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- April 21, Sunday.—Third Sunday after Easter. Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph.
 „ 22, Monday.—SS. Soter and Caius, Popes and Martyrs.
 „ 23, Tuesday.—St. George, Martyr.
 „ 24, Wednesday.—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr.
 „ 25, Thursday.—St. Mark, Evangelist.
 „ 26, Friday.—SS. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes and Martyrs.
 „ 27, Saturday.—St. Anastasius, Pope and Confessor.

SS. Soter and Caius, Popes and Martyrs.

We know very little of these two Pontiffs except the manner of their deaths. St. Soter won the crown of martyrdom in 177; St. Caius, after many sufferings for the faith, died in 296, in the reign of Diocletian, whose kinsman he was.

St. George, Martyr.

St. George has been recognised as patron of England since the time of the Crusades. Unfortunately, no authentic details of his life have come down to us. He is believed to have been a soldier, and to have suffered martyrdom about 303. In emblem of the victory he thus gained over the Evil One, he is often represented in pictures as a knight tilting against a dragon.

SS. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes and Martyrs.

St. Cletus, the third Bishop of Rome, suffered martyrdom under Domitian about the year 89. St. Marcellinus occupied the throne of St. Peter during a period of eight years. He died in 304, after having endured many sufferings for the faith in the cruel persecution of Diocletian.

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It blooms where Moab's verdant mountains chain

In Bethlehem's valleys, where the humble swain

Still watch the lights of far Judea shine.

Oh, white, white flower of olden Palestine,

What tender thoughts your fragile presence brings!

You breathe the story of the King of Kings,

The plain, the shepherds, and the glorious sign,

The heavenly songs, the sweep of angels' wings,

The sweet Madonna, and the Babe Divine!

—“Ave Maria.”

Life, to be worthy of a rational being, must be always in progression. We must always purpose to do more or better than in time past.

Sorrow is sorrow, wherever you find it, and no bank account can purchase immunity. A grave is a grave, whether there is a costly monument above it or only a headstone of marble. When you reckon with actual experiences you discover they are independent of wealth or poverty and come to all alike, and when you look at the hearts of men you find the same measure of human nature in them all. Now, when we take our departure, what shall we carry with us?

“Without mutual confidence,” says Cardinal Gibbons, “there could be no official or friendly relations among men, and the wheels of social intercourse and commercial communication would suddenly stop.” Every man, of course, should strive to improve his condition, but his strife need not be of a sort as to make him unhappy. Persistently, calmly, and heroically striving to better one's condition will bring happiness. Patience, contentment, charity for others, interest in the world about us, these are the conditions of happiness. Neither fame nor fortune can bring happiness to a man who is discontented.

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THE SILENT KEYS

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An oriental rug lay on the polished floor. The soft, rich colors were curiously wrought, but exquisitely blended. The delicate butt-tinted walls were adorned with a few choice pictures, and the curtains were fine enough to have been the handiwork of fairies. It was nearing the twilight hour when the door was opened softly, and as one might enter a sanctuary, a fair, but sad-faced woman glided into the room. She moved noiselessly to a shadowy corner, where gleamed the long row of ivory keys, and, kneeling, bowed her head.

‘Elizabeth,’—the soft, sweet voice was a wail of pain—‘it is the “De Profundis” hour. Oh, my child, is your spirit hovering near me?’

She laid her hand with gentle touch on the shining wood.

‘This was the hour when she loved to pour out her soul in exquisite melody. Only a week ago she sat here, and to-night she lies in her grave.’

Bending, she kissed the keys, and at the touch of her lips, a soft minor note broke the stillness.

She shivered at the sound. ‘It is a farewell,’ she murmured. ‘No one shall ever press these keys made sacred by the touch of her fingers. Her music I shall put away. This piece’—she rose and took the sheet of music from the rack—‘was the last she played. “Too deep for tears”—so is my grief. Oh, Elizabeth, you were so young to die; you were beautiful and good, and life seemed so full of promise. Where is there sorrow like mine? You were the last tie that bound me to earth. Without you, wealth can give no comfort. I have nothing now but a beautiful memory—for you are dead!’

Her voice died away like the moan of the autumnal wind. She laid the music in the cabinet, locked it, and with the key clasped in her hand, left the room.

The years glided by, for ‘Time knows not the weight of sleep or weariness.’

Mrs. Robertson had not ceased to mourn Elizabeth, but the blow that caused such bitter anguish had been softened by the Great Consoler.

She had been true to her word, and unyielding to the pleadings of friends. No one had opened the closed piano—the keys were still silent. Despite the fact that she had not cared again to mingle in society and preferred to live in retirement, her station demanded that she pay the tribute wealth owes to humanity. Many appeals were made to her in the name of charity. She always responded readily, but mechanically. Visits to the haunts of sorrow and misery did not change the heart that grief had made cold and unresponsive. She could feel distress, but not pity. She had never wept since the coffin lid closed over Elizabeth's beautiful face, cold and white as marble.

It has been said that there are few things stranger in a large city than the juxtaposition of the rich and the poor—the close proximity of wealth and poverty. In a narrow, crowded street, only a few blocks from the sumptuous home of Mrs. Robertson, with shout and shrill laughter the children of the poor were following a dark, foreign-looking man, carrying a hand organ, and upon whose shoulders was perched a hideous little monkey wearing a scarlet blanket. The brute's keen eyes gleamed with almost human intelligence, and the little black paw was eagerly extended for pennies, or per chance a cookie.

Both seemed scarce in that vicinity. The man trudged along scowling and muttering, and would not play again. At last, where the street merges into a much-travelled thoroughfare, a man passing by tossed a coin to the greedy monkey. Then the procession of children halted, the man turned the crank, and the organ began to grind out the air of a popular song.

‘Let me hear the music,’ cried a clear, childish voice, and a little girl ran from a yard in which stood a neat cottage, and started to cross the street.

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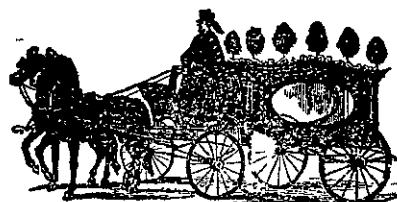
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It was twenty-four hours later that Sister Augusta, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson, was walking down a long corridor in St. Joseph's Hospital.

'Yes, we are very busy,' said the Sister, in answer to the lady's inquiry. 'There is so much sickness and many accidents. A particularly sad case was brought here yesterday; a little girl struck by an automobile and severely injured. The circumstances are unusual and make it extremely pathetic.'

'What are the circumstances?' asked Mrs. Robertson, more from politeness than because she felt interested.

'I am going to relieve the Sister who has been caring for her,' said Sister Augusta. 'If you care to accompany me, I can tell you her history.'

A little later the two women were standing beside a little white bed. On it lay the small bandaged form. No wonder Sister Augusta's tender heart softened with a love almost maternal as she looked at the fair flushed face lying on the pillow. The bright eyes opened, but there was no recognition in their depths; the lips moved, but to Mrs. Robertson the words were incoherent.

'What is she saying, Sister?'

'Let me hear the music'—she is always talking of music, poor little Elizabeth.'

The Sister laid her hand tenderly on the short dark curls, and was so intent in her contemplation of the child that she did not observe the look that passed over Mrs. Robertson's face.

'Music—Elizabeth.' What memories those words recalled! Her voice had lost the calm, steady tone, and was slightly tremulous as she asked:

'Do you think she will recover, Sister?'

'Yes, with good care, but there will be many weeks of pain. She will suffer greatly, I fear.'

'If you have leisure, please tell me the history of little—of the child,' said Mrs. Robertson.

With a few quiet but deft touches, Sister Augusta made the patient more comfortable, and sat down beside her visitor.

The story was told to me by a former servant of Elizabeth's mother, who was Eleanor Fielding, the only child of wealthy parents. She was highly gifted, and an ornament to society. She married in opposition to her parents' wishes and her father refused to recognise her. Grief and worry affected her mother's health. She was taken ill, and died without again seeing her child.

Eleanor could have borne it, if she had had a strong and loving support upon which to lean, but too late she realised that she had married one utterly unworthy of her. She found herself an abused, neglected wife, but she never complained. At last her husband met with an accidental death. Still she struggled on, and taught music for a livelihood, until her health failed. Then, for the sake of her child, she made a last appeal to her father. He had married again, and the cruel message she received helped to hasten her death.

In his joy over the birth of a son, he said, he had entirely forgotten that he ever had an ungrateful daughter. Eleanor died, and the sale of her few effects sufficed to furnish the money to pay her funeral expenses. Faithful Mrs. Miller took little Elizabeth to her neat but humble home and cared for her to the best of her ability.

Sister Augusta paused, and a slight sigh escaped her lips as she said: 'Poor Mrs. Miller has a large family of her own; she is unable to do any more, but I feel somehow that God will provide for little Elizabeth.'

'The music. Let me hear the music,' moaned the child.

Mrs. Robertson's head sank on her breast. Her own Elizabeth's face seemed to rise from a silvery mist and she could hear her clear, sweet voice singing a song she used to love.

The flower of Elizabeth's beautiful life had been sunk in death, perhaps in music's breath its memory would be greener, fresher than before.

'It is probable, said Sister Augusta, that music would quiet her, but of course it is quite impossible.'

When Mrs. Robertson lifted her head, the Sister looked at her in astonishment, and she scarcely recognised the voice that vibrated with feeling as she said:

'Sister, let me relieve you of the care and of little Elizabeth herself. She can be removed to my house without danger, and I shall go myself to see Mrs. Miller. You have so many, Sister. Let me have this wee one to care for, yes, to love, as my very own.'

A sob broke in her throat, and tears filled her eyes and trembled on her long lashes. She seemed a statue awakened to the blessing of life, and the rapture of love.

Sister Augusta's eyes were full of tears when she finished, but they were tears of joy, to see the old loving nature of her dear friend assert itself.

Now she knew the ice about her heart had melted, never to congeal again! She had found something upon which to lavish her affection, and the little stranger who, in a few hours had grown so dear, had found a home.

And thus it was, that from the keys so long silent, came sweet entrancing strains of music that calmed the weary suffering child and brought peace and comfort to the mother who often fancied she saw her dear one's face smiling on her in approbation.—Exchange.

THE WATCHER

The soft dusk of an early autumn evening was falling when the doctor came from the sick-room into the spotless kitchen where Mary Catherine sat.

'How'd you find him, Doctor?' she inquired, anxiously. 'Is he real bad on?'

The doctor gave her a little reassuring nod as he seated himself in a chair near her own.

'The fact is, Mary Catherine,' he said, lowering his voice that his words might not carry to the invalid in the room beyond, 'your father has never in his life been sick enough to realise what real illness is. He hasn't any standard of his own for comparison, and consequently, when he's a trifle indisposed, as he is now, his imagination gets away with him. It's a cold—a simple, old-fashioned cold, nothing more nor less. Maybe he's a bit worn out, too. It takes hold of a man who is on the wrong side of seventy to work as he does. But there's nothing in any way serious. He'll be as good as new in a few days. But you can't make him think so. He firmly believes that this is the beginning of the end, and you can't possibly get the idea out of his head. End!' The doctor chuckled delightedly. 'I'd give a good deal to have half the constitution he has now!'

Mary Catherine gave a sigh of relief. 'I'm glad it's no worse,' she said. 'This afternoon I was real worried.'

'Naturally, naturally,' laughed the doctor. 'He makes a fuss out of all proportion to his ailments. I've left some powders for him. You might give him one every two hours as long as they last. And I'd humor him, if I were you. If he gets any comfort out of thinking his time has come, why, let him think so for a day or two. It won't last longer, I warrant you.'

He picked up his hat and medicine-case and went out at the back door, calling a cheerful good-night over his shoulder. A moment later the rumble of wheels told of his departure. Hardly had the sound of them died away when a voice called querulously from the bedroom:

'Mary Catherine, where are you?'

Mary Catherine hurried into the presence of the invalid. He lay in the high-posted bed—a well-preserved old man with huge frame and small, dark eyes that looked at one piercingly from beneath their bushy white brows. There was something plaintive in them as he turned eagerly to his daughter.

'What'd he say?' he asked curtly.

'He says you're going to be all right in a day or two, father,' was the cheerful response.

'He never,' the old man flatly contradicted. 'Or if he did, he was tryin' to deceive you. That's somethin' I ain't goin' to do. I'm goin' to be out an' out with you. Sit down.'

Mary Catherine sat down on the edge of the bed. 'I'm a sick man, Mary Catherine,' he went on. 'It's been comin' on this good while. I've been fallin' all summer. I ain't long for this world.'

'O sho, father!' his daughter deprecated.

'I ain't long for this world,' he repeated with some warmth, as if daring any one to dispute him. 'I guess I can tell pretty well when my time's come. I feel it in my bones this is goin' to be my last sickness.'

'You'll feel different in the mornin',' Mary Catherine declared.

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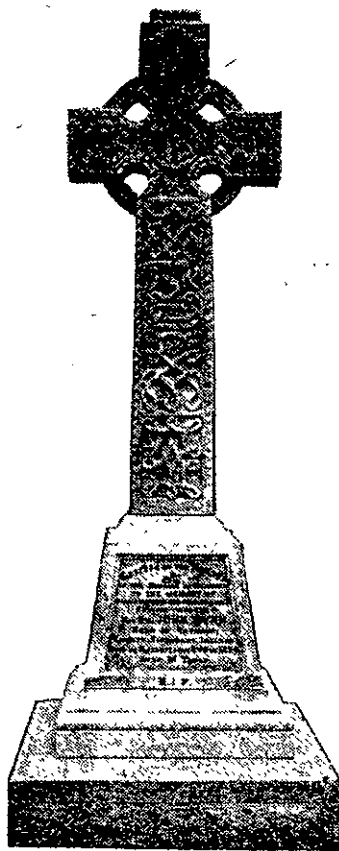
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'What are you going to have for supper?' inquired his practical daughter.

'I hain't got any appetite,' he returned gloomily. 'Just some gruel an' tea, guess. But before you get it, I wish you'd go over an' see if Cephas Blake'll come over an' watch with me to-night.'

'Why, if you think you need to have a watcher, I'll sit up with you.'

'No, I ain't goin' to have you broke of your rest,' he objected. 'You'll have enough to do waitin' on me daytimes. You go and get Cephas. I ought to have some one here, for like enough I'll be worse in the night, and besides, I've got to have powders every two hours.'

Mary Catherine rose reluctantly. 'Perhaps you won't need a watcher,' she suggested. 'Perhaps you'll feel sleepy after you've had your supper.'

'I don't callate I shall close my eyes to-night,' he replied. 'You get Cephas. I've heard he was real handy in sickness.'

Thus it came about that two hours later Cephas Blake was ushered into the sick-room, where a dim light showed but faintly the rugged outlines of the face on the pillow. Cephas was nearly as old as the invalid, but, unlike him, he was small and wiry.

'Good evenin', Eben!' he said tiptoeing to the bed. 'Sorry you're under the weather. Never had an idea of such a thing till Mary Catherine ran over a little while ago.'

'Have a chair,' said the sick man. And, as the other drew one forth and sprawled comfortably in it, he continued, 'I'm a sick man, Cephas. I guess my race is most run.'

'Now I shouldn't look at it that way,' Cephas began, but the other cut him short.

'You can't ever tell how you'll look at things till you're brought face to face with 'em. If it's got to come, as of course it has some time, I guess it might just as well come now. The last of my potatoes is dug and in the cellar, and Mary Catherine will marry Sam Hallet soon after I'm gone, so that leaves her well provided for.' He sighed heavily. 'I'm resigned, Cephas. I'm perfectly resigned.'

Cephas squirmed uneasily in his chair. 'I should try to get a little sleep if I were you,' he advised.

'Sleep!' the man on the bed snorted scornfully. 'I guess I shan't get much sleep! My head's nigh bustin'.'

'Try a powder, then. Maybe that'll ease you some.'

He shook the powder from its paper out on the invalid's tongue and held a tumbler of water to his lips; after this he resumed his sprawling attitude in the chair, and sat there in preoccupied silence. There was no sound to break the stillness except the ticking of the clock in the kitchen. After a time Mary Catherine went to bed, and the silence became oppressive. Cephas yawned frequently, and presently began to nod. He was drifting into a comfortable doze when a complaining voice from the bed roused him.

'You ain't asleep, are you, Cephas?' it inquired, with some asperity.

Cephas pulled himself together with an effort and sat up. 'Course not, Eben!' he declared.

'Because I shan't be easy if you get asleep,' Eben explained. 'I'm likely to be worse at any minute.'

'You needn't worry. I ain't goin' to sleep,' the watcher said doggedly. But nevertheless almost immediately he was nodding again. His under jaw dropped; there came from his throat an unmistakable gurgle. Eben sniffed disgustedly.

'Hey!' he called. 'Hey! what you doin' now?'

Cephas started up guiltily, blinking his sleepy eyes. He stared about him for a moment, as if trying to collect his napping wits. 'What is it? What's wrong?' he asked. 'Time for one of them powders?'

'No!' Eben snapped. 'You were asleep!'

'I wasn't, either,' contradicted Cephas, vigorously.

'Yes, you were. You were a-snorin'.'

'I hain't snored a mite.'

'Hain't ye?' snorted Eben. 'Well, t'was the best imitation ever. I listened to.'

'Maybe I might ha' lost myself for a minute,' Cephas admitted, 'but I shan't again.'

'If I have a watcher,' said Eben, 'I want one to watch, not to show me how many different keys he can snore in.'

Cephas looked hurt. For a time he held himself upright in the chair. Yet the rally was but short-lived. Gradually the stiffness of his pose relaxed. He sank lower in the chair. Again his jaw dropped, and again he sent forth a series of guttural gurgles which surpassed all former efforts.

Eben, who had dropped into a doze himself, was rudely awakened. He sat up in bed, staring at the man in the chair.

'Don't it beat time,' he burst out, 'that a man can't be sick peaceable in his own house! Hey, there, Cephas! What you doin'? Just "lost yourself" again, I s'pose! Lost yourself pretty thorough this time, ain't ye?'

His voice had risen to a shout, but Cephas snored on. An angry light appeared in Eben's eyes. He came out of the bed with a bound.

'I guess you need the bed more'n I do,' he said, under his breath. 'Next thing I know, you'll pitch head first out of that chair and break your neck.'

He snatched up his clothes from another chair and began jerking them on. Then he lifted Cephas and laid him gently on the bed. Cephas' eyes did not open; his grunts and gurgles went on noisily.

There was an extra blanket on the footboard of the bed, and Eben, wrapping this about himself, sat down in the chair, a grim smile curving his lips. It grew more pronounced as he glanced at the recumbent form on the patchwork coverlet.

'I guess I'll have to put off dyin' till I can find some decent watchers,' he ruminated.

Mary Catherine, coming downstairs early the next morning, paused at the door of her father's bedroom and caught from within the sound of heavy, regular breathing.

'Guess I won't disturb 'em now,' she observed, and it was not until breakfast was on the table that she pushed open the bedroom door. The sight which met her eyes brought a gasp of astonishment from her. On the bed lay Cephas Blake, fully dressed and still snoring lustily, while in a chair by the bedside her father dozed peacefully, his chin sunk on his chest.

'Why, father,' she cried, 'you must be feelin' better!'

The old man started up and grinned sheepishly.

'I am,' he said, 'a good deal. I've slept pretty well, and I should ha' slept more if Cephas hadn't snored so. Goin' to get breakfast?'

'It's on the table. You comin' out?'

'Yes, I'll be out as soon as I can get him woke up,' he said.

He went to the bed and gave Cephas a series of vigorous shakes.

'Come!' he shouted. 'Come, it's time to get up! Breakfast's ready, and I guess you must be most starved after your night of "watchin'". The Companion.'

High Life

A certain portion of France is called the turpentine district, as it is largely given over to the production of turpentine that exudes from the enormous number of maritime pine trees. The process of obtaining the turpentine makes one think of the way maple sugar is made in America. A shingle is inserted in the tree, and from it is hung a small pail, into which the turpentine drips in a tiny stream. Each year the incision in the tree has to be made at a greater height, and on this account a most singular custom prevails.

All of the workmen use great stilts, upon which they stride about, examining the little pails and emptying them when full, although they may be hanging many feet from the ground. These stilts are usually about sixteen feet long, and the workmen wear them all day, just as steadily as they wear their boots or jackets.

The men who guard the flocks also use stilts, very useful. Indeed, nearly all of the peasants of that region live, as one may say, up in the air. Each stilt-wearer carries a long staff, which has a round, flat top, upon which he sits to rest or when he eats his dinner. At the noon hour it is a strange sight to see a number of turpentine gatherers or herdsmen chatting and eating sixteen feet above the ground.

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Current Topics

A Beneficent Institution

Sancho Panza invoked a blessing on the man who invented sleep. Readers of newspapers would—if they did but know—call down the benisons of heaven upon the man who invented the waste basket. It is with

'A sad little sigh
Or a tear in the eye'

that the soft-hearted editor consigns to the willow-sided grave inoffensive contributions that are merely belated or untimely or inappropriate, or the efforts of struggling genius to find expression in verse before it has mastered the simpler art of prose. It is, however, with an unholy joy or a 'saeva indignatio' (fierce indignation) that the religious editor tosses into the office limbo intemperate partisan communications, personal attacks, efforts (open or indirect) to make his columns an arena for the performance of parochial war-hakas, and, generally, all written stuff that should be directed to the corporation tip-tilt or destructor rather than to the bureau of a respectable and responsible newspaper. To the writers of such, we commend the example of Edmund Burke when, in a season of folly, he wrote a play. 'Have you shown it to Garrick?' said Fox. 'No', replied Burke; 'I had indeed the folly to write it, but the wit to keep it to myself'.

'Loyalty'

'What name', asks Vinet (the Swiss Protestant theologian and literary critic) 'shall be given to the citizen who braves the law? The word is easily found; he is seditious, rebellious, in the eyes of the law. But laws themselves are sometimes rebellious to the eternal principles of righteousness'. Such, for instance, is the law which has made the celebration of the Mass a crime ('*delit de Messe*') in lodge-ridden France. It is not truly a law, but an act of tyranny against the individual conscience, and an outrage upon the eternal rights of God. The rights of conscience are no mere civil grant. They are rights of the Creator, against which no man and no human organisation have any rights. They are rights of the spiritual order, which is anterior and superior to the civil order. They cannot be surrendered. They cannot be taken away. Every Government is bound to respect them by the very law which justifies its own existence. Such so-called laws are (to quote Vinet's words) 'rebellious to the eternal principles of righteousness'. They are 'ultra vires'. Reasoned and proper defiance of them is a meritorious act; for, in the conflict between Christ and anti-Christ, one must rather obey God than man. That is the answer to the Paris 'Matin' and its echoes in London and the echoes of its echoes in New Zealand, which affect much pious indignation with the hierarchy and clergy of France because they have not sufficient 'loyalty' to fall in like dumb dogs with the provisions of the atheistic campaign for the banishment of Christ from that 'machine'-ruled land. Artemus Ward advised Lincoln to fill his Cabinet with showmen—they 'hain't got any principles', said Artemus in explanation. On a somewhat similar principle, Waldeck-Rousseau, Combes, and Clemenceau have packed their Cabinets wholly with the enemies of religion, partly with the foes of social order. The result of their handiwork is before the world—in the grand battue to banish Christ and Christian principles from the land. But in all that revolting campaign against religion, there is nothing more revolting than the hypocritical cant (manufactured for export only) about 'liberty, equality, fraternity'—and 'loyalty' to 'law'.

Inconsistency

There are perhaps few men wholly consistent. Few, for instance, reason out their own systems or theories and carry them to their logical conclusion. They commonly shy to right or left from some point of practice that is too good or too wicked for them to adopt. Even Bill Sikes had sufficient good in him to feel the tortures of remorse. Charles Peace was in his better moments a collector of rare moths. Zola—the philosopher of the sty—in a moment of grace cautioned an inquiring maiden not to read his books. Carducci (to whom we made editorial reference last week) penned, as an insult to the Vatican Council, the lurid blasphemy of the 'Inno a Satana' ('Hymn to Satan'), and popularised devil-worship among the atheistic anarchist-socialist and Freemason factions in Italy. Yet he had his daughters piously brought up in a convent, and in his later days wrote two sweet little poems (recently reproduced in a Roman secular newspaper)—the one a reverent address to the crucifix, the other to 'our tainted nature's solitary boast', the ever-blessed Virgin Mary. Few, it seems, are as good, or as wicked, as the principles they profess. On the other side of the picture we have a clergyman in Melbourne who falls below his principles, and whose professions and practice are as antagonistic to each other as the famous Kilkenny cats. His reverence has temporarily abandoned Pope-baiting for the occupation of anti-gambling detective, which offers a much bigger percentage of red meat to the risks of the game. The intolerable 'tote' and Tattersall scandals in Melbourne afforded, in good sooth, sufficient material for the moral reformer. The methods of reformation selected by our No-Popery friend across the water were, however, hardly in keeping with the principles of one in whose eyes every form of wager is a grave moral deordination. His reverence (says the 'Sydney Morning Herald') 'got men into the club and "tote" to make bets, so as to procure evidence to support that given by the police'. There are evidently some pious and well-meaning people who hold to the principle formulated by Dr. Martin Luther (and falsely attributed to the Jesuits) that a good end or object justifies the use of what they consider sinful means.

Some Quacks

A number of people up Christchurch way have been tasting quackery, and it has made them very sick. 'Brass-faced, vociferous, voracious' are the terms which Carlyle applies to all the tribe of medical quacks. The postal authorities have lately been refusing to deliver letters or packets to some of those irregular practitioners in Christchurch, and the 'Press' has been publishing matter that is calculated to scare the lacquer off the brazen faces of the Canterbury charlatans. A patient (Mr. C. Brown) who is lying near death in the Christchurch Hospital tells a story to the following effect in the 'Press' of April 12: He is a worker with a large family. Some time ago he placed himself in the hands of a quack, 'a very pious, soft-spoken, individual'. A cure was verbally guaranteed; 'it is God you will have to thank for it', quoth the quack. Regular fee, £20; reduced charge for this special case, six guineas; and (said the 'curer') 'I do not think you will be a day from work'. Gnawing acids were repeatedly applied to the patient's lips (the seat of the trouble) and down his throat. He went almost delirious with agony; 'the burned flesh and skin dropped off'; and it was three weeks before the sufferer could return to work. The trouble recurred. The patient returned. Three more guineas were demanded for fresh treatment. The patient asked about that guarantee. Thereupon the 'very pious and soft-spoken' quack refreshed himself with some very emphatic profanity. In the end, however, he fobbed the three extra guineas, started another 'cure', scorched and blistered his patient, and kept him out of action for another three weeks. Financial result of the whole 'cure': the

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worker shed twenty-seven guineas in fees and lost wages. Therapeutical result (as related to a 'Press' representative by the surgeons who treated the worker, after the quack had had his two innings): a case of 'inoperable' malignant disease. 'Mr. Brown had had ordinary epithelioma of the lip, a common form of cancer, which in its initial stages could have been operated for with perfect success. The outbreak, however, seems to have been aggravated by acids, the result being that the glands under the jaw were affected and the mischief spread beyond remedy'.

Will the dying worker's story reduce the rush of the credulous to the charlatan who offers 'guaranteed cures' of refractory or incurable disorders? Locally and for a time—perhaps. At best, only that and nothing more. The guarantor appeals to the ever-green hope and the boundless credulity of the masses. And with those smitten with real or fancied ailments of a certain nature, these grounds of appeal are as strong to-day as when Bartholin professed to cure epilepsy by rhymes; when Keneim Digby set all England by the ears by banishing all ills with a shake of his 'sympathetic powder', and when Paracelsus (or, to give him his full processional name, Aurelius Philippus Paracelsus Theophrastus Bombastus de Hohenheim) set people crazy through the power he claimed of making them immortal by dosing them with liquid gold.

A 'Chain'-prayer Calculation

The social mischief done by joltheads and lackwits has many a time led precipitate aphorists to declare that they are more harmful than the wicked in this 'wale of tears'. The extent to which folly may on occasion be the tool of fraud and sin finds ample illustration in the 'elder's chain-prayer' nuisance that has been for some time past afflicting a long-suffering public. A mathematician in our clever contemporary, the Bombay 'Examiner', publishes sundry calculations which show what a stupendous and costly infliction these chain impostures may become. Recipients of the chain-prayer are variously requested to write and distribute nine copies (without other proviso), and one copy each day for nine consecutive days. By distributing the nine copies on the day of receipt, the result would be as follows: first day, nine copies; second day, 81; third day, 729; fourth day, 6,561; fifth day, 59,049; and so on, multiplying by nine each day, until, on the ninth, the copies of the pestiferous American hoax placed in circulation would reach the enormous total of 435,848,482. The 'Examiner' also publishes a table giving the rate of distribution day by day for a month at the rate of one copy by each recipient each day for nine consecutive days. Picking some of the figures from the table, we learn that on the first day one copy is put into circulation; on the second day two; on the third day four; on the fourth day eight; on the tenth day 512; on the fifteenth day 16,272; on the twentieth day 518,145; on the twenty-fifth day 16,499,120; on the thirty-first day 1,049,716,729, or over a thousand millions!

With these stupendous figures of a stupendous folly, the 'Examiner' had little trouble in sustaining its statement that 'the cost of paper and stamps wasted in circulating the elder's chain-prayer might, if collected, build a hospital'. It would be more appropriately spent upon an insane asylum. Judging by the 'Examiner's' calculation, if a chain-prayer were continued for a few months, the money wasted upon it by the rattle-poles of the English-speaking world would suffice to build two first-class fleets or pay a nation's ransom. But the 'elder's chain-prayer' has been circulating in ever increasing volume for over a year. The 'Examiner' makes the following 'very practical suggestion':—

'If the postal authorities wish to give us a universal half-penny postage for letters, and a reduced rate

for parcels and newspapers, let them start a chain-prayer! All the foolish people will spend their money in helping to circulate it; and from the vast contribution of their foolishness all the wise people will derive an enormous benefit. Nay more, if the British Government wants to pay off the national debt, or to secure unlimited resources for the equipment of the army and the navy, without throwing the onus on the taxpayers! let them make a secret agreement with the post office to halve the profits, and then keep a series of chain-prayers in circulation. In fact, we are rapidly coming to the conclusion that a chain-prayer affords the most effectual solution of all economic and administrative problems which in any way rest on finance. The man who first invented so great a boon ought to have a monument!

Which is 'wrote sarcastic'. It reminds us of the prayer of Billings: 'God save the phools and dcm't let 'em run out, for without 'em wise men couldn't get so good a livin'.' In the long, long ago, fortune tellers in Alexandria used to pay to the city a tribute out of their earnings. It was called 'fools'-pence' because (says an old writer) it was 'made by their own ingenious folly and the credulous dotage of their admirers'. For some time past the coffers of the post office in many English-speaking countries have been bulging with the 'fools'-pence' of beef-witted and superstitious folk (mostly non-Catholic) who, in their 'credulous dotage', have allowed themselves to be made the tools of some knave or practical joker west of the Atlantic. The Boeotians are a fruitful generation, and their race shows no signs of dying out.

Bathybius and Radiobe

True science is without prejudices. Scientists, however, start sometimes with prepossessions that impair the value of their work. Have we not, for instance, the historic case of Darwin in a tremor of expectant fear lest some of his investigations might upset one of the theories to which he was wedded? And when Huxley was inquiring into the origin of life, and found that it came only and always from pre-existing life, did he not express his disappointment that the evidence was not the other way? If a train were to run up against a cow, it would (said Engineer Stevenson to the Lords' Committee) be 'sae much the waur for the coo'. When a fact bumps a theory, it is so much the worse for the theory. But among sciolists, and among scientists of strong prejudice, the theory is not shaped to suit the facts, but the facts are filed down or built up or pulled and twisted this way or that to suit the theory. In 1868 Huxley first described a deep-sea slime which had been dragged up from the floor of the Atlantic. This slime (Huxley thought) bridged the gulf between the inorganic and the organic worlds, and showed low forms of life in the actual process of being spontaneously generated out of non-living and formless matter. He named the stuff 'Bathybius Haeckelii' (Haeckels bathybius). Careful experiments by Mr. John Murray, however, conclusively proved that the mass of ocean-slime that was supposed to be matter spontaneously generating life, was 'only a gelatinous precipitate of sulphate of lime from sea-water mixed with alcohol.' Huxley had sufficient reverence for scientific truth to abandon his 'bathybius'. Haeckel, however, clung to the beloved slime that had been named in his honor. But the mystery of life remained where it had ever been.

A similar fate has befallen the interesting investigations of Mr. Butler Burke, accounts of which were cabled to our shores, coupled with wild statements and unscientific inferences and predictions which went vastly farther than the facts at any time warranted. We take from a contemporary the following story of the upshot of Mr. Burke's investigations:—

'It has now been demonstrated that Mr. Butler Burke's investigations of the action of radium on gelatine and other culture media, by which it was claimed about

two years ago that he had thrown considerable light on the origin of life, were not quite so far-reaching as some people thought. The "Standard" says that Mr. W. A. Douglas Rudge has just published in the papers of the Royal Society the account of a series of most interesting experiments which he has made. Suspecting the cause to be purely chemical, Mr. Rudge subjected the gelatine to the action of the other metallic salts. Barium, which is, of course, a constant impurity in radium, gave the effect even better than radium itself. Though from the outset the majority of biologists refused to look on Mr. Burke's "radiobes" as being in any way connected with the origin of life, their refusal was based on purely biological considerations. They were quite unable to suggest any explanation of the phenomenon. Mr. Rudge, however, has settled the matter once for all. There can be no doubt that the "cells" are nothing else than the insoluble sulphates of certain metals which form about a core of gelatine. The limits of the precipitation of the sulphates vary according to the larger or smaller area through which the metallic salts are able to diffuse.

And so we get back, and ever and ever back, to the scientific truth, 'Every living thing comes from a living thing, every cell from a cell, every nucleus from a nucleus.' Upon this point, says Gerard in his 'Old Riddle' (1904); there is now complete agreement amongst scientific authorities, and (what is more remarkable) none are more strenuous in upholding the doctrine of Biogenesis (the derivation of life from life alone) than some of those who with equal vehemence proclaim the doctrine of Evolution for which the occurrence of spontaneous generation is a necessity. The 'missing links' between the organic and inorganic worlds, and between the anthropoid ape and man, have often been announced. But they have persistently refused to materialise and put themselves on exhibition.

THE FRENCH PERSECUTION

A NUN'S PATHETIC STORY

The aggressive atheists who are engaged in the task of 'hunting Christ' out of France are thorough-going in the callous inhumanity of the means which they employ. At one stroke, for instance, they deprive the parochial clergy of the slender budget allowance (averaging £36 per annum) which was not a salary in the ordinary acceptance of the term, but represented interest at the rate of one per cent. per annum on Church property seized and devoted to secular uses during the great Revolution. Having thus deprived the clergy of their slender living, the Christ-hunters drove them from their presbyteries at the point of the bayonet, confiscated all their belongings, down to the iron spoons and the poker and tongs. The parish clergy being thus rendered homeless and penniless, the Government actually began prosecutions against any of them whom its lynx-eyed agents succeeded in finding 'guilty' of the crime of soliciting or receiving voluntary offerings on any occasion whatever from the faithful for their necessary support. A similar course of action was followed under the Associations Law, in regard to the members of religious Orders. They, too, were driven from their homes at the point of the bayonet. Their property was seized, down to the last pot and kettle and ha'porth of pins. When driven out into the world, penniless and homeless—and many of them old and ill and feeble—they were compelled to separate. No two of them were allowed to live in any one house—they would, in that case, be treated as an illegal association. Those of them that had relatives to go to in France, or houses of their Order to emigrate to abroad, were fortunate indeed. Many, released by ecclesiastical authority from some or all of their vows, had to make a livelihood as best they could in the world. The distress caused by these wholesale evictions and plunderings may be estimated to some extent by the fact that about 160,000 persons were involved in that great dragnet of atheistic legislation. The New York 'Freeman's Journal' of February 16 gives a brief summary of the pathetic story of one 'suppressed' nun. Thousands of those poor, plundered religious must have passed through the ordeal of sorrow that is hinted at rather than told in the following review by our New York contemporary:—

'This New Year's publications in Paris included a work entitled

"The Diary of an Exiled Nun,"

which did not require a preface by one of France's most popular poets, namely Francois Coppee, to ensure it being widely read by the public. It is the work of a Sister who veils her personality from the public, and relates in detail those events which took place on the eve of the forcible entry by Governmental officials into the convent in order to eject the nuns. Father Suau, reviewing the work in the "Etudes" (Paris), admits that not even Matilda Serao's "Sister Paul of the Cross" has caused in him so much emotion as this simple journal. In it, the whole pathos of ejection, or eviction, is told with an absence of literary pretension which gives the work not only a distinct literary charm, but a vivid picture of the whole sordid story of governmental oppression. Here, for instance, is a passage which is typical of many and which fails not to convey the scene depicted in acute realism: 'The commissary came to the convent with his clerk, each striving to outdo the other in incivility and surliness, neither even taking off his hat, nor even rising when the Mother-Superior entered the parlor. At the expiration of a few moments, however, the commissary sent his clerk to the town hall to have some documents stamped. As soon as the clerk had left, the commissary quite changed his attitude, becoming studiously polite, amiable, and kind, apologising for the painful task which he had to perform, and further showing his regret. When his clerk returned, the commissary resumed his previous rigid demeanor, and both left the convent, without even a bow or a good-day.'

'The authoress of the "Diary" when thrown upon the world, having no dowry, and being

Entirely Without Means,

tried for a long time to find employment, subsisting on a few coins which the Mother-Superior divided between them before parting. Having some acquaintance with art, she endeavored to interest the superintendents of certain schools. Without avail, however; her great crime being that she had once been a nun! She also had a knowledge of china-painting and wore out her awkward shoes running round the stores day after day for employment. Most of them rejected her offers. With no knowledge of the world, she was satisfied to sell her work for something like the tenth of its real value, the result being that likely employers thought her work could be of no value whatever, and did not even give her a trial. Yet some were glad to get her work at the price she agreed to toil for; and once she obtained a large order which took her seventeen hours a day to complete in two weeks. At the end of that period she was paid a sum of money which did not suffice to meet her humble liabilities for the fortnight. A fellow-lodger in her house, an old workman, over seventy years old, took compassion on her helplessness and, as he possessed a knowledge of trade-painting, gave her a few lessons, which enabled her to weather the storm for some time. Another lady of the same Order was even less fortunate. Over sixty years old, she had formerly been rich, but had given her entire fortune in good works. With no surviving relatives, she was thrown upon the world. She became a

Servant in a Family,

being subsequently promoted to the position of nurse to an invalid, although almost an invalid herself, bent and growing rapidly into old age. Others among the elderly nuns did not quite realise, even when the police were in the convent-halls, what was about to happen; some thought the Reverend Mother about to be arrested for heaven knows what delinquency—but as to themselves leaving the convent—the old home—the place they had chosen to live and die in—never! It was impossible. Many of the poor ladies stood staring at the blatant officials, not knowing where to turn, or what to do. Numbers had so little suspected the reality of the official warning, that they had not even prepared their little baggage. Most of them shrank back helplessly when the police entered and with no male protectors to help or advise them, presented a piteous spectacle which moved even their ejectors to tears. Here and there were shabby worn trunks lying about the hall containing clothes and little relics; baskets filled with food, young nuns tear-stained and mute, waiting for the last order from the Mother to leave, elderly lay Sisters, defiant some of them, others upbraiding the officials. And when the moment came for the Mother Superior to count her departing flock, one was found absent. Then there was a scurrying to and fro, through the familiar halls, along the well-loved corridors with their silent statues in their solemn little niches, up the stairs

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to the empty dormitories and in and out the mournful class-rooms. And yet the missing one was not to be found. Then they remembered—the chapel. There, indeed, they found her;

In the Dim, Denuded Chapel,

at the lowest of the altar-steps, praying her last prayer in the little shrine which had meant for her all the happiest moments of her simple existence and which now looked upon the tragedy of her empty life. Even when they called her, she was hardly conscious of the truth, and the harsh voice of an official was required to make her realise that the moment had come for her to bid farewell for ever to her convent-home and all its gentle memories.

'It is to little purpose,' adds the 'Freeman,' 'to continue what can prove but a heart-rending tale. Suffice it to say with Francois Coppee, who writes the preface to the work, that posterity will learn from these simple pages the truth of the deplorable tragedy which is being enacted at this day in Catholic France. Heroism is not the monopoly of the battlefield, nor are its acts apportioned only to strong men. In the great, sad exodus from the convents of France, there beat under coarse and unpretentious garb (thousands of hearts courageous, the patient heroism of which, knowing no certainty of future nor term to suspense and sorrow, was knowable only to the Mind that misses nothing.

CENSUS RETURNS

MARRIAGE AND EDUCATION

It is found that in April, 1906, there were 9633 bachelors aged 20 years and upwards in excess of the number of the spinsters aged 15 years and up. In 1901 the reverse was the case, the spinsters having been 3572 in excess of the bachelors, and in 1896 similarly the spinsters exceeded the bachelors by 1786. No doubt the preponderance of bachelors in 1905 (for the whole Colony) had been to a great extent brought about by increased arrivals of male population from abroad. But in regard to proportions of the Colony other causes may have operated. At each of the above quoted censuses the provincial districts of Canterbury and Otago are remarkable as having more spinsters than bachelors, while all the others exhibit, more or less, the opposite position. But the figures for 1906 show that the excess of spinsters in Canterbury and Otago has much diminished.

EXCESS OF SPINSTERS OVER BACHELORS.

Provincial District.	1896.	1901.	1906.
Canterbury ...	3997	4918	2117
Otago ...	2066	1899	954

EXCESS OF BACHELORS OVER SPINSTERS.

	1896.	1901.	1906.
Wellington ...	637	32	4389
Auckland ...	708	521	3383
Nelson ...	580	637	1550
Hawke's Bay ...	1142	425	1151
Westland ...	501	666	935
Taranaki ...	524	805	754
Marlborough ...	183	158	532

Of every 100 persons in New Zealand at the time of the census of 1906, 83.50 could read and write, 1.60 could read only, and 14.90 could neither read nor write. The proportion able to read and write, and that of persons able to read only has increased steadily since 1874. The figures (says the 'Otago Daily Times') are given for four censuses:—

	Read and write.	Read only.	Cannot read.
Census, 1874 ...	68.15	8.09	23.76
Census, 1886 ...	74.01	4.80	21.19
Census, 1896 ...	80.60	2.89	16.51
Census, 1906 ...	83.50	1.60	14.90

To ascertain, however, how completely education is carried out, accepting as a test the knowledge of reading and writing, it is necessary to show the condition at present in respect of age periods, which is accordingly given.

At the period under-five years none are found to read and write, and only 0.37 were able to read; 99.63 being unable to do either on account of extreme youth. At five to ten years 85.51 could read and write, and 10.14 read only, leaving 24.35 who could not read. But this last only includes three years of the school-going period.

With the subsequent periods up to 40 years, figures under 'read only' and 'cannot' are reduced to small fractions as under:—

	Read and write.	Read only.	Cannot read.
10 to 15 years ...	99.45	0.22	0.33
15 to 20 years ...	99.63	0.08	0.29
20 to 25 years ...	99.56	0.08	0.36
25 to 30 years ...	99.43	0.13	0.44
30 to 35 years ...	99.35	0.16	0.49
35 to 40 years ...	99.12	0.24	0.64

At 40 to 45 years those who 'cannot read' are over 1 per cent., and the proportion goes on increasing regularly thus:—

	Read and write.	Read only.	Cannot read.
50 to 55 years ...	96.32	1.53	2.15
60 to 65 years ...	94.06	2.53	3.42
70 to 75 years ...	89.15	5.12	5.73
80 and upwards ...	86.14	6.12	7.74

The improved conditions of the young people are clearly shown above. At the last two periods given, which belong to advanced life, 10.85 per cent. and 13.86 per cent. are found to be either 'reading only' or quite illiterate.

The Opium Wars of China

As a result of the recommendations of the returned Commissioners, after consultation with Yuan-shi-kai and Tang-shao-yi, an edict was issued (says the London 'Daily Chronicle') ordering the abolition of the use of opium, both foreign and native, in China, within ten years.

As far back as the beginning of the last century the Chinese Government desired to rid the country of the curse of opium, the use of which had been steadily growing among the inhabitants. Before 1767 the import of opium had rarely exceeded 200 chests, but in that year it amounted to 1000. By 1800 it had increased so alarmingly that an Imperial edict was issued prohibiting the importation and threatening all Chinese who used it with condign punishment.

The traffic of opium had always been a smuggling one, and the edict did not prevent its increase. India was the great exporter of the drug, and it was because the revenues derived by India from its export to China were threatened that our first war with the latter country was entered into.

In 1835 the Chinese Emperor prohibited the trade. In the same year a quantity of the drug was burned by the Chinese at Canton. For three years trouble occurred connected with the traffic, until at length, in March, 1839, the Chinese Commissioner at Canton ordered the seizure of opium. The British residents were forbidden to leave, and the factories were surrounded. A few days afterward the British Commissioner at Canton required the British residents to surrender to him all their opium. By May over 40,000 chests were surrendered and the Commissioner and British residents left Canton, the Chinese afterward destroying the opium.

This was followed by the Emperor of China in 1840 interdicting all trade and intercourse with England forever. War was declared by Great Britain, and lasted until 1842, when a treaty of peace was signed, Hong-kong being ceded to the British. Nothing was said in the treaty of the opium traffic, which went on as before.

In 1856 we were again at war with China, the opium traffic being one of the principal reasons. In this undertaking France joined us. The war lasted until 1858, when peace was signed, one stipulation being 'a revision of the tariff.'

The third and last war that we embarked upon for the sake of opium was in 1860, France again being our ally. In this expedition the allies marched on Peking, and the summer palace of the Emperor was burned by the British. Peace was signed on October 24, 1860, and the opium traffic established.

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Mental Derangements

A recent sensational trial in New York showed how hopelessly at variance were the opinions of mental experts, who were called as witnesses. There was a total absence of agreement amongst them as to what constituted mental derangement. Now there are three words which refer to mental derangements, and their meaning is not always clearly understood by the bulk of the public. These words are hallucination, illusion, and delusion. An hallucination (says a writer in an English magazine) is a mental condition where one imagines he sees something, or hears something, or touches something, or tastes something, when there is in reality no external foundation for his supposition. In cases of hallucination a man imagines he sees people, or animals, or venomous reptiles, near him or moving towards him. Nothing of the sort exists. It is simply a disordered condition of his own mind. The brain cells which would naturally be affected by such sights, are thrown into functional activity by some congestion or irritation inside of the brain. He thinks he sees these things, but there is no cause except such cause as exists in his own brain. Such condition is properly called hallucination.

An illusion is slightly different from hallucination. In cases of illusion, the victim does really see something. He sees a cow, for instance, and imagines it is a bear. He sees the moon, and imagines it is a ball of fire. He sees a moonbeam shining on the wall or on the carpet, and imagines it is a ghost. An illusion, therefore, is a mistaken notion of what one really does see. There is some ground for an illusion, external to the patient's mind.

As to the word delusion, this word is entirely different from hallucination or illusion. Delusion is a false conception. The subject may see things exactly as they are. He may not be troubled with hallucinations or illusions at all. But he makes a wrong inference from what he sees. He sees two people talking together, very busily, very earnestly, and imagines they are talking about him, and becomes afraid. This is a delusion. There is an eclipse of the sun or moon, and he imagines the world is coming to an end. That is a delusion. He is subject to somnambulistic conditions of mind, in which he has mental experiences quite out of the ordinary, and he imagines that he is inspired. This is a delusion. A delusion, therefore is a false inference from things which may be correctly perceived.

A delusion is false reasoning. An illusion is a false inference from what is seen. An hallucination is a false perception of some kind. In cases of hallucination the perceptions are fictitious. In illusion the conclusions reached from perceptions are faulty. In delusions the reasoning faculties are absolutely untrustworthy.

Many people who are considered perfectly sane are subject more or less to hallucinations, or illusions, or delusions. It is only when such people become mischievous or dangerous to themselves or to others that they are judged as insane. Both inside and outside of the insane asylum are to be found many people whose only fault is that they reason wrongly from what they see. And there are other people who really do not see what they think they see. Traced back to their real origin, all these conditions are diseases just as much as dyspepsia and Bright's disease are diseases. They should be treated as diseases, and the victim of them deserves the same consideration and sympathy as if he were afflicted with any other disease.

Novel Way of Paying Church Debts

The numbers of bazaars and sales of work which are held annually to pay the interest on mortgages, etc., due on Church property, without ever reducing the capital debt, bring to mind (writes a correspondent of the Edinburgh 'Catholic Herald'), a suggestion made a good many years ago by six gentlemen, members of a congregation of a city church, who agreed to insure their lives for £1000 each, and to pay the annual premiums on same, in order that their particular church would benefit at their death by the above sum, and the church would then be free from debt. Of course, they would assign the policy to the then rector or his successors.

The suggestion was not accepted, as it was thought at the time.

It Would be Trafficking in Men's Lives.

At the time of writing four of the six have died, and the original debt would, if the offer had been accepted, have been reduced to a very small sum. Could

this way of reducing church debts not come into force, as there are no doubt members of various congregations who would not be able to bequeath such a large sum, but by paying a small annual premium, would be able to accomplish the good work they have at heart?

Our representative interviewed a distinguished clergyman of Birmingham, and one who has had a great deal to do with reducing a large debt on a church, who gave his opinion on our correspondent's letter as follows:—

'The proposal to make provision from the very beginning for the extinction of mission debts is most important. Nothing kills the enthusiasm and generosity of a congregation so effectively as the heart-breaking task of raising annual interest for fifteen or twenty years on

A Debt which Never Grows Less.

The insurance idea has been run very successfully and on a large scale in the United States. It is perfectly simple—and quite unobjectionable, provided the right sort of benefactors can be found to undertake the extra burden in addition to their share in the ordinary expenses of the mission.

'Another idea is to borrow as municipalities do, that is, for a definite number of years, paying interest at a higher rate so as to extinguish principal and interest together at the end of thirty or fifty years.

'To be successful, a scheme of this kind should be diocesan. It is said that something of the sort is working well at the present time in the diocese of Liverpool.'

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 13.

The Rev. Father Cahill, of Carterton, intends holding a bazaar in aid of the church funds. It will open on April 24, and will continue for four days. Some lady workers of Wellington are to assist in the undertaking.

During the week Andrew Mack and his talented company have been delighting large audiences with 'The Way to Kenmare,' in which as Dan Maguire he sings and acts in a manner that fairly enraptures his hearers.

At the Church of St. Joseph, Buckle street, on Tuesday, Miss Mary Clifford Ward, second daughter of Mr. Thomas L. Ward, of the Tax Department, was married to Mr. W. R. S. Hickson. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Venning, assisted by the Rev. Father Herring. The honeymoon is being spent in the south.

It is pleasing to note the increase in the number of Catholic students attending lectures at the local University College, many of them being ex-pupils of St. Patrick's College. At the annual meeting of the University Debating Society, held on Thursday evening, Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, LL.B., and Mr. F. P. Kelly were elected unopposed to the positions of chairman and vice-chairman respectively. Another of our young men, Mr. H. O'Leary, was elected as a member of the committee.

The initial meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Literary and Debating Society was held on Monday evening. The Rev. Father Kimbell will again preside over the meetings of the society, and in this members are fortunate. Mr. J. McGowan has been re-elected secretary, and Messrs. A. H. Casey and P. J. Moran are members of the committee. The society did splendidly last season, and should do so again. The meetings are held weekly, and the public are always welcome.

At the eighth annual championship and handicap tournament of the Wellington Provincial Lawn Tennis Association, held here during Easter week, representatives of the Catholic Club were very successful in the second grade handicap events, Mr. P. Clarke winning the men's handicap singles, Mr. F. Eller reaching the semi-final. Mr. Clarke showed great dash and proved quite superior to his opponents. In the ladies' handicap doubles Misses A. Williams and M. Davis were successful after some exciting games. In the combined handicap doubles, for which there were thirty entries, the club's representatives, Miss A. Williams, and Mr. P. Clarke, succeeded in reaching the semi-final. These successes are highly gratifying, and should prove a stimulus to further effort on the part of members next season.

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The bazaar in aid of the Muritai Catholic church was brought to a close on Wednesday evening, when there was a record attendance. The drawing of the art union was supervised by his Worship the Mayor. It is estimated that there should be realised the sum of over four hundred pounds as a result of the bazaar. This is highly creditable to the ladies and gentlemen concerned.

There was a good attendance of young men at Holy Communion in the Church of St. Mary of the Angels' last Sunday morning. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., who delivered an earnest and forceful address. Catholic young men (said Father Kimbell) had a noble mission in the world, and could exercise on non-Catholic opinion a healthy and elevating influence. He pleaded with them to be men of prayer. Prayer and the Sacraments were the aids they needed. By means of the confessional they learned in what they were weak, and this knowledge was half the fight. After Mass breakfast was partaken of at Searle's, where the president of the club, the Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., presided. The Rev. Father delivered a brief but telling address in which he urged the young men to continue doing the good work in which they were engaged. They should feel the dignity of being members of a Church that had so many centuries of glory behind it. It was the proud boast of the Roman of old to say, 'Ciis Romanus sum' (I am a Roman citizen); and so to-day our proud boast should be 'I am a Catholic.' Mr. J. J. Devine also spoke a few words of congratulation and exhortation to the young men. He hoped they would always be ready to help forward any undertaking which the Church promoted. Short speeches were made by Bros. Nolan and O'Brien, representing the city and Hutt Hibernians, and by Mr. D. Jones, representing the Petone Catholic Young Men's Club. Mr. McGowan, the city club's secretary, briefly acknowledged the several references to his society.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

April 12.

Mr. Andrew Mack, the famous Irish comedian, will appear at the Opera House in the 26th and 27th of this month.

The bazaar held at Raetihi, and which was brought to a close on April 3, was a great success. The funds will be augmented by about £200.

Our sculling champion, Mr. W. Webb, has, through his backer, Mr. W. R. Tuck, deposited £100 with the editor of the 'Herald' to bind a match with C. Towns, of Sydney.

I am pleased to see that the late treasurer of St. Mary's Catholic Club, Mr. P. F. Thorpey, has become a member of the committee of the Invercargill 'Catholic Club.

Mr. J. Markham, the delegate of St. Mary's Football Club, has been chosen to represent the Thursday clubs on the management committee of the Wanganui Rugby Union.

The Besses o' th' Barn Band made its appearance at Wanganui on April 11 and 12 before crowded audiences. The band played on both days superbly, and the anticipations regarding this splendid body of musicians were fully realised.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the half-past ten Mass until Vespers at St. Mary's Church. During the afternoon a great number of the parishioners made their usual visit of adoration. In the evening there was the customary procession.

At the half-past seven o'clock Mass in St. Mary's Church last Sunday the members of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, numbering about seventy, approached the Holy Table. Very Rev. Dean Grogan congratulated the members on their display of faith, and trusted that those who were unavoidably absent would receive Holy Communion next Sunday.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Wanganui Hospital Board the chairman (Mr. W. Ritchie) moved the motion of which he had given notice, viz., that the Board consider the advisability of increasing Miss McKinery's (the matron) salary. He said he had come to the conclusion that she was the worst-paid member of the hospital staff. She had a very onerous position to fill, and the salary should be such as to attract a good matron and keep her when she was secured. He explained that the matron had not spoken to him on the subject. It was then agreed to that the matron receive £130 a year instead of £100, the increase to take effect from April 1. Miss McKinery is an esteemed member of our congregation.

The St. Mary's Catholic Club intend opening their newly renovated premises—the Assembly Rooms—on Thursday, April 18, with a social gathering. The executive are now busy drafting new rules for the management of the club, which will be submitted to members after being placed on the notice board for a week.

Manaiia

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 8.

The Hibernian Society's first annual social took place in the Town Hall on Friday night last, and was a very great success. The supper, which was supplied by the ladies, was excellent, and was presided over by Messrs. Mourie, Bolger, McVicar, J. Mourie, and Leydon, Misses Mourie (2). The committee of ladies worked very hard and deserve every credit for their effort. Instrumental items were played by Misses Carroll, T. O'Donnell, Knowles, and Duncan. Two songs given by Miss M. Ulinberg (Stratford) were encored. An Irish jig by Mr. Duncan was very much appreciated. Mr. J. Hunt, chairman of the Town Board, in a delicious speech thanked the assembly on behalf of the society for their liberal patronage. On the whole the function was a pronounced success, and the officials have every reason to be pleased with their first annual social.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

April 7.

It has been decided to hold the largest bazaar yet held in Palmerston in Show Week, next November, when no doubt another record, for which the Catholics of this parish are noted, will be put up.

The total receipts for the St. Patrick's Day sports and social will probably reach £150—a very creditable result for the association's first attempt. The result reflects much credit on Mr. J. G. Fake and his indefatigable body of lady and gentlemen workers. The proceeds of the social goes to the support of the parish school. A new feature at the late social was a marquee erected as a supper room, where a strong body of the Children of Mary under Miss D. Aramburn, presided.

On Thursday last after evening devotions the members of St. Patrick's Choir were entertained by the Rev. Father Costello in the presbytery. Advantage was taken of the occasion to make a presentation to the organist, Miss Stagpoole, who was to leave on the following day for Rotorua. The present took the form of a handsomely appointed silver-mounted dressing case in leather. Father Costello, in making the presentation, spoke of the untiring zeal in all choir matters and parochial work displayed on all occasions by Miss Stagpoole, and trusted that she would soon be able to return with renewed vigor to her place in the parish. Speeches eulogising her work were also made by Messrs. E. Hitchings (conductor), Hanly, Jewett, and Dallow, and replied to by Mr. L. Hanlon on her behalf. The ladies of the choir also expressed their appreciation through the medium of Miss Aramburn, the choir secretary, who, in a few well chosen remarks, also wished her complete restoration to health on behalf of them and the Children of Mary.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 15.

The Hon. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C., returned from the south on last Tuesday evening and left for Wellington on Wednesday evening. During his stay in this city he visited Nazareth House, Mount Magdala, and St. Anne's Church and Catholic school at Woolston. The church at Woolston is the practical result of the zeal and efforts of the Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

His Lordship the Bishop visited the Christian Doctrine classes in the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, and addressed the children on the subject of their studies. He impressed upon his hearers the difference between veneration and adoration, and gave some sound practical advice on the way to overcome difficulties that would have to be confronted, especially those of a controversial nature.

The chapel of St. Patrick in the Cathedral was opened on last Tuesday morning, the transferred feast of the Apostle of Ireland, when his Lordship the Bi-

shop celebrated the first Mass there, and several approached the Holy Table. The chapel is in memory of the late Very Rev. Dean Foley, S.M., who labored arduously in connection with the erection of the Cathedral. With subscriptions raised by the Hibernian Society and friends his Lordship the Bishop, whilst in Ireland, had the beautiful marble altar sculptured, and it contains portions of material from different parts of that country. Obligated to leave Ireland before the work was completed, the Bishop entrusted the shipment of the altar to the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., and it arrived in good condition. Although the furnishings are not yet complete much has been done, and the chapel presents a most striking appearance. A fine statue of St. Patrick is erected over the altar, with a stained glass window, depicting St. Patrick and St. Bridget, as a background. The altar cloth, the gift of a generous benefactor, is of green with gold border, whilst the floor is covered with a rich green carpet, and an iron wrought railing in suitable design fronts the chapel. Candelabra and other furnishings are just to hand, and are to be immediately placed in position.

The Hibernian Hall was crowded on last Tuesday evening to listen to an admirable address delivered by the Hon. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C., of Sydney, president of the Superior Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Australasia, on the special characteristics of that admirable organisation of charity. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and of the clergy there were present the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., Rev. Fathers Mariane, S.M., Cooney, O'Connell, S.M., and O'Hare. The Cathedral, St. Mary's (Manchester street), St. Joseph's (Lyttelton) Conferences, and Ladies of Charity of the Society were largely represented, together with the H.A.C.B. Society and Catholic Club. In introducing Mr. Heydon to the audience his Lordship the Bishop said he undertook the duty as a most pleasing one. His (the Bishop's) part, however, would be similar to that of a preface to a valuable book, and he would therefore attempt nothing further than simply allude to the subject they were gathered in such force to hear discoursed upon by one who had made the subject his life's study and life's work.

Mr. Heydon expressed his pleasure in addressing such a large and representative assembly, which promised a most satisfactory meeting. He felt at home with the people of Christchurch, especially so with the Marist Fathers, among whom a great part of his life had been spent. Here, too, the Society was first established in the colonies, the Christchurch Conference being in existence five years before that established in Sydney. With all the political work that he had been engaged in he felt not one-twentieth the amount of satisfaction as in doing a little good in connection with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The remainder of Mr. Heydon's address was mainly on the lines of his remarks at Dunedin and elsewhere, and reported at length in your last issue.

At the conclusion of the address a hearty vote of thanks was accorded his Lordship the Bishop for presiding on the motion of the president of the Particular Council of Christchurch, and spoken to by Bro. E. O'Connor (president of the Cathedral Conference), Bro. A. H. Blake (president of St. Mary's Conference), and Bro. H. A. Anthony (president of St. Joseph's Conference). The Bishop in reply said he had listened to the admirable address of Mr. Heydon with rapt attention and deep interest.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

April 10.

At the usual weekly meeting of the St. Columba Club, held last Monday evening, three new members were elected, and two candidates proposed. The programme for the evening consisted of essays by members. Some very good productions were read, and a most instructive evening was spent.

On Easter Sunday at the 8 o'clock Mass the Hibernian Society united with the St. Columba Club in making a general Communion. Both societies marched in regalia from the St. Columba Hall to the church. It was a most edifying sight to see over 200 men receive Holy Communion in a body. At the conclusion of the Mass Rev. Father Lowham congratulated the men on turning out in such large numbers, thus giving a public manifestation of their faith. He exhorted them to continue the good example they had given that morning, and show their loyalty to the societies they represented. The mission was brought to a close on last Sunday evening, when Rev. Father Bannan imparted the Papal blessing.

The mission preached by Rev. Fathers Bannan and Lowham, C.S.S.R., in St. Patrick's Church proved a great success. Masses were said each morning at 6 a.m., followed by a short instruction, and men very largely attended. The church was crowded every evening. It must have been gratifying to the missionaries to see the large number who approached the Holy Table each morning.

St. Patrick's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on last Wednesday morning, when Mr. Ernest McEnroe, eldest son of the late Mr. James McEnroe, of Little Grey Junction, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Agnes Joyce, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Joyce, of Omoto Road. Very Rev. Dean Carew officiated. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the residence of the bride's brother, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The happy couple left the same morning for Christchurch where the honeymoon will be spent. The presents, which included several cheques, were numerous and handsome, thus testifying to the esteem in which the young couple are held.

A very interesting cricket match took place last Thursday afternoon on Victoria Park, when St. Mary's ladies' team (Greymouth) defeated by 25 runs the Victoria ladies' team (Westport). A feature of the game was the fine bowling of Miss Julia Greaney, who played havoc with the Westport wickets, capturing no fewer than six in one innings, taking four of those with four consecutive balls, thus performing the 'hat-trick.' Miss Annie Hale, of the Westport team, also performed well with the ball, and secured five of the Greymouth wickets in each innings. At the finish of the game the scores stood St. Mary's, 66; Westport, 41. There was a good attendance of the public, who took a keen interest in the game.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

April 15.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will be held early next month.

The banns were published for no less than seven couples last Sunday. This may not be a record number, nevertheless it is a very respectable one for the Timaru parish.

Mr. Heydon, M.L.C., Sydney, paid a short visit to Timaru on Monday last, and was the guest of the Rev. Father Tubman at the Priory. In the evening he addressed a fair gathering in the girls' school on the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The address lasted about an hour, and was on similar lines to the one given in Dunedin. On the motion of Mr. Conlon, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker. It is to be hoped that a result of his visit will be seen in the increased support given to the local branch of this most excellent society.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

A quiet, but pretty wedding took place in St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday, April 9, the contracting parties being Miss M. Connell, eldest daughter of Mr. P. Connell, to Mr. M. Brosnahan, fifth son of Mr. J. Brosnahan, both of Levels Plains. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Kerley. The bride was attended by her sister (Miss B. Connell) as bridesmaid, and Mr. M. Brosnahan acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the residence of the bride's parents for the wedding breakfast. In the afternoon the happy couple left for the north, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

On the following day, the marriage of Miss M. Connell, third daughter of Mr. F. Connell, Seadown, and Mr. B. Moriarty, of Timaru, was solemnised by the Rev. Father Kerley. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was laid. In the afternoon the newly wedded couple left for Akaroa, where they intend spending their honeymoon.

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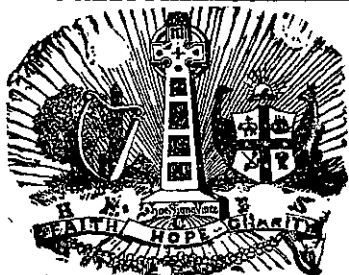
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Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Ltd.) report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was a full attendance of buyers, who competed well for all suitable lines of fowl wheat, potatoes, and chaff. Prices for those lines were well maintained, but for oats, turnips, and straw the demand was slack. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—In sympathy with lower values at the Bluff the local demand is easier. Prime light Gartons are in most favor with shippers, and we have also inquiry for good seed Tartars. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d; good to best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; inferior and medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The quantity on offer is small. All lines of good to prime milling quality are readily quitted on arrival. Medium grades are not so much favored, but are more saleable than they have been. There is good local demand for whole fowl wheat, for which values are maintained. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5½d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—For Monday's sale we had a fair selection—prime, clean Up-to-Dates, ripe and free from disease, having most attention, with good competition. Medium quality and stale or badly-shaped potatoes were difficult to place. Quotations: Prime sorts, £5 to £5 7s 6d; choice to £5 15s; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 15s; inferior and stale, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—The market continues to be fairly well supplied. Prime bright baten sheaf still has the preference, and for this class values are unchanged. Medium quality is not easily sold, and straw chaff is at present in over-supply. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 15s to £5; medium to good, £4 to £4 10s; inferior, £3 10s to £3 15s; straw chaff, £3 10s to £3 per ton (bags extra).

Turnips.—These are offering more freely and at slightly reduced prices. Quotations: Best swedes, £1 7s 6d to £1 19s; bagged (bags included).

Straw.—Best oaten and wheaten are more plentiful. Quotations: Oaten, 50s to 52s 6d; wheaten, 35s to 37s 6d per ton (pressed).

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

Wheat.—There is a better tone in the market, prime milling especially meeting with a good enquiry. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5½d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel.

Potatoes.—There is a good enquiry for prime quality, present quotations being as follow: Prime sorts, £5 to £5 7s 6d; choice, to £5 10s; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 15s; inferior and stale, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton.

Chaff.—Supplies continue fairly plentiful, and quotations are as follow: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 15s to £5; medium to good, £4 to £4 10s; inferior, £3 10s to £3 15s; straw chaff, £3 to £3 10s per ton.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins, Sheepskins, and Hides.—No sales since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—This market continues without alteration, all coming to hand being readily placed at late rates.

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Oats.—The market is somewhat easier, and present quotations are as follow:—Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d; good to best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; inferior and medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4½d per bushel.

OBITUARY

CAPTAIN JOHN BLANEY, DUNEDIN.

We regret to record the death of Captain John Blaney, who passed away at his residence, Anderson's Bay road, South Dunedin, on Sunday. The deceased was in his 64th year, having been born in the North of Ireland in 1843. As a master mariner, the late Captain Blaney was engaged for many years in the coastal trade. The deceased had been ill for some days, but no serious consequences were feared, as he was apparently getting better when his death occurred. The sad event caused widespread grief among his many friends in Dunedin, by one and all of whom he was highly respected. The late Captain Blaney was noted for his kindly acts in cases of necessity, and no appeal on behalf of any deserving case was ever made to him in vain. The deceased was twice married, and leaves a widow and child, in addition to three daughters, issue of his first marriage, to mourn their loss. The remains were taken to St. Patrick's Basilica on Wednesday morning, when a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, Rev. Father Howard being deacon, Rev. Father Corcoran subdeacon, Rev. Father Coffey master of ceremonies. The music of the Mass was sung by the choir of the Sisters of Mercy. The funeral took place in the afternoon at the Southern Cemetery, when the Rev. Father Howard officiated at the grave.—R.I.P.

St. Patrick's College, Wellington

The results of the past year's work at St. Patrick's College, as published in another part of this issue, reflect great credit on the institution, and in an especial manner on its able Rector and talented professorial staff. The public examinations are a test of efficiency. For the past year St. Patrick's College had the following successes to its credit:—Junior Scholarships, 3; Matriculation and Solicitor's General Knowledge, 10; Matriculation, 1; Victoria College, Queen's Senior Scholarship, £20 a year and free tuition for three years, 1; Junior Civil Service (passed with credit), 25; (passed), 8; Senior Civil Service, 2. In the Junior Civil Service there were 1943 candidates examined, and the candidates from St. Patrick's College obtained first and seventh place in arithmetic, first and seventh in geography, third in Maori, ninth in freehand drawing, tenth in history, eleventh in English, and twelfth in mathematics. In the Junior Scholarship examination they took first place in history and geography.

WEDDING BELLS

SHERIDAN—O'ROURKE.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, at Argyll, Hawke's Bay, on April 9, when Miss Hannah O'Rourke, third daughter of Mr. R. O'Rourke, was married to Mr. Philip Sheridan, third son of Mr. P. Sheridan, of the Native Land Office, Wellington. The bride was becomingly attired in a pretty travelling costume of blue cloth, trimmed with tartan silk and gold embroidery, and wore a large white velvet hat with ostrich plume and autumn leaves. She was attended by her sister, Miss Bessie O'Rourke, as bridesmaid, who wore a pretty Eton costume of grey tweed, trimmed with apple green velvet, and white leghorn hat trimmed with floral ribbon. Mr. T. O'Rourke, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a solid silver mounted brush, comb, and hand-glass, and silver trinket boxes, and to the bridesmaid a gold and amethyst brooch. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Johnston, of Waipawa. The happy couple left by the afternoon train for Napier en route for Gisborne, their future home.

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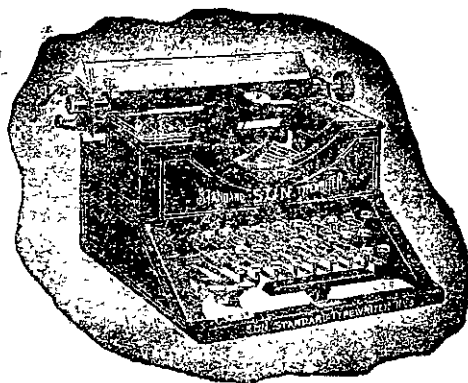
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DIocese of Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

April 11.

On last Tuesday evening the Rev. Father Furlong, of Devonport, was, with several others, admitted a full benefit member of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society.

Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., has gone south for a few days, but expects to be back here shortly to assist in the opening of St. Patrick's on Sunday, April 21.

The mission by the Redemptorist Fathers will be given at St. Benedict's next August, and at St. Patrick's on the 28th of the present month, or one week after the opening of the Cathedral.

The recitals at St. Benedict's upon the new organ by Mrs. J. Maughan Barnett, of Wellington, which had been postponed, take place on next Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Vincent Wallace's ever-green production 'Maritana' is just now under course of preparation under the conductorship of Dr. De-Clive-Lowe, and will be produced either in June or July. There will be a chorus of fully 100 voices. The proceeds are to be devoted to St. Patrick's Cathedral building fund.

Rev. Father Holbrook on last Sunday at St. Patrick's addressed the congregation in favor of the 'N.Z. Tablet.' 'It should,' he said, 'be in the house of every parishioner. The secular papers are to be seen in the homes, but the paper which defends our holy faith and fatherland is not supported as it ought to be.'

The blessing of the new organ recently installed in St. Benedict's Church took place last Sunday. The ceremony of blessing and dedicating the organ was performed by the Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, at the 11 o'clock Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Father McMillan, Rev. Father Williams being deacon, Rev. Father Duffy subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G., master of ceremonies. The choir, under Mr. Samuel Jackson, sang the music of the Mass. Mr. R. Leslie Hunt presided at the organ, and played a number of solos. The Bishop preached in the evening, and made special reference to the organ, the collections for which during the day had been very satisfactory.

Sacred Heart College, Auckland

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The Sacred Heart College, students held their annual picnic and sports at Mototapu on Thursday last. The weather was fine, and a very enjoyable day was spent. All the events were very keenly contested. The following are the results of the more important events:—College Championship, —F. Quinlivan, 1; E. Blake, 2. 100yds Handicap (over 16), —T. McLoughlin, 1; E. Blake, 2. 75yds. Swimming Race, —J. Kelly, 1; T. Kelly, 2. Small Boys' Swimming Race, —R. Amodeo, 1; J. Phelan, 2. Obstacle Race, —C. Molloy, 1; A. Hayes, 2. Small Boys' Championship, —P. Blake, 1; D. O'Brien, 2. 100yds. Handicap (under 16), —H. Quinn, 1; B. Clarke, 2. Half-mile Run, —F. Quinlivan, 1; T. McLoughlin, 2. Brothers' Race, —Rev. Bro. Fergus, 1; Rev. Bro. Martin, 2. Three-legged Race, —P. Keeney and P. McGill, 1; H. Quinn and B. Clarke, 2. High Jump, —F. Quinlivan (4ft 11in), 1; B. Clarke, 2. Sack Race, —H. Quinn, 1; E. Penwarden, 2. Wheelbarrow Race, —A. Hayes and J. McMurrich, 1; N. Sneddon and B. Nelson, 2.

The sports' committee consisted of the following students:—Masters Brendan Lavery, E. Blake, and John Kelly. Mr. W. Dervan acted as starter, and Rev. Bro. George as judge. Rev. Father Williams, in distributing the prizes, congratulated the winners, and claimed the privilege of presenting the gold medal for the annual handball tournament, but by ancient custom that privilege belongs to Mr. T. O'Connor. The difficulty was got over by instituting a junior competition.

The cricket season is drawing to a close—only one match to be completed, and already the boys are keenly anticipating the football season, when they are determined to make a supreme effort to retain the secondary schools' banner. The Sydney Colleges propose sending a team to New Zealand about the end of July. They will play a combined team from the Auckland Colleges, probably on July 22. The Sacred Heart College expects to be well represented in the combined team—Lavery, Kelly, McLoughlin, Keeney, Quinlivan, and Blake all have good claims for inclusion. Just now the college has almost its full complement of boarders. When the roll is full the boys anticipate getting half a day off to commemorate the event, which they think will be soon.

St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Tuesday, April 9, at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, the ceremony of profession took place. Nine young ladies made their vows, and were admitted as members of the Sisterhood of Mercy. The names of the novices were:—Sister M. Dymphna Madden (Blenheim), Sister M. Calasactius Gallen (Australia), Sister M. Josepha McCabe (Parnell), Sister M. Cyril Ryan (Australia), Sister M. Casimir Price (Australia), Sister M. Elizabeth Shine (Australia), Sister M. Paulina Wilkinson (Australia), Sister M. Dolores Purtell (Auckland), Sister M. Euphrasia Mulqueeny (Cromandel). His Lordship Lishop Lenihan received the vows of the Sisters, and preached an eloquent sermon on the religious life. Rev. Father Molloy celebrated Mass, and the clergy present were:—Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Buckley, Duffy, Williams, Murphy, and Sheridan. The convent choir, assisted by the Misses Lynch, Whitsted, Jones, and Kelly, sang the music of the Mass.

I regret to record the death of a venerable Sister of Mercy at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby. The deceased religious (a sister of the late Mr. Daniel Lynch, of Mangere and Ponsonby), was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and was in her eighty-second year at the time of her death, and had spent over forty-six years in the convent at Ponsonby. She endeared herself to young and old by her charitable and gentle disposition. She was attended in her last illness by his Lordship Dr. Lenihan, Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G. (who administered all the rites of the Church), and by Rev. Father Molloy. A Requiem Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, April 3, for the repose of her soul.—R.I.P.

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PASSED.

586, Roy Campion; 587, Michael Maher; 631, Patrick Lloyd; 666, Harold Latham; 680, Patrick Quinlan; 682, Nicholas Geaney; 747, Norman Bennett; 748, Laurence McKenna.

All the above candidates qualified likewise for the Board of Education Senior Scholarships, for the Junior National Scholarship (continuation), for the Senior Free Places in Secondary Schools, and for Pupil Teachers' First Examination.

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MARRIAGE

SHERIDAN—O'ROURKE.—On April 9, 1907, at Argyll, Hawke's Bay, by the Rev. Father Johnston, Philip, third son of Mr. P. Sheridan, of the Native Land Office, Wellington, to Hannah, third daughter of Mr. R. O'Rourke, sheep farmer, Argyll.

DEATH

KIRKPATRICK.—On Holy Thursday, at her parents' residence, Stratford, Mary, eldest beloved daughter of John and Mary Kirkpatrick, and cousin of Father Michael Kirkpatrick, Iowa, U.S., America; aged 25 years. Fortified by the rites of Holy Church.—R.I.P. Australian papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM

HOLT.—Of your charity pray for the soul of Melanie, wife of James Holt, Clyde, who died on April 19, 1906.

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

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiae causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

TRANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1907.

SOME SOCIAL CANCERS



R. M. U. O'SULLIVAN, one of the brightest ornaments of the medical profession in Australia, has been working the probe around in some of the cancerous spots in the conjugal life of these countries. A lay sermon will often succeed in injecting right principles where the voice of the ordained preacher cannot even get a hearing. And—standing in the front of the front rank of his profession in Australia as a gynecologist—this distinguished son of the Church has wrought in season and out of season, in lecture, address, and demonstration, to soak into the minds of his fellow-practitioners the true Catholic principles that govern the most sacred and solemn duties of the medical profession. A recent issue of the Australasian Medical Gazette contains an address which he delivered, as retiring president, before the Medical Society of Victoria. Among other things, he pleads with forceful eloquence for the sacred and inalienable rights of pre-natal life. The cowardly crime of pre-natal murder—once so shockingly common in the degenerate days of pagan Greece and Rome—was practically altogether abolished by the beneficent action of the Catholic Church. That high crime of a corrupt and decadent barbarism was revived by English surgeons towards the close of the eighteenth century. It crossed the Straits of Dover into France; and next, after strenuous opposition, secured a hold among the medical profession in Germany; grew at length into the proportions of a first-class scandal in many countries; fell into disrepute as higher skill and a better knowledge of underlying moral principles spread among the professors of the healing art; and to-day may be said

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to be practised only by social outcasts and (as Dr. O'Sullivan says in effect in his lecture) by degenerate practitioners who are content to wallow in the dark ages of obstetrics.'

In the lecture before us, Catholic moral principles are also applied to the menacing problem of race-suicide. 'This detestable practice' is charged to fashion, cowardice, shiftless poverty, too high living, and 'the aimless dilettantism of women who will not mar their beauty or disturb their patrician pleasures with the cares of maternity.' And thus we witness so often in our day the pitiful sight of a deliberately starved maternal instinct expending itself upon a pampered poodle—and often even in this passing life the retribution that falls in the physical order upon the violation of a God-given law. 'The care of her children,' says Dr. O'Sullivan, 'is a woman's natural outlet for energy and affection'; it creates a bond that adds to the cohesiveness and dignity of marriage; and 'hopeless disruptions are less likely to occur in a home where the potential antagonists are, at least united in a common love for their little ones, and regard for their welfare.' Here is a passage on another of the modern scourges of conjugal life which is worth reproducing in full:—

'Over five hundred years elapsed from the foundation of Rome before the first divorce was granted. In those days when nature's kindly laws gave brains and bone and sinew to the nation, no power could withstand the onslaught of the Roman legions. But the time came when, as the degenerate Roman man evaded his duty of personally defending his country, so the decadent Roman woman declined her duty of bearing sons; when childlessness became common; when the family institution fell; when the Latin race underwent an alarming diminution; when divorces were obtained on the flimsiest grounds; when the Roman ladies termed the unborn child the "indecent onus," and got rid of it.

'But national sins beget national woes, and the Roman Empire perished for lack of men.

'The early Greek prided himself on the number of his sons who could fight for his country. In the days of Thermopylae, Greece won the admiration of the world for her heroism and dauntless courage. Her navies swept the Mediterranean, her colonies occupied its coast, her free men owned no master, her sovereign commonwealth no tyrant. Yet 'twas but a brief period—as periods go in world-history—ere her serried ranks quailed before the Roman soldiers and the Greek became a slave.

'What is the lesson herein contained? Why this dire disaster to a country whose family institution was once its security and its pride? The story of her decadence you are all conversant with; it is shortly told. Spoiled by prosperity and warped by an empty philosophy, she would not have her classic tastes, her beauty, and her art, disturbed by family cares and family ties.

'One of her own countrymen writes that "the downfall of Greece was not owing to war or to plague, but mainly to a repugnance to marriage, and a reluctance to rear large families, caused by an extravagantly high standard of living." A strangely foreboding ring about these words when we think of the birth statistics of our British peoples! What happened to Rome and Greece may some day befall our own beloved country; grief may tread upon the heels of pleasure; the hour may come when, through national calamities or reverses, we may suffer a similar fate, and die for want of men.'

Here—viewing the matter merely from the standpoint of the patriot and not of the moralist—is food for thought for these southern lands at a time when the problem of national defence has to be faced. Judging by the statistical returns, it looks as if Australia and New Zealand are doomed to 'die for want of men'—to pass out in dishonour like the once hardy stock that long peopled the New England States of America. They have died of moral dry rot and physical decay, and more moral and virile Catholic peoples fill their places today.

A final word is well worth quoting from the eminent Australian surgeon. It is taken by him from the report of the New York Committee of Fifteen on the social evil:—

'The evils of alcoholism should be impressed on both boys and girls, especially the latter. Alcohol—more particularly in the case of women—is a frequent road to the street and disease.

'The modern tendency to train girls to be social butterflies is a great evil, one that is easier to criticise adversely than to correct. The home is the greatest moral inhibitor in society. Yet domestic duties and accomplishments are considered unrefined and undignified. Dress and society are the keystones of the modern household method of training girls. Girls trained in this manner are in danger from their very helplessness, when they are suddenly thrown on their own resources, or marry men who cannot provide the luxuries and social refinements to which they are accustomed. The so-called higher education fails here. This evil will prevail so long as mothers encourage in their daughters a spirit of resentment or indifference to home duties as something unworthy or undignified. The poor man's daughter, who believes herself better than her hard-working mother, is always in danger.

'The age which shall restore the dignity of domestic labor will do a great work in antagonising the social evil.'

Parents will duly make a note of this weighty pronouncement of a noted body of experts. The remedy for these rodent ulcers of society (says the Australian specialist) is, first and above all, 'education, moral and physical, pointing the way our nature must take if she is to shun the dark places of race-suicide and endure by "proving to herself but true".'

Notes

A Frequent Complaint

A growing number of the witnesses in our courts seem to follow the evil example of the unscrupulous cavalier in L'Estrange's fable, who committed perjury 'like a gentleman'—that is, in a free and nonchalant and brazen way. In the Auckland Magistrate's Court last week, Mr. Kettle, S.M., said: 'There is so much perjury and false swearing in this Court, that it is difficult for any magistrate to get at the truth.' We have been hearing this complaint—this evidence of moral dry-rot—with painful frequency during recent years.

A Tableau

You may make 'pure fruit-jam' out of anything—even out of fruit. But you might as well try to evolve sunbeams out of cucumbers as Christian courtesy and charity out of the rabid elements that for some time past have been blistering the public life of Victoria with sectarian hate and rancor. The spirit of fanaticism which inflames them found regrettable expression at the recent great Bendigo Carnival. In that splendid display on behalf of the local public charities, all creeds and classes have hitherto joined in perfect harmony and good will. This year, however, the Protestant Alliance (which is practically the benefit branch of the Orange Society) organised for the great procession an 'Open Bible' tableau, with a number of bannerettes bearing an inscription which was highly calculated, in such a connection, to give offence. The whole affair was designed by an emphatic brother who is given to writing frantic No-Popery letters to the local press. It was in manifest effect, and presumably in intent, a vulgar challenge to Catholics, and especially to Irish Catholics, and a public flaunting of the supposed superiority of the Protestant Alliance creed or creeds over the one of all others with which they are notoriously in open war. A dignified protest by the Hibernians resulted in an order by the marshal of the procession (a non-Catholic city councillor) ordering the offensive tableau to be withdrawn. According to the 'Age' report, the Alliance people then waited on the mayor (a defeated nominee of the lodges at the late elections) and received his permission to 'process' with their tableau through the streets. The Hibernians (who are every year the largest body in the procession) and the Catholic band thereupon withdrew from

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the parade, returned to their rooms, and their representatives in dignified and temperate terms made a protest which was published in the local and metropolitan papers. In the meantime the offending tableau was proceeding gaily through the streets. On arrival at the show grounds (the scene of the principal demonstration of the day) the various sections in the parade passed with all their colored bravery through the gates. But the marshal barred the way to the Alliance and its decorated car. 'The mayor,' said he, 'may have control over the road, but his authority ends at these gates.' So the Alliance and all its flappery had to return crestfallen to its lodge-room. It is safe to predict that their offence will not be repeated.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club takes place in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening.

The opening run of the St. Joseph's Harriers was held from the residence of the Hon. J. B. Callan, Roslyn. There was a large muster, including several new members. The 'hares' (Messrs. Callan, jun., and Swanson) laid a trail into the Kaikorai and up Fraser's Gully towards Whare Kait road, a turn being then taken to the left, where some splendid harrier country was traversed. After travelling about five miles home was reached. The harriers were then entertained by the Hon. Mr. Callan and Mrs. Callan. The Captain, in returning thanks, on behalf of the club, spoke of Mr. Callan as being a keen and enthusiastic sportsman, and displaying great interest in harrier clubs.

Silver Jubilee of Very Rev. J. O'Neill

(From our Special Reporter.)

On Tuesday last the Very Rev. Father O'Neill (Milton) celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father O'Neill is a native of the city of Limerick (Ireland). He had a distinguished course in the Limerick diocesan college and St. John's, Waterford. Being too young for ordination to the priesthood, he came to Dunedin as subdeacon, and was later on raised to the sacerdotal dignity by Bishop Moran in old St. Joseph's Cathedral on Low Sunday (April 16), 1882. He was the first priest ordained south of Cook's Straits. After his ordination he served in St. Joseph's Cathedral, next in Queenstown for two years, after which he was appointed (in 1884) to the pastoral charge of Milton, a position which he has held for the past 23 years.

On Tuesday last a solemn Mass of thanksgiving was offered in Milton in connection with the Very Rev. Father's silver jubilee. There was a large congregation present. The celebrant was the jubilarian; deacon, Very Rev. P. O'Donnell (Gore); subdeacon, Rev. M. Howard (South Dunedin); master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Coffey, Adm. There were also present the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, Rev. P. Hearn, Rev. J. O'Reilly, Rev. J. Geary, and Rev. H. W. Cleary. A stirring sermon on the dignity of the priesthood was preached by the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary from the text Matt. xxviii, 18-20. In congratulating the jubilarian at the close of his discourse, the preacher spoke in terms of cordial appreciation of the personal qualities and the missionary work of Father O'Neill. At the time of his (Father O'Neill's) appointment to Milton the parish embraced three counties and had only one small church and a shanty for a presbytery. With the generous aid of his people, Father O'Neill purchased valuable ground and built a church, presbytery, and convent at Milton; he also erected churches in Mosgiel, Allanton, Waiholo, Balclutha, Owaka, and Kaitangata, and opened and carried on a school under circumstances of great discouragement at Mosgiel. This was, however, the least part of his work. Having dealt with this part of his subject in further detail, the preacher concluded by tendering to the jubilarian the congratulations and good wishes of his fellow-priests of the diocese of Dunedin.

The altar and sanctuary were beautifully decorated. The music of the Mass was nicely rendered by the choir, Miss Woods presiding at the organ.

In the afternoon an entertainment was given by the children of the Catholic school in honor of Father O'Neill. The school was handsomely decorated, and the

children, in gay attire, greeted the jubilarian's entrance with a welcome in Irish, followed by the chorus 'Vivat.' Two other choruses were also nicely rendered—'The meeting of the waters' and 'A jubilee wish,' the latter an appropriate and sparkling original composition. A recitation, 'Do I remember Ireland,' was given with spirit by one of the boys, and Miss Woods (Lawrence) contributed a piano solo in a brilliant manner. An address was read on behalf of the pupils, and Father O'Neill replied in touching terms. Monsignor O'Leary also spoke. During the day messages of congratulation reached Father O'Neill from the Bishop and from clergy and laity in every part of New Zealand.

The Social Celebration

In connection with Father O'Neill's sacerdotal silver jubilee took place in the Catholic school on last Tuesday evening. The school was densely packed by people representing every creed and class in the community. The local Anglican clergyman (the Rev. J. C. Small)



The Very Rev. J. O'Neill

was present, in the midst of a group of the jubilarian's ecclesiastical confreres. The Mayor (Mr. Reid) presided. He was (he said) pleased to see such a splendid gathering of all classes and shades of religious belief assembled together to honor Father O'Neill (applause). He (the speaker) had known the guest of the evening for the past 23 years; a close friendship existed between them; he bore testimony to the Father's worth as a citizen, and hoped they would all be present at his diamond jubilee (applause).

Mr. Moroney (secretary) read and presented a beautiful illuminated and framed address, which runs as follows:—

Address.

To the Very Rev. Father O'Neill, P.P., Milton, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his Priesthood.

Soggarth Arocn.—We heartily congratulate you that you have attained the silver jubilee of your years in the priesthood. Twenty-three years ago, you came to preside over Milton parish, when the sacred anointing was still fresh upon you, and around you shone the radiance of a youth nurtured amid the hallowing influences of the Old Land, giving clear promise of the grand record that is yours to-day. No more youthful parish priest was ever set over a parish, but you are a scion of the 'princely O'Neills,' and it was a foregone conclusion that you would prove equal to your responsibilities. A true father you have been to your

people. In sunshine and in storm, in adversity and in prosperity, you have shared our joys and our sorrows. By precept and by example you have taught us fidelity to the Grand Old Faith, love of Country, pride in its traditions, and self-sacrifice to the interests of religion and genuine patriotism. Your broad and enlightened views, and generous genial sympathy have made your name dear to the heart of the Gael, be he Highlander or Irish, to whom you are a chieftain and a leader. May you be spared to reach your golden jubilee crowned, as to-day, with the love and esteem of your faithful people. The accompanying gift is but a small token of our proud appreciation of your talents, your zeal, your genial kindness, your devotedness, and your many gifts of mind and heart that have enabled you to do so much for the advancement of religion and education in New Zealand.

Signed on behalf of the parishioners of Milton:—W. Kirby, chairman; John Moroney, secretary; A. Kelly, treasurer; R. Grealish, sen.; J. Kane; D. Hassitt; J. Scanlan; J. Boyle; J. Lynch.

April 16, 1907.

At the conclusion of the address, Mr. Moroney presented Father O'Neill with a purse of sovereigns.

On behalf of the Hibernian Society, Mr. J. P. Lynch congratulated Father O'Neill, and expressed his happy terms their appreciation of his services during the past 23 years.

Monsignor O'Leary spoke on behalf of the clergy of the diocese. It was a pleasure to him to see there representatives of all creeds and classes in the community—a proof of the esteem in which Father O'Neill was held even by those outside his own congregation (applause). He spoke of Father O'Neill's successful academic career, which was completed when he was canonically three years too young to receive priestly orders. The speaker also detailed the circumstances (already briefly referred to at the beginning of this report) under which the jubilarian came to Dunedin and was raised to the priesthood by Bishop Moran, by dispensation, while still eighteen months under the canonical age. Monsignor O'Leary also reviewed Father O'Neill's long and fruitful career as pastor of Milton, referred in kindly terms to his unflinching good spirits, his geniality, his generosity, and in the name of the clergy hoped and prayed that he would be spared 'ad multos annos' (applause).

The Rev. J. C. Small (Anglican) in the course of a witty and pleasant speech said it was not the first occasion on which he was honored by being on the platform to address a meeting organised for the purpose of showing the general esteem and regard in which Father O'Neill was held in the district. He congratulated the jubilarian on having attained the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. His late Holiness Pope Leo XIII. once said to a noble lady, a religious, who had been praying that he might live to see his hundredth year: 'Dear Sister, why put such a limitation to the decisions of Divine Providence?' Why did previous speakers only hope that Father O'Neill might reach his golden jubilee? On behalf of the community of which he (the speaker) was a member, he prayed to the Almighty that Father O'Neill might long be spared to continue his good work to the glory of God and the honor of his Church (applause).

The mayor paid a fresh tribute to Father O'Neill as a public man and a churchman, and to his generous people who, though a small community, had built churches, schools, etc., and had not a penny debt upon them. 'What a splendid people', said he, 'the Irish are!'

In rising to reply, Father O'Neill was greeted with prolonged applause. He had never before experienced the same difficulty in giving expression to the feelings that were surging through his mind. He thanked them heartily for the kind things they had said. It was to him a day of great rejoicing. The religious aspect of his jubilee took the foremost place in the day's festivities. He had a great deal to be thankful for to the Provider of all good things. He was raised to the sacred ministry through the instrumentality of one of whom it had been said that 'he was every inch a bishop, and a gentleman to his finger-tips'—the late lamented Bishop Moran.—(Applause). To have served under him was in itself a liberal education of the highest order. And when Providence raised him (the speaker) to the position of 'the youngest parish priest in the world,' he was favored by being placed over a people whose faith and devotion and love of religion were not surpassed. (Applause). His youth and inexperience may have been obstacles to success, but he had discharged the duties Providence placed upon him to the best of his ability, and they (his hearers)

were pleased to say, in terms far beyond his deserts, that his labors had not been entirely unsuccessful. There was one other subject for which he was grateful to Providence. He had been made one of a body of clergy better than whom were not in the Church of God. (Applause). A more loyal, devoted, and self-respecting body of priests was not to be found in the wide world. The example of his fellow-priests and their ready, generous, and unselfish aid had been the greatest strength and consolation to him. He had also been fortunate that, in the work of education, he had co-operators who left nothing to be desired. The secular teachers had done good work; but from the time the Dominican nuns took charge, an immense load had been lifted off his shoulders. Their work was thoroughly well done. (Applause). Without the proper training of the children, our Church would not be in the condition that it is; our hope was in the rising generation, and when its education was attended to, we have no fear for the future. (Applause). There was one other matter for which he had to be thankful—that his lot had been cast among people who, even where they differed on the most essential matters, displayed a spirit of practical good will, and from the first showed only kindness and the most hearty co-operation in his undertakings. (Applause). He therefore tendered his most heartfelt thanks to his separated brethren for the financial and moral aid which had helped him to overcome the difficulties that beset his path. The speaker concluded with thanks to the mayor, the children, the nuns, and to all (prolonged applause).

During the evening a fine programme was presented—vocal numbers by Mr. King, Mrs. Porter, Misses Ross and Woods; instrumental selections by Miss Woods (piano) and Mr. Haig (violin); and recitation (Mr. Christie). Dainty refreshments were supplied by a committee of ladies of the congregation.

The Christchurch Exhibition

After a season extending over nearly six months, the New Zealand International Exhibition was brought to a close on Monday night. The closing ceremony took place in the main corridor, where the opening was also held. It was a brilliant scene that met the eye. While the enormous crowd in front of the main entrance of the building were watching the arrival of his Excellency the Governor from the entrance gates to the doors of the building, the volunteers, picture queue in their red and blue uniforms, and with bayonets fixed, kept clear a narrow lane which the vast multitude on their side jostled and pressed in effectually to evade.

In the course of an address to his Excellency, the Hon. W. Hall-Jones said:—Every test which can reasonably be applied to the success of an Exhibition pronounces this to be one of the most successful ever held in the Australasian colonies. The best proof of this is probably the attendance, and the attendance up to this date is no less than 1,970,000. This, considering that the whole population of our Colony, including the Native race, does not exceed 975,000, is surely in the highest degree gratifying.

At the conclusion of his Excellency's reply, Lord Plunket read the following cablegram, which he had sent:—The Secretary of State for the Colonies.—My Government desires that the following message may be transmitted to the King on behalf of my Government and the people of New Zealand:—

"I have the honor to inform your Majesty that I have to-day closed the New Zealand International Exhibition. The favorable anticipations your Majesty was gracious enough to express regarding this undertaking have been fully realised. The attendance nearly approached 2,000,000, and the sympathetic interest shown by your Majesty and by the Imperial Government have materially assisted in its success. My Government feels assured that not only will the Exhibition prove of permanent advantage to New Zealand, but will also have aided in strengthening the ties which bind the colonies to each other, the throne, and the Mother Country."

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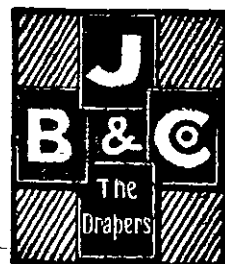
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Irish News

DERRY—A Generous Benefactor

It was announced on Sunday, February 24, by Father William Doherty, Adm., that it has been decided to go on with the renovation and expansion of the old Long Tower Church, Derry, on the site of the famous Abbey of St. Columbkille, the building having long since proved inadequate to the accommodation required for worshippers. Financial difficulty stood in the way, but he had to inform the congregation that by the munificence of a parishioner, Mr. Bernard Hannigan, J.P., the money necessary to purchase a neighboring property and to reconstruct the old church was provided. Mr. Hannigan's gift is entirely unconditional, and runs into a sum of several thousand pounds. The announcement was received with the utmost gratification by the vast congregation.

The Bishop of Derry

The Most Rev. Dr. John Keys O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, died on February 25 at Londonderry after a severe illness. He was in his 74th year. Although his death was not unexpected, the announcement of it at the evening devotions in St. Eugene's Cathedral, immediately after the sad event had taken place, caused the deepest grief. The deceased prelate labored resolutely in the cause of education and temperance. When Administrator of Ardstraw East he built four new schools, one in Newtownstewart alone costing over £1000, the expense of the bulk of the work being paid off without external help.

DONEGAL—Death of a Monsignor

Right Rev. Mgr. Gallagher, P.P., Lettermacward, who died at the parochial residence in Dungloe, County Donegal, on February 20, was one of the most esteemed priests in the diocese of Raphoe. His life was passed in unwearying devotion to his sacred duties and in alleviating the lot of the poor, who are numerous in the district. He was a member of an esteemed Donegal family, one of his brothers being P.P. of Rathmullan, while Mr. John H. Gallagher, B.L., of the North-West Circuit, is another brother.

DOWN—Demise of a Priest

The death took place on February 22 of the Rev. William McCourt, P.P., Saintfields, County Down. Father McCourt was born at Moneyglass in 1858, and after studying at St. Malachy's College, Belfast, went to Maynooth. He was ordained in 1882. Father McCourt had been ailing for over three months.

DUBLIN—The late Judge Carton

The death is announced of Judge Carton, which occurred on February 24, at his residence in Dublin. Judge Carton was called to the Bar in 1863, and had a good practice, particularly in the Court of Bankruptcy. He was elected a Benchman of the King's Inns in 1886, and was made a Dublin Police Magistrate by the late Government, and subsequently promoted to the County Court Judgeship of Clare. Judge Carton was one of the Commissioners of National Donations and Bequests, and was also a Commissioner of National Education. For a time he occupied the Presidency of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in succession to the late Judge Waters, and he took a deep interest in the work of the Irish Catholic Truth Society.

GALWAY—The Local College

On February 8 a public meeting representing all sections and very many varied interests, was held in the Court Buildings, Galway, to protest against the proposed exclusion of Galway as a constituent college in the new University scheme outlined by Mr. Bryce. His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, presided, and delivered an important speech. Letters were received from the Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway; Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, and others, and telegrams from Mr. John Dillon, M.P., Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., Dr. Douglas Hyde, etc. Resolutions in support of the protest were passed, on the motion of the Archbishop, seconded by Mr. Gwynn, M.P., and a deputation appointed to wait on the Chief Secretary.

KERRY—The Killarney Cathedral

The Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop of Kerry, has contributed £100 towards the fete in aid of the fund for the completion of Killarney Cathedral. His Lordship, at a meeting of the committee, stated his willingness to contribute £500 as a good example, but he

could not give it at once. One priest had written sending him a cheque for £500, and other members of the Chapter promised subscriptions of £100. Lord Kenmare has sent £150.

TIPPERARY—Against Emigration

His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel, having in his Lenten Pastoral asked the faithful to pray for the Catholic Church in France, proceeds:—Let me address a word of advice to my faithful people of Tipperary and Limerick, who live on the grandest hill-sides and plains in the world, in communion with our oldest friend, Nature, that never yet betrayed the Catholic heart that loved her. Remain true to your 'oldest friend,' and though you may not be rich, you can be very happy, and while others will be prematurely wasted by the excitements and artificialities of life in large centres and in foreign countries, you will rest peacefully with hearts fresh and young on the bosom of Mother Nature, and enjoy, without fuss or hurry, the richest blessings the world contains. The scripture says that 'piety with a sufficiency is a great gain.' Realise that herein is the key to happiness now and hereafter.

TYRONE—A Change of Owners

Towards the end of February, by an order of the Court, an Orange hall in Cookstown was sold by public auction, the purchasers being the local branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This is understood to be the first time in history that an Orange hall has ever come into the hands of Catholics and Nationalists in Ireland.

Discovery of Copper

A very important discovery has been made in Altmore, about seven miles distant from Dungannon, of a rich lode of copper ore. The origin of making the examination to find the copper arose in this way: In cleaning the pipes conveying the water from the reservoir at Altmore Mountain, the material that was encrusted inside the pipes, upon being tested in a chemical apparatus, was found to contain a large percentage of copper, and the same gentleman then took to the district and made the discovery about a mile from the reservoir.

WATERFORD—Evicted Tenants Reinstated

A large number of evicted tenants have been reinstated in County Waterford recently, including, on the Longan estate, Messrs. Hayes, Donoghue, Kelly, Foley, Miss Foley, Miss F. Flynn, and Mr. Donoghue. On the Smith estate, Mrs. H. Veale is reinstated. About 20 more evicted tenants in County Waterford will shortly regain possession of their homes.

WESTMEATH—A Presentation

An illuminated address has been presented to Very Rev. Dermot Cole, P.P., V.F., Killucan, County Westmeath, by his former parishioners of Kilbeggan and Rahugh. A deputation, accompanied by Rev. Father Leonard, waited on Father Cole at the parochial house, where the presentation was made. The address referred to Father Cole's labors in the interests of the people in regard to land purchase and many other matters, and referred in particular to the completion of the Convent of Mercy, Kilbeggan, and the renovation of Rahugh church. Father Cole cordially expressed his acknowledgments for the presentation.

WEXFORD—Searching for Heirs

In succession to the Sullivan will case, which created such great interest in Ireland and the United States a short time ago, we are promised another inquiry of a sensational nature, which, if it does not concern a million of money as in the former dispute, involves the fate of the very substantial sum of £40,000. A representative of the 'Freeman's Journal,' having ascertained that Mr. Wm. Watson, appointed Commissioner by the United States to examine witnesses and claimants with regard to the property of the late Patrick White, of Brooklyn, had arrived in Dublin, sought an interview with that gentleman. It seems that the late Mr. Patrick White emigrated from Wexford many years ago, when quite a young man. There he commenced life as an under clerk in a small office, and by slow degrees worked upwards. Carefully saving his money, he indulged in speculation, in which he was generally successful, and ultimately he amassed a considerable fortune. He lived for many years in the city of Brooklyn, and was well known there. He never married and led a rather quiet life. In manner he was reticent and never fond of speaking about himself or his prospects. In habits he was frugal and thrifty, and few people suspected the extent of his fortune. He died early last year, aged about eighty years, without making a will, leaving upwards of £40,000 of personal property, in money, stocks, and bonds.

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The New Zealand Mission

Our Irish exchanges publish the following cable message from Mr. Martin Kennedy, Wellington, to Mr. John Redmond, M.P.:—New Zealand mission a great success; sending £4500 as first instalment to loyal, pledge-bound Party. Exclude 'dissentients and factionists from participating.' Commenting on the success of Messrs. Devlin and Donovan in this Colony the Belfast 'Irish Weekly' says:—Having secured nearly £20,000 for the National Cause in Australia, Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., sailed for New Zealand in December, and he was followed by his colleague, Mr. Donovan, a month later. Both are on their homeward journey now: before them, under oceans and over continents, comes from New Zealand a message to the Irish Leader of hope and good cheer—and with the message £4500 as the Island Colony's 'first instalment' resulting from Mr. Devlin's labors. This is more like a magician's work than a man's. There are more Irish people in some baronies at home than in both islands of New Zealand; and the spell thrown over the people of that land in the farthest South by the Belfast tribune of the nation must have been of a potency rarely felt in this country nowadays. The ends of the earth are with Ireland, and Ireland is being fought for at the earth's ends: but it is upon the work at home the issue will depend.

The Parliamentary Fund

In response to the appeal issued by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Alderman O'Mara, and Mr. John Redmond, M.P., nearly £2000 was subscribed up to February 22 to the United Irish Parliamentary Fund.

The University Scheme

While awaiting full details of the Bill for placing Irish Catholics on a footing of equality with their Protestant brethren as far as higher education is concerned, it could scarcely be expected (writes a Dublin correspondent) that the 'people would publicly announce their entire satisfaction with the Government's scheme. Nevertheless the proposed settlement, as outlined by Mr. Bryce, has been favorably received, and resolutions welcoming it have been adopted by important and thoroughly representative gatherings. The Senate of the Royal University, which might naturally be expected to object to its own effacement, has, in the very handsomest way, withdrawn opposition to the scheme in the interests of an early settlement. Dr. Windle would, no doubt, like to get a university for Munster, but he wishes the Government's proposal God-speed. Galway Queen's College asks to be included in the plan. Belfast Queen's College is satisfied, and well it may be. The lay professors of University College, Dublin, have adopted the following resolution of the Catholic Graduates' and Undergraduates Association:—'The Government's scheme of Irish University reform, designed to secure educational equality for Catholics, through the foundation of a great college in Dublin as a constituent college of a remodelled Dublin University merits our strongest support; and we affirm our conviction that to be in consonance with Catholic ideas and acceptable to the Irish people, such new college must be granted (1) whatever Faculties in Arts and Science, equipment, academic privilege, and public endowment any other constituent college of the common University may possess; and (2) the fullest possible measure of autonomy.'

Population Returns

The December returns (says the Dublin 'Freeman's Journal') show again a small increase in the population of Ireland. This is the first occasion that we can recall when two successive quarters showed that the number of emigrants had been exceeded by the natural increase of the population. The births registered during the quarter numbered 24,529, the deaths 18,182, and the emigrants 5263. There is thus an estimated increase of 1684, and this notwithstanding an increased death-rate. We thus seem to be approaching, at least, a balance of population. The significance of the returns is emphasised by the steadily decreasing rate of decline in the population from year to year.

Japan's war department is economical. The worn-out socks, stockings, and other hosiery used by the troops in Manchuria were sent back to Japan to be remade into knitting yarns. These were then given out to hosiery manufacturers and reknitted by machinery into underwear which was reshipped to the seat of war.

People We Hear About

Mr. Thomas Alva Edison has just celebrated his sixtieth birthday. He said in answer to congratulations that it was nearly time he stopped work and began to play. 'For 45 years I have been making experiments in electricity, but all these years I have been turning these experiments to commercial value so fast that I have had not a chance to play with electricity, just to see how much I could find out about it. But now I am going to give up the commercial end, and work in my laboratory purely as a scientist. That is a pleasure I have long promised myself.'

Lord Castletown, of Upper Ossory, who moved the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne in the House of Lords at the opening of Parliament, is a Parliamentarian of 27 years' standing, and has earned a high reputation as a speaker. Lord Castletown is principally known in Ireland because of his enthusiastic support of the Gaelic League and his interest in every project calculated to develop the resources of the country. A Celt of the Celts, Lord Castletown, in a letter written not long ago to Mr. Barry O'Brien, stated that he was always proud to think that several of his race and name fought with the Irish Brigade, and that, therefore, the movement to erect a Memorial Cross on the battlefield of Fontenoy had his warmest support.

Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, whose victory for the Progressive party in Pretoria stands out as one of the most remarkable features in the Transvaal elections (says 'The Irish Weekly'), is the descendant of A. A. Fitzpatrick, who created nothing less than a Parliamentary revolution in this country. Every student of history knows that it was the election of Daniel O'Connell for Clare in 1829 which precipitated Catholic Emancipation and opened both Houses of Parliament to his co-religionists. The suggestion of a contest was first made by Fitzpatrick, his private secretary, and O'Connell is said to have declared the project to be impossible; but Fitzpatrick pressed his chief hard to consent, secured influential support to back him up, and in a few days collected an election fund far beyond the limits allowance in these days of Corrupt Practices Acts. The upshot of it was that O'Connell won 'the Banner County.'

A distinguished Polish Catholic writer has just passed away at Cracow in the person of Julien Klaczko. Born a Jew, during his studies in Germany he embraced Christianity, becoming a Protestant. But the evolution of his thoughts and convictions soon bore him into the bosom of the Catholic Church. He published several works both in German and Polish, but it was as a French writer that he won highest distinction. He contributed to the 'Revue des Deux Mondes' and the 'Journal de Debats.' His articles on the fall of the third Napoleon marked him as a political writer of the first rank, and also his study, 'The two Chancellors' (Gortschakoff and Bismarck). That he was a brilliant art critic is shown by his 'Causeries Florentines.' His most valuable work was the life of Pope Julius II, whom he represents as conquering like Caesar, triumphing like Domitian, a magnanimous patron of the arts. He was busy with a great life of Pope Leo XIII. when death interrupted his labors.

The Amateur Athletic Union of the United States through the President, Mr. James E. Sullivan, has accepted the time of 9 3-5 seconds for one hundred yards made last June by Mr. Dan I. Kelly, of Spokane. Kelly, with Arthur Duffy, formerly of Georgetown University, Washington, now holds the world's record for the hundred yards sprint. That is to say, these two young Irish-Americans are to-day the fastest short-distance runners in the world, and the swiftest the world has ever known. Early last year a young Irish-Canadian, William Sherring, representing St. Patrick's Amateur Athletic Club, Hamilton, Ontario, sailed unattended and without any blare of trumpets, for Greece. There, at Athens, in the presence of the King, the Heir-apparent, and distinguished representatives of Europe, he met the fastest long-distance runners of the world, and won the historic Marathon race of twenty-five miles six hundred yards, carrying back the championship to his city and club, so that to-day three men of Irish parentage hold the world's records for races calling for unexampled speed and endurance.

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The Religious Persecution in France

The 'Croix' of Rheims has just published an amusing story of the first infraction of the law prescribing 'Associations Cultuelles' in France. The Church of St. Clement in Cherbourg—the owners of which date back their title one thousand five hundred years—not having been transferred to an Association, and its use for service being therefore forbidden, Cherbourg's famous police commissioner, M. Ducreux, who deserves to be called 'the sleepless eye' of the new Church law in the north of France, was from the first on the alert. Before dawn of the day on which the law came into force he betook himself to the Church of St. Clement, and was surprised to find quite a sprinkling of the faithful in the dark aisles and pews of the church. Unobserved he joined them, and soon saw the sacristan light the candles, and a priest, preceded by a server, ascend the altar steps to celebrate Mass, as had been the practice on that spot for fifteen hundred years. Eager for the distinction of spying out what probably would be the

First Infraction of the New Law

in the whole of France, M. Ducreux watched the priest moving to and fro in the flickering candle-light. Stealthily he wrote in his note-book the names of the priest, the server, and others present. After Mass he left unobserved to prepare for the prosecution of the priest; but, fearing the parishioners, he put off the arrest. After nightfall he presented himself with some officers at the house of Canon C. Laisney, the parish priest, and demanded an interview. 'Monsieur le Cure,' he began, 'I have conscientiously assisted at Mass to-day.' 'Very good; but what procures me the honor of your visit at this hour?' 'Your Reverence will perhaps conjecture: I have an order for your arrest.' 'Indeed! And why should I be arrested?' 'Because, Monsieur l'Abbe, you said Mass this morning in St. Clement's Church.' 'Are you quite certain?' 'Entirely; I saw you myself. Besides, I have witnesses.' 'If you are entirely certain, Monsieur, proceed. We will discuss the matter later.' Accordingly Canon Laisney was marched to the magistrate's office, M. Ducreux leading the way. There he made his deposition and referred to the witnesses whom he had previously summoned. But the priest suavely

Pleaded 'Not Guilty,'

and quietly handed the magistrate a card bearing the name of Rev. Geo. J. Blatter, of Chicago. 'The worthy commissioner,' he said, 'probably refers to this American priest, who certainly said Mass this morning in St. Clement's. He has embarked on the "America" for New York.' This statement was corroborated by all the witnesses, and the server stated that he had accompanied the stranger in a walk around the town. Tableau: the quietly smiling Canon, the amused witnesses, the frowning magistrate, and the staring and crestfallen Ducreux, so suddenly shorn of his glory. In a few moments, with such officers as he could hastily get together, M. Ducreux rushed to the dock, where the transports were waiting to carry the passengers of the special train to the 'America,' a few miles out in the harbor. The commissioner and his men arrived just in time to see the special emerging into the glare of the dock lights. In vain did they post themselves at the car ends in order to spy out an American priest amongst the several hundred passengers that swarmed out of the train on to the transports. M. Ducreux probably had forgotten to consider that he could not be on a train from Paris if he had said Mass in Cherbourg that morning. Meanwhile, if M. Ducreux had not been so preoccupied, he might easily have recognized the stranger in a gentleman who, wrapped in a Spanish cloak, was all this time leisurely walking up and down the dock, and several times stood wondering at the manoeuvres of the policemen. This was the American priest, who was actually the last passenger to board the transports. M. Ducreux, not finding his quarry, made preparation to head off the 'America' in order to demand the extradition of the Rev. Geo. J. Blatter; but fortunately for himself and the newly constituted 'hierarchy,' he received timely notice to let the matter drop.

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

A Coconut Palm Grove

When a traveller gets his first sight of a palm grove he does not easily forget it. He sees the trees springing up, as it were, from the water in which their shadows are reflected. Besides being beautiful ornaments to a landscape these palms are among the most useful gifts which Nature has given to the inhabitants of tropical islands. In supplying actual necessities and in the number of useful purposes to which it can be applied, bamboo takes first rank, but the palm comes next. In Ceylon, where the bamboo is not utilised to the extent that it is in Japan, the palm has the pre-eminent position. To many of the people of this island the cocoanut trees are everything and their very lives depend upon them. The tree supplies most of their wants, besides giving them valuable commercial products. In this island there are estimated to be nearly twenty millions of palm trees, and among the poorer classes a man's wealth is estimated by the number of trees he owns. They form the most important asset of his estate, and by will are generally divided among his family. As one of the important traits of the Cingalese is his love of litigation, one can readily see what an important part the palm tree plays in the law cases there. There is a case on record in which the 2,520th part of a grove, containing only ten trees, was the subject of dispute. One of the greatest difficulties which the engineers had to encounter in building a railroad across the island was to determine the ownership of the palm trees. The ramifications of relationships and the fractional claims set up were most difficult to understand and disentangle.

Facts about Japan

In view of the presence in New Zealand waters of several Japanese cruisers, the following facts about the land of the chrysanthemum and its people will be of interest:—

Japan has nearly 50,000,000 people.
The word 'Mikado' signifies something like 'the Sacred Gate' or 'the Sublime Porte.'
The name of the reigning Mikado is Mutsu Hito.
The name of the Empress is O Haru—'spring.'
The name of the Crown Prince is Yoshi Hito.
European dress is worn at all court functions.
Rice is the common food of the common people.
Eightpence a day is now good pay for unskilled labor in Japan. Ten years ago it was threepence.
Japan has few millionaires and practically no multimillionaires.
Tokio is a hundred years older than St. Petersburg.
The lovely Japanese cherry trees produce no cherries.
Japanese dead are buried in a squatting posture, chin upon knees.
Fujiyama, the volcano that appears in all Japanese pictures, is 11,365 feet high, and 10,000 pilgrims ascend it every year.
The Japanese people, even the poor, travel much in their own country.
Modern Japanese coin and banknotes bear legends in English as well as in Japanese.
It is quite proper, even complimentary, to ask a lady's age in Japan.
The Japanese 'Hello!' at the telephone is 'Moshi moshi,' or 'Ano ne,' with the accent on the 'may.'
Kissing and shaking hands are rarely practised in Japan.

Japanese mothers do not kiss their children, though they may press their lips to the forehead or cheek of a very young baby.

Sewing on buttons is not a wifely duty in Japan—there are no buttons.

Japanese inns furnish fresh tooth-brushes every morning free to every guest. The brush is of wood, shaped like a pencil, and frayed to a tufty brush of fibre at the large end.

All of the food served to a guest at a Japanese banquet and not consumed by him at the time is taken to his home by the servants of his host.

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The Catholic World

CANADA—Death of a Distinguished Catholic

The city of Montreal was thrown into profound grief on the morning of February 19 when the announcement was made that Sir William Hingston, the distinguished physician and Catholic philanthropist, had passed away. Sir William Hingston was Mayor of Montreal in 1875 and 1876, at a time when grave troubles menaced the welfare of the community. For the coolness and calm judgment exhibited during these trying times, he received the most hearty thanks of Lord Dufferin, who was, at that time Governor-General of Canada. Sir William Hingston, who was the son of the late Lieut.-Col. Hingston, formerly in his Majesty's 100th Regiment, was in his 79th year. Dr. Hingston occupied for many years in Montreal a prominent position as the leading member of the medical profession, and was especially noted as a surgeon. He was knighted in 1895 for distinguished medical services. Speaking immediately after Sir William Hingston's death, Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal said:—'It is only a few days ago that I saw him and spoke with him, and he seemed to be in good health and spirits. I never was more shocked than to hear of his death. It means to me the loss of a dear personal friend whom I had known almost from my childhood. To the Church in this city it means the loss of one of the most devoted of her children; and the whole population of Montreal have to regret the death of a leading citizen, a brilliant and successful worker in his chosen profession, and a man of simply boundless charity.'

ENGLAND—Sympathy with the Holy Father

A demonstration of Catholics of the diocese of Salford held in the Free-Trade Hall, Manchester, to express sympathy with Pope Pius X. and with the clergy and laity of the Church in France in their present troubles, was a magnificent success. The Archbishop of Westminster, the Bishop of Salford, and Father Bernard Vaughan were the chief speakers. Resolutions were adopted embodying sentiments of affection and veneration for the Pope, and of admiration for the attitude of the Bishops of France.

A Memorial to Cardinal Manning

The authorities of Westminster Cathedral are appealing for assistance in order to erect a memorial to Cardinal Manning. Monsignor Howlett says:—'At present the authorities of the Cathedral (in the crypt of which Cardinal Manning's remains have now been interred) are without means to erect any suitable memorial. We shall be grateful for any subscriptions sent towards the cost of putting a proper monument upon his tomb and decorating the crypt in which it lies.'

The Apostle of India and Japan

By permission of the Jesuit community the beautiful picture of St. Francis Xavier, which is the commanding feature in the reredos of the altar dedicated to the saint in Farm Street Church, has been copied by Miss Gamardella for a public library in Tokio. The request was made through an agent commissioned by the Japanese Government to choose and purchase works of art, together with 40,000 European books for the same library. A Chinese magnate who admired the work has also obtained the privilege of having another copy painted by the same artist. The original is the work of Mr. Goldie, and represents the death scene of the saint in the desolate island of Sanpo, in sight of the Chinese shore.

FRANCE—The Archbishop's Reply

At a meeting of Ministers on February 25 M. Briand announced that, following upon the previous week's debate in the Chamber, he had instructed the Prefect of the Seine to reply to the Archbishop of Paris, that the terms of his proposal regarding the form of contract were unsatisfactory. Any fresh proposals of the Archbishop, based upon the Minister's recent declarations in the Chamber, would have the consideration of the Prefect. Later in the day the following communication was made at the Archbishop's house to a representative of the press: 'We received, through the Prefect of the Seine, this morning the Government's reply. The Minister of Public Worship asks us to submit a further text of contract based on his declarations in the Chamber. We can make no change in the text recently proposed by the Archbishop of Paris. Either the Government will reconsider its decision and accept the contract

or we shall find ourselves with the deepest regret unable to continue negotiations which at one time tended towards appeasement and religious peace.'

The Irish College

The Rector of the Irish College, Paris, has received official notice that two Irish foundations, quite distinct from the college property, but from which the students of the college received annually £257 sterling, have been sequestered. The least important of the two foundations was made by Rev. James Burke, an Irish priest of the diocese of Killaloe, resident in France. The second and more important foundation was made by Very Rev. J. B. Walsh, D.D., formerly Rector of the Irish College in Paris. By his will, dated 1825, he bequeathed his property for the advantage of Irish students in Holy Orders making their studies in France. Though these foundations were not college property, the fact of their sequestration is taken as a presage of the greater spoliation of the college which is impending.

The Conditions of the Contract

M. Briand (says the 'Catholic Times') has been glorified for his conciliatory speech on the question of the contracts, but the details of the terms laid down by the Government have not been published in the British press. The fact is, the Government have been endeavouring to impose conditions which would suggest that they have no genuine intention of coming to an agreement. They are demanding the sacrifice of the members of the religious Orders, depriving them and all foreigners of the right of entering into contracts. This is not merely an infliction of punishment on the Orders, but an effort to get the ecclesiastical authorities to become parties to the boycott of men who have played a noble part in facing the heat and burden of the fray. There are other conditions, such as the keeping of the churches in repair, which involve hardships for the clergy, and which they would find it extremely difficult—nay, impossible—to observe. If M. Clemenceau and M. Briand were really anxious for peace with the Church, they would not have interfered with the Mayors. Had these gentlemen, who are in close touch with the peasantry, been allowed to use their discretion, all difficulties would have been quickly removed. Many had signed the contracts, and were it not for M. Briand's circular, nearly all would have done so, as no objections were raised.

Peace or War?

With practically a unanimous vote (says the 'Catholic Times') the Chamber of Deputies has endorsed M. Briand's declaration of policy. Sufficient for the day is the evil we have done on it, says M. Briand in effect; now let us devote some little time to the work of ingeminating peace. But is it peace? Is it not rather a mockery to call it peace? For years past every fresh Ministry of the Republic has been engaged in the congenial task of wreaking all the harm it could upon the Catholic Church. The schools have been deprived of their religious teachers. The monks and nuns have been driven abroad. Chaplains have been removed from army and navy, from hospital and asylum. The State has ruthlessly broken its Concordat with the Church, has ignored the Papacy, has tried to shackle the hierarchy, has crippled the clergy, and has seized upon all the ecclesiastical property on which it can lay its hands. And now M. Briand talks of peace! If he has set his heart on peace, why not propose proper conditions to secure it? Certainly the Bishops will do all they can to effect a working agreement. The storm has left the French Church so shattered that they, its leaders, must think first and foremost of building it up again from its ruins. If only an arrangement can be come to which will leave intact the vital principles of hierarchical jurisdiction, they will not be found to stand in the way of a final settlement with M. Briand. Whoever may indulge in vain dreams about the future, the French Bishops indulge in none. They know that the battle is against Christianity as such; that religion itself is at stake in their country; and that whatever professions of peace might be made by their enemies, war would break out again as soon as a favorable opportunity offered. There is no peace in France.

GERMANY—The Centre Party

The leader of the German Centre intimated in the Reichstag on February 25 that the party would introduce measures for the establishment of Labor Bureaux and the protection and extension of the right of combination. The Imperial Chancellor assailed the Centre for having supported Socialist candidates, and said that without its help Social Democracy would have been reduced to two or three dozen seats. He said the Government distinguished between the Centre and the Catholic religion, which they never intended to attack.

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ROME—Expressions of Sympathy

The Holy Father on February 23 received a telegram from 25,000 Catholics in Philadelphia protesting against the position in which the Church in France has been placed, and expressing sympathy with his Holiness and their French brethren.

UNITED STATES—Death of a Bishop

The death of Bishop Stang, of Fall River, Massachusetts, is announced. Bishop Stang was a native of the Black Forest. After the ordinary classical studies, he entered the American College, Louvain, to prepare for missionary work in the United States. He was ordained priest in 1878, and some months later left for the diocese of Providence, in the United States. In the middle of the year 1900 he was appointed Vice-Rector of the American College, Louvain, and professor of moral and pastoral theology at the University. Later he returned to America, and when in 1902 the new diocese of Fall River was created Dr. Stang was named Bishop. He was a man of tireless activity, and his early death is deeply deplored. He passed away on the Feast of the Purification of Our Lady. Amongst his writings is a work on Socialism, the doctrines of which he vigorously combated.

An Awkward Situation

The death took place recently at New York of the Rev. Richard Kiely, who had been on the mission in New South Wales some years ago. Mr. Peter A. Dunne, of Five Dock, New South Wales, contributes the following interesting reminiscences of the deceased to the April number of 'The Australian Messenger':—At the time the Kelly Gang stuck up Jerilderie Father Kiely used to visit and celebrate Mass there in the Court House. The police station was on the opposite side of the street, and both were outside the busy part of the town. The Kellys stuck up the police on Saturday night, and kept them prisoners till Monday. On Sunday morning Dan Kelly accompanied Sergeant Devine's wife when she went to prepare the Court House for Mass, as was her custom. Dan watched to see she left no message for Father Kiely, and escorted her back. No one from the police station attended Mass. It was customary for Father Kiely to visit Devine after Mass, but on this particular occasion he happened not to do so, and thus by accident evaded an awkward dilemma, because it was hard to say what might have happened if he had paid his usual visit.

Father Kiely went to America, and I last heard of him being stationed at Salt Lake City. He was an accomplished violinist, and a genial, good, holy priest, who made friends everywhere. The deceased priest was a personal friend of the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary (Lawrence), and of the Very Rev. Dean Burke (Invercargill).

An unpleasant incident occurred at the Easter Fair, Bendigo, owing to a sectarian display by the Protestant Alliance, which, for the first time, took part in the proceedings. The Hibernian Society, which has always taken an active interest in the fair, objected to the sectarian tableau of the Protestant Alliance, and on appealing to the secretary of the fair, it was decided to request the removal of the objectionable display. The Mayor, however, over-ruled the action of the secretary, and as a result the Hibernian Society and the Orphanage Band withdrew from the procession. The Protestant Alliance was not allowed to enter the grounds.

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When a sick person is becoming convalescent, the rule of a quiet time between two and four o'clock in the afternoon should still be adhered to until complete strength is regained. Even if the patient cannot obtain sleep, the fact of lying quietly in a darkened room will rest both eyes and brain, producing that feeling of wide awake brightness which invalids so often feel in the evening, to them the pleasantest time of the day in consequence.

Learn to be Kind and Gentle.

There are many people who excuse themselves from the little familiarities and kindnesses of life on the ground that they are not natural to them. These people say they are reserved by disposition, and cannot be free and easy in meeting other people. But we can learn to be genial and gentle just as we can learn to row a boat or to throw stones or to write shorthand or to speak a new language. That homeliness and unaffected simplicity of address, which made Ruskin so approachable to child or man, was the work of a long life's discipline.

How to Obtain Pretty Hands.

Nothing spoils the hands more than getting them grimed with dust and dirt. This may be prevented by wearing loose leather gloves whenever engaged in dusting or sweeping. The hardest and roughest hands may be made quite presentable in a month or two with proper care. Rain-water is considered best for the skin, but a little borax added to hard water will soften it and add to its cleansing powers. Make a strong solution of borax in boiling water, bottle it when cool, and keep it on your washstand. Add a little of this to the water in which you wash; you will find it more convenient than borax in powder.

Oranges as a Medicine.

No nursery should be without its plateful of oranges for morning use. Taken the first thing on awakening in the morning, they prove their value as a preventive to cross temper all the day through, by their anti-stimulating influence on the nerves of nurse and children. Just try the children with a morning dose of oranges, and see how quickly the pulse will be regulated to its normal beat, and the cross, peevish cry be replaced by joyous laughter and delight. Oranges possess all the valuable qualities of the much used and much dreaded nursery remedies—senna, rhubarb, quinine, etc., without any of the unpleasantness, and no persuasion is needed to increase the dose. They are equally invaluable for adults, for not only are they anti-bilious and anti-rheumatic, they are also nerve strengthening, blood purifying, and regenerating to the whole system. A generous use of this valuable fruit would greatly reduce doctors' or chemists' bills.

Poor Little Bodies.

Much of the irritability of children results from the unconscious cruelty of those in charge. To sit bolt upright for long is hard enough for anyone, but children are often forced to do so, as the back of their chair is too far away from them to lean against comfortably. Another cause for weariness and temper is, in the first place, nothing else than uneasiness. A healthy, natural, lively child should not be expected to sit quietly for long at a time, and when it is absolutely necessary that the child keep still—in illness, for instance, or travelling—some forethought should be taken to give its mind some occupation and amusement. The sorrows of the child whose hair is done up in curl papers at night show in an irritable temper the next morning. No one can rest well whose head is ornamented with rows of bulging knobs. To ridicule a child or young person for his ignorance will hinder him in his acquisition of knowledge. To make fun of a child who is awkward will make him even more self-conscious, and is one of the petty cruelties practised thoughtlessly on young people day after day.

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New Incandescent Light.

Professor Parker, of Columbia University, has invented an incandescent light which he hopes will revolutionise electric lighting. He declares that its efficiency is forty-five times as great as that of an ordinary lamp fitted with carbon filament. Its special feature is a new filament, called helium, because its spectrum is similar to that of helium. In the tests which have been made the new light burned steadily from 485 to 1270 hours, with an average of 1000 hours and it gives a white flame. Mr. Parker says that it will last twice as long as a carbon filament lamp, besides carrying a large overload of electricity without breaking.

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Nothing New.

The old saying, 'There is nothing new under the sun,' is as true in these days of invention and progress as it ever was (says an English exchange). The theory of the automobile was known to Solomon de Coste of Normandy in 1641. He wrote a book on the propulsion of carriages by steam power.

The theory of telegraphing by wire was practically illustrated in 1775 by Arthur Young, long before Professor Morse was born.

Although to Robert Fulton, the American inventor, is given the credit of navigation by steam power, Blasco de Guere, a Spanish sea captain, propelled a ship by steam engine before the King of Spain in 1543.

Air-ships, a few of which have been comparatively successful, are called a new invention; but in 1679 a pamphlet was written by Francesco Lana expounding the theory of ships which would navigate the air as well as the sea.

No doubt the invention of wireless telegraphy was foreshadowed by a book of philosophy which appeared in 1617. This work mentions communication between two persons at different points by means of a loadstone and a needle placed upon a metal dial.

The discovery of the circulation of the blood is accredited to Harvey, in 1629; but from a passage in Longinus we learn that this was known two thousand years before.

Dr. Morton, of Boston, in 1846, was the first man to put to practical use the administration of anaesthetics; but for hundreds of years before this the use of various herbs to ease pain and induce unconsciousness was known. No doubt the use of cocaine as a local anaesthetic originated from Baron Lanne, Napoleon's physician. This man applied ice to wounds to produce a state of insensibility to pain.

Newton was preceded in his knowledge of the law of gravitation by Dante and Shakespeare.

Laennec discovered the stethoscope in 1816; but one hundred and fifty years before Robert Hooke had shown a knowledge of its principle.

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When wintry winds commence to blow,
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Must make him always feel secure.
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Intercolonial

The receipts at the Irish National concert in Sydney on March 18, were about £300. Thousands were unable to gain admittance.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Prenty, who was said to have been aged 100 years, died at the Melbourne Hospital the other day. Deceased was a sister of the late Judge Nolan, of Dublin.

The Rev. Father Buckley, who has been for some years parish priest of Junee, has been appointed to succeed the Very Rev. Father Slattery, V.G., at Wagga.

The appeal of the Sisters of Mercy, of Mudgee (Q.), to enable them to rebuild St. Vincent's Orphanage, which was dismantled by a cyclone, has met with a generous response, about £900 having been subscribed. £300 more is required to meet the outlay, £1200.

Mr. Owen Brady celebrated his 100th birthday at Titree Springs, in the Carroar district, New South Wales, a few days ago. He was born in Cork in 1807, and, though nearly blind now, all his other faculties are good, and his memory wonderfully keen. He was with General De Lacy Evans in Spain, with the 10th regiment, at the storming of San Sebastian.

His Lordship Dr. Murray, Bishop of Maitland, who celebrated his 80th birthday last month, has lived in Maitland for over 40 years. He still enjoys fairly good health, and continues to visit the outlying portions of his extensive diocese. He was born in Wicklow on March 25, 1828, and is a grand-nephew of the most illustrious Dr. Murray, Archbishop of Dublin.

His Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide thanked the daily papers in a letter for their excellent descriptions of the doings on St. Patrick's Day, adding: 'In my thanks the whole Catholic community joins.' His Grace also asked that the reporters should be thanked, on his behalf and that of the Catholic body, 'for their ably written and sympathetic record of the proceedings.'

The Rev. Father Wolfe, of Blackall, has been elected Mayor of that town for the current year. Father Wolfe (says the Brisbane 'Age') is the second Queensland priest who has had mayoral honors conferred on him, the first being the late Father M. J. McKiernan, who for some years was an alderman of the Gayndah Town Council and served as Mayor of that municipality.

Lord Northcote, speaking at the Sydney Royal Agricultural Show luncheon on March 30, referred to the magnificent prosperity of Australia. He said he had travelled over a large portion of the continent, and found everywhere, particularly in New South Wales, a feeling of satisfaction at the present conditions, and confidence in the future. He quoted figures to show that the value of the New South Wales wool clip had risen, in 1906 to £14,000,000, while the butter output for 1906 was 57,000,000lb, as against 30,000,000lb for 1902. For 1906-7 the wheat yield was 23,500,000 bushels, as compared with 16,500,000 bushels for 1905; while in 1904 Australian wheat was quoted at from 2s to 3s per quarter better than the English product, 1s 9d. better than the Argentine, and 8d better than the Canadian wheat.

The Rev. Father Shanahan, of Coleraine, had an enthusiastic and unique welcome home recently, after more than a year's holiday in Europe. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. F. Kirby, who said that now Father Shanahan had returned invigorated to renew his good work they assured him of their unbounded pleasure to again see his genial face, and they trusted he would be long spared to be what he had been in the past—a large-hearted, generous, and sympathetic friend to all classes of his own people as well as those of other denominations who, he knew, joined with those of Father Shanahan's church in expressions of genuine good-will to their guest. Mr. T. J. Fitzgerald, on behalf of the Hibernian Society, heartily congratulated Father Shanahan on his return to Coleraine. Speeches expressing good wishes and extending a hearty welcome to Father Shanahan on behalf of the denomination which they represented were made by Rev. D. Millar (Presbyterian), Rev. C. Hudson (Anglican), and Mr. M. James (Methodist). Rev. Father Shanahan made a happy and humorous reply.

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'And may be,' she added, the earnest thought
Illuming the face that was sweet and fair,
'We can make little nosegays of every sort,
For the hotel ladies to buy and to wear.'

'That is just like a girl!' said indolent Joe,
As he spilled his sister's begonia seeds;
'But the worms will ruin the roses, I know;
And the garden will be overrun with weeds.'

'When the tenderest seeds decay or bake,
And the others are all by the Leghorns scratched,
You will find you have made a silly mistake
In counting your chickens before they are hatched.'

'What dire prediction!' said Faith, with a laugh;
'Don't prophesy further, I beg, I beg!
For I'd rather count my chickens by half,
Than to kill them all off while yet in the egg.'

— 'Catholic Standard.'

A YOUNG INVENTOR

The majority of our readers have at one time or another noticed with what ease and absence of jars an express train pulls up at, say, the Dunedin railway station. This facility for stopping a train so readily is due to the use of the Westinghouse brake, which has come into almost general use on trains within recent years. This brake was the invention of quite a young man, and many persons before it was put to a practical test thought the inventor was a visionary when he claimed to be able to stop a train by air.

Nobody seemed inclined to let Westinghouse try his plan on a real train, but they did not object to his working model of it in a shop where he could do no harm or involve anybody else in expense.

He knew his scheme would work, but he could not make any one else believe it. So he continued to sell his invention for replacing derailed cars on the tracks and to talk about his brake to any railroad man who was willing to listen.

'Well, have you ever stopped a train with this air thing of yours?' they would ask.

No, he couldn't say that he had done so. Nobody would let him try it, even on a goods train.

One day he arrived in Pittsburg, selling his other invention and talking about his brake notion to a man connected with a railroad out there.

'That's a great idea of yours,' said the man; 'we will try it on our line.'

So the officials of this railroad permitted Westinghouse to put his new brake on one of their trains. He had to agree to indemnify the road for any damage that might be caused to the train as the result of his trials.

The train was equipped. On the designated day the confident inventor and a group of sceptical railroad men boarded the train on which the first air brakes were fixed.

Off went the train on its initial trip. The engineer put on full speed, and just as he had rounded a curve he saw ahead, at a grade crossing, and in the middle of the track, a loaded wagon, a man and a boy and a balky horse. The engineer moved his little lever, and the first train that was ever stopped by air pulled up at a standstill several feet short of the obstruction.

Thus, on its first trial, the Westinghouse air brake saved life and prevented damage to property. Thenceforward talking was unnecessary; all that had to be done was to make brakes. The inventor thought of that clause securing compensation to the railroad for any damage he might do to the train, and he laughed.

His fortune dated from that day. He was then only twenty-two.

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

A home is what a mother makes it (says the London 'Catholic Weekly'). A daughter is, in nine cases out of every ten, the reflection of her mother. The training of the girl of fifteen is shown in the woman of fifty. A son may, by contact with a rough world, sometimes outlive his early home influences; a daughter rarely does. A mother's word, a domestic proverb, told at eventide by the quiet fireside, has been recalled by many a woman years after it was uttered. 'I thank God that my mother told me what other women have been taught by the world,' is a beautiful tribute to the influence of a mother. The world has a sharp way of teaching its truths to a girl. Is it not far better, then, that her mother should tell her with that sweet and sympathetic grace and gentleness which only a mother knows? Let the world build upon your foundation, but do you lay the ground story. Any builder will tell you that the whole strength of a house depends upon its foundation. The flowers most beautiful to the eye and sweetest to the smell grow in good soil. The world's noblest women have sprung from good homes.

AN EARLY ANCESTOR

Mark Twain published his biography some years ago. Here is a sketch from it of one of his ancestors:—

'Some years later we have the illustrious John Morgan Twain. He came over to this country with Columbus in 1492, as a passenger. He appears to have been of a crusty, uncomfortable disposition. He complained of the food all the way over, and was always threatening to go ashore unless there was a change. He wanted fresh fish. Hardly a day passed over his head that he did not go idling about the ship with his nose in the air, sneering about the commander, and saying he did not believe Columbus knew where he was going to or had ever been there before. The memorable cry of "Land, ho!" thrilled every heart in the ship but his. He gazed awhile through a piece of smoked glass at the pencilled line lying on the distant water, and then said: "Land be hanged—it's a raft!" When this questionable passenger came on board the ship he brought nothing with him but an old newspaper containing a handkerchief marked "B. G.," one cotton sock marked "L. W. C.," and one woollen one marked "D. F.," and yet during the voyage he worried more about his "trunk," and gave himself more airs about it, than all the rest of the passengers put together. Ultimately he was thrown overboard, and he sank without a bubble. Later it transpired that he stole the anchor and sold it to the Indians.'

THE CURIOSITY OF A LITTLE BOY

Little things and little people are often responsible for great results, and maybe you do not know that the discovery of that important instrument, the telescope, may be traced to the curiosity of a little boy, and this is how it came about:

The little boy was the son of an optician who lived in Holland. He and his sisters loved to play about their father's work bench, and often they amused themselves by looking at the sea through the little smooth concave glasses which their father used in his work.

Now, one day it happened that the boy, while playing with two of these glasses, chanced to hold them before his eyes in such a way that the face of the cathedral clock seemed very near.

This surprised him greatly, for the clock was so far away that he could scarcely see the hands with his naked eyes.

For a while he stared at the clock and then at the glasses, each of which he tried in turn, but the clock was as far away as ever, and so it remained, turn them as he would, until by chance again he held both up together, when, lo! as if by magic, the church stood beside him.

'Oh, I know, I know!' he cried aloud. It's the two together.' Then in great joy he ran to his father and told him of his remarkable discovery.

His father tried the glasses in his turn and found that the boy had spoken the truth when he said he could bring the great church clock nearer.

So this was the way people learned that putting a concave and a convex glass together in just the right position would make distant objects seem near. Without this knowledge we should never have had the telescope, and without the telescope we should have known little of the sun, moon or stars.

So, if you ever have a chance to look through a telescope and see the wonders it has to reveal, just remember the little boy who once lived in far-off Holland.

SLIGHTLY MIXED

Mr. Jones, of Taranaki, who was spending a week in Christchurch, had called at the house of an acquaintance.

'I declare,' he said, 'it cures me of my homesickness to drop in here and see a little of your home life—er—ah—not that your home life is anything but the—what I mean—of course, is that it makes me hanker still more for my own home—or, rather, that—on the homoeopathic principle, you know, that a hair of the dog that bit you—which isn't at all what I mean, to be sure, but—when a man is lonesome he can enjoy the society of almost anybody—and yet that isn't exactly what I—what I was trying to—because, you understand, as the poet says, that home, be it ever so—so humble, you know—which yours isn't—there's no place like one's own—notwithstanding which I've had an exceedingly pleasant—well, I must be going. Good evening.'

ODDS AND ENDS

Mistress (to her maid): 'I suppose you girls talk about each other just the same as we ladies do about each person in our set?' Domestic: 'No, mum; we mostly talk about the mistresses.'

Wife: 'I wish we had a nice country place, where we could give a birthday dance.' Husband: 'Just for the pleasure of inviting some of your friends, eh?' Wife: 'Yes; and the pleasure of not inviting some.'

FAMILY FUN

Choose a rich dress of corded stuff,
My first you'll hold then sure enough;
When high winds blow o'er roof and wall
My second has a chance to fall—
My whole's a thing that crawls and creeps,
Or hides away and snugly sleeps.

Answer—Reptile.

Not long ago I saw a man
Who looked to me peculiar;
His left hand held a cobbler's tool,
With which we are all familiar.
And a cutting tool was in his right,
Well known to many nations;
But all at once the scene was changed
To useful publications.

Answer—Almanacs (awl-man-axe).

A little dexterous sleight of hand is always amusing. You ask a friend to lend you a cigarette paper, as you find you have not got one yourself, and having been furnished with one you proceed to tear it up, roll the small pieces into a ball, and then unroll them, showing the cigarette paper made whole once more.

To do this trick you must have prepared yourself with a whole cigarette paper beforehand, and must keep this, rolled up into a ball, in the right pocket of your waistcoat. When you ask for a cigarette paper, you at the same time insert your fingers into your waistcoat pocket as though looking for one there, and take out the prepared ball, holding it between the tips of the first and second fingers, where it will not be seen by the audience if you are careful how you hold your hand. When the other paper has been torn up, and while rolling the pieces into a ball, you change that ball for the one you have ready, holding the ball of torn pieces in the position previously occupied by the ball of whole paper. When you are about to unroll the ball you put your fingers quite naturally up to your lips to moisten them, and in so doing get the ball of torn paper into your mouth. You will then unroll the whole ball of paper and hand it round for inspection. The most effective part of this trick comes when you have rolled the torn paper into a ball, for you can at this point press the ball of whole paper against the ball of torn paper between the first finger and thumb, and hold them up to the audience, who see that your hands are perfectly empty and never suspect that what appears to be one ball of paper is really made up of two balls.

All Sorts

Mr. John Burns says that since the passing of the Poor Law Act in 1834, £554,000,000 have been devoted to the relief of the poor.

Brass reflects heat better than any other metal. Silver comes next, then tin, steel, and lead in the order named.

About 94 per cent. of otherwise normal people use the right hand in preference to the left; 6 per cent. are left-handed; and it is a curious fact that one-third of the 6 per cent. are ambidextrous.

'What do you know of the character of this man?' was asked of a witness at a police-court the other day.

'What do I know of his character? 'I know it to be unbleachable, your honor,' he replied, with much emphasis.

The seal's appetite is phenomenal in captivity, fifty or more pounds of fish being required daily for a single meal. After gorging himself he goes to sleep, floating on his back, with flippers folded, his head bobbing up and down upon the waves, as peacefully as upon a bed of roses.

The White Star Line have issued an interesting little pamphlet describing their magnificent new 25,000 tons leviathan 'Adriatic,' which was launched by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, at Belfast, in September last. The length over all is 725 feet 9 inches, breadth 75 feet 6 inches, and depth about 50 feet, and with accommodation to carry 3000 passengers.

'Does it not throw a shade of bitterness into your heart,' said the poetic young lady, 'to see the trees all leafless, and to hear the wind sighing in mournful monotony? Does it not make you feel that there is too much that is bleak in the world?' 'No,' answered the practical youth, 'it does not.' 'Why?' 'Because my father is in the coal business.'

The editor of a Kansas country paper has found a way of persuading the delinquent subscriber. It was quite accidental. He had borrowed a rifle recently, and he started up the main street of the town to return the weapon to its owner. The delinquent subscribers got it into their heads that he was on the war-path, and every one he met insisted on paying what he owed him. One man wiped out a debt of ten years' standing. On his return to his office he found a load of hay, fifteen bushels of corn, ten bushels of potatoes, a load of wood, and a barrel of turnips that had been brought in. All the country editors are now trying to borrow Winchesters.

There are plenty of ingenious burglars in the world, but he would have to be a very ingenious burglar indeed who should find a way to rob the bank of France. The measures taken for guarding the money are of such a nature that burglary would seem to be impossible. Every day, when the money is put into the vaults in the cellar, and before the officers leave, masons are in attendance, whose duty it is to wall up the doors of the vaults. Water is then turned on, and kept running until the cellar is flooded. A burglar would thus have to work in a diving suit, and break down a cement wall, before he could even begin to break into the vaults. When the officers arrive the next morning the water is drawn off, the masonry torn down, and the vaults opened. It is said that the treasures of the Bank of France are better guarded than any in the world.

At the north end of Hudson Bay is an island about the size of the State of Maine, which is called Southampton Island, on which has been discovered a lost tribe of Esquimaux, which has been without any intercourse with human beings for centuries and until a few years ago had never seen a white man. Apparently these people have dwelt there since before the time of Columbus. They are still in the stone age, knowing no metals. They grow no plants, and their homes are built of the skulls of whales. Their huts are built by putting together the great jaws of a whale and covering them over with skins. In the middle of this dwelling is the familiar elevated place on which stands the lamp. With this they cook, light their dwelling, provide warmth, melt snow and dry their clothes. The whale is their chief means of subsistence. They use the bone in a variety of ways, even making their cups and buckets of it, by bending it in shape and sewing on the bottom.

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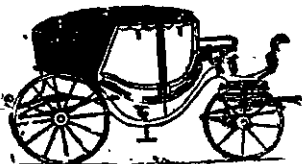
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