forgot to listen. She was meant to be gay-looking, and there was a frightened, distressed expression in her eyes which puzzled me. I did not know how well I liked her, though, until mother asked me suddenly what I thought, and I surprised myself by answering: 'Oh, I'm enchanted with her, mother! Tell her you'll take her—do!'

Something in my voice went to the girl's heart, for she lifted those big blue eyes and gave me a look that made me want to cry, and made mother say hurriedly:

'Very well. Perhaps she'll answer, if you feel so, Janet. Little girl, ask her when she can come.'

'Why, she's here now!' was the surprised response; and as 'now' was Monday morning, we were glad enough to welcome our treasure on the instant.

As soon as Richardis' interpreter was gone mother pitched her voice high and began: 'You may remove your hat. My daughter will show you where to put your things.'

Richardis fidgeted.

'Lay-off-your-hat,' said mother, speaking still louder, and an involuntary gleam of amusement made the girl's frightened face look jolly. The next instant she turned to me for help, but I, who translate Goethe very well and should have been equal to the emergency, felt my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth at the thought of speaking every-day German with a girl fresh from Berlin.

However, when mother cleared her throat to begin again I felt that something must be done. 'Mother, dear,' I said, 'if you'll go away and not listen I'm sure I can make her understand.' And I did too. I never could talk German for an audience.

That evening, when my sister Helen came home from her day's work as a stenographer in the city that had grown up near our quiet old village, we held a solemn council. It had been a distracting day for mother could not help feeling that when she spoke distinctly and looked straight into Richardis' eyes she must understand. The result was always that mother's voice went up, while Richardis' spirits went down; and when both were ready to despair my services would be called in. We had acted this little comedy as many times as the day would hold, and when we rehearsed it once more for Helen she said it was absurd; that of course we could not keep a raw girl like that!

Mother said hoarsely but sweetly that the poor thing seemed to mean well, and Lenore, whose time is occupied with giving music lessons, anyway, and who always treats a domestic crisis like a joke, declared it was only a question of whether we could afford to keep mother in gargles. Then I surprised them all by volunteering to take charge of the troublesome foreigner myself.

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At first they laughed. Because I was youngest, the girls would look on me as a baby, but mother took it seriously and said it would be experience for me and a rest for her; so I told the girls to laugh away.

They did laugh, too, though not at our domestic blunders. What amused Lenore and Helen was friendship that grew up between Richardis and me. The truth was I could not coax her to make any friends outside the house, and neither could I ignore her loneliness. When evening came she would sit down by herself in the little kitchen, which she had polished until it shone, and there I used to find her with tears rolling down her cheeks. Instead of telling me the trouble, though, she always tried to smile, except once, when I accused her of being home-sick 'nach Berlin.' Then the tears came again, and she shook her head, murmuring in German that it was 'worse than that.'

Still, at other times, her manner was so bright that the girls were disposed to poke fun at my anxiety over her secret woe. 'It's just devotion to you, Janet,' Lenore would say. 'She can't help weeping whenever you are out of her sight!'

Lenore meant more than a joke. I had begun a series of evening lessons with Richardis, which kept me in the kitchen more than the girls thought proper; and they were sure that I was spoiling her, though I insisted, and it was true, too, that I was getting my half of the benefit every day, for it was a mutual school that Richardis and I had from the start. In the morning we addressed each other in German; in the afternoon in English, and the rule was that each should correct the other. She never minded when I laughed at her, but no matter how I floundered about in German, she would not allow herself so much as a smile at my expense, and always pulled me out of the bog in a respectful, even reverential, way.

It made me feel positively foolish at times to meet her worshipful glances. I knew she had idealized me into something so much better than I was. In the evening, after hearing her read, I used to set her at writing exercises in an English copy-book, while I went back to mother and the girls in the library. Sometimes a little later there would be a timid knock at the door, and Richardis would hand in a note she had written to me in her funny, mixed-up English.

At first I showed one or two of them to Helen and Lenore, but they quoted them to me so much that I was afraid Richardis might overhear; so after that I kept them, like the love letters they were, from every one except mother. She never laughed, and once she even cried a little. That was after reading the note that went like this:—

'Kleine Mutter,—I mus call it. You bin mutter to mir. Mos deer mutterchen. I lik rite you letter und I not kno English. I mus kno. Et iss misery ef I not kann. How sall I more say it. Et iss lov, lov on you all time von mir. Greeting on you.—Richardis.'

There are many like it in my desk—dear, funny little notes!

As the weeks went by I wondered more about the sorrow that kept showing through Richardis' smiles. I had noticed that, though she watched the mails eagerly, she received nothing, and once when I asked her whether she had any relatives, she answered that her father and mother were living in Germany. 'But in America—not one!' she added, straightening up and looking almost defiant.

Then came a morning when, after feeling wretchedly for a few days, I found myself too ill to rise. Old Dr. Maxwell called at once, and I could not help noticing how sharp his questions were, and how short a time he stayed in my room. He laid especial stress on the fact that I had spent a day in the city about two weeks earlier, and made me tell him exactly where I went and what I did. Then he nodded to mother, and they went out of my hearing. Afterward I knew that he called the family, including Richardis, into the library and began to ask when each one had been vaccinated.

As soon as the first shock of the horror was past they commenced to plan, and it was decided that Helen, who had already gone to her day's work in town, should be telegraphed to remain there.

'If she came she would have to stay, and that would expose her to danger, while she would be of comparatively little use to us,' Dr. Maxwell said. He knew very well that, since my father's death, Helen's position had meant the largest share of our little income. 'By all means,' he went on, 'have her stay where she is until the house is free from contagion. Now, about you and Miss Lenore, Mrs. Blakeslee.'

'I shall stay with my daughter,' mother said. (Lenore told me all about it afterward, word for word.)

'But you're not strong enough to nurse her alone. Now, I advise this: I will risk taking Lenore home with me to stay until the trouble is over, and I'll send to the city for some one to help you. There are nurses whose regular business is to take charge of this kind of case.'

Mother and Lenore both shuddered.

'I shall not leave Janet,' Dr. Maxwell, Lenore said suddenly. Bless her heart! Mother says she turned quite pale when she said it too. Lenore's complexion is a marvel.

'Indeed you shall leave her!' the doctor said. Lenore is not strong, and, besides, she is his favorite among us all.

At that moment Richardis, who had been standing silent and forgotten, went down on her knees in the midst of the group.

'I mus say! I not can keep still!' she cried.

'Why, Rigga!' mother said. 'You need not stay an hour if you are afraid. You are right to go.'

'No, no!' she answered. 'You not un'stan! I not haf fear! I vill bleiben. I vill take care litta mutter! Oh, lats' mich. Bitte! Bitte! Fraulein Lenore! Herr doctor! Mutter! I beg. Ach! I not can say auf Englisch, aber I beg.'

Mother's eyes were full of tears by that time, and all she could say was: 'There, there, Rigga!' But Dr. Maxwell, after one keen look at Richardis, asked:

'Well, why not?'

'Janet loves her,' mother said, half to herself; but Richardis understood.

'Oh,' she murmured, 'I not so good for dat. Ich vill sterben, aber, ef I not bin by litta mutter. I mus do it.'

So it was settled. Lenore, much against her will, was bundled off to Dr. Maxwell's, and mother, and Richardis stayed with me.

We went into quarantine at once. Provisions were left outside the gate, and people walked blocks to avoid passing our place. There was talk of forcing mother to send me away somewhere, but our grounds were large, and Dr. Maxwell managed that somehow. Stories spread and grew, until the gossips had us all down with a malignant form of the disease, doing every careless thing we could to scatter contagion, and it was only by the efforts of a stout-hearted few, who cared more for us than for a sensation, that the village panic was kept down.

But for days I knew nothing of these outside happenings. Even the memory of what went on within my darkened room is more of a vague nightmare than a reality. These were sheets wet with disinfectants, I know, flapping in the doorways and windows, and there were suffering and fever and delirium, but through it all ran the sense of Richardis' quiet, hopeful, tender presence. I shall never forget the thrill of relief that used to come when my burning hand was folded between her strong, cool palms.

Dr. Maxwell told me afterward that she was in despair at the thought of my face being disfigured until he told her how it might be prevented, when she began following his suggestions with a persistency that he never saw equalled.

'That's the way she did everything,' he added.

'Your mother gave you up from the first, and I almost gave you up at the last, but Richardis never gave you up at all.'

Lenore sent daily bulletins to Helen, who, rebellious at her exile, wrote anxious, lonesome letters in reply. The days dragged into weeks, and, to our joy, no one else contracted the disease.

At last, when I was really convalescent and the quarantine was lifted so that we could all be together again in a joyful reunion, Dr. Maxwell said one morning that his final prescription would be some long drives behind his old white horse—the first to be taken that very afternoon. 'And Richardis must be your driver,' he said.

We all guessed that he had been touched by her devotion to me, and that he chose this way of showing his appreciation.

The summer was in its prime, and it seemed to me that every separate flower and leaf in all outdoors was looking its sweetest just for us. Richardis did not ask where we should go, but turned the horse's head away from the village, and soon we were jogging gently along a shady country road.

I sat silent for a long while, feeling thankful. At last Richardis said softly:

'Litta mutter, I mus tell.'

'Must tell what, Richardis?'

She was very solemn. 'I haf vun sester in America.'

'Why, Richardis, you said—'

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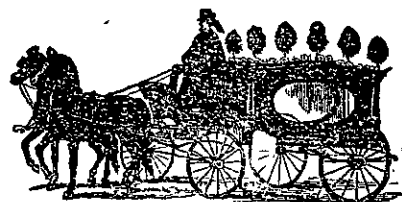
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"Oh, little mutter, vat you think I shall do it? Dat iss good mann, aber dat mann iss not for me. I mus sa no, so soon I can spik it!"

She stopped for a minute, but hurried on, in her curious mixture of English and German, with her 'mys' and 'meines' tumbling over each other, to tell how angry her sister had been at her refusal. She had even gone so far as to write, asking their parents not to notice Richardis' letters until she should promise to obey, and had told Richardis that their father, in answering, sent word to her that if she wanted to be their child and have their love she must do as her older sister said.

Richardis had written, again and again, to both father and mother without receiving a reply, and at last, sick at heart and really afraid that she would be forced into the dreaded marriage, she had run away to the village one night, and had found a position for a few weeks in the German boarding house from which she had come to us. Apparently her sister had dropped the matter then, for she had never tried to follow her. Richardis said that when she first came to us she could not bear to tell me that her parents had disowned her, because she was afraid I would think she was a wicked daughter, but afterwards, when I was so ill, she wished she had confessed it all.

"So," she finished, "I have vun sester in America. S'e iss meine sester. I know dat. I bin sorry s'e iss bese auf mich und I not can help dat, but oh, little mutter, tell vat I shall do it, ven my fater und meine mutter vill me not more luf?"

Her voice choked and her eyes were full of tears. I reached for her hand. "You poor child! I cried, and then—I cannot remember what then. There was a sudden rushing and pounding behind us, and a voice screamed. Richardis looked over her shoulder and jumped to her feet in a flash. The same instant I felt her strong arms seize me and cast me bodily out of the carriage, and after that there was a time when everything was black.

My poor Richardis! They had thought her dead when they first drew her out of that mass of wreckage in the deep ditch by the roadside, but now she was moaning pitifully, and she knew me as soon as I knelt beside her. Gradually I was comprehending what had happened. That mass in the ditch was Dr. Maxwell's buggy, and I heard some men who had gathered around saying that they would have to shoot his horse. The great automobile, which stood there like a disabled monster, had come whizzing like mad down the main highway, and had slowed up barely enough to turn the corner into the bit of narrow road where we, hidden from it by a grove until it turned the corner, were jogging along, too much absorbed in our own thoughts to realise danger.

The chauffeur was an inexperienced boy, out for a frolic with a party of reckless friends, and when he had suddenly seen us close ahead of him and had realised that there was no room to pass, he had lost his head completely. Instead of throwing the lever that would stop the machine, as he meant to do, he had done exactly the opposite, and, to the horror of all in the car, it had shot forward and crashed with all its tremendous weight into the rear of our buggy.

But between that one swift glance over her shoulder and the final crash Richardis had saved my life. The men on the auto had jumped when they had seen the danger, and, strangely enough, none of them was seriously injured. Little Richardis had suffered for us all.

How we managed to get her home I scarcely know. Somebody brought a wagon with a cot in it, and at last we had her lying on my bed, with Dr. Maxwell bending over her. One look at his face, after he had finished his examination, took away my hope, and from that moment I did not leave her side.

She was not conscious all the time, but there were moments when she seemed to understand everything, and in one of them she whispered a wish to me. I told mother, and she hurried to send a messenger to Richardis' sister.

As soon as horse's feet could bring her she was there. She was a hard-faced woman, but she went on her knees beside her little sister and sobbed bitterly. She confessed that there had been loving answers to all of Richardis' letters home, but that she had managed to get and keep them in the hope of influencing her sister to marry as she had planned. She promised solemnly that she would tell their parents all the truth, and said that they had never really written one of the unkind things she had quoted from their letters; that they loved Richardis more than any other child.

Richardis lay with closed eyes. We were afraid she was not hearing, but she was, for one of her hands wavered out and rested on her sister's head. "Et iss luf in my heart to you," she said, with an effort. "Ven meine fater und meine mutter not hate me, I bin happy."

Dr. Maxwell led the sobbing woman into the other room and came back quickly. I knew what his expression meant, and I bent closer over Richardis. Suddenly her fingers clasped mine more tightly, and her eyes opened and looked straight into mine with a strange, deep gaze. "Et iss something I will say," she whispered. "I not know how. I not can tell it. Oh, little mutter, I—am—yours!"

My tears fell on her face as I kissed her, but even then she was past heeding kisses or tears.

A few days later there was a new-made grave in our own family lot in the village cemetery. That is the chapter. There are other happier ones to follow it, I know—and some day I shall read beyond that little grave in the story of my Richardis.—"The Advance."

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Current Topics

'Love' and 'Liberty'

Auckland has the privilege of publishing an interesting 'Christian' journal which, like the Bernini school of sculpture, seems to have arisen in a storm. It is conducted by church-people—for the glory of God. Here is one of its mottoes from the current issue:—

'We maintain that in matters of opinion, matters of expediency, and methods of labor, there should be entire liberty of expression and practice, providing (sic) always that everything is done in subjection to the all-important law of love.—I Cor. 13.'

In the same issue this 'all-important law of love' and 'entire liberty of expression and practice' are put into operation in the course of an editorial article that is (so to speak) filled with 'fire, hail, snow, ice, and stormy winds'. The editor refers to the 'well-known Christian charity' which moved the 'yellow' section of the Auckland population to refrain from boycotting those 'weak-kneed Protestants' who showed a half-hearted, apologetic, or unpugnacious opposition to Home Rule during the visit of the Irish Delegates. He then grills the 'weak-kneed' ones to the following lively tune:—

'But we are now beginning to feel that this particular kind of charity has about exhausted itself—has reached its limit, and signs are not wanting of the desire to call into requisition a stern boycott of those traitorous Protestants who have traded so shamefully upon our assumed simplicity. And this will be the dawning of a brighter day for Protestantism, liberty, and righteousness.'

Alice in Looking-glass Land was puzzled full sorely when Humpty Dumpty made the word 'glory' mean 'a nice knock-down argument', and made 'impenetrability' signify 'We've had enough of the subject, and it would be just as well if you'd mention what you mean to do next, as I suppose you don't mean to stop here all the rest of your life'. Well, there are probably a few people in Auckland just how who are racking their brains to discover how such strange, new meanings came into the terms 'liberty', 'righteousness', 'love', and 'entire liberty of expression and practice'. Does the Auckland 'Christian' journal, like Humpty Dumpty, give these words extra pay for extra work?

A University Question

Sweet are the uses of agitation. It can even slay an old and vast monopoly, as patience is said to kill the doughty giant despair. Yet such monopolies die hard, and 'pass out' with the wild and furious 'flurry' of the harpioned whale. After forty years of strenuous pressure and protest, Irish Catholics are, it seems, at last to be placed, in the matter of university education, on somewhat like a fair footing with their Protestant fellow-countrymen. The intentions of the Government were outlined in sufficient detail in our last issue. It took nearly half a century of arguing with stocks and stones to convince statesmen on the other side of the water that the Catholic claims are not (as Lord Dunraven said) 'the bugbear they seem to ill-informed people'. The Irish Catholic Hierarchy formally assented to the following exposition of the case by the same noble Lord:—

'There is no question of a Catholic University, or of the proscription of any kind of learning, or of a College exclusively for Roman Catholics, or of a College to every post and emolument of which a Protestant may not aspire.'

And now there looms in sight the end of the long struggle to secure for Irish Catholics a University training apart from the intensely Protestant atmosphere and traditions of Trinity College, Dublin. The moral of

it all is this: that 'tis dogged that wins; and that we must 'learn to labor and to wait'. Time is on the side of every good cause that has a long, hard, desert road to travel to reach its Mount of Vision. Even total failure were better in such a cause than the hopelessness that sits still with folded hands and sewn-up lips. But in the dictionary of God's good work there is no such word as 'Failure'.

'There lives a Judge
To whose all-pondering mind a noble aim
Faithfully kept is as a noble deed'.

In His pure sight all virtue, and all noble effort, succeed. The success may come as to the immediate object of patient striving. But is there no other measure of success but the conventional one of achievement along the one chalked line of single effort? Ask the Saints. And ask the Scientists.

After Many Years

Now you see him; and now—pht!—he's gone with the click and squeak of a Jack-in-the-Box. We refer, of course, to the 'Romish' priest who accidentally 'discovered' a Bible ('a new book to him'), read it, and forthwith renounced 'Popery' and became a 'Christian'. For a long time past he has been 'lost or mislaid, stolen or strayed'. But now he has (so an Auckland religious monthly tells us) materialised once more. As usual, he has reappeared in a happy land, far, far away—this time in Bohemia. And—again as usual—he is a sort of 'chimæra bombinans in vacuo'. He has no name, no history, and no address—no sign-board, no label, no father, no mother, no home, no country. Or if he has, these are dark secrets which the narrator cautiously keeps to himself—entre soi et soi-meme. 'Spec's he just growed, like Topsy—or (vastly more probably) 'growed' like the story of the Fakenham Ghost. At any rate, the word 'Fake' seems written very large across the tale.

Two Agitations

The Reformed denominations in Victoria were not happy till they had public instruction secularised there in 1872. The measure was swept through Parliament on a tornado of anti-Catholic invective. The true color of the supporters of the Bill (said the Hon. Thomas Howard Fellowes at the time) was 'an Orange banner blazoned with "No-Popery."'. The measure failed to effect its purpose—which (as Mr. Wilberforce Stephen said) was to 'rend the Catholics asunder' ('Argus,' June 26, 1872). And now the very same forces are at work, under the same old saffron banner, and with the same old methods of vituperation, to un-secularise the public schools and make them in effect the Sunday-schools of the various Protestant denominations. Nay, a raucous cry for the compulsory closing of all Catholic schools has gone up from the mouth of the interesting gentleman whom a Sydney weekly describes as 'the woolly-headed microbe who bosses the Orange lodge in Victoria.' The incident is referred to here as indicating the temper of the movement for sectarianising the public schools of Victoria, and compelling Catholics to pay a part of the expenses of the process.

In all the years since 1872, the clerical agitators have been too tired to impart instruction in the schools. There is a Hottentot saying that 'labor kills a man but strengthens a woman.' There is a good deal of such Hottentot philosophy among the non-Catholic clergy when there is a question of laboring for the souls of the little ones in the secularist public schools. 'Let the Bible', says the Archbishop of Melbourne, 'be taught out of school hours by the representatives of the different denominations.' Abundant opportunities are already afforded for this purpose. During four different periods of the day, namely, (a)

before the first school session, (b) at the end of the first session, (c) before the second session, and (d) at the end of the second session, religious instruction may be given at present in State schools. These ample opportunities do not satisfy those whose great ambition is to Protestantise the State schools, to transfer from their own shoulders to the State the duty of giving religious instruction, and to lay the foundation of a State religion.

Varia

The February number of 'Evangelical Christendom' (a non-Catholic missionary organ) has been placed in our hands by an esteemed Northern friend. In tone and substance it is a refreshing contrast to another non-Catholic religious organ which reposes upon our desk, and which is a potent reminiscence of the old electioneering days, when rotten eggs were considered sound arguments. The missionary organ makes as a rule not unkindly reference to Catholics; the other speaks poniards, and every word stabs; and if (as Shakespeare said of a bitter tongue) its breath were as terrible as its language, it would infect the polar star. The missionary journal states (on the authority of 'the latest and most trustworthy statistics') that there are in the world 272,000,000 Catholics and 166,000,000 Protestants. 'The unhappy and lamentable divisions which exist amongst the Christians are', says one earnest writer in its columns, 'the chief hindrances to the members growing into the likeness of their Lord and Master'. In Madrid (according to another writer) four such incompatible foreign denominations as the Anglicans, Presbyterians, Baptists, and Lutherans unite at times in public prayer. 'No better proof', says the writer, 'could be given of the absolute unity in faith and aims of these different denominations—an 'absolute unity in faith and aims' which (the writer hints) is far finer-spun and better-knit than 'the alleged uniformity of Roman Catholicism'. For the rest, we are interested in the information, given at first hand, that Catholic Poles are very refractory to Evangelical preaching, and that in Roumania 'the Roman Church has a huge propaganda, and is sweeping many into its net'.

The Wise

In the missionary journal mentioned in the last paragraph, there occurs a condemnatory reference to the use of incense and lighted candles in processions in Spain. It recalls to our mind the reply which an Anglican clergyman made some years ago when admonished to abandon these 'distinctly unwise' adjuncts to ceremonial, in deference to the 'opinion' of his archbishop. 'In the New Testament', wrote the clergyman in reply, 'only two classes of people are specially termed wise—the Wise Men, who offered incense ceremonially, and the Wise Virgins, who carried processional lights'.

'Distinctly unwise!' That deft reply is dynamite to the Evangelical, as it was to the archiepiscopal, 'opinion'.

Home Rule

Even Bismarck—the 'man of blood and iron'—declared in the German Imperial Parliament in 1879 that 'no real statesman desires to make combat a permanent institution'—ever since the Union, which (says Lécky) has left to the hapless western isle 'a legacy of enduring bitterness'. John Bright said shortly after the Great Famine:—

'You have toiled at this Irish difficulty session after session, and some of you have grown almost from boyhood to grey-headed old men since it first met you in your legislative career. And yet there is not in ancient or modern history a picture so humiliating as that which Ireland presents to the world at this moment'.

The picture is as true to-day as it was in the days of the coffin-ships, when the great tribune of the

British people spoke. Now at length an effort is about to be made to govern Ireland somewhat in accordance with Irish ideas, and to abandon the policy of combat and repression that has been pursued towards the Cinderella nation ever since the day when the Act of Union was carried 'by force and fraud'. 'No party', says last Saturday's Dunedin 'Evening Star', can hope to block a reform the failure to remedy which has ceased to be a duty, and is fast becoming a scandal. Men of all parties and creeds are agreed upon the necessity of change. Ireland to-day is a reflection alike upon the wisdom and common sense of the nation of which she forms a part. It has ever been so. England has never, whether under Catholic or Protestant domination, ruled her near neighbor successfully. The rollicking humor and defiance of the people was happily expressed in that famous ballad which in 1688 was roared forth at every camp fire and barrack the country over:

"Dare was an old prophecy found in a bog,
Lillibulero, bullen a-la,
Ireland shall be ruled by an ass and a dog,
Lillibulero, bullen a-la,
And now dis prophecy is come to pass,
Lillibulero, bullen a-la,
For Talbot's de dog and James is de ass,
Lillibulero, bullen a-la."

'And', adds our local evening contemporary, 'the dog and the ass are not yet expelled'.

In France

How times are changed! Only a few months ago the atheistic news agencies in Paris held possession of the submarine cable and made its atoms vibrate to the ends of the earth with gross and persistent misrepresentations of the real situations as between the Church and the Christ-hunters in France. Falsehood (as an eastern proverb has it) skips round the earth while truth is getting her shoes on. It was even so in the present case. But you cannot deceive all the people all the time. The great body of the secular press throughout the world now at length realises that the struggle in France is not a mere conflict of interests between Church and State, but a war of no-quarter which official atheism is waging against Christianity. The game is up. And so 'the cold chain of silence' has fallen on the atheistic strand in the French cable. And yet there is much—that is even sensational—to tell. A state approaching that of civil war exists, for instance, over wide regions of France. All Brittany, for instance, is 'up' against the seizure of its churches, seminaries, and ecclesiastical dwellings. At S. Anne d'Auray, over 20,000 persons assembled to defend their beloved shrine. It took 4000 armed soldiers to break down the barricades and seize the sacred edifice. In another town 150 persons were wounded—a record that resembles some of the 'great' battles of the South African war. Page after page of 'Le Nouvelliste de Bretagne' (a daily paper published at Rennes)—numerous copies of which are before us—is filled with reports of such great popular demonstrations against those who are 'hunting Christ' out of the country and seizing churches, and driving bishops and clergy out of their dwellings and students out of the seminaries at the point of the bayonet. But on these matters, the Paris cable agencies—so glib and voluble a few weeks ago—are now (at least as regards New Zealand) as silent as the Sphinx.

In Old Madrid

Christ-hunting is neither so easy nor so profitable a pastime for Freemason politicians south, as it is north, of the Pyrenees. Five Ministries went beneath the surface in a few months over an effort to penalise—some more, some less—the religious Orders. And last week came the brief but momentous announcement by cable from Madrid: 'The Spanish Conservatives triumphed at the elections.' In the last Parliament they

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numbered over a hundred in a Lower House of 405 members. To-day they hold, it appears, the reins of power. The elections were brought out on the religious issue. And the result is a reeling blow to the faction of enemies of religion in the Spanish Cortes. Well, even Satan (says Milton)

'Gives not o'er, though desperate of success.'

But with the eloquent, learned, and pious Senor Maura (the most brilliant lawyer in Spain) at the head of the triumphant party, with the Dynastic Liberals at his side, and with the feelings of a great Catholic population at his back, we may safely predict that there is for many a year to come little to fear from the anti-religious animosities of the Republican faction there. Writing some weeks ago, the London 'Daily Graphic' shrewdly predicted that the popular reaction against the anti-clerical policy 'will probably end in a long tenure of office by the Conservatives.' Then, it adds:—

'This is an instructive object-lesson in the unwisdom of concluding too hastily from the attitude of the French people that the Church of Rome is a decadent force which only requires to be resolutely attacked in order to disappear altogether. That this is a delusion is shown not only by the attachment which the great bulk of the Spanish people still feel for the Church, but still more strikingly by the orthodoxy and solidarity of the more cultured German Catholics, as illustrated by the stand they have made during the recent elections in the Fatherland.'

It looks as if a chapter of Belgian history is about to be repeated further south. For the moral and material well-being of Spain, this is a consummation devoutly to be desired.

PIUS X. AND THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

A LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

His Holiness Pope Pius X. (writes the special correspondent of the 'Catholic Times') has addressed the following letter to Cardinal Cassetta, Honorary President and Protector of the Society of St. Jerome for the diffusion of the Gospels.

Venerable Brother, Health and the Apostolic Benediction.

We who, when we were Patriarch of Venice, blessed the pious Society of St. Jerome and formed good wishes for it, looking at it now after a few years from the Supreme Chair of the Church, find satisfaction in seeing how it has made so much progress in a short time and has been the instrument of so many signal advantages. For the Society of St. Jerome has not only circulated its edition of the Gospels throughout Italy, founding in the Peninsula three centres of action in order to carry out its intention more effectively, but has penetrated America, sending its books wherever Italian is spoken and benefiting emigrants in a special manner. It must certainly be acknowledged that the fact of having published and circulated amongst the people, with fitting discretion, nearly five hundred thousand copies of the Gospels, constitutes a splendid proof of the extraordinary zeal displayed by the members in this undertaking and of the vast field of operations embraced by the Society. It is a fact which is manifestly worthy of admiration—all the more so inasmuch as the means at the disposal of the Society are very limited. It is also a consoling fact; and one of good augury, having regard to the object of the Association—to offer to all the opportunity and facilities for reading and meditating upon the Gospels, regard being had in particular to the special needs of our age, in which, as compared with other times, the avidity for reading is too great and not without loss to souls. It is likewise a most salutary fact, not only in itself as connected with a narrative possessing Divine force—that is to say, the account of the life of Jesus Christ, than which nothing can be conceived more eminently efficacious for leading us to sanctity—but it is also and chiefly most useful because it renders a notable service to the magisterium of the Church, since the reading of the Gospels prepares minds to welcome the announcement of the Divine Word, and when the sacred text is previously read the explanations

of the Gospel by the parish priests are better impressed on the memory and ripen more fully. We desire to add that in times such as these it is not the least of the advantages of such publications that it can be said that through their circulation and the reading of them subsequently the echo of the voice of God reaches even those unfortunate people who through despair, or hatred, or prejudice avoid all contact with the priest—an advantage which, in our eyes, is precious and most desirable, inasmuch as it affords the means of ensuring the salvation of souls, if not with the voice, at least through books, and of healing by the teachings associated with the life of Christ, the evils of society and of individuals. We know with what earnestness the Society of St. Jerome performs its work, and we therefore deem it superfluous to address to the members recommendations and exhortations to go forward with increasing alacrity in their undertaking. If it is desired that the Society should advance more profitably day by day, let this maxim be borne in mind—that of all undertakings none is more useful than that which is best suited to the times, and that when a work has proved so highly beneficial in the course of a few years it is necessary that exertions in its favor should be redoubled. Where, then, the Association has created amongst the people so much eagerness for the reading of the Gospels, it should foster and strengthen it by continually increasing the number of copies of the Gospels, convinced that the increase will have good results, not to speak of the advantage of disposing of the well-known prejudice that the Church does not wish to permit or hinder the reading of the Sacred Scriptures in the vulgar tongue. And as it is of the greatest moment not merely to keep in view the accomplishment of the object mentioned in preference to any other which may present itself to the zeal of the Society, but likewise to bring all the united forces to bear upon it, it will be well that the Society should regard as a sufficient field of labor the publication of the Gospels and of the Acts of the Apostles.

Be it yours then, Venerable Brother, to promote by the prestige of your authority and by the wisdom of your counsels the growth of a work which we have so much at heart, and it is for the members to continue to devote themselves to this work as they have been doing—that is, with the greatest diligence and the noblest enthusiasm. From the moment when we proposed to ourselves to restore everything in Christ Jesus, we could desire nothing better than the introduction amongst the Faithful of the custom of reading the Holy Gospels, not merely often but daily, as their reading shows and makes known clearly in what way the desired revival can and should be attained. As a presage of Heavenly graces and a pledge of our goodwill we impart the Apostolic Benediction in the Lord with all our heart to you, to the members, and to all who shall help the Society.

Given at Rome on the 21st January, 1907, the fourth year of our Pontificate.

PIUS X. POPE.

CATHOLIC SPAIN

(Concluded from last week.)

Sunny Spain is at her best in May and June. The Corpus Christi very seldom falls in May, so we naturally look for this great, grand festival in the sweet month of June. Days before the eventful Feast elaborate preparations are made for the due solemnity of the occasion. On the eve especially is observed the greatest of preparations, for on the following day is not the King of the Universe going to pass through the streets, blessing the multitude and their homes? The line of route, some two miles in circumference, is especially decorated. The streets are covered with sand, and every house is bedecked with bunting and rich tapestry. The morn of

Corpus Christi

dawns with everything perfect as regards atmospheric conditions. The military are alert everywhere, marching to the places assigned to them. The entire line of route is guarded by the different branches of the service. At ten o'clock the procession starts from the Cathedral amid a salvo of artillery. First come a strong mounted body of the Guardia Civil, followed by Dragoons. All church bells are rung and the massed bands strike up the National Anthem 'La Marcha Real.' Next come as on Good Friday the schools, sodalities, and confraternities all singing the 'Pange

WHENEVER you see a Smiling Woman, think of Hondai-Lanka Tea! It always gives pleasure.

"HONDEE Launka" is see so-much used tea of see family. Madam, she praise it—so eet is "tres bon"!

Lingua.' Magnificent statues of the Sacred Heart, of Our Lady, bedecked with jewels and regal garments, are borne by men of splendid physique. Beautiful Spanish maidens carry splendid banners of Spain's principal Saints, St. James of Compostella, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Teresa, St. Peter of Alcantara, St. Isidore, etc. More soldiers, more music, and then begins the long line of clergy, two deep. Then follow the 'Beneficiarios' and the Chapter of the Cathedral. It is now possible to hear the ringing of handbells announcing the near approach of His Majesty the King of Heaven and of earth. On their knees go all foot-soldiers and civilians. Mounted men lower arms. Dear little children are throwing flowers on the sanded ground over which our Saviour is about to pass. The little ones' baskets get replenished by bystanders at different points of the route. The bell ringing becomes more distinct, the strong bodyguard of Dragoons come in sight, and lo! you see the superb Chariot of four wheels, one shaft, and lofty dome, all silver and gold, drawn by Camons of the Cathedral and pushed by them. Under the beautiful dome-canopy and firmly set is the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament. In front of Our Dear Lord, on either side of Him, and behind Him, kneel His faithful Spanish subjects. The highest and lowest in the land on bended knees receive His blessing. The air is full of the fragrance of incense and flower, the people are overflowed with joy, military bands play the National Anthem, church bells are lustily rung, and the salvos of artillery are unmistakable signs that earth knows that the King of Kings is on His journey to bless and sanctify His people and their home. Immediately behind the Chariot walk the saintly Archbishop and his assistants. A strong mounted body of troops closes the procession. On goes the procession in the same routine until it returns to the Cathedral, where Benediction is given by the Archbishop. It is most soul-inspiring and most edifying, not only to see the people turn out in their thousands to do homage to the King, but to witness the great and grand display made by the military. It can be relied on that no larger turnout of troops would be effected were King Edward of England to visit any of the Spanish cities. The foregoing is a very meagre account of Corpus Christi in Spain; the speaker sadly needs the beautiful powers of the gifted and talented lady, Mrs. Jeffrey, who has so ably depicted in the 'Catholic Times,' her impressions of the observance of this great festival. Mrs. Jeffrey's descriptions are of the South, the speaker's are of the North of Spain. Our next theme is

All Souls' Day.

The Spanish heart is alternately gay and sad. Joyous at Corpus Christi and such like great feasts, and sad in Holy Week and on the Second of November. If any nation honors its dead it is Catholic Spain. Walk out to the Campo Santo, or Cemetery, on the afternoon of All Saints' Day, and see there the hundreds of people. Not there merely from curiosity but there with prayers on their lips and in their hearts for their dear ones departed. Here, you will see little orphans kneeling at the grave of their dear parents; there, parents mourning the loss of their children. Here, a group of pious people saying the Rosary; and there, others reciting the Litany of the Dead. In the mausolea, and there are many, preparations are being made for the Holy Masses that will be said therein on the morrow. On the morning of All Souls' Day, the churches are packed with good pious worshippers, most of whom will stay for the three Masses a priest is allowed, but not compelled, to celebrate on this great festival. Leave your parish church and go to the Campo Santo. Holy Mass is going on unceasingly for hours in the mausolea. The little crypt contains a few privileged relatives, but is surrounded by a goodly throng of worshippers. Prayer, prayer, everywhere. Masses, Rosaries, and Litanies, all ascending to Heaven for help for those who are dearest to them and needing their prayers. Of course, the Masses cease at mid-day, but not the other devotions. By no means. Go home and have your mid-day collation, and after it, a whisper in your ears tells you to take your afternoon walk, not in the promenades, but to God's Acre. That is the place, and that is the place where you will see the same faces you observed on the previous afternoon, and on that morning. They are still there, and likely to be there till darkness sets in and tells them to go home. Sad in heart but joyful in the intercession of Our Lady on behalf of their dear ones, the Spaniards retire for the night.

The Passing Bell.

The streets are dirty and sloppy after a heavy downpour of rain. Walking down a street, what is it that attracts your notice? 'Aqui viene Su Majestad!' you hear the bystanders remark: Here comes His

Majesty. He comes forth from His Tabernacle to console some dying person. The tinkling of a little handbell announces the approach of the priest and his escort. Here they come, and here they go on their knees every man, woman and child. Passing vehicles stop and the drivers of them dismount and kneel in the wet road. There is the priest in cassock, surplice, and cope, carrying the Sacred Pyx. He is preceded by two small altar boys carrying lighted candles (in glass cases), and ringing handbells. On either side of him walks a soldier with fixed bayonet, and loaded carbine. The holy priest with his Precious Burden passes by, and those good Spaniards who can spare the time, invariably follow him to the dwelling of the sick person. On a certain feast-day, a dance was in progress on one of the greens. Soldiers and civilians all mixed up and engrossed in gaiety, and dancing to the strains of the national guitar. Maidens dressed in all the colors of the rainbow, and men arrayed in the picturesque garb of the toreador. In the height of all this fun and gaiety, there was heard the tinkling of a bell. Full well does our faithful Spaniard, God bless him, know the meaning of that sound. Where, where, is it! Which way is it coming! Ah! here it is; here comes His Majesty: here comes Our Lord on His errand of mercy. What happened! Did these people go on with their dancing and merrymaking? No; God forbid that a Spaniard should turn his back on the Blessed Sacrament. The musicians jumped down from their pedestals, and the whole congregation, it may be termed, flew from the green to the sides of the road by which the little procession was to pass. There is the priest again, and his boy escort and his military protection. On their knees go our pious Spaniards to do homage to, and receive the blessing from, Our Divine Lord. When the procession was past, did these people return to their dancing? Not they; they closed in behind the priest and followed him to the end of his journey. Never was a speedier display of rosaries made than on that occasion. It is no difficulty for a Spaniard to find

His Rosary,

for it is always about his person. On another occasion a drizzling rain was much in evidence, but that is no drawback to the priest on his sick call. Protected by an umbrella held over him by a gentleman, and accompanied with his usual escort, the priest was going down a wide thoroughfare when a carriage and pair was seen approaching. Did the driver pass on and take no heed? No; he pulls up, alights from his box, and opens the carriage door for the occupant to get out. The gentleman gets out and offers his carriage to the wet priest and his Sacred Charge. The priest enters, the altar boys walk in front of the vehicle, the driver walks at the mules' heads, and a soldier walks on either side of the carriage, and the owner of the carriage walks behind it. What faith! It is the custom in Spain when a priest receives a sick call, for notice to be sent to the nearest barracks for an escort, and at once two are told off for that purpose. There may be a doubt in the minds of some people as to whether the carbines are loaded or not, or were they carried as a military display. The speaker was soon put at ease on this point when questioning an officer. The rifles are loaded with ball cartridges, and a reserve is carried. Orders are given to the men to defend their Charge at the cost of their lives if necessary. There is no sham about us Spaniards, said the officer. Would we not jealously guard our earthly king were he to pass through the streets? Therefore we put a trustworthy guard on our Heavenly King, and we would turn out a whole regiment fully armed should there be suspicion of any trouble.

This is Catholic Spain!

Spain, termed the illiterate; Spain, the land of beggars; Spain the lonely, and the land to be despised and jeered at. Spain has not sold her heritage for a mess of pottage, but she has kept, and will keep, her faith, pure and unsullied. Spanish chivalry is not dead, it may be dormant, and Europe might some day be glad to make friends with the Peninsula. Of one thing we may be sure, and that is, if ever the Holy Father should want a home Spain will be at his feet; and if ever he should need Papal Zouaves, the Spanish army will be at his disposal. To the unbeliever, to the man who says there is no God, let the advice be—go to Spain; he will need no books, no theology, no counsel, but open eyes and keen observation. Let him observe the piety of the people in the cathedrals and out of them; in their houses and in their streets; in their cemeteries, and on their lawns, and observe their faith, especially when 'Su Majestad,' His Majesty the King of Heaven is on His way to the bedside of—perhaps a dying sinner.

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 23.

Mr. Stanley Hickson, the well known cricketer, is to be married next month to Miss Mary Ward, one of our lady tennis champions.

His Grace the Archbishop is to return this evening from a visit to the Wanganui district. On tomorrow afternoon he is to bless the new bell, given by Mrs. Grace for the Sacred Heart Basilica.

The Hon. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C., of Sydney, and President-General of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is in town, and is staying at the Royal Oak. He is to deliver an address in St. Patrick's Hall on Sunday evening after the church services, and will leave for the south on Monday evening.

The Provincial Chapter of the Marist Order, which has been in session since Wednesday, concluded its deliberations on Friday. The Chapter has selected the Very Rev. Father Lewis and the Rev. Father Hickson to go Home as its representatives. They will therefore accompany the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, the Marist Provincial.

Mr. J. J. O'Brien, secretary of the United Irish League, was entertained on Friday evening of last week by the members of the league and a large number of friends. Mr. O'Brien did good service at the time of the visit of the Irish delegates, and the occasion of his departure on a well-earned holiday to Australia was taken advantage of by members of the league to express their appreciation of his efforts. The gathering was, by the kind permission of the proprietor, held in Mr. Ross' private hotel, Ingestre street. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Carey Fitzgerald, vice-president of the league. The toast of 'Our Guest' was proposed by Mr. J. Finlay, and enthusiastically honored. A pleasant evening was spent in story and song.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

March 17.

Large congregations attended all the Masses today, the feast of St. Patrick. Despite the very heavy showers during the afternoon and evening there was a large congregation at Vespers, when the Very Rev. Father Keogh, Rector of St. Patrick's College, preached on Faith, and dealt with the history of St. Patrick and the planting of the Faith in Ireland.

At a meeting on Sunday night the committee having charge of the sports gathering, picnic, and national concert on Wednesday it was reported that all the arrangements were completed. The chairman, Mr. J. J. Fike, stated that he had met with a generous response on all sides in his canvass for trophies, etc., towards this the first children's picnic held in the parish. The half-holiday association met on Wednesday last, and unanimously agreed to close all shops from 12 o'clock on Wednesday in response to the requisition from the St. Patrick's sports committee.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

March 21.

The picnic for the children of the parish has been postponed to Easter Monday.

The members of St. Mary's Dramatic Club intend producing the 'Ticket-of-Leave Man' on Easter Monday.

Our local champion sculler, Webb, is now negotiating with Towns for a match for the championship of the world.

The funeral of the late Sister Clement took place on Sunday afternoon. After the first part of the funeral service at St. Mary's Church the body was taken to the cemetery. The funeral procession included all the parish societies and school children.—R.I.P.

Very Rev. Dean Grogan informed the congregation on Sunday that he had purchased a piece of land at the corner of Campbell and Guyton streets (late Dr. Tripe's property), as the future site for the Church. He asked those parishioners, who promised to give towards the Aramoho church, to fulfil their promises as quickly as possible.

St. Mary's Catholic Club's annual meeting will be held on Thursday evening, April 4, when all members and intending members are requested to attend. The quarterly Communion of the club will take place on Sunday, April 7.

Another of our old parishioners has passed away—Mrs. Ann Meehan—at the advanced age of 80 years. The deceased lady was born in County Mayo, and came to New Zealand with her husband in 1845, and had resided in Wanganui ever since, with the exception of a short period in Wellington. She was greatly respected by a large circle of friends, to whom she had endeared herself by her kindly and loving disposition. She leaves a family of eight surviving children, 36 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren, to mourn their loss. She was interred on Thursday at the Catholic Cemetery, when a large number attended the funeral.—R.I.P.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

March 16.

The social held on Wednesday evening last in the Garrison Hall in honor of St. Patrick's Day was successful beyond measure.

The Government have decided to acquire compulsorily for closer settlement the Te Ohu estate of 4650 acres, near Norsewood.

The recently formed Auckland syndicate, who have subscribed some £10,000 to work the copper lodes on the Ruahine Ranges, have commenced active operations.

A national concert is to be held at Waipawa on Monday evening next in honor of St. Patrick's Day. A social will also be held at Hastings on the same evening.

A meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Association was held last Sunday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the opening of the winter session. It was decided to hold a musical evening and a social in the Foresters' Hall on Tuesday evening next. The following officers were elected:—Committee, Messrs. J. Coe, P. Evans, T. P. Walsh, F. Mahoney, W. Sinden, T. Cunningham, and R. Willis; treasurer, Mr. J. P. Fortune; secretary, Mr. J. C. Gleeson. It is more than probable that a billiard table will be secured by the association in the immediate future.

New Plymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Father J. Ryan, of the Geraldton diocese, was the guest of Dean McKenna for a few days, and left for Auckland with the missionaries on Thursday evening.

Father MacManus has gone to Auckland to represent the local branch of the Hibernian Society at the triennial meeting now being held in the northern capital. He was accompanied by Father O'Dwyer, of Hawera, the delegate and chaplain of the Hibernian branch in that centre.

Our annual Catholic picnic took place last Thursday. It had been arranged to give the children a trip by train to Bellblock, but the idea had to be abandoned owing to the downpour of rain during the morning. The picnic was finally held in the Drill Hall, where a happy time was spent in games of all sorts.

Our new technical school is approaching completion and will be a great boon to the town and surrounding country. I have been informed that the Education Board has succeeded in securing the services of competent instructors to take charge of the various classes.

A very successful mission conducted by Very Rev. Father Clune and Rev. Father McDermott, of the Redemptorist Order, was brought to a close on Wednesday night in St. Joseph's Church. To preserve the fruits of the mission Father Clune reorganised the Sacred Heart Confraternity, and exhorted the members of the congregation to get enrolled in a body. A large number responded to his appeal, and doubtless many others will follow their example later on. The school children were enrolled earlier in the day by Father McDermott, when each child was presented with a badge of the Sacred Heart. The young men mustered splendidly during the mission and, under the direction of Father Clune, formed themselves into a Catholic Club. May this be the beginning of a forward movement in Church matters throughout the parish. The great Lacordaire always rested his hopes for the future of the Church upon the co-operation of the young men of France in his day, and its progress in New Zealand will, in a great measure, depend upon the intelligence, zeal, and piety of our young men.

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Very Rev. Father Power, Hawera, paid a short visit to New Plymouth during the course of the mission.

I must confess (writes a correspondent of the 'Taranaki Herald') that it was with some little feeling of curiosity that I went to hear Father Clune handle the drink question. Not that I was afraid he would not be interesting after listening to him on Sunday night, but so much twaddle is poured on the devoted heads of us common folk who are not able to voice our sentiments from the platform that one often wonders if any new thing can be said on the subject. Judge of my delight then with Father Clune, in his indictment of the drink traffic and fierce denunciation of the destroyer of the sanctity of the home and soul of the drunkard—his invectives were so vigorous and the language so well chosen—that I felt a positive thrill of pleasure. In his handling of the subject the illustrations were drawn from Scripture, common-sense, the religious, social and political aspect of man as a citizen. In his pleadings with the victims of the drink curse he rose to the sublimest heights of eloquence, and it was impossible to resist the conviction that here at least was one man who was in earnest. The picture drawn of the drunkard's home was harrowing and quite true as I know from observation, and when at the conclusion he appealed to those present to do the will of their Father in Heaven, I must confess I felt quite soft about the eyes, and wondered if any of those present would take his lesson to heart.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 25.

In the distribution of Exhibition awards for New Zealand wines the Meance Mission, Hawke's Bay, shows well to the fore, and has secured a gold medal for Burgundy (unfortified pure juice), gold medal for Marsala (liqueur wine), gold medal for altar wine, and for Burgundy of another class a silver medal.

Each Sunday at the Cathedral may be seen attending the eleven o'clock Mass a contingent of juvenile soldiers, representing the Catholic portion of the school cadets from various parts of the Colony, periodically in turn encamped in the grounds of the Exhibition.

Palm Sunday at the Cathedral was observed with the customary solemnity. Prior to the eleven o'clock Mass the palms were blessed and distributed by his Lordship the Bishop, attended by the Rev. Fathers O'Dwyer and Bonnetto. His Lordship, in touching and appropriate terms, referred to the first Palm Sunday and the lessons to be derived from the incidents connected with it, which Holy Church lovingly cherished, and throughout intervening centuries impressed upon her faithful adherents. The wonderful spirit of faith which prompted our forefathers to devote days and weeks to prayer and contemplation in observance of the most sadly mournful period of the world's history, which in our time was comparatively compressed into hours, was an object-lesson worthy of the emulation of all.

The record of attendance at the Exhibition is mounting steadily but surely to the limit of two millions, which the management fondly anticipate will be reached before the great show will pass into history. This week's chief attraction was the fire brigades' demonstration, which drew large crowds. The closing ceremonies on April 15 are intended to be very impressive, especially in view of the fact that the Australian Squadron will be in port probably at the time. If the Exhibition has served no other purpose, it has certainly proved the most effective advertisement the Colony has ever received. It is also fairly safe to conjecture that many years may elapse before there is another exhibition of like proportions in New Zealand, so that those who have not seen it should not lose the remaining opportunities of so doing. A visit will prove an experience they will not likely be sorry for.

Hokitika

(From our own correspondent.)

March 21.

A very successful mission, preached by the Rev. Fathers Bannon and Lowham, was brought to a close on Sunday night, when the church was crowded to the doors. As an outcome of the mission a Sacred Heart Sodality was formed in the parish.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 25.

On Thursday evening a large gathering assembled in the St. Andrew's Public Hall to welcome Rev. Father Tubman (who has just returned from a trip to the Old Land) to that part of his extensive parish. Mr. D. O'Callaghan presided, and after a short musical programme had been gone through, called upon Mr. A. Wilson to read an address of welcome. Many of the leading Catholics supplemented the words of greeting contained in the address, and Father Tubman in returning thanks gave a short summary of his interesting holiday tour.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

The Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., began a mission last Sunday morning in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Pa-nell, which was crowded. Throughout the week large numbers attend the morning and evening devotions. Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., is also laboring in the same parish.

On Monday last the visiting Hibernian delegates were entertained at luncheon at the Pacific Club by Bro. J. J. O'Brien, J.P., and the first district secretary of the H.A.C.B. Society in New Zealand. At the conclusion, on behalf of the visitors, Bro. Sellars, Dennehy, and Duggan thanked Bro. O'Brien, and Bro. Nerheny acted in like manner for the local members. Bro. O'Brien suitably replied.

A meeting was held in the Marist Brothers' School-room, Pitt street, last Tuesday evening, at which his Lordship the Bishop presided in the early portion of the evening. There were also present Rev. Father Holbrook, Rev. Father McManus (New Plymouth), Rev. Brother George, and a number of laymen from each parish gathered to hear the Hon. Mr. Heydon, M.L.C., of Sydney, explain the objects of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in connection with which he was desirous of forming a male branch in Auckland. Mr. Heydon was briefly introduced by the Bishop, who spoke in laudatory terms of the good work and noble purpose of the Society, and of which in Australia the Hon. Mr. Heydon was so earnest a worker. Mr. Heydon was warmly received, and explained at some length the rules and working of the Society. In every country under the sun it had its branches, all of which owed allegiance to the head body in Paris. In a particular manner it worked amongst the sailors, to many of whom it had brought spiritual comfort and happiness. To the deserving poor it had proved of incalculable benefit. He urged all present to form themselves into a branch of the Society. Rev. Father Holbrook also urged all present to become members. A motion to that effect was unanimously carried. Mr. C. Little was elected president; Mr. R. Casey, and Mr. T. Holbrook, vice-presidents; Mr. L. Smith, hon. sec.; and Mr. M. J. Sheahan, hon. treasurer. A collection was taken up, and a sum of nearly £3 10s was handed to the treasurer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to the Hon. Mr. Heydon for his efforts in promoting the branch. The Hon. gentleman in reply said the best way they could thank him was to make the branch here successful. It was decided to meet again next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at St. Patrick's Hall.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Wellington

(From our own correspondent.)

March 23.

The weather on Saturday last proved disappointing, and the sports held under the auspices of the local Hibernians and members of the Catholic Young Men's Club were to some extent spoiled by the rain. It is estimated that about 2000 people were present on the Basin Reserve, where the gathering was held. The arrangements from the athletic standpoint left nothing to be desired, but there was a noticeable absence of many of the items of a national character. A feature of the programme was an exhibition of la crosse, which promises to gain a fair share of popularity. The game is both fast and attractive. On Monday evening the weather was again decidedly un-

favorable, and the attendance at the concert in the Town Hall consequently suffered. Those who braved the elements were well repaid, for the programme submitted of Irish national airs was in the hands of excellent artists. Encores were the order of the evening. Miss Amy Murphy was heard to advantage in 'The minstrel boy,' 'The harp that once,' and 'Killarney.' She had to reappear after each of her items. Misses Morrison and Van Staveren, both very accomplished and promising vocalists, were similarly honored by an enthusiastic audience. Miss Morrison's items were 'Kathleen Mavourneen' and 'Rich' and rare were the gems she wore. Miss Van Staveren contributed 'The green Isle of Erin,' and the 'Irish lullaby.' Appreciative items were rendered by Messrs. Leslie Hill and C. Clarkson. The singing by Master Foote of 'The dear little shamrock' and other national melodies was received with great enthusiasm, and he had to reappear three times. The orchestral music was supplied by an orchestra under Mr. W. McLaughlan, who played most of the accompaniments, and acted as director of the concert. All concerned with the arrangement of the sports and concert are deserving of praise for the manner of their efforts. Had the weather been fine, the records of past years would have been easily eclipsed. A special word of praise is due to Mr. J. Callaghan for the zeal and energy he displayed in fostering and promoting both undertakings.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

The dramatic branch of St. Mary's Catholic Club staged the comedy, 'Confusion,' at the annual St. Patrick's Day entertainment, which was held in the Opera House on Monday evening, 18th inst. The weather was exceedingly wet and stormy, which militated considerably against the attendance. Nevertheless there was a fair audience, who enjoyed themselves immensely, judging by the applause. The play was well staged and admirably performed. Mrs. H. Glubb as Lucretia Tickleby fully maintained her reputation as a capable actress. Miss M. Peyman, who portrayed the part of Maria, was very good. Mr. H. Glubb acted in his usual easy and finished manner as Mortimer Mumbleford, while as Christopher Blizzard Mr. Thomas Mahoney sustained the favorable opinion already formed of him. Mr. J. Cook as James kept the audience highly amused, and the acting of Miss M. McKinnon as Rose was greatly admired. The minor parts were capably filled by Miss D. McLean (Violet), Mr. G. D'O (Rupert Sunbery), Mr. J. J. Logan (Dr. Jones), Mr. A. McLean (Michael Muzzle). The first part of the programme consisted of songs and instrumental items, which were well received, and was as follows: Overture, O'Hara's orchestra; Irish jig, Mr. Murphy; song, 'Cushla Macree,' Miss N. Dempsey; song, 'The bridge,' Mr. Sheehan (encored); song, 'Eileen Alannah,' Mrs. Thos. Lloyd; song, 'Home,' Mr. W. Pinches; violin solo, 'The lost chord,' Mr. Emison Gilby.

Hokitika

(From our own correspondent.)

A large and enthusiastic audience was present at the St. Patrick's Day concert, which was given in the Princess Theatre, the proceeds being in aid of the building fund of the new hall for the Catholic Debating Society. The principal musical and dramatic talent of the town assisted, and the result was an excellent entertainment. The musical portion of the programme opened with a selection by the Volunteer Band, followed by a piano duet, 'St. Patrick's Night,' played with great taste by Misses E. Daly and R. Bock. This was followed with a song, 'Home Rule,' by Miss Talnui, which was enthusiastically encored. Mr. Goodall gave a cornet solo, 'The minstrel boy,' for which he was recalled. The Rev. Father Galerne, of Reefton, sang 'Three leaves of shamrock.' The audience were delighted, and insisted on a double encore. Miss Leone Malfroy sang 'My Irish Molly O,' and was obliged to respond to a hearty encore. Mr. W. Bray followed with a comic song. Miss Annie Malfroy sang 'The meeting of the waters.' The orchestra, organised by the Rev. Father Aubrey, S.M., Messrs. Seymour and Bray, Misses K. Foster, U. and M. Sullivan, and N. O'Connor, played selections of Irish airs. Mr. Maloney was encored for his song. A hornpipe danced by Mr. Lavin concluded the first portion of the programme, and being loudly redemanded, he was obliged to respond. The accompanists were Mrs. C. Malfroy, Misses A. Daly, Seymour, and Mr. Heupel. Prior to the interval Mr. Toomey (president of the Debating Society) thanked the

Hokitika Volunteer Band and the other performers for their excellent concert and the audience for their generous support. He stated it was the Debating Society's desire to erect their own hall, and he thanked the Rev. Father Aubrey on their behalf for having donated to them a piece of land on which to erect the building. The performance concluded with a most amusing farce, 'The Irish Tiger,' in which Misses Allen, and Madeline Moore took part, and also Messrs. Pfeifer, Burrell, Breeze, Sellers, and Bock.

Hawera

(From an occasional correspondent.)

March 18.

Very Rev. Father Power had a great field day here on Sunday, March 17. He had a fine procession in honor of St. Patrick. A collection was taken up on behalf of the parish debt. The Rev. Father informed me this morning the indications are that the debt will be reduced by about £100 as a result.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 25.

The St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Timaru were confined to a children's picnic to Waimate. About 300 children and a good number of adults took part, and left by special train at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, returning about 8 p.m. Good prizes were given for the various races (children's and adults'), and refreshments were provided. The day was a most enjoyable one, and the committee (Rev. Father Finnerty being president and Mr. N. D. Mangos secretary) are to be complimented on the completeness of the arrangements.

Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

March 22.

The St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Auckland were blessed with glorious weather, and the demonstration to Motutapu of the children was eminently successful. The committee in future-like celebrations would do well if they were to provide more boats for the homeward journey. From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. is too long an interval to keep a huge crowd awaiting embarkation. With this exception the outing was all that could be desired. There must have been at least 5000 all told of excursionists on the island. The children as they marched through Queen street in their snow white dresses and profusion of green ribbon and rosettes, and bearing banners and bannerettes, accompanied by their teachers and three bands, evoked the highest encomiums from onlookers who lined the way. A well-known non-Catholic clergyman exclaimed: 'No other denomination in Auckland could turn out like this.' It was certainly creditable. At the island each of the four city parishes had its own tent from which good things were dispensed to the children by willing workers. The girls from the Star of the Sea Orphanage and the boys from Takapuna Orphanage were the objects of general admiration for their neat, tidy, and smart appearance. The latter went through a course of drill on the ground and won loud applause.

In the competitive drill for the possession of the banner the children from the Surry Hills convent school, under the Sisters of St. Joseph, wrested it from last year's winners (the children of the Sacred Heart Convent school, Ponsonby). The Bishop, the Very Rev. Father Chene, Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., all the local clergy, the Hon. Mr. Heydon, M.L.C., New South Wales, and the Hibernian delegates from all parts of the Colony were present.

On Sunday morning, St. Patrick's Day, the Hibernian Society's district officers, visiting delegates, and officers and members of the local branch attended a special Mass at 8.15 at the Cathedral and approached the Holy Table. There must have been close upon two hundred present. It was a fine sight. After Mass they marched in processional order from the church up Hobson street to the Hibernian Hall, where the breakfast was laid. His Lordship the Bishop presided, having on his right the new district president, Bro. T. Corbett, and the Hon. Mr. Heydon on his left. There were also present the Very Rev. Dean Hackett and Rev. Fathers Holbrook and Cahill. After breakfast his Lordship the Bishop briefly spoke, and expressed

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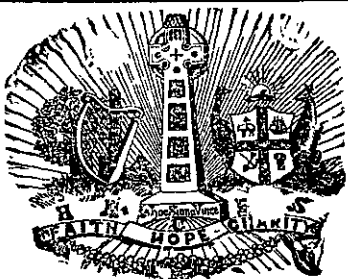
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March 25.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated London, 23rd inst.:—Mutton.—The market is slightly weaker, with less demand. Supplies are increasing, but there is a scarcity of prime quality. Canterbury mutton is quoted at 4d per lb; North Island brands at 3½d. Lambs.—The market is dull, and stocks on hand are heavy. The demand is expected to increase. Average price for Canterbury lambs is 5d per lb; other than Canterbury brand, 4½d. The beef market is dull, and the supply exceeds the demand. The average price is 3½d and 2½d for hind and forequarters respectively. Butter.—The market is steady, and prices are well maintained for choicest quality, owing to short supply. The market is dull for second-class quality, as the supply exceeds the demand. Current quotations are: Choicest New Zealand, 101s; Argentine, 100s; Victorian, 99s; Danish, 111s per cwt. Cheese.—The market is quiet and prices are slightly weaker, with less demand, at 65s per cwt. Hemp.—The market is rather unsettled, and prices are slightly weaker. Good fair grade on spot is quoted at £37 per ton; April-June shipment, £36; and fair current Manila, on spot, £39 per ton. Cocksfoot Seed.—The market is firm, but buyers are not keen to do business. There is, however, no pressure to sell. Current quotation is 52s per cwt of 17lb bright, clean-dressed seed.

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

Oats.—Supplies are not too plentiful, and prices remain firm at late rates. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 7d to 2s 7½d; good to best feed, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d; inferior to medium, 2s 4d to 2s 5½d per bushel.

Wheat.—The market remains firm, and quotations are as follow: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 5½d; medium, 3s 4d to 3s 4½d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Supplies are plentiful, and only those in good condition are readily placed. Quotations: Best, £4 to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 5s to £3 15s; stale and inferior, £2 10s to £3 per ton.

Chaff.—The market continues firm, and late values are well maintained. Prime oaten sheaf, £4 15s to £5; medium, £4 5s to £4 12s 6d; inferior, £3 10s per ton upwards.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was good attendance of buyers, and as most of the lots on offer were suitable for the local trade a fair clearance was effected. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—There is little change to report. Consignments are arriving sparingly, and nearly all offered for sale are readily taken on arrival at prices on a par with late quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 7d to 2s 7½d; good to best feed, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d; inferior to medium, 2s 4d to 2s 5½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is firm for all good to prime milling quality. Medium sorts are not much sought after. Fowl wheat is offering more freely, but has good demand both locally and for export. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 5½d; medium, 3s 4d to 3s 4½d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Supplies are still arriving, and only those in best condition are easily sold. Medium quality and unripe consignments are difficult to deal with even at reduced rates. We quote: Best freshly-dug lots, in prime condition, £4 to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 5s to £3 15s; stale and inferior, £2 10s to £3 per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—The quantity coming forward is sufficient to supply present requirements, and values are unchanged. Prime oaten sheaf has most inquiry, and is saleable at £4 15s to £5. Medium quality is not in such good demand at £4 to £4 10s. Inferior and straw chaff is slow of sale at £2 15s to £3 15s per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—Oaten has fair demand at 55s to 60s, but wheaten is in over-supply, and sells at 42s to 45s per ton.

Turnips.—Several trucks to hand sold at 35s per ton (loose). The demand is not yet general.

WOOL

Rabbitskins and Sheepskins.—No sales this week.

Hides.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Thursday last, our top price for ox being 7½d and for cow 6½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report, all coming forward being readily quitted at late rates.

MASTERTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 23.

On St. Patrick's Day the members of the Hibernian Society approached the Holy Table at the eight o'clock Mass. Very Rev. Dean McKenna congratulated the members on their display of faith.

Rev. Father Kelly, who has had charge of the Pahiatua parish during the absence of Rev. Father T. McKenna, has returned to Masterton. Rev. Father Cullen, of Maitland, N.S.W., who is on a visit to New Zealand, is at present the guest of Very Rev. Dean McKenna.

The combined picnic to be held at Eketahuna on April 2 promises to be most successful. Energetic committees are working at Masterton, Pahiatua, and Woodville. A meeting of the men's committee was held here last Wednesday, when a programme of sports was arranged. The H.A.C.B. Society have donated a gold and silver medal for boys' race.

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his great pleasure in presiding over so large and so thoroughly representative a gathering of the Hibernians of this Colony. He would continue to do all in his power to further the interests of the Society. He urged the members to pay strict attention to the rule which ordered quarterly Communion. Short speeches were given by the Hon. Mr. Heydon, Bro. P. J. Nerheny, P.D.P., Very Rev. Dean Hackett, and on behalf of the visitors by Bro. G. J. Sellars, P.D.P., and Bros. Marlow (Dunedin) and Dennehy (Timaru), P.D.P's. The Bishop, at the conclusion of breakfast, invited the delegates to visit Bishop's House, when the whole set out on foot with the bishop in their midst. On arrival they were entertained by the Bishop and shown over the beautiful house and taken to the tower, whence they obtained a charming view of the city. They were loud in their praises of what they saw. The Bishop was heartily thanked for his kind hospitality, and assured how deeply grateful to him the delegates were. In the afternoon Bros. McLean (Palmerston North), Tymons (Greymouth), and Hickey (Waimate) left Onehunga, and were accompanied out by the local members and visiting delegates. On Sunday evening all met in St. Patrick's Hall and marched in regalia to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Dean Hackett delivered an eloquent, stirring, and deeply impressive panegyric on St. Patrick. The Dean dealt with the early missionary labors of St. Patrick, and his long connection with Ireland and the lasting character of his work, which Irishmen and Irishwomen had received, treasured, and propagated from the days of Patrick to the present day. Much was heard of Imperialists just now, but the Irish race were in the true sense 'Christian Imperialists,' because they bore the Cross of Christ and the banner of Patrick to every remote corner of the earth. The Dean kept the close attention of the crowded congregation during the whole of his sermon. Every word of his splendid discourse was eagerly caught up, and during several passages there were few dry eyes, particularly when he pictured the departing emigrant ship leaving the shores of Erin. He concluded by earnestly urging all to join the sodalities and societies connected with the Church, by which means they could best perpetuate the memory and work of St. Patrick. Organisation was absolutely necessary in this age to combat the organised forces fighting against the Church and the grand old Faith of St. Patrick. This sermon of Dean Hackett's ranks amongst the best ever heard in this city. At the conclusion of Benediction the choir sang very spiritedly 'All praise to St. Patrick,' the congregation standing while it was sung.

Afterwards the Hibernians assembled and the district president, Bro. Corbett, and P.D.P. Bro. Nerheny heartily thanked Dean Hackett on behalf of the society for his great sermon, and for his vindication of the H.A.C.B. Society from the unjust aspersions lately cast upon it in Auckland. The Dean thanked the members, after which three hearty cheers were given for him, and the members dispersed.

Three entertainments in connection with St. Patrick's Day celebrations were held. The first was held on Friday evening in the Royal Albert Hall. His Lordship the Bishop, a number of the local clergy, and a vast audience attended. The greatest enthusiasm was shown, every item on the following programme being encored:—Part 1.—Overture, 'Emerald Isle,' orchestra; chorus, 'The last glimpse of Erin,' Orphan children; song, 'The exile,' Mr. J. P. Lonergan; song, 'The minstrel boy,' Madame Cecilia Staunton; song, 'Mavourneen,' Mr. R. Rogers; quartet, 'The dear little shamrock,' Messrs. C. Clegg, A. Asbury, A. Wordley, H. B. Harris; chorus, pupils of St. Patrick's Convent School. Part 2.—Fantasia, 'Humors of Blarney' (H. Hiscocks), orchestra; chorus, 'I saw from the beach,' Orphan children; song, 'Irish emigrant,' Mr. O. Pritchard; song, 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' Madame Cecilia Staunton; quartet, 'Oft in the still night,' Messrs. Clegg, Asbury, Wordley, and Harris; chorus, 'Has sorrow thy young days shaded,' Orphan children; chorus, 'God save Ireland,' Mr. P. F. Hiscocks ably conducted, while Mr. H. Hiscocks accompanied.

For some time past the members of the St. Benedict's Advanced School of Acting Society have been rehearsing the melodrama, 'Conn the Shaughraun' under the direction of Mr. P. Walsh, and the fruits of their labors were evidenced when the company selected for the reproduction presented the drama before a large and enthusiastic audience at St. Benedict's Hall on the evening of March 18. A feature of the production was the mounting and dressing, which was all that could be desired. The majority of the characters were

well portrayed, reflecting credit on Mr. Walsh, who had charge of all the arrangements. In the name part Mr. Walsh made a great hit, whilst Mr. W. Moylan made the most of the character of Comy Kinchela. As the police agent Mr. J. McKenna displayed a good deal of one necessary cunning and villainy required of the part, while Mr. J. Lonergan acted the part of the priest. Mr. J. Gallagher had the role of Captain Molineaux, a young English officer, and Mr. R. Cronin that of a young Irish Fenian. Miss Vera Foley displayed some originality in the role of Conn's mother, Misses L. and Phyllis Beehan did credit to their respective parts of Arte O'Neil and Moya, while Miss Lena Foley well portrayed the part of a Sligo lady. The other characters were well sustained, and the whole performance was well received. An orchestra, under Mrs. W. S. Jackson, provided capital music.

On Wednesday evening last an Irish national concert was held at the Public Hall, Onehunga. There was a large audience, and the following programme was submitted:—Overture, 'Gems of Ireland,' Miss Mulkefe; song, 'The Irish emigrant,' Mr. O. Pritchard; recitation, 'Robert Emmet's dock speech,' Mr. H. Herbert; song, 'Erin, my country,' Miss Madeline Knight; song, 'Off to Philadelphia,' Mr. J. Park; Irish jig and song, Miss Brightie Barry; overture, 'Faust,' Misses Mulkefe and Cutts; song, 'Mavourneen,' Mr. R. Rogers; song, Miss Glanfield; song, 'Exile of Erin,' Mr. J. Lonergan; recitation, 'Uncle Josh's Visit to New York,' Mr. McElwain; song, 'The lost chord,' Mr. J. Park; coon song and dance, Miss Brightie Barry. At the conclusion of the concert the Rev. Father Mahoney, parish priest, heartily thanked the performers for their valuable aid, and Mr. J. J. Shaldrick for his untiring efforts in organising the programme and carrying out the details. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted towards the presbytery fund.

Paeroa

A special train (says the 'Paeroa Gazette' of March 20) left Waikato and Karangahake for Paeroa at 7.30 a.m., bringing in a great number of little pleasure-seekers full of anticipation for a good day's recreation. The children from Waikato were under the care of Mesdames Odium, Rohan, and Heffron, while Mesdames Connelly and Wilkinson undertook the guardianship of the Karangahake children. Although in the early morning the weather looked rather threatening for a picnic, as the hour for assembling drew near, the sky showed signs of clearance, and finally the day proved to be most favorable for promoting the children's enjoyment.

The Very Rev. Dean Hackett celebrated nine o'clock Mass, after which he gave a short address to the children on the great saint whose memory they were then celebrating.

At 10 a.m. the children formed a procession and marched to the picnic grounds, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, their guardians, and a considerable number of adults from Paeroa, Karangahake, and Waikato.

Throughout the day races and sports of various kinds were held. Master Manus McGeehin was the recipient of the silver medal presented by Mr. Harris for the boys' half-mile handicap. Prizes were also won by a large number of other children.

The boys' wheelbarrow and sack races caused much amusement to both competitors and onlookers.

About 5 p.m. the children prepared to leave the grounds; but, before doing so, cheers were given for the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, the Sisters, the ladies who assisted, and for Mr. Barrett, who so kindly gave the use of his grounds.

It is better to do with less than you can use than to want more than you need.

The following is a list of the pupils from the Convent, Patea, who were successful at the music examinations (theoretical) held on December 8 by the representative of Trinity College, London:—Preparatory grade—Elizabeth McCormisky 98, Beatrice Dickson 96, Clara Hogan 94, Maggie Casey 93, Florence Lister 69. At the examination held at the Wanganui centre in September under the auspices of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, London, the following were successful in the elementary grade (practical):—Nellie Bennett, 134 (honors); Nancy McKirdy, 130 (honors). These two pupils secured the only honors given in that centre, though the candidates numbered nearly sixty.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1907.

THE FRENCH PERSECUTION

IV. FROM BUONAPARTE TO COMBES

IN our last issue we treated of the Franco-Papal Concordat of 1801 and of the circumstances out of which it arose. We told the story of the 'atheism by establishment' that was ushered in by the French Revolution; of the red Reign of Terror; of the confiscation of the property which was held by the Church by as sound and sacred a title as that which is held by any religious denomination in New Zealand to-day; of Napoleon's despair of ever ruling a people bereft of religion; and of his consequent Concordat or solemn agreement with the Church, in the person of its visible Head on earth. This was a bilateral treaty or contract in which, in return for certain considerations which have ever been faithfully observed by the Church, France pledged its national honor to accord Catholics 'full liberty of worship', and to contribute to the support of the clergy and the maintenance of public worship an annual budget amounting to only a little more than one per cent. of the values appropriated by the State during the storm and strife of the Great Revolution. These payments and stipends were not, however, dependent on the Concordat. Twelve years before that treaty was signed, this partial act of justice and restitution had been solemnly pledged by the Constituent Assembly. The Concordat merely embodied the pledge of the revolutionary Parliament in a formal treaty between two sovereign Powers.

Freedom of association and of teaching was secured by the Act of 1790, by the Charters of 1815 and 1830, by the republican Constitution of 1848, by the Primary Education Act of 1850, by that of 1875 on superior instruction, and by the vote of the Senate on the conferring of degrees. For a time after the fall of the Empire at Sedan in 1870 and the suppression of the

Communards in 1871, the Church in France enjoyed comparative peace. During Marshal MacMahon's term as President of the Republic (1873-1879) the passing tranquility was not broken. Then the revolutionaries rose to power. Their watchword was given by Gambetta: 'Clericalism—that's the enemy!'—a cry which another Minister of the Third Republic (Briand) now voices in the new and more outspoken catch-word: 'We must make an end of Christianity!' It was a mighty fall from what was—considering all its circumstances—the relatively liberal Association Law of 1790 to Grevy's decree of March 30, 1880, ordering the dissolution of the various Jesuit communities throughout France. Another decree was published at the same time requiring all 'unauthorised' religious Associations to secure a legal sanction to exist, which sanction it was nevertheless rather plainly intimated—they were not likely to receive. Sixteen hundred lawyers entered a solemn protest against these decrees. They declared them a violation of French law, and pointed out that, by virtue of the 'droit public', religious congregations had the same right to exist as associations of any other kind, without special authorisation, and that the only duty which they owed to the State was due obedience to its laws. But the Government, urged on by the Freemasons, the Radicals, and the Socialists, had unsheathed the knife and was bent upon reaching the throat of the religious Orders. It was an open and undisguised war upon the Church in France. Orders were given to push the campaign of expulsion in every Department throughout France. Monasteries were closed—after four hundred magistrates had refused to perform the function of evictors; convents were besieged and taken by storm; nuns were driven at the point of the bayonet from the hospitals—many of them old and tottering and infirm—amid disgraceful scenes of official ruffianism, which were generally received with striking exhibitions of popular indignation. The Grevy campaign proved to be a highly unpopular measure. A swiftly moving procession of flabby Ministries followed—twenty-three in twenty years. Most of them displayed a disposition to use fang and claw against religion. But until the advent of M. Waldeck-Rousseau none of them hazarded a repetition of Grevy's rough-and-tumble crowbar campaign against men and women the head and front of whose offending was the faith which they professed and the noble lessons of Christian charity of which their lives were a daily sermon. A more ingenious mode of compassing the destruction of the religious Orders was then devised. The Waldeck-Rousseau Ministry imposed upon them—and upon them alone of all associations in the land—a special and crushing burden of taxation. This new form of confiscation is known in the history of legislative failures as the 'loi d'accroissement'—the Increment Act. It soon went the way of many another well-laid scheme of mice and men.

The 'loi d'accroissement' was followed in 1901 by the Associations Law. This was, in its general purport, Grevy's old weapon of 1880, but furbished up and sheathed in a decent showing of legality. At the time the Bill was before Parliament the 'Temps', one of the decenter of the Paris anti-Catholic organs, said:—

'The leaders of the Extreme Left make no pretence of denying that it is against the Catholic religion itself that they are making an attack. They proclaim aloud that the suppression of the Congregations, which they so passionately long for, will be, to their thinking, not only the first blow of the pick in the structure of the Concordat, but the first step in the work of the radical extinction of the religious spirit, or (as it is called) in the de-christianising of France.'

This is, in fact, merely a mild paraphrase of the actual demands put forth editorially at the time in the columns of the 'Radical'. We are now witnessing the development of the Freemason-Radical-Socialist policy of 1901. The Waldeck-Rousseau Ministry was, in the matter

of tactics, wiser in its generation than the Grevy Administration. When they made up their minds to garrote and plunder the religious Orders, they represented them as possessing wealth beyond the dreams of avarice—a milliard of francs (£40,000,000) in houses and lands. This was offered as a bribe—in the shape of old-age pensions—to the proletariat. Such an appeal has not been known to fail since the days of Henry VIII. and Thomas Cromwell. It was a short-cut to the heart of the worker who had shuffled off religion, and to the atheism and anticlericalism of the Paris boulevards. But (as the London 'Spectator' pointed out at the time) even if the fabled milliard of the religious Congregations were a tangible asset down to the last centime, it would not by any means, in view of their work, be a vast sum. A Rothschild, a Jay Gould, a Carnegie hold separately and singly more than did all the 160,000 members of the French Congregations collectively. Honest figures are not party-men. But the Waldeck-Rousseau figures were (as the 'Journal des Debats' said) 'mensongrement exagérés pour les besoins de la cause'—exaggerated in a lying way to meet the exigencies of a political purpose. We knew that then; we know it better now. We know that at the time when the story of the fabled milliard was set afloat, that the total real estate held by the religious Orders (or Associations or Congregations as they are also called) was officially valued for revenue purposes at a capital sum which, at the French current rate of interest of the time (2.8 per cent), would give each religious an income of about £3 per annum, or less than 2d a day. What a munificent revenue in return for such magnificent services to the State and to society! We know, too, that the convents, monasteries, colleges, and other property of the suppressed Congregations have thus far failed to realise sufficient to meet the expenses of the horde of 'graffers' who are acting as liquidators. The fable of the milliard, however, probably achieved its immediate purpose. There was not so much trouble on the squares and boulevards as when Grevy stormed the convents and stole the monastic pots and pans. But the 'milliard' is like the rainbow or the bird in the story that flitted from tree unto tree. The 'grafter' has his innings, and the French worker is still waiting for his old-age pension. If it is to come out of the Associations' 'milliard', he will still be waiting at the crack o' doom.

By the Law of Associations, the schools conducted by religious Orders were forced out of existence. In 1897-98, French religious of both sexes were giving a Christian education to 1,983,562 children in infant and primary schools, and to 67,463 in secondary schools. And these schools, says the American 'Church Review' (Protestant), at the time of the Bill, were 'able to give free education and to hold their own against their rivals, and generally to beat them in discipline and examinations and to carry off the scholarships'. These dangerous rivals to the godless or atheistic public schools were closed. The same fate befell most of the institutions of charity in which 'heaven's great army of charity' (as that great Protestant, Leibnitz, called some of our religious Orders) maintained some 110,000 aged and infirm poor, 60,000 orphans, 12,000 penitent women, and 68,000 lunatics, blind, and deaf and dumb. The devoted men and women who carried on this noble work 'for sweete Sanct Charitie' were driven like malefactors or outlaws from the rocks that sheltered them and their charges, and left to penury in their own land or to exile among strangers. Side by side with these operations of the new atheistic chivalry, a great and searching system of espionage was organised under Ministerial auspices to 'break' or penalise every officer in the army or navy who practised his religion, or aided a Catholic charity, or permitted any member of his

family to do so, or whose relatives or friends were known or suspected to be well-disposed towards the Ancient Faith. This grand organisation of spying was worked through the Freemason fraternity. Its 'documented' exposure in the Chamber of Deputies and in the Parisian secular press was, perhaps, the crowning sensation of the political life of the past few years. Before the storm of public shame and execration, the gold-braided Chief of the Spies, General Andre (Minister of War) had to leave his pedestal, and the Combes Administration to give up the reins of power. There was a change of masters, but not of methods. Espionage is still as active a weapon of proscription and persecution as it was when Combes was dressed in a little brief authority.

For the rest, under the Combes regime nearly all the religious Orders were suppressed, disbanded, and plundered, in spite of the official pledge that the new law was meant only for the religious Associations that were 'political' or 'plotters against the State.' No explicit charge, no evidence, no judicial formality preceded this great act of spoliation and expulsion. The applications made (on the faith of official pledges) by the Orders for 'authorisation' in terms of the law, were not dealt with separately and on their merits. 'Twenty-five teaching Congregations', says Mr. Wilfrid Ward in the 'Nineteenth Century' for January, 'were refused authorisation en bloc at one sitting of the Lower Chamber, twenty-eight at another. The rest followed quickly. M. Combes had practically made one head for the whole monastic organism, and he proceeded to cut it off'. The manner of abrogating the Concordat deserves an article all to itself.

Notes

In School

William von Humboldt once said: 'Whatever we wish to see introduced into the life of a nation must first be introduced into its schools.' In our over-eager haste to cram the youthful brain in the public schools with snippets of a hundred 'ologies, we neglect heart-training and the formation of character. Result: So far as the mere system is concerned, it can turn out nothing better than bundles of superficial and irreverent smartness, animated reading, writing, and cyphering machines, with no more true cultivation of heart than is possessed by a Babbage calculator. But even this partial training—the mere wit-sharpening—may be carried on at too great a cost of nerve and brain tissue. That it has been in many cases, seems to be the opinion of some of the inspectors of the Wellington Education Board. In their latest annual report the following recommendations occur:—

'We would strongly recommend the practice of taking a few minutes every day for free-arm and breathing exercises in lieu of the old method of a weekly hour or half-hour lesson. Teachers should also recognise the fact that physical training should embrace such matters as general carriage, posture at work, personal cleanliness, ventilation, and the general tidiness of the schoolroom, offices, and playground, all of which have a most vital bearing on the child's life. We are quite in accord with the proposal for the medical examination of children, and we hope the department will be able to publish such general directions as may best guide teachers in assisting the expert in this part of his work.'

We commend this thoughtful utterance to all Catholic educators whom it may concern.

State-made Mendicants

There are many obvious analogies between the plunder and proscription of the Catholic faith in the England of Henry VIII. and in the France of Clemenceau

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HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

TRIENNIAL MOVABLE MEETING

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

The triennial movable meeting of the New Zealand district of the H.A.B.C. Society was continued on Friday, March 15, the president (Bro. P. J. Nerheny) in the chair.

Executive Retained by Auckland.—Over six hours were occupied in discussing the proposal to remove the district office from Auckland to Wellington. Almost every delegate in the meeting expressed his views on the subject, most of which were a repetition of the views of those who spoke on Thursday, with the exception that the question of centralisation was more prominent in the too lengthy debate. During the afternoon the delegates had their photographs taken, and just before the adjournment for tea the debate was closed, after which Bro. J. J. Callaghan, Wellington, made a spirited reply in defence of the motion.

Before putting the question to a vote, the president stated the executive had invested in property at Auckland the sum of £6475, and the Government valuation of the same was £13,289, showing that the money was profitably and wisely invested. Scrutineers were appointed, and the name of each branch was called out, the representative in response intimating before the whole meeting how he wished his vote recorded. The president then announced that the district was to be retained by Auckland, the voting being: For removal to Wellington, 18, against 36. The result was received with enthusiastic applause.

A Defeated Motion.—Bro. G. J. Sellars, Christchurch, moved that a further sum not exceeding £20, in addition to the £20 now paid on death of a member, be paid, the sum to be raised by levy on the members. Bro. J. Callaghan seconded. The motion evoked much discussion, the custom of the Druids' Order being frequently quoted. The motion was lost.

The meeting then adjourned until Saturday morning, when a motion, proposed by the Christchurch delegate, Bro. G. J. Sellars, which had for its object the abstention of the District Executive officers from voting on the question of the removal of the district headquarters, was lost on the casting vote of the president. It was decided that rule 8 should be amended in order to make the branch presidents, branch past presidents, branch secretary, and branch treasurer eligible for the positions of district officers. The delegate for Christchurch, Bro. G. J. Sellars, wished to have

a rule altered so that a uniform rate of contributions and sick and funeral benefits throughout Australasia might be paid. At present the minimum charge per week in New Zealand is 1s 1d, and the maximum charge is 4d, while in the Australian States contributions are from 1s 1d to 1s 10d per week. The meeting considered that as local circumstances in New Zealand and Australia were different, it would not be advisable to make the proposed charge, and the motion was lost. It was decided to hold the next triennial movable meeting at Wellington. For the hospitality accorded to the delegates, the Auckland branch was ordered to be presented with a formal copy of the photographs of the delegates attending that conference by the district executive.

On the motion of Bro. M. J. Sheahan, seconded by Bro. G. J. Sellars, Christchurch, it was decided to cable the following resolution to Mr. J. Devlin, M.P. for West Belfast:—That the New Zealand District Board of the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, at its triennial movable meeting now sitting at Auckland, at which are assembled delegates from all parts of the Colony, desires to place on record its hearty appreciation of the arduous and successful labors throughout New Zealand on behalf of Ireland by Messrs. Joseph Devlin, M.P., for West Belfast, and Mr. John T. Donovan, LL.B. The result of the mission of the Irish envoys has been to dispel many if not all the slanders continuously levelled against Ireland and its people. For this we are deeply grateful to the envoys, and heartily congratulate them. It was decided to ask the Bishops of New Zealand to become honorary chief chaplains of the society in their respective diocese. Mr. J. Corbett, vice-president, was elected district president; vice-president, Bro. E. Dane; district secretary, Bro. W. Kane; district treasurer, Bro. M. J. Sheahan; district past president, Bro. P. Nerheny; district auditors, Bros. F. J. O'Meara and J. B. R. Stead.

St. Mary's Convent, Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

March 25.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes spent the afternoon of Tuesday, 19th inst., at St. Mary's Convent and schools, Colombo street. He was accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean Carew, Rev. Fathers Marnane, Ahern, Bonnetto, O'Hare, Peoples, and O'Dwyer. The Sisters of Mercy presented his Lordship with an oil painting, valued at £20, and the following programme was given so excellently by the pupils as to earn the great appreciation of all present:—Many happy returns of the day, Pupils; address, Miss Edith Chamberlain; pianoforte duet, Misses M. Simpson, E. Chamberlain, C. Cooper, G. Harding, D. Blank, A. McDavitt; recitation and dance, "The minuet," junior pupils; violin solo, Miss Lily Burrowes; chorus, "Flowers of the garden," Pupils; pianoforte solo, Miss Mabel Thomas; Irish jig, Miss Aileen Green; Advance guard march, (mandolines), Misses L. Burrowes and A. Parrett, (violin) Master Alfred White; Flower garland drill, pupils; pianoforte duet, "Les muscadins," Misses Norah Sey, M. Thomas, H. Ryan, K. Zachariah, G. Haughey, A. Snowball; chorus, "Home by the river," pupils.

All the pupils presented by the Sisters of Mercy were successful in passing the examinations in musical knowledge, which were held in Christchurch in December, 1906. The following is the list of successful candidates:—Senior division—Vera de la Cour (honours), Annie Gill, Darfield (honours), Violet Shaw. Junior division—Grace Haughey (honours), Alice Barnett (honours), Gertrude Morrison, Darfield (honours), Ruby Caldwell (honours). Preparatory division—Christina Cooper (distinction), Doris Blank.

The costliest Government is the French. The Government salaries aggregate £750,000.

Queenslanders learnt with the very deepest regret that Mr. Frank McDonnell, senior member for Fortitude Valley, had decided to retire from political life, for a time at any rate, owing to ill-health. He will not be a candidate at the next election.

In a recent issue the New South Wales 'Government Gazette' notified that the following animals are protected:—The phascoglossus cinereus, the tachyglossus, aculeatus, and the ornithorhynchus anatinus. The average hushman will scarcely recognise in these high-sounding names the native bear, the porcupine, and the platypus.

ASHBURTON

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mr. H. P. Madden represented the local branch of the Hibernian Society at the District Meeting.

Messrs. S. Madden and D. McDonnell have been chosen to represent the Ashburton Society at the annual conference of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies, to be held at Christchurch during Easter week.

The St. Patrick's Day Sports Association held its annual gathering on March 21 in the Domain. The weather was fine, and there was a fair attendance. There were some very close finishes, and, on the whole, the proceedings passed off most satisfactorily.

A very enjoyable euchre tournament, given by the Literary Society, was held in the club rooms on Thursday, March 7. There was a large attendance of members and lady friends. Miss Brophy was the winner of the ladies' and Mr. T. O'Carroll of the gentlemen's prize.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

The first annual gathering promoted by the St. Patrick's Day sports and picnic association, which was held on the Show Grounds, was attended by about a thousand persons. Taken on the whole, the sports passed off successfully. Dr. O'Brien's handsome cup, allocated as a points prize for the three distances in the St. Patrick's Handicap, was won by A. E. Bell, with nine points. He was first in the 100 yards, third in the 220 yards, and second in the 440 yards.

The judging in the various events was capably carried out by Dr. O'Brien, Major Dunk, and Messrs. H. McLean, D. Pringle, and H. Gillies. Mr. I. J. Fake was quite au fait as starter. The handicapping of Mr. F. Bell gave general satisfaction, and a number of the finishes were very close. The members of the committee, headed by Messrs. W. Ellis and C. McGrath, the secretary and assistant secretary respectively, worked well together to keep things going smoothly.

In the evening a concert was held in the Zealandia Hall, which was crowded. An attractive programme had been prepared, and encores were the order of the evening. Miss Cameron sang in excellent style 'Oh steer my barque' and 'Come back to Erin,' a double encore before the result. Miss Essex made her first appearance before the public, and was most successful with her number, 'Avourneen.' She was also accorded the honor of a recall. Miss O'Connor was the accompanist during the evening, and she contributed a pianoforte solo, 'Savourneen Deelish,' and she also had to submit to the inevitable encore. Remaining items were contributed by the children as follows:—Pianoforte duet 'Come back to Erin,' Misses Fairbrother and Ryan; chorus (girls), 'Meeting of the waters'; recitation, 'Legend of the lake,' Miss A. Minogue; chorus (boys) 'Let Erin remember'; chorus (girls), 'Killarney'; recitation, 'Bunch of shamrocks,' Miss W. Ryan; chorus (boys), 'The minstrel boy'; chorus, 'Oh, where's the slave'; chorus (girls), 'Oh, the shamrock'; chorus, 'God save Ireland.' The items by the children were exceptionally enjoyable and quite in accordance with that high order of merit which the Sisters of the convent have led one to naturally expect at the public performances of their pupils.

At an interval in the concert in the Zealandia Hall Mr. I. J. Fake, in the unavoidable absence of the president of the St. Patrick's sports association (Dr. O'Brien), presented to the fortunate winners the handsome cups won during the day. The first, presented by Dr. O'Brien, was won by Mr. A. E. Bell, who scored most points in the St. Patrick's Handicap; the second given by Mr. W. Devine, Empire Hotel, was awarded Mr. L. McKelvie, winner of the hunters' competition. Each cup is a handsome trophy, and the successful competitors were loudly applauded. Mr. D. Burke was the only competitor who guessed the right weight of the sheep at the guessing competition in connection with the St. Patrick's Day sports.

THAMES

The bond of affection that exists between the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly and the younger members of his flock was borne testimony to on the evening of March 21, when the schoolroom was packed to the doors on the occasion of celebrating the anniversary of the Monsignor's ordination, and also wel-

coming him home after a holiday in the south. The stage (says the local 'Star') was artistically decorated, and the proceedings were characterised with enthusiasm throughout. An excellent musical programme was provided by the pupils, testifying to the efficient instruction received, and consisted of effective action songs by the girls and boys; pianoforte duet, Misses Lowe and Misses Gribble and H. Lowe; pianoforte solo, Miss Gribble; solo, Miss Reardon; and duets by Misses McEnteer and Gibson and Misses McPike, concluding with a dainty little cantata, 'The Fairy Queen's Court.' The accompaniments were capably played by Misses V. Twohill and Fortune.

Master McPike read an address to Monsignor O'Reilly, thanking him for the interest he had always taken in their educational and spiritual welfare and assuring him of their warm affection. On behalf of the children a handsome rug and other tokens were presented as a small tribute of congratulation for another year's service.

Monsignor O'Reilly, in a few simple words thanked the children for their kindly action, and said it was extremely gratifying to be accorded such a hearty welcome on his return. He had spent an enjoyable holiday, and in Dunedin and Christchurch, and towns en route he had received much kindness, but there was no place like home. He eulogised the efforts of the good Sisters and testified to the many advantages afforded by their care and tuition. He urged the children to apply themselves diligently to their work and thus profit in the future by the instruction so cheerfully given them.

Some of the local candidates at the Trinity College examinations (says the 'Thames Star' of March 20) did exceptionally well. In the senior division Miss Rosina F. Lowe (daughter of Mr. H. Lowe), who receives her musical education at the Convent High School, Thames, passed with honors, securing 82 marks. Miss Teresa E. Foy (Convent High School) secured a pass in the senior division. Miss Lowe headed the list for senior honors in Auckland, a distinction which reflects the highest credit on Miss Lowe and the tuition of the Sisters of Mercy.

Interprovincial

Owing to pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over a description of the additions and improvements, which are being carried out at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland.

Rev. J. O'Meara, of Feilding, recently wrote, asking the local Borough Council to forego the rates on certain sections on which were erected Church and scholastic buildings. It was decided to let the application stand over, pending the settlement of a similar application in Dunedin.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Alexander McRae, of Reelton, who passed away on February 6. The deceased, who was a very old resident of Black's Point, died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church. Three of his daughters entered the Order of Notre Dame des Missions, one of whom died in Akyab, India, about six years ago. The deceased is survived by his widow, who has the sincere sympathy of many friends in her bereavement.—R.I.P.

The quarterly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society (writes our Palmerston North correspondent) was held on Tuesday last, 19th inst., Bro. McLean (president) in the chair. There was a large attendance of members, and a large amount of routine business was put through. Bro. McLean, who was delegate to the triennial meeting at Auckland, gave a graphic description of his trip, and an account of his stewardship generally, which was unanimously endorsed.

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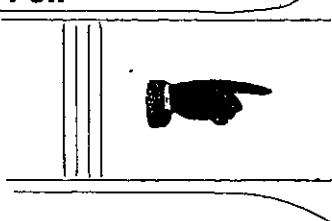
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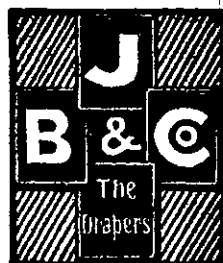
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Irish News

CARLOW—A Token of Esteem

Mr. George MacDonagh, brother of Messrs. Michael and Frank MacDonagh, both well known journalists, has been appointed editor of the Carlow Nationalist. He was presented by his press friends in Limerick with a substantial token of their esteem for him, before leaving for his new home.

CORK—A Presentation

Rev. Father M'Cullagh, P.P., Douglas, has been presented with an address on behalf of the parishioners of Blackrock, who, while congratulating him on his appointment, regret his departure from amongst them. In acknowledging the address, Father M'Cullagh expressed his high appreciation of the parishioners of Blackrock, among whom he spent twenty years.

The French Persecution

Resolutions protesting against the persecution to which the Church is being subjected by the French Government continue to be adopted by public bodies all over Ireland and sent on to the authorities in France and to the Holy See. Cardinal Merry del Val, in acknowledging the receipt of a resolution passed by the Macroom Urban Council, says his Holiness read with pleasure the expression of the noble sentiments which it contained, and praised the constancy of the people in professing their devotion and attachment to the Holy See. The Marquis MacSwiney, who also wrote to Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P., D.D., Macroom, stated that the Holy Father had said his troubles would be very light indeed if the people of France were as good as the people of Ireland.

DOWN—Death of a Priest

The death took place on February 2 of the Very Rev. M. Lynch, P.P., Rostrevor. The deceased was born at Rathfriland in 1845, and received his early education in the Diocesan Seminary, Violet Hill, Newry, subsequently going to the University of Salamanca, Spain. He was ordained there in 1868, and ministered as curate in the parishes of Dromore, Annaclone, and Mayobridge. He was afterwards appointed parish priest at Loughbrickland. On the death of Very Rev. P. O'Neill, P.P., Rostrevor, in 1890, he was selected to undertake the pastoral charge there. By all sections of the community, Catholic and Protestant alike, he was highly esteemed.

DUBLIN—A Venerable Religious

Mother M. Dominic Purcell died on January 31, at the Dominican Convent, Cabra, Dublin, in the hundredth year of her age and the seventy-fifth of her religious profession.

A Varied Career

The remains of the late Captain John Kirwan, of New York, were laid to rest in Glasnevin Cemetery, on January 31. Deceased, who had a varied career, served in the English Army, the Dublin Police, the American Army, and the Papal Brigade. He took part also in the Fenian rising, and was severely wounded at Tallaght, County Dublin.

An Octogenarian

Sir Ralph Cusack, the octogenarian knight, whose retirement from the chairmanship of the Irish Railway Clearing House is announced (says the 'Pall Mall Gazette'), filled the office of Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper in Ireland from 1858 to 1881. His predecessor in this office was Mr. John O'Connell, son of the Liberator, and his successor in the Irish Leadership. One of the last writs issued by Sir Ralph in 1881 was that under which Mr. John Redmond, the present Irish leader, was returned to Parliament as member for New Ross.

Death of a Jesuit

Rev. Father Butler, of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Dublin, passed away on Sexagesima Sunday. Father Butler was born at Galway in 1848. He was one of the first pupils in the school opened by the Jesuit Fathers in his native town in 1859. Father Halpin, S.J., took a special interest in the boy on account of his extraordinary musical talent, reaching even to genius. This gift he cultivated with enthusiasm through life and attained wonderful proficiency on a great variety of instruments, especially the violin. Of his priestly life several years were spent on the staff

of St. Stanislaus' College, Tullamore. He was subsequently one of the band of missionaries giving missions and retreats in various parishes and communities throughout Ireland; and the last twelve years of his life, with a brief stay in Limerick, were spent at St. Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner street, Dublin.

The Parliamentary Party

A meeting of the Irish Parliamentary Party was held on February 4 in the Mansion House, Dublin. Fifty-nine members of the Party were present. Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Party. The Whips, Treasurers, and Secretaries of the Party were re-elected. Messrs. Crean and Gilhooly dissented from the re-election of Messrs. Abraham, Mooney, McKillop, and Meehan as Treasurers of the Party. The Chairman made a statement in reference to the action of Mr. John O'Donnell, M.P., and Mr. D. D. Sheehan, M.P., and a resolution was passed approving of the Chairman's action in their cases. Messrs. Harrington, Crean, and Gilhooly dissented from the resolution. A resolution was passed, Messrs. Crean and Gilhooly dissenting, resolving that Mr. Sheehan be not readmitted to the Party. A resolution was also passed, Messrs. Crean and Gilhooly dissenting, requesting the officials to remove the name of Mr. John O'Donnell from the list of the Party.

GALWAY—Lady Appointed County Surveyor

Miss Alice Perry, the first lady in Ireland to qualify for an engineer, has been elected County Surveyor for Galway at a salary of £500 a year.

LIMERICK—Defects of Primary Education

The Bishop of Limerick, in a letter to Dean Shanahan, P.P., V.G., says the defects of the Irish primary schools might be and were gradually being remedied. But reform and progress were very different things from fundamental and revolutionary change, which under the specious pretext of popular control would inevitably throw a good part of the cost of the schools upon those who exercised that control, and who, by poverty, would be driven to economy, which could only be exercised at the cost of the teachers.

MAYO—Primary Education

On February 2 a meeting was held in Castlebar, under the chairmanship of the Very Rev. Canon Lyons, P.P., V.F., in reference to the present defective system of primary education in Ireland and the grievances of the National Teachers. Speeches were delivered by the Very Rev. chairman and Mr. John Murphy, M.P., and letters approving of the object of the meeting were received from his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, the Most Rev. Dr. Conmy, Bishop of Killala, and Mr. John Dillon, M.P.

MONAGHAN—Tenants Purchase their Holdings

The tenants on the estate of Captain Hamilton, which comprises the townlands of Drumacoon and Davagh (County Monaghan) and Drumbrusghar (County Fermanagh), have just purchased their holdings under the Irish Land Act, 1903, on the following terms:—Second-term tenants, 4s in the £, or 20 per cent; first-term tenants, 6s in the £, or 30 per cent, one year to be added to the purchase, tenants to pay interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. from 1st November, 1906, till date of signing agreements.

A Centenarian

The death has taken place of Hugh M'Elroy, Tony-scally, Doochamlet, County Monaghan, at the age of 108 years. Up to the time of his death he had the full possession of all his mental faculties.

TIPPERARY—A Respected Resident Passes Away

Mr. William Tobin, of Mullinahone, County Tipperary, the father of Mr. Patrick Tobin, secretary of the Paving and Improvements Committee of the Dublin Corporation, has just died at an advanced age. Mr. Tobin was connected with the National movement since the days of O'Connell, with whom he had a personal acquaintance. He owned the land upon which Shaun Gow's forge, celebrated in the story of 'Knocknagow,' stood. A wide circle of people not only in Tipperary, but also in Dublin and elsewhere, will deeply regret his death.

WATERFORD—Death of a Town Councillor

Deep regret was felt by the citizens of Waterford when the announcement was made of the death of Mr. W. J. Manning, T.C., brother of Mr. M. A. Manning, the Town Clerk of Kingstown, as the result of an accident.

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WESTMEATH—Death of an M.P.

The death is announced of Mr. Donal Sullivan, M.P. He was brother to T. D. Sullivan, ex-M.P., and of the late A.M. Sullivan. He was one of the most regular attendants at Westminster among the Irish members, scarcely ever missing a division. And he was popular with all parties.

GENERAL

Small Damages

The long-talked-of case of Mr. William O'Brien against the Dublin 'Freeman's Journal' was tried at the Limerick Spring Assizes. The jury found that certain speeches of Mr. John Redmond and Mr. John Dillon were libels, and that various comments were unfair. The jury awarded one farthing damages for each of the six libels. A motion will be made to set aside the verdict.

Export of Pigs and Bacon

The number of Irish pigs exported to Great Britain during 1904 was 505,247, valued at £1,742,039. The value of bacon, hams, and pork exported during the same period was £2,287,148. This brings the value of the export in pigs and pig products to £4,029,187 sterling—a very important item in the national income. The importance of the trade is a matter of serious moment. Its development and stability deserve consideration. The value of the entire imports of bacon, hams, and pork to the United Kingdom is stated (statistical abstract for the United Kingdom) to be £17,609,688. Thus, Ireland produces for Great Britain about one-eighth the amount of swine products that are imported from other countries.

The University Scheme

The Irish Hierarchy (writes a Dublin correspondent) cannot either approve or disapprove of the Government plan for settling the University question until full details of it are published. However, in the final report of the Royal Commission which has been issued appears a letter from the Archbishop of Dublin to Sir Anthony MacDonnell, in which his Grace points out that when consulted by Mr. Wyndham as to whether the University question could be settled by the establishment of a second college in Dublin, to be as Trinity College is, a College of Dublin University, the Irish Bishops replied in the affirmative. On the other hand the Bishops of the Irish Episcopal Church have not waited for any details of the proposed scheme. They have issued a letter rejecting it. They contend that one university is not sufficient to meet the varied needs of Ireland, and unhesitatingly condemn the proposal to destroy the absolute identity of Trinity College with the University of Dublin, and declare that the constitution of colleges in such a university sharing the prestige of Trinity College would depreciate Dublin University degrees and the Imperial connection of Dublin University with Oxford and Cambridge.

The National Demands

The seventh annual meeting of the National Directory of the United Irish League was held in Dublin on January 29, Mr. John Redmond, M.P., presiding. Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., was elected general secretary, and Mr. David Sheehy, M.P., chief organiser. The action of the Irish Party in relation to Mr. John O'Donnell, M.P., and Mr. D. Sheehan, M.P., was strongly approved and endorsed by a resolution unanimously adopted. Resolutions were also adopted calling on the Government to take immediate steps to meet the distress in the west of Ireland. On the motion of the chairman, a resolution was passed declaring that the national demand for a native Parliament with a responsible Executive remained unaltered and unalterable, and that, while the Irish people were prepared to give fair consideration to any scheme for the extension of popular power and responsibility, no change which did not give the freely elected representatives of the people full control over the affairs of Ireland could be accepted or treated as a settlement of the national question or could bring prosperity to Ireland. A resolution, moved by Mr. John Dillon, M.P., and adopted, welcomed the report of the Royal Commission on the University question and the recent pronouncement of Mr. Bryce, and stated that, while they would not commit themselves to any scheme for settling the University question, they were prepared to give favorable consideration to any plan brought forward by the Government for the removal of the grievances of Irish Catholics. The standing committee received directions to summon a national convention after the introduction of the Government scheme for Irish Government in Ireland.

People We Hear About

His Grace the Archbishop of Wellington enters on his 69th year on April 8.

April 25 will be the 32nd birthday of Signor Marconi, of wireless telegraphy fame.

Mr. Charles Santley, whose golden jubilee as a singer it is proposed to celebrate this year, has entered on his 73rd year.

Rev. Father Sherman, the son of the late General Sherman, of the United States Army, made a hit at question time in a lecture recently to non-Catholics at Lincoln, Nebraska. In answer to a question regarding Christian Science, Father Sherman said its relation to Christianity and science was like the genealogy of the guinea-pig, which was neither guinea nor pig.

Mr. Justice Real, of Queensland, has just attained his 60th year. At the age of 21 years he formed the idea of becoming a barrister, the Rev. Father J. B. Breen being his tutor in Latin and Greek, while he depended solely on himself to acquire the requisite knowledge of law from the various text-books and standard works. He was admitted to the Bar in 1874, and elevated to the Supreme Court Bench sixteen years later.

A cable message received last week stated that Dr. Macnamara, M.P., who recently became Secretary of the Local Government Board, at the St. Patrick's Day celebration at Peckham (South London), was admitted a member of the Dulwich Napper Tandy branch of the Irish National League of Great Britain. This is the first instance of a member of the Ministry joining a militant Irish organisation. Dr. Macnamara's father was a native of County Clare, and Dr. Macnamara, who is very proud of his Irish blood, has given his villa in Herne Hill, London, the historic Irish name of Clontarf.

In connection with the recent elections in Germany and the leading part which the Imperial Chancellor took in the contest, it is interesting to know that Prince Von Bulow is one of the best decorated men in Europe. He possesses 115 stars, orders, and ribbons, besides medals galore. A German mathematician the other day reckoned that if the Chancellor wore them all they would cover not only every inch of his breast, but his back as well, and overflow down his trousers to his knees. But the Prince is the least military-minded of men; he is well dressed and carefully groomed, but careless in bearing. He dislikes exercise of all kinds; he will not walk when he can ride; he hates the discomforts of life, and in domestic tastes is luxurious almost to the verge of epicurianism.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, who recently entered the Cabinet (says the Dublin 'Freeman's Journal'), is the son of an Irishman, the late Mr. William C. McKenna, who was a brother of Sir Joseph Neale McKenna, who in the last generation had a noted Parliamentary career. Sir Joseph Neale McKenna entered the House of Commons in 1865 as Tory member for Youghal, a constituency from which he ousted Isaac Butt, who had sat for Youghal since 1852. Sir Joseph McKenna, however, strange to relate, became a convert from Toryism to Irish National principles, which caused him the loss of his seat at Youghal, for which, however, he was eventually returned in 1874 as one of Isaac Butt's most sincere and earnest followers. He sat for Youghal till its disfranchisement in 1885, on the passing of the last Reform Act, and subsequently from 1885 till 1892 was member for South Monaghan.

The death of Colonel David La Touche Colthurst, at the advanced age of 79, which has occurred at Bournemouth (says the 'Irish Catholic'), removes a distinguished officer who saw service in the Crimea, and who was a member of Mr. Butt's Home Rule Party. He contested one of the County Cork Parliamentary divisions in the Nationalist interest against his nephew, Sir George Colthurst, Bart., who represented the Conservative side, in 1879, and won the seat by a large majority. He was subsequently returned at the general election of 1880. Colonel Colthurst was a fervent convert to Catholicity, as was his brother, Robert, who long predeceased him, and who also served as an officer in the Crimean war. It is said that the conversion of the brothers was brought about by what they saw on the battlefields of the devotion of the Catholic nuns.

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Here is the doctrine of the Catholic Church on the subject of drunkenness (says the Wisconsin 'St. Mary's Annual'). It is so clear, in such accord with common sense, that it requires no explanation. A simple statement will suffice:—

1. Whosoever drinks deliberately to such an extent as to lose his reason commits a mortal sin.
2. Whosoever knows by past experience that when drunk he is accustomed to blaspheme or utter other improper language, or to injure others about him, besides the sin of drunkenness, is guilty of those other crimes committed during the state of intoxication.
3. Whosoever does not adopt the proper means for the correction of his vicious habit of drunkenness remains in a continual state of sin.
4. Whosoever entices or urges another to excess in drinking, whom he foresees will be intoxicated, commits a mortal sin.
5. Any seller of liquor who continues to supply drink to any individual that he knows will become intoxicated thereby commits a mortal sin, because he deliberately co-operates in the grievous sin of another.

6. Whosoever is guilty of excess in drinking, though not to intoxication, in such a way as to cause distress to his family by squandering that which is needed for their support, commits a mortal sin against charity and justice. In like manner, whosoever thus renders himself unable to pay his lawful debts, although he may not drink to intoxication, commits a mortal sin.

The Very Rev. D. A. Brennan, Administrator of Boulder, W.A., has been appointed Dean of the Eastern Goldfields. Dean Brennan has been laboring in Boulder for the past seven years.

Father Clancy, who has been in charge of the Bingara parish for the past seven years, has been transferred to the charge of Tenterfield parish. He will be succeeded by Father Colleder, of Wee Waa (Armidale).

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ENGLAND—The Strength of the Church

His Grace Archbishop Bourne presided at a celebration in the Carmelite Church, Kensington, on Sunday, February 3, in commemoration of the martyrdom of the French nuns, who were recently beatified by Pope Pius X. The Archbishop said that those who robbed the Church of her worldly possessions thought by doing so that they would break her power, but they little realised that in poverty the Church was strongest.

Charitable Bequests

By the will of the late Mr. Whiteley, Nazareth House, Hammersmith Road, and the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's House, Portobello Road, London, receive £500 each.

GERMANY—The Elections

After the second ballots, as was foreseen after the first (says the 'Catholic Times') the Centre remains the strongest factor in German politics, and returns to the Reichstag to exercise as much power as it did prior to the dissolution. Both the Government and the Liberals are ill-content that they should occupy such a position. There is in truth amongst the members of the Centre a belief that the Kaiser and the Chancellor in challenging the verdict of the constituencies had a two-fold object in view—first to break down Parliamentary opposition by the Centre and the Socialists to the military policy, and, secondly, to dissociate the Government, if possible, from dependence upon the Centre. Owing to polemical attacks, prejudices were pretty frequently excited against the party, and it is suspected that in the highest quarters the feeling grew that a reverse to the Centre would not be tactically inconvenient for the Government. The fidelity of its supporters has upset all hostile calculations. The Liberals, who flung their principles to the wind in the hope of reaping an advantage from the elections, now find that the sacrifice was ineffectual, and that the Centre, with the aid of the Conservatives, will be masters of the situation. As for the Socialists, they should take to heart the lesson that the identification of their leaders with a godless propaganda accounts far a considerable share of their disaster. It provoked unfavorable declarations by the Catholic prelates, and cost them many a Catholic vote in the second ballots.

ROME—The English College

The Pope has appointed Father Charles Cronin, D.D., to the post of Private Chamberlain with the title of Monsignor, in recognition of his services as Vice-Rector of the English College in Rome.

The Holy Father's Gift

It is reported from Rome that the Pope, on being informed that Bishop Amigo, of Southwark, had lost his pectoral cross while visiting St. Peter's, presented to him another cross of solid gold studded with precious stones. The gift was accompanied by a flattering and cordial message.

The Holy Father and Germany

The Holy Father (writes the Rome correspondent of the 'Catholic Weekly') has maintained an attitude of the strictest neutrality in regard to the German elections, and statements which impute any intention or desire on his part to interfere now or later on in German political affairs are pure invention. The relations between himself and the German Emperor are of the most cordial nature. This fact may naturally have some effect on German Catholics, but I am able to say unhesitatingly that neither in Germany nor elsewhere will Pius X. ever seek to interfere in any way with the judgment and rights of Catholics when purely political questions are at issue. Cordial telegrams have passed between the Holy Father and the Emperor William on the occasion of the latter's forty-eighth birthday, and in connection with the same event a solemn 'Te Deum' has been sung in the German Church here. In his telegram the Emperor assured the Holy Father of his 'affection' for his Catholic subjects and for the person of his Holiness himself.

The Rector of the Irish College

The Holy Father on Thursday, January 31, received in private audience the Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, who presented to his Holiness Sir William Manning, of Sydney, and Lady Manning and their daughter. Sir William was the bearer of a letter from Cardinal Moran. The Pope in-

formed Dr. O'Riordan that he had appointed him Protonotary Apostolic, an appointment which carries with it the title of Monsignor. The Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan served on the mission in London and then went to his native diocese of Limerick, where he did most valuable work before being appointed to his present responsible position. He is the author of an able work refuting the Protestant contention that the profession of the Catholic faith by a people tells against their prosperity.

Received in Audience

Mr. James Murray, M.P. for East Aberdeenshire, who was accompanied by his family, was received in audience by the Holy Father recently.

SCOTLAND—A Venerable Religious

In the death of Sister Joseph Caraher, which took place recently at Smyllum Orphanage, Lanark (says the 'Catholic Times'), she has passed to her reward, at the ripe age of seventy-five years, one of those heroines of the Catholic Church of whom the world hears but little, but whose deeds of charity should evoke public appreciation. Entering the Order of Charity in 1859, the deceased, after receiving the religious habit, was sent out to Naples, where she acted as a nurse during the Garibaldian troubles. Deceased was one of Miss Florence Nightingale's staff in the Crimean War.

SPAIN—The New Ministry

The fall of the Armero Ministry in Spain and the accession to power of the Maura Ministry (writes a Rome correspondent) has given satisfaction in ecclesiastical circles here, where it has long been known that the anti-clerical movement in Spain was secretly fostered by the prime movers in the French campaign against Christianity. The new Government is expected to attend to much-needed legislation which has been overlooked by the anti-clericals, and if ecclesiastical matters in Spain should require any rearrangement they will be rearranged with the approval and support of the Holy See. M. Ojeda, the Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, who has displayed remarkable ability and tact in exceedingly difficult circumstances, is likely to remain at his post.

UNITED STATES—Eucharistic Congress

The next Eucharistic Congress of the United States and the International Eucharistic Congress will be held simultaneously in Pittsburg next autumn. It will be the first International Eucharistic Congress ever held on the American continent, and will be attended by delegates and other members from all or nearly all the countries of Europe.

Catholic Schools in New York

In New York there are 400 Catholic day schools, attended by 152,000 pupils. These schools represent property to the amount of \$5,000,000, and are maintained at a cost of \$300,000.

Extensive Dioceses

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A Mark of Respect

The Senate of California adjourned in respect to the memory of the late Coadjutor-Archbishop Montgomery, of San Francisco, and in doing so passed the following resolutions: 'Whereas Archbishop Montgomery has been for many years identified with every measure that tended to the betterment of the condition of our people and to their uplifting, and has shown that whatever affected the welfare of the State of California was near and dear to his heart; therefore, he it resolved, that the Senate of the State of California deeply deplores the loss of this distinguished divine, and places itself upon record as believing that in his death not only the people of his own faith, but the people of the whole State of California, have lost a friend whose place it will be very hard to fill.'

GENERAL

The Church in Japan

The Right Rev. Dr. Berlioz, Bishop of Hakodate, Japan, was on a visit to England in January. A representative of the London 'Monitor and New Era' called on his Lordship, and inquired as to the position and progress of the Church in Japan. 'I think (said

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the Bishop) the outlook is very promising under certain circumstances. The hierarchy was established in 1891, and I am the first Bishop of Hakeke. 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 Tyrolean 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.

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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.

Maureen

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A Motor Bicycle.

A new motor bicycle, propelled by a fan, has been invented by Mr. Ernest Archdeacon, the well-known Franco-Irishman of the Aero Club of Paris. In trial trips, a speed of 50 miles an hour has been obtained. M. Archdeacon is now at work experimenting, and hopes before long to have his new contrivance perfected. The bicycle is propelled by a large fan, similar to those used on warships, mounted in front of the machine and driven by a horizontal shaft from a motor. The trials were made with Anzani, the famous motorcyclist, in the saddle. At first the machine went slowly, but as the propeller increased its revolutions until its blades could no longer be seen, it bounded forward at a speed of from 45 to 50 miles an hour.

Lapis Lazuli.

Lapis lazuli, a peculiar stone, varying in shades from sky blue or dark blue, comes from various parts of Asia and has usually specks of yellow or white iron pyrites, which some believe to be gold or silver. The fine blue color for painting called ultramarine is made from lapis lazuli by grinding it into powder and purifying it from pyrites and other substances which are mixed with it in its natural state. As painters know well, this color is now difficult to obtain genuine, since a mode of making it artificially has been discovered by chemists. The difference in price is great. The artificial cannot be distinguished from the real by even the most careful chemical tests, the only means of detecting the former being by the microscope, which shows the absence of the sparkling particles of the broken stone from which the real ultramarine is never free.

The Soap Bubble's Colors.

When light impinges on the soap bubble part of it is reflected from the exterior surface and part enters the film and is reflected from the interior surface. This latter portion traverses the water medium between the two surfaces twice and is therefore kept behind the first reflected ray. The two sets of waves interfere with each other and produce a colored light instead of a white light. Other waves again may destroy each other and extinguish the light. Some of the constituent colors of the impinging white light—formed by their passage through the film—interfere so as to destroy each other, while others remain unaffected. As the film diminishes in thickness the colors necessarily vary. In this way is accounted for the marvellous variety of beauty of colors in the soap bubbles, the iridescence of oil upon water, the changing color of steel when being tempered and the gaudiness of some insects' wings.

A Freak of Nature.

Perhaps the strangest freak that Mother Nature ever played upon a miner was at Lodi, twenty miles south of the city of Indianapolis. So long ago as 1829 a man named Norbourn Thomas bored there for salt, and found at a depth of 250 feet brine from which he could make thirty bushels of salt a day. Later he bored to 500 feet, and was able to make fifty bushels a day. Some years passed, and he took a brother in partnership and deepened the well still further. They then got 200 bushels of salt daily, and the enterprising Thomas made a large fortune. In the seventies came the oil boom, and the Thomas salt well was rebores in the hope of finding petroleum. A depth of 1135 feet was reached when suddenly the drill was blown out by a terrific rush of water, and the company was forced to abandon work. Five years ago it was discovered quite by chance that the still flowing well was producing water charged with mineral salts of the very greatest value, and to-day Lodi is a rapidly growing and flourishing health resort.

Intercolonial

The Most Rev. Dr. Murray, Bishop of Maitland, celebrated the 79th anniversary of his birth on March 25.

The Bishop of Port Augusta, the Most Rev. Dr. J. H. Norton, has appointed from his clergy three to be diocesan consultants in the terms of the Plenary Councils of Sydney. They are the Very Rev. Thomas O'Connor (Pekina), the Rev. William Doyle (James-town), and the Rev. E. A. Mulcahy (Carrieton). Father O'Connor was originally selected for the office by the late Bishop Maher, but Fathers Mulcahy and Doyle are new to the responsibility. The duties of the consultants are to assist the Bishop in the government of the diocese.

The silver jubilee of the ordination of his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. P. V. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, and Titular Bishop of Zoara, to the priesthood, was celebrated on Sunday afternoon, March 10, by a pleasant gathering in St. Joseph's School-room, East Maitland, when his Lordship Dr. Murray, the venerable Bishop of Maitland, the Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R. (Waratah), Fathers W. O'Sullivan (East Maitland), M'Auliffe (Hamilton), and a large number of parishioners and friends assembled to witness presentations to Dr. Dwyer. The presentations were preceded by a bright little musical programme, arranged by the Sisters of Mercy, and admirably carried out by the pupils of St. Joseph's School. The gifts were a pair of solid silver altar cruets and tray, bearing the following inscription in Latin:—Presented to the Right Rev. P. V. Dwyer, D.D., as a souvenir of the 25th year of his priesthood, by the Sodality of the Children of Mary, East Maitland, March 4, 1907.

Speaking at the Communion breakfast of the Hibernian Society prior to the general elections in Victoria, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne said: Amongst other charges laid against them as Catholics was that they all voted as one man, and by virtue of some secret mysterious organisation to the bottom of which no one had ever been able to penetrate. The best proof of that was said to be that all Catholics voted in exactly the same way. Word was sent out secretly, he supposed, from Eastern Hill somewhere, and by means of some secret post-office a post-card was sent to every voter, telling him exactly how, when and where he had to vote. He appealed to them as men, and asked them did any word ever go out from Eastern Hill as to how they were to vote? (Loud cries of 'No.') That was the case, and notwithstanding the fact, for party and political purposes, and for the purpose of creating prejudice against Catholics and Catholic candidates, it was repeated over and over again so often and so emphatically they found a number of well-meaning men outside the Catholic Church who believed it. They know well enough that Catholics were just as much divided, politically, as the members of any other denomination; they voted in every possible way, and he was glad of it.

Of the many important celebrations which, from time to time, have marked the annals of Church history in Victoria (says the 'Advocate'), perhaps the most important took place on Thursday, March 7, the occasion of the golden jubilee of the pioneer convent of Victoria. Nor could any institution more justly merit the great interest which marked the anniversary celebration. From many parts of Victoria old pupils and descendants of those who have passed away, travelled to Melbourne to do honor to the school which has won such fame. Exactly fifty years ago—in March, 1857—on the invitation of the late Dr. Goold, three Sisters of Mercy came to Melbourne. These were Mother M. Ursula Frayne (Superioress), Sister M. Xavier Dillon, and Sister M. Joseph Sherlock (who still lives). They arrived in Melbourne on March 7. On landing, they were met by the late Bishop Goold and his Vicar-General, the late Dr. Fitzpatrick, who conducted them to the Bishop's own residence—a small cottage in Nicholson-street, Fitzroy. This Dr. Goold gave up to the Sisters for the site of their convent. The first Mass was celebrated in it on April 15, 1857. At the celebrations in connection with the golden jubilee his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne presided at Pontifical High Mass, which was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat, Most Rev. Dr. Higgins, their Lordships the Bishops of Sandhurst and Sale, the Most Rev. Dr. Reville, O.S.A., and the Most Rev. Dr. Corbett, being also present in the sanctuary. The occasional sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Dean Hegarty of Kyneton.

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Pay it.

If you've anything to give,
That another's joy may live,
Give it.

If you know what torch to light,
Guiding others through the night,
Light it.

ROSALIND AND THE TURKEYS

Next Wednesday is papa's birthday,' said mamma. 'What shall we send him, Rosalind?' Rosalind shut her eyes and wrinkled up her forehead, and thought and thought and thought. She and mamma were at grandfather's farm in Maine, and papa was in Chicago. What should they send him for a birthday present? Suddenly she clapped her hands. 'Let's send him a picture!' she cried. A picture of me!

'I'm sure that would please him very much,' said mamma.

'A picture of me,' continued Rosalind, 'in my new white dress, and my daisy hat, and my widest sash, and my shoes with the silver buckles!'

'I will take your photograph, Rosie,' said Uncle Kent.

'Oh, no, no,' objected Rosalind. 'I want to go uptown to the photograph man in the funny little house on wheels.'

'Uncle Kent can take very fine pictures,' said grandfather.

'But he isn't a really truly photograph man!' cried Rosalind. 'This is for papa's birthday, and is very important!'

'That settles it,' said Uncle Kent. 'You must certainly go to a "really truly photograph man." I didn't realise quite how "important" it was.'

So that afternoon Rosalind put on her white dress and daisy hat and blue sash and buckled shoes, and started for the photographer's.

Grandfather's turkeys were strutting grandly around the yard. There were twelve in all—one large, handsome gobbler that had taken a prize at the county fair, and eleven fine turkey hens. Rosalind loved to feed them, and even the fierce looking old gobbler would eat from her hand, and follow her all around the yard. She had named them after the months of the year. She called the gobbler 'January,' and the hens after the other eleven months.

'Gobble, gobble, gobble,' said January, stepping forward quickly, as Rosalind came out of the house. April pecked at her hands, and July and August pecked at her skirt.

'No, my dear turkey friends,' said Rosalind. 'No more corn to-day. Go away, January. I'm going to have my picture taken. Shoo-shoo-shoo, my dear turkey friends!'

Rosalind skipped happily down the long lane, and, turning out upon the State road, started village-wards.

Soon a team came along, the driver of which looked at her curiously.

'I wonder if he sees the buckles on my shoes?' thought Rosalind.

Then she met the rural delivery wagon, and the post-man looked at her and smiled.

'I think most prob'ly he likes my hat,' said Rosalind.

Then she passed a cottage, and several people came to the windows, and they, too, were smiling. At the railroad crossing the old gateman grinned

broadly, and from an automobile whizzing by in a cloud of dust came peal after peal of laughter. At last she reached the village, and here, too, every one looked at her, and every one was smiling.

In front of the post-office about twenty men and boys were waiting for the mail. When they saw Rosalind they laughed loudly and nudged each other, and pointed—pointed at something behind Rosalind.

Then at last Rosalind turned, and there, close behind her, marching proudly along in single file, were the prize gobbler and his eleven wives!

'Gobble, gobble, gobble,' said January, solemnly, and the crowd shouted with laughter.

Poor Rosalind! She gave one look at the turkeys and one look at the crowd, then turned and started for home, forgetting all about the picture for papa.

'Gobble, gobble, gobble,' said January, turning also, and leading his flock after her.

Rosalind reached home at last, hot and tired and dusty, and told her story tearfully.

'It was so embarrassing,' said she. 'I never want to go uptown again, not even to get my picture taken for papa. I'm never going to the post-office again nor past that old gateman. And oh, I'll never never give those horrid turkeys any more corn!'

And for two days the barnyard fowls looked in vain for Rosalind.

The third morning Rosalind found a package beside her plate at breakfast time. What could it be? She opened it eagerly, and there, in a red leather frame, was the prettiest picture!—a picture of a little girl in a white dress, with a hat covered with daisies and a sash and buckled shoes. And behind this little girl were twelve handsome turkeys!

'Oh, oh!' cried Rosalind. 'It's me! and January and February and March, and all the other months. Who could have taken it?'

'Well,' said Uncle Kent, 'I happened to be near the post-office when you came along, and I happened to have my camera fixed for a snapshot.'

'It's the loveliest picture!' said Rosalind. 'And I know papa will be so interested in grandpa's turkeys!'

'Take it right up to the post-office,' said mamma, 'and it will reach Chicago in time.'

'Yes, I'm going to,' said Rosalind, 'just as soon as I've given my dear turkey friends some corn.'

'Gobble, gobble, gobble,' said January loudly when he saw Rosalind coming.—Children's Magazine.

THE BOY KNEW HIS BUSINESS

'Little boy,' exclaimed the portly lady, 'you ought to be at school, instead of trying to work a lift.'

'I'm not trying to work it,' was the answer; 'I'm working it. And if you wish to ride, I shall be happy to accommodate you. So far as any obligation to be at school is concerned, allow me to remind you that this is a legal holiday, and I am exempt from attendance at an institution where, I am pleased to say, I am at the head of my class.'

'You have no business trying to work that lift, anyhow.'

'For what reason?'

'Because you are too young to know anything about it.'

'Madam, allow me to reassure you. This lift is worked by hydraulic pressure, the principle relied on being—that water exerts pressure in proportion to the height of a column rather than in proportion to the diameter. In making use of this characteristic, water is admitted into a cylinder, the pressure being regulated by the use of valves, and a stable equilibrium being made possible by an ingenious system of counterpoises. I could go further into the minutiae of this particular machine, which, of course, has its variations from other models,' he added, as she gasped in astonishment; 'but I doubt if you could follow the technical terms whose use an accurate description would necessitate. But I wish to assure you that if, after what I have said, you think you know more about this lift than I do, you are at perfect liberty to step in and take its management out of my hands.'

SPEAK GENTLY

Kind words are more plentiful than persistently kind and gentle voices, and yet love loses much of its power when the voice is sharp and hard. Try, therefore, most earnestly, to acquire the right tone in speaking, and guard yourself carefully from falling into

careless and bad habits of voice. Often a sharp voice shows far more ill will than the heart feels, but people do not know that the speaker's 'bark is worse than her bite,' and they believe her to be ill tempered and disagreeable. It is so easy to pick up a sharp and snappish manner of speaking. Very often it is acquired in mirth and in the give and take battles of words in which boys and girls delight. There is no malice in their sallies and a great deal of fun, but meanwhile the voice is often acquiring a sharp and shrewish tone which sticks through life, making it stir up strife and ill will among its listeners. So watch the tone in which you speak and take care that it is gentle and sweet. A kind voice is like music in the home, and is to the heart what light and beauty are to the eye.

A SAFE WAGER

A joker offered to bet a new hat with a gentleman that he would ask sixteen persons one question and receive the same answer.

The bet was accepted, and the joker asked each one of the sixteen this question:

'Did you hear that Smith is bankrupt?'

And 'Which Smith?' was the stereotyped reply.

ODDS AND ENDS

The Caspian Sea is the lowest body of water on the globe. Its level has been growing gradually lower for centuries, and now it is 85 feet below the level of the neighboring Black Sea.

A public-school magazine contains this courteous announcement. 'The editor will be very pleased to hear of the deaths of any of the old boys.' No doubt the old boys will oblige the editor from time to time.

Nervous old lady (on seventh floor of hotel): 'Do you know what precautions the proprietor of the hotel has taken against fire?'

Porter: 'Yes, mum; he has the place insured for twice what it's worth.'

The Co-operative Wholesale Societies' Annual reports that the societies of the United Kingdom have 2,320,116 members; £29,337,392 of capital, and made net profit £9,791,740 last year. More than one-fourth of the adult males in the United Kingdom are co-operators.

FAMILY FUN

What bird is a pedlar like? A hawk.
Why is a tight loot like an oak tree? Because it produces a corn (acorn).

How do you swallow a door? Bolt it.
Why is a watchman like a mill horse? Because he goes his rounds.

Why is a thump like a hat? Because it is felt.
Where should a starving man be sent? To Hungary.

If a farmer raises 365 bushels of wheat in dry weather, what would he raise in wet weather? An umbrella.

When is a door not a door? When it's an egress (a negress).

The Magazine Game.—In this the answers to the following questions are the names of well-known magazines:—

One hundred years—Century.

Santa Claus—St. Nicholas.

An ancient minstrel—Harper's.

A public place in Rome—Forum.

An early New England settler—Puritan.

Veracity—Truth.

One who sketches—Delineator.

A noted fairy—Puck.

A large body of water—Atlantic.

A dispenser of justice—Judge.

A prospect—Outlook.

What we all cling to—Life.

A citizen of the world—Cosmopolitan.

A show ground—Arena.

A boy's jack knife—Youth's Companion.

Part of a rope—Strand.

The wanderer—Pilgrim.

All Sorts

The costliest diamond is the Imperial, for which the Nizam of Hyderabad paid £430,000.

It is a law of science that sound cannot travel through a vacuum. The sound waves require the atmospheric conditions for their vibrations.

Stars seem to rise and set, like the sun, on account of the earth's revolution on her axis. They seem to rise four minutes earlier every night, on account of the earth's revolution in her orbit.

The first balloon was made by a Jesuit, about 1620. The idea was revived in France by M. Montgolfier in 1783 and introduced in England the following year.

Bees swarm because they become too crowded in one hive. When the bees feel that they are crowded too much they create a new queen, and she leads a new colony off to get a start for themselves.

Each instrument excels in some particular passage—the piano in scale passages, the harp in arpeggio, the mandolin in the rapid repetition of one note, the banjo in the rapid playing of broken chords, and so with other instruments; but the violin can beat them all on their own ground, while there is much violin music that can be played on no other instrument.

An English tourist was being driven on a jaunting car through the Donegal Highlands, and after a time the results of his observation came to the surface in the following query: 'Driver, I notice that when you speak to your friends whom you meet on the road you invariably do so in Irish, but when you address your horse you do so in English. How is this?' To which came the retort: 'Musha now tlan, isn't English good enough for him?'

Forty years ago there was not a single trout in all the length and breadth of New Zealand. To-day New Zealand trout are famous all over the world for their size and numbers, and thousands of fishermen come every year simply and solely to fish—to fish all the time and do nothing but fish. There is no doubt at all (says the 'Country Gentleman') about New Zealand being the angler's paradise. Everything possible is done to help him and encourage him and make him comfortable. Hotels in some parts exist solely for him, hotel managers are always ready to give advice, and in every town and village fishing-tackle shops abound, where polite proprietors are ready with rods, flies, baits, and information of all kinds about the 'state of the rivers, the fish in them, the sort of fly to be used, and everything else the would-be fisherman may want to know. What a pity it is that New Zealand is so far away!

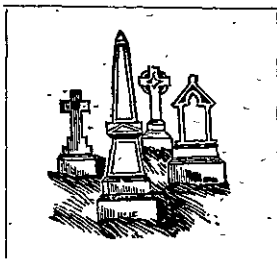
During the recent visit of King Edward VII. to Paris, Sir Francis Bertie, the British Ambassador, accentuated the fact that the Embassy is the King's residence by moving to an hotel. During a Sovereign's stay in a foreign capital the Ambassador officially ceases to exist. An Embassy in a foreign city is a sanctuary. One continually hears, in cases of trouble in Eastern countries, of persons taking refuge in the British Embassy, where they are safe from arrests unless the Ambassador or Minister gives them up. An invasion of an Embassy by the police would be as much a direct cause for war as the invasion of the actual territory of the country by soldiers of the other Power. An Ambassador, not being subject to the laws of the country to which he is accredited, can naturally not be sued. He is exempt from direct taxation, his letters are delivered in special bags, and he is free from paying Customs duty.

Here is a Frenchman's idea of golf:—'But your game of golf! Oh, yes! I know him. You put on the tunic red—so red as the Inglesch rosbif underneath—done. You strap your sack of bended-head sticks on the back of a boy twice so small as the bag. He scrape a mud pudding to make balance a leetle white ball. He make three bad tries to balance him; then very angry you call loud, "Four." Then you what you call address the ball, and, ma foi, your address sometimes is of language to make afraid. You strike, and the ball find himself in the boakaire. You call loud for the nibelungen stick, and beat the dust till your partner say, "Ho, chuckit!" You say —. But, my friend, I excuse myself to repeat what you say: Ah! my friend, you are a great nation, but your golf game gives me what you Inglesch call ze hump.'

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