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May 5, Sunday.—Fifth Sunday after Easter. St. Pius V., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 6, Monday.—St. John at the Latin Gate. Rogation Day.
 „ 7, Tuesday.—St. Benedict II., Pope and Confessor. Rogation Day.
 „ 8, Wednesday.—Apparition of St. Michael, Archangel. Rogation Day.
 „ 9, Thursday.—Ascension of Our Lord.
 „ 10, Friday.—St. Comgall, Abbot.
 „ 11, Saturday.—St. Alexander I., Pope and Martyr.

St. Benedict II., Pope and Confessor.

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Some day the bell I hear
 My death shall toll;
 And when the moment strikes,
 What of my soul?

What then shall all avail
 That now I prize,
 When clear the mis-spent past
 Before me lies?

What then shall be the worth
 Of human praise,
 That sheds a glory now
 Along life's ways?

And what then of the friends
 I now hold dear?
 Remembrance all too oft
 Dies at the bier.

Oh, when that solemn bell
 My death shall toll,
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He was a tall old man with a slight stoop and thin gray hair. His garments were shiny with wear, the sleeves of his coat being fairly slippery in their threadbare state. But there was little trace of the infirmities of age in his strong features and the sharp glance of the gray eyes beneath the shaggy brows. Those sharp gray eyes turned towards the dingy old clock over the dingy old mantel. It was just noon. There was a door that opened into the counting-room, and its upper half was glass. Through this transparent medium the old man could keep a watchful eye on his employees. It saved sudden incursions into the outer room. Those clerks and bookkeepers never knew when the sleepless eye of the grim old master was turned in their direction. There was no loitering or any other form of relaxation in that busy counting room.

From the clock the old man's gaze turned to the door. The desks were deserted. It was the luncheon hour. He arose from his creaky swivel chair and, crossing the room, pulled down a shade that covered the glass. Then he turned back to his desk and, producing a small parcel wrapped in a newspaper, opened it and disclosed an apple and a few crackers. He spread them out on the paper and fell to munching them. He was gnawing at the apple when a light rap at the counting-room door drew his attention. At first he was inclined to believe that his ears had deceived him. Then the rap came again—rat, tat, tat.

'Come in,' he cried, and there was nothing suggestive of hospitality in the peremptory tone. 'Come in.'

A hand fumbled with the knob and then the door swung open. A child was standing on the threshold, a little girl with sunny curls and a dainty pink frock.

'How do you do?' said the astonishing vision. 'Are you pretty well? So am I, thank you.' And she made him a little bobbing courtesy and threw him a fascinating smile.

'Where did you come from?' growled the old man.

'I comed from out here,' replied the little maid.

'I peeped through the glass under the curtain an' I saw you.' She laughed merrily. 'An' I thought you was a big ogre eat'n all by yourself. You don't eat little girls, do you?'

He yielded for a moment to the witchery of her smile. 'Not when they are good little girls,' he gruffly said.

The child laughed merrily.

'You's a splendid ogre,' she cried, and clapped her hands. 'Much better'n papa. What's you eatin'?'

He hastily pushed the crackers and the remains of the apple aside.

'My luncheon,' he answered. 'But you haven't told me where you came from.'

He was surprised at himself for showing this interest in the child. 'I comed down to see papa,' she answered. 'Manima brought me an' left me here 'cause she's goin' a-shoppin', an' there's fierce crowds an' little girls might get hurt. An' I brought papa's lunch, an' mamma will call for me. An' I'm to keep awful still, 'cause the man papa works for is very, very cross an' he can't bear to have children 'round.'

The child laughed again. 'Do it again,' she cried. 'I ain't a bit afraid of you. I know it's all just make believe. Please can't I come in a wee bit further?'

'Come in if you want to,' said the old man a little ungraciously.

She smiled as she slowly advanced. 'It always pays to be polite,' she said. 'That's what mamma tells me. If I had said, can I come in, without any please, you might have said we don't want no little girls around here to-day—they're such a nuisance. An' besides, I was a little tired of stayin' out there all alone. 'Cause, you see, papa had to go to the custom-house 'bout somethin' pertickler, an' I'm most sure I heard a big rat under the desk brushin' his whiskers.'

She came quite close to him and leaned against the ancient haircloth chair that stood by his desk.

'Who is your father?' the old man asked.

'My papa? 'He's Mister Fenton—Mister Russell Fenton. Do you know him? He's a very nice man.'

'Yes, I know him. And did he tell you to come in here and see me?'

'Mercy, no!' cried the child. 'He didn't say nothin' about you. He just said I was to keep very quiet an' he would be back as soon as he could. An' I said, "Ain't you goin' to eat your lunch, papa?"'

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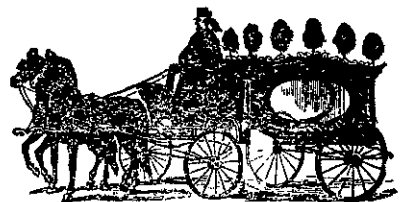
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He shook his head.

"Eat it yourself," he muttered.

"I can't eat it all," she cried. "I'm not a pig. It's very nice. Mamma took extremely pains with it. Let's divide. What's yours?" He hesitated. Then he pushed his apple and crackers into view. She looked at the display gravely.

"My papa had it once," she said.

"Had what?"

"Dyspepsy. He couldn't eat hardly anything neither."

"I can eat quite enough," the old man dryly remarked.

The child looked at him curiously.

"You're pretty thin," she said. "Maybe I'd be pretty thin too if I lived on apples and crackers. An' now it's my turn. See this." And she whisked the cover off the box, and showed the neatly packed contents. "Now," she said, as she drew out a sandwich, "I'll trade you this for two crackers. I don't much care for crackers, but it will seem more fair."

She held the sandwich toward him. He hesitated again. A frosty smile stole across his wrinkled face. He gravely extended the two crackers and took the proffered sandwich. Then he bit a goodly segment from it.

"Very good," he said.

"Mamma made 'em herself. Papa says she's a dabbler at makin' sandwiches. But then I guess mamma's always make things better than anybody else can. Don't you find it so?"

He paused with the remainder of the sandwich uplifted. His face grew more gentle.

"I believe it's a fact that is generally admitted," he said.

The child looked at him with a quick laugh.

"That's just the way papa talks sometimes," she said, "an' I don't understand a word he says. But ain't we havin' a good time, jus' you an' me?"

"Why, yes," said the old man. "I think it must be a good time—although I'm afraid a pretty poor judge."

The child regarded him critically.

"You do look pretty poor," she said. "Have another sandwich. Oh, do! An' mercy, here's some cheese an' a nice pickle. Yes, you must. Papa says it isn't polite to refuse a lady. That's when mamma offers him the second cup of coffee." The old man took the second sandwich, but he frowned a little at the cheese and crackers.

"Rather extravagant," he growled.

"That's just what papa says to mamma sometimes," cried the child. "An' mamma says she guesses he'd have hard work to find anybody who could make a dollar go further than she can. We have to be awfully careful, you know. There's clothes to buy, an' what we eat, an' the rent. Why, mamma says she's always afraid to look the calendar in the face for fear rent day has come round again. Where do you live?"

"I live in a house uptown," he answered.

"Can you swing a cat in it?"

"Swing a cat?"

"You can't in our rooms, you know. They're the teeniest things. We're on the fifth floor—but the janitor's a real nice man. He asked me to ask my papa if he'd trade me for two boys. An' papa said to tell him that he might do it for the two boys an' a couple o' pounds o' radium to boot. An' I told the janitor, an' he said he guessed papa wasn't very anxious to trade. An' I told papa what Mr. Ryan said, an' he pulled one of my curls an' said he wouldn't trade me for all John Ramsey's millions twice over. That's the man papa works for. Do you know him?"

The old man had frowned and then suddenly smiled.

"Yes, I've met him," he replied.

"He's very rich, papa says, an' he lives all alone in a great big house, an' he hasn't little girl, an' he needs somebody to take care of him, an' all he thinks about is money, money, money! 'It's too bad to be as rich as that, isn't it?"

The old man looked hard at the child.

"Money is a pretty good thing, isn't it?"

"I guess it is," the child replied. "But mamma says it's only good for what it will buy. It's good for clothes, and what you eat, and the rent. Then it's good for nice things what you specially like, but not

too many. Then it's good for helpin' those that need helpin', like lame Joe, an' when people is sick. An' it's good to have a little in the bank for a rainy day—though I don't see what difference the rain makes. Ain't this sponge cake good?"

"Money is very useful, then?"

"Tis sometimes. When mamma's mamma died 'way out in Kansas mamma couldn't go to the funeral 'cause papa was just gettin' over a fever an' all our money was gone, every cent, an' we owed the doctor an' the rent. Mamma cried and cried all day."

There was a little silence.

"And what would you do if you had lots of money, child?"

She looked up at him with her eyes sparkling.

"I'd give most of it to mamma and papa. But I'd keep a little myself." She smiled at him in her bewildering way. "Guess you don't know what a lot of things you can buy for fifty cents! An' then I'd keep some for a chair—the kind you wheel around—for lame Joe. He's a little boy that lives near our house, an' he can't never walk any more. An' he sits on the steps an' makes faces at us when we run by. An' mamma says it's too bad somebody who has the money to spare can't get him a chair like he needs, 'cause it would be such a happiness to him. An' mamma says maybe Mr. Ramsey would buy it, and papa laughed in such a funny way. Mr. Ramsey is the man he works for, you remember."

"I remember," said the old man.

"An' mamma said she guessed she'd come down some day an' tell Mr. Ramsey about lame Joe, an' papa said real quick he guessed she'd better not. An' mamma said she was only joking. Funny kind of joking, wasn't it?"

"It sounds that way to me," said the old man, dryly.

"Yes, I think so, too. When a man's got as much money as Mr. Ramsey, it wouldn't be any trouble at all for him to buy a chair for a little lame boy, would it?"

He did not answer her.

"How old are you?" he presently asked.

"I'm six. And how old are you?"

He laughed in his unaccustomed way.

"I'm seventy—to-day."

The child gave a little scream of delight.

"Mercy! It's your birthday! Oh, I wish I had known it! Mamma could make you such a beautiful birthday cake. Wouldn't it have to be a big one! Just 'magine seventy candles! We think a lot of birthday days at our house. Do you get many presents?"

"Not one."

She looked at him with startled eyes.

"Why, that's too bad. Did your folks forget?"

"I haven't any folks."

The pity on her face deepened.

"I'm sorry for you," she said. Her little hand pushed the pasteboard box towards him. "You shall have the other piece of cake." Then her face brightened.

"Couldn't you buy some presents for yourself?"

He shook his head.

"No," he answered. "I don't believe I could."

Her glance fell on the half-eaten apple and the crackers.

"Perhaps you are too poor?" she softly said.

"Yes," he answered, "I am too poor."

Her little heart was touched.

"Have you worked here long?" she asked.

"Nearly fifty years."

"Mercy! that's a long time." Her quick glance travelled over his thread-bare suit. "Maybe Mr. Ramsey would give you more wages."

He laughed again.

"He seems to think I'm worth only my board and clothes."

"Dear, dear! An' he's so rich. We went by his house once—papa an' mamma an' me—an' it looked so big an' dark. Mamma said she'd just like to have the care of it for a while. She'd let in the air an' the sunshine, an' drive out the dust an' the gloom an' she'd try to make life really worth livin' for the lonely old man. That's what mamma said. An' papa said he guessed mamma could do it if anybody could. You know Mr. Ramsey. What do you think about it?"

He suddenly laughed.

"It might be an experiment worth trying," he said. Then he stared into the pasteboard box. "Why, look at this!" he cried; "the lunch has all disappeared! I'm sure I ate more than half of it. Come, now, how much do I owe you?"

"Mercy," cried the child, "you don't owe me anythin'! I couldn't eat it all, an' papa didn't have time. I hope you liked it."

"It was the best luncheon I have eaten for years," said the old man.

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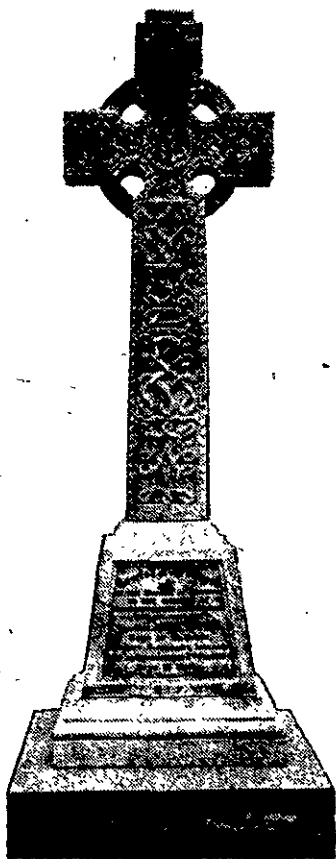
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'There is a lame boy whose name is Joe,' he slowly said. 'He needs a chair. Do you know anything about the price of these things?'

The child's eyes sparkled as she stared at the bill. 'Yes, yes!' she answered. 'Mamma went and found out. You can get the kind of chair Joe wants for 15 dollars. An' a real substantial chair, too.'

'Here's twenty dollars,' said the old man, an' tell Joe it's a present from you. What's your name?'

'Elsie.'

He watched her with an amused smile as she quickly drew a tiny purse from the pocket in her frock and tucked the bill into it. Then, when the little purse was restored to its place, she looked up at the old man.

'Now,' she said, 'if you please, I'm goin' to give you a kiss. I always give papa a kiss when he's particularly nice.'

The old man flushed a little. 'Just as you please,' he said.

He stooped and she touched the wrinkled cheek with her lips.

'You're a very nice man,' she said. Then she hesitated. 'But didn't you need that money for yourself?'

He shook his head. 'I guess I can spare it,' he answered.

Then came an interruption. 'Elsie,' a voice called from the doorway.

'It's papa,' cried the child.

The old man looked around. 'Well, Fenton?'

'I trust she hasn't bothered you, sir?'

'We haven't bothered each o'her a bit,' cried the child.

The old man shook his head. 'No,' he answered, 'not a bit.' Then he looked back to the man in the doorway. 'Fenton,' he said,

'when your wife comes for the child tell her, please, that I want to have a little business talk with her. I'm thinking of opening up my house.'

The eyes of the man in the doorway couldn't conceal their wonderment.

'I'll tell her, sir.'

'And, Fenton?'

'Yes, sir.'

'You may leave the child here until the mother comes.—Exchange.

ANNETTE'S INVESTIGATION

It was just an American village such as you see in pictures. A background of superb bold mountain, all clothed in blue-green cedars, with a torrent thundering down a deep gorge and falling in billows of foam; a river reflecting the azure of the sky, and a knot of houses, with a church spire at one end and a thicket of factory chimneys at the other, whose black smoke wrote everchanging hieroglyphics against the brilliancy of the sky. This was Dapplevale. And in the rosy sunset of this blossomy June day, the girls were all pouring out of the broad doorway, while Gerald Blake, the foreman, sat behind the desk, a pen behind his ear and his small, beady-black eyes drawn back, as it were, in the shelter of a precipice of shaggy eyebrows.

One by one the girls stopped and received their pay for one week's work, for this was Saturday night. One by one they filed out, with fretful, discontented faces, until the last one passed in front of the high-railed desk.

She was slight and tall, with large-velvety-blue eyes, a complexion as delicately grained and transparent as rose-colored wax, and an abundance of glossy hair of so dark a brown that the casual observer would have pronounced it black; and there was something in the way the ribbon at her throat was tied and the manner in which the simple details of her dress were arranged that bespoke her of foreign birth.

'Well, Mlle. Annette,' said Mr. Blake, 'and how do you like factory life?'

'It is not agreeable,' she answered, a slight accent clinging to her tones, like fragrance to a flower, as she extended her hand for the money the foreman was counting out.

'You have given me but four dollars,' she said. 'It was to be eight dollars by the contract.'

'Humph!' he grunted; 'you ain't much accustomed to our way of doing things, are you mademoiselle? Eight—of course; but we deduct two for a fee—'

'A fee! For what?' Annette demanded, with flushed cheeks and sparkling eyes.

'For getting you the situation, mademoiselle, to be sure,' said Mr. Blake, in a superior sort of way. 'Such places don't grow on every bush. And folks naturally expect to pay something for the privilege.'

'I did not!' flashed out Annette Duvelle.

'Oh—well—all right. Because you know, you ain't obliged to stay unless you choose.'

'Do you mean,' hesitated Annette, 'that if I don't pay you this money—'

'You can't expect to stay in the works,' said Mr. Blake, hitching up his collar.

'But the other two dollars?'

'Oh,' said Mr. Blake, 'that's a percentage the girls all pay.'

'But what is it for?'

Mr. Blake laughed. 'Well, it helps out my salary. Of course, you know, the girls all expect to pay something every week for keeping their situations in a place where there's so many anxious to get in.'

'And Mr. Elderslie?'

'Oh, Mr. Elderslie,' repeated Blake. 'He hasn't much to do with it. I am master of the Dapplevale Calico Works.'

'Mr. Elderslie owns it, I believe?'

'Well, yes, he owns it. But he manages everything. Mr. Elderslie reposes the utmost confidence in my capacity, ability, and—and responsibility. Mr. Elderslie is a good business man. And now if you've any more questions to ask—'

'I have none,' said Annette quietly. 'But—I want this money myself. I work hard for it. I earn it righteously. How can I afford, and how can the others among these poor laboring girls afford, to pay it to your greed?'

'Eh?' ejaculated Mr. Blake, jumping from his seat as if some insect had stung him.

'I will not pay it,' calmly concluded Mlle. Annette.

'Very well—very well. Just as you like, mademoiselle,' cried the foreman, turning red in the face. 'Only if you won't conform to the rules of the Dapplevale works—'

'Are these the rules?' scornfully demanded Annette.

'Pray consider your name crossed off the books,' went on Mr. Blake. 'You are no longer in my employ. Good evening, Mademoiselle Whatever-you-may-call-yourself.'

And Mr. Blake slammed down the cover of his desk as if it were a patent guillotine and poor Annette Duvelle's neck were under it.

'You've lost your place, ma'amselle,' whispered Jenny Purton, a pale, dark-eyed little thing who supported a crippled mother and two little sisters out of her meek earnings.

'And he'll never let you in again,' added Mary Rice.

'It matters not,' said Annette. 'He is a rogue, and rogues sometimes out-general themselves.'

The petals of the June roses had fallen, a pink carpet all along the edge of the woods, and the Dapplevale works wore their holiday guise, even down to Simon Pettengill's newly brightened engine, for Mr. Elderslie and his bride were to visit the works on their wedding tour.

Mr. Gerald Blake, in his best broadcloth suit, and moustache newly dyed, stood smiling in the broad doorway as the carriage drove up to the entrance, and Mr. Elderslie, a handsome, blonde-haired man, sprang out and assisted a young lady in a dove-colored traveling suit to alight.

'Blake, how are you?' he said, with the carelessness of conscious superiority. 'Annette, my love, this is Blake, my foreman.'

'Mademoiselle Annette!'

And Mr. Gerald Blake found himself cringing before the slight French girl whom he had turned from the factory door a month before.

'I must beg to look at the books, Blake,' said Elderslie authoritatively. 'My wife tells me some strange stories about the way things are managed here. It became so notorious that the rumors reached her even at Blythesdale Springs, and she chose to come and see for herself. Annette, my darling, the best wedding gift we can make to these poor working girls is a new foreman. Blake, you may consider yourself dismissed.'

'But, sir—'

'Not another word,' cried Mr. Elderslie, with a lowering brow.

Elderslie turned to his wife. 'You were right, my love,' said he. 'The man's face is sufficient evidence against him.'

And a new reign began for poor Jenny Purton and the working girls, as well as for Simon Pettengill.

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Current Topics

Everything is Caesar's

Dr. Starbuck, an eminent American Unitarian divine, sets forth as follows the motto of the French Gambettists: 'Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and understand that everything is Caesar's'.

'Fatal Guides'

Divine praise, according to Sacred Writ, is perfected in the mouths of babes and sucklings. And wisdom sometimes leaps from the mouths of children as a crystal spring often bursts from rocky ground. There lay a deep and probably unconscious philosophy in the answer of the child who said, in reply to a question 'why that tree grew crooked': 'Somebody trod on it, I suppose, when it was a little tree.' How many little lives are permanently bent and twisted and deformed by the crushing example of wicked or unworthy parents: Pagan though he was, Juvenal besought fathers and mothers to refrain from evil—if from no other motive—'ne crimina nostra sequantur ex nobis geniti' (lest their children might imitate them in their sins).

'O fatal guides! this reason should suffice
To win you from the slippery route of vice,
This powerful reason: lest your sons pursue
The guilty track thus plainly marked by you!
For youth is facile, and its yielding will
Receives with fatal ease th' imprint of ill.'

'Children,' says Joubert in his 'Pensees,' 'have more need of models than of critics.' And of all mankind, they learn most and fastest and best or worst in the school of example. Good parents, like the good pastor of Auburn, 'allure to brighter worlds.' But, like him, they do better still: they 'lead the way.'

A Cowardly Government

'The French Government,' says the 'Catholic Times,' 'instead of being ashamed—as they should be if they had any sense of what is due to the national honor—of the seizure of the Pope's representative's papers, are making use of a venal and contemptible press to publish hints and insinuations to the effect that evidence of intrigues against France has been discovered in the documents. . . . Many other assertions, hints, and rumors of this kind have been put in circulation. We need not warn our readers against crediting any of them. If the French Government can only make accusations by stooping to unworthy artifices and subterfuges, it is not difficult to appraise the accusations at their true value. The whole affair is disgraceful to the French Ministry. Had the Pope a standing army like the Kaiser, Monsignor Montagnini's papers would have remained untouched. . . . The intensely anti-Catholic correspondent, who represents the "Times" in Paris never loses an opportunity of showing out a hint or insinuation prejudicial to the Holy Father. He has made the discovery that the announcement as to the publication of Monsignor Montagnini's papers has produced a "real panic" at the Vatican. The wish is father to the thought. But the correspondent, being in the secrets of the atheists and Freemasons who conduct the Government of France, has at his disposal the means of knowing that the Vatican has not the slightest cause for panic. There are several strong reasons why it should feel no anxiety. The first is to be found in the denial, by them "Osservatore Romano" of the French papers' statements with regard to the contents of the documents and the alleged interference of the Vatican in questions affecting France and Spain alone. The next is the knowledge that by common consent a wide latitude is allowed to writers of confidential communi-

cations. And the third reason is that there need not be the slightest fear of honorable people, who are acquainted with the recent proceedings of the French Government and their campaign of persecution, believing anything that may appear in their newspaper organs. If they are failing in their fight against Christianity, they at least have succeeded in degrading French journalism.'

A 'Clifton' Romance

During his wanderings in search of adventures, Don Quixote 'rescued' the boy Andres from his master's lash. The only result of the 'rescue' was this: that Andres—who, had not the 'rescuer' appeared, would have got off with a few blows—received the father and mother of a welting, that sent him to the hospital for repairs. And the Knight of the Rueful Countenance had such biting sarcasm flung at his impetuous head, that the gamin Andres almost laughed thereat, even while the hot blows rained upon his unprotected cuticle. When, later on, the lad met his 'deliverer,' he addressed the Knight of La Mancha in these words: 'For the love of God, Sir Knight Errant, if you meet me again, don't succor or help me, even if you see me torn to pieces (aunque vea que me hacen pedazos); but leave me to my misfortune, which, however great it may be, will not be worse than that which will come to me from your help.' Then, invoking a malediction on the Don and on 'all the knights errant that were ever born into the world,' the hapless Andres vanished from the scene.

The happily rare obscurantists in New Zealand who object to the Irish people having control in their own house, have long been under the gently-falling lash of the progressive and liberal-minded thought of the Colony. Some weeks ago an ex-legislator in Waimate clapped on the helmet of Manbrino and set his goose-quill lance in rest to do battle (professedly) against Home Rule. But unlike the Rueful Knight, he did not even score a momentary success. The blows which in Cervantes' story fell upon the farmer's urchin, rained instead at Waimate upon the shoulders of the 'deliverer'; and those for whom he did battle speedily realised that the worst service which it was in his power to do to their cause was to set up as its advocate. It so happened that the pretended onslaught on Home Rule was, from first to last, nothing more or less than a rough attack on the priesthood and the Catholic laity of Ireland. The assailant was one of those who fancy that a display of oratorical fireworks is the only way in which it is possible to make their dim light shine before men. Dean Regnault had an easy task in dealing with the amazing misstatements made by his fiery and precipitate opponent. The ex-legislator made a crowning feature of a story to the following effect:

1. He asserted that a violent and unprovoked attack was made on a meek and inoffensive minister of the Lord at Clifton, Co. Fermanagh, Ireland, and that a report of the proceedings appeared in the 'Weekly Irish Times' of September 13, 1906. He soon found it necessary to eat up this whole story, without salt.

2. He then changed the venue. The unprovoked assault took place at Clifton, in Galway County. And it was reported in the 'Weekly Irish Times' of October 13 (not September 13), 1906. The ex-legislator soon found it necessary to swallow this slander on the peaceful inland village of Clifton, Co. Galway.

3. His next story was that the unprovoked and dastardly assault upon a meek and lamb-like evangelist took place at the seaport town of Clifden, and that the details of it were to be found in the 'Weekly Irish Times' of October 13, 1906. Each of the shifting tales was accompanied by strong asseverations of the 'truth' and 'accuracy' of the writer's statements.

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The collapse came when the former law-maker learned that copies of the 'Weekly Irish Times' of the dates mentioned were all along in the possession of his serene and smiling opponent. The game was then up. The most extraordinary part of the whole affair was the confession of the ex-legislator that, all the time that he was spinning his various versions of the 'Clifton' romance and pouring a rain of hot-shot comment on it into the columns of the 'Waimate Times,' he had in his possession the very copy of the 'Weekly Irish Times' that dynamited the soul and substance out of his story of outraged evangelical innocence. Here is a slice from the last word in the controversy—Dean Regnault loquitor:—

'There are (according to Mark Twain) 769 ways of conveying a falsehood. One of the very worst of these is the suppression of the truth that is in one's possession. Till I intimated to your readers that I had the "Weekly Irish Times" of October 13th, 1906, in my possession, and was prepared to lay its version before the public, my opponent held back from your readers the following vital facts, which (he tells us) have been in his possession for the past three months:—(a) The police swore that the preachers in Clifden (not Clifton) were acting illegally (or at least against strict Government regulations) in preaching where they did. (b) It was sworn that one of the preachers assaulted the priest. (c) It was sworn that their "language and other conduct" was "most offensive" and "most insulting" to Catholics. (d) The Bench officially declared that "the street preachers had caused the people great provocation." (This is in full accord with the language used regarding street preachers in various other parts of Ireland by Judge Adams and others). Bear in mind that all this is in the report of the intensely anti-Catholic "Weekly Irish Times." And this is the famous case that is to damn Home Rule for ever and a day! It matters not a jot whether my opponent agrees or does not agree with the police evidence, the evidence of Canon MacAlpine, and the pronouncement of the Clifden Bench. Having (as he admits) this most important side of the question in his possession, it was his duty in justice and honor to place it all from the first fairly and manfully before your readers, instead of misleading them with fantastical romances and with shockingly mutilated and one-sided versions of the "Clifton" affair.'

We dealt briefly some time ago with this 'Clifton' romance. We have pleasure now in giving this further notice of the affair, more especially in view of the mendacious and envenomed versions of the incident that have been circulated by the Protestant 'Defence' Association in the Auckland Province and by over-credulous enthusiasts elsewhere in the Colony. It is a bankrupt cause that cannot stand upon the bed-rock of truth, but must call in falsehood as its ally.

A New Era

'Nitor in adversum' ('I strive against adverse circumstance') might well be taken as the motto of Irish national sentiment. It has had a long, arduous, uphill struggle. But it kept on and ever on. And now, after more than a century, the Irish people find (with Christina G. Rossetti) that the uphill is best escaped 'by never turning back.'

'Between two neighboring States a deadly hate,
Sprung from a sacred grudge of ancient date,'
now bids fair to burn itself speedily out.

'Blind bigotry at first the evil wrought.'

Then followed the evil of governing the weaker wholly in the interests of the stronger nation. Next came the folly of ruling people of one set of traditions and religious and racial sentiments by institutions devised for them at long-range guess-work by people with quite different traditions and racial and religious sentiments. It was assumed that these institutions (including the irresponsible Castle system) must be good enough for Ireland. And the repugnance of the Irish people to them long seemed to numbers of even sincere Englishmen incomprehensible, and evidence that Ireland was at fault, or that the nature of things had somehow gone awry.

Ministries may come and Ministries may go. But neither peace nor progress nor mutual good-will was possible while the principle prevailed that Ireland was on no account to be ruled in accordance with the ideas and aspirations of its people. While tied to that capital blunder, it might be said of each successive Administration:—

*Ille sinistrorsum, hic dextrorsum abijt; unus utriusque
Error, sed variis illudit partibus.'*

Or, as a British poet has freely Englished it:—

'One reels to this, another to that wall;
'Tis the same error that deludes them all.'

There was too long a substratum of truth in the caustic saying of a witty Irishman: that, where the western Isle was concerned, the only chance you had of impressing an English Minister was to come before him with the head of a landlord in one hand, and the tail of a cow in the other. Except during the Melbourne Administration, reasonable popular demands were till now granted (when granted) only under unreasonable popular pressure. Catholic Emancipation—promised as an immediate compensation for the destruction of the Irish Parliament—was delayed till 1828. And even then it was bestowed only when the greater part of the population was strongly disaffected; when (as Peel declared) five-sixths of the infantry force of the United Kingdom were 'occupied in maintaining the peace and in police duties in Ireland'; and when (as he further declared) this locking up of the forces would have had a paralysing effect upon military operations in the event of war with a foreign power. The Tithe Commutation Act of 1838 gave small relief indeed to the Irish peasant. But, such as it was, it was won only by the long struggle known as the Tithe War, which drenched the soil of Ireland with blood. In 1865, while Britons were (says John Stuart Mill) 'basking in a fool's paradise,' the Fenian movement suddenly 'burst like a clap of thunder in a clear sky, unlooked-for and unintelligible.'

'Ah! then and there was hurrying to and fro. . .
And there was mounting in hot haste: the steed,
The mustering squadron, and the clattering car,
Went pouring forth with impetuous speed,
And swiftly forming in the ranks of war.'

The harbors were occupied by the fleet. Swift cruisers patrolled the coasts to prevent the landing of Irish veterans of the American war. Mr. Gladstone and Lords Granville, Dufferin, and Derby bear witness to the fact that the panic into which the Government was thrown by the Fenian scare led to the disestablishment of the Protestant State Church in Ireland in 1869 and to the Land Act of 1870. The (for Ireland) revolutionary Land Act of 1881 represented the Government's surrender to Charles Stewart Parnell and the triumphant Land League. 'I must make one admission,' said Mr. Gladstone, 'and that is, that without the Land League the Land Act of 1881 would not at this moment be on the Statute book.' Fixity of tenure (according to Lord Derby) was won for the Irish farmer by the disconcerting strenuousness of the Land League, and by the industrious and resourceful obstruction tactics of the Home Rule Party in the House of Commons. And (added Lord Derby) 'the Irish know it as well as we.'

Henry Grattan laid down a useful principle both for political and social use when he said: 'What you refuse, refuse decently; what you give, give graciously.' Few of the popular rights that were demanded by the Irish people during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were either decently refused or graciously given. It is this melancholy feature of the relations of the two countries that led Lord John Russell to exclaim to his fellow legislators:—

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'It is always,' says John Stuart Mill, in his 'England and Ireland,' 'a most difficult task which a people assumes when it attempts to govern—either in the way of incorporation, or as a dependency—another people very unlike itself.' In the whole complexion of their history and social economy it would be difficult to find two European nations so far apart as England and Ireland. An attempt by the stronger nation to force its modes of thought and maxims of government upon the weaker one, is like the action of the famous Attic highwayman Procrustes, who lopped or racked out the limbs of his captives till they just fitted the length of his iron bed. 'More than a generation has elapsed,' says Mill in the work already quoted, 'since we renounced the desire to govern Ireland for the English; if at that epoch we had begun to know how to govern her for herself, the two nations would by this time have been one.' But chastening knowledge comes better tardily than not at all. No political party in Great Britain now stands by the old methods of ruling the 'sister' isle. 'It is part of a brave man,' said Bismarck in announcing the close of the Kulturkampf against the Church in Germany, 'to fight on when the conditions demand it; but no real statesman desires to make combat a permanent institution.' The long political Kulturkampf against the Isle of the West is now well-nigh past. And the new measure of peace which is soon forthcoming has not been—as former concessions of popular rights were—wrong by menace from unwilling hands. It seems rather to come as the free act of men who, like William Ewart Gladstone, humbly and frankly confess the ghastly failure of the too long continued attempt to rule the spirited and quick-witted Irish people otherwise than in accordance with Irish ideas. The first faint tints of the rainbow of peace are already adorning the dawn of the new day that is breaking on the relations of the Saxon and the Western Celt.

THE FRENCH PERSECUTION

FACTS ABOUT THE 'SEPARATION' LAW

Through the courtesy of his Grace the Archbishop, we are able to publish the following two articles on the so-called 'Separation' Law by Father Marcault, parish priest of Esves-le-Moutier, Indre-et-Loire, France. (We may explain that the 'blocs' referred to hereunder are the supporters of the dominant atheistic Radical-Socialist 'Bloc' or 'machine' that is bent on the extinction of Christianity in France.) Father Marcault's articles run as follows:—

In an interview with a contributor to the 'Petit Parisien,' M. Briand said: 'No resistance is possible against a law voted by a tremendous majority of deputies, and ratified by the universal suffrage.'—In the speech he delivered on 15th August, M. Bienvenu-Martin expressed the same idea: 'To the Pope's verdict, we oppose that of the universal suffrage, which has so strongly and clearly ratified the Separation Law.' Finally, in his manifesto and many speeches since, M. Clemenceau has declared that 'the Separation Law would be enforced, because it had been distinctly ratified by the country at the last elections.'

This is absolutely untrue. The Separation Law has never been ratified by the French people, for the elections were made in the country, not on a political or religious programme, but on odious slanders circulated against priests and liberal candidates.

A Catholic paper, 'La Replique,' has made in the department of Indre-et-Loire, a searching inquiry into the

Stratagems Used by the Bloc

in order to deceive the people. Here it is:—

It was rumored everywhere in the department that liberal candidates were not at all republicans and could not be so (?). A few days before the elections, placards signed by the mayors and general councillors of the district were posted in every parish, warning the electors that if the blocard were not elected, the Republic would be overturned! At the same time, was shown the sum given back to the parish, by the de-

crease of the Worship Grant. Nevertheless, taxes have considerably increased in France this year. Is it possible for the people to be more hoodwinked?

These written documents did not make on the minds of the farmers an impression comparable to that of the rumors circulated at the markets and then in the parishes. They were especially telling in the district of Loches. In 1902, it was believed that if M. Duval (a liberal) were elected, he would restore the seven years' service in the army, overturn the Republic, and provoke war. It had even been asserted that he had bought a special machine to cut straw and hay into small pieces, to be then eaten as bread by farmers. This trash was so well believed that the manager of 'La Replique' received, this year, a letter from an elector of the same district, informing him that he would not vote for M. Breton (a liberal), because he 'did not wish to come back to the time when farmers ate minced straw'! This year the same slanders were repeated against M. Breton as had been circulated against M. Duval. They were believed, for he was not elected. This is so true, that at Esves-le-Moutier ten young electors went to the cemetery to announce to the dead the success of M. Chautemps (a radical) and invite them to come and drink his health because war was finally abolished! In the district of Tours, whose deputy was M. Drake (a liberal) it was rumored in the country that, if he were re-elected, 'the farmers would be dispossessed and their landed property given back to the lords as formerly'! M. Drake was not elected.

It is useless to repeat the

Rumors Directed Against Priests

in Touraine as well as all over France. The priests were accused: (1) of collecting money to provoke war; (2) of having fomented and paid for the recent strikes in the North! They had, it was said, £2,000,000,000 in a pile somewhere (in the moon probably). This is the famous plot discovered by the honest and sincere democrat Clemenceau, who said after his success: 'there is no conspiracy'! He did not want anyone longer to deceive the people!

In the district of Chinon, another stratagem was used. Electoral agents were sent as postmen into the parishes to distribute the papers of the candidates. Talking with the farmers, they furiously fell upon the liberal, but praised up the blocard. Finally they used to say they were quite disinterested in the question. Of course!

This is the way the elections were managed in La belle Touraine! And it has been the same all over France.

Can it be truly asserted that the French people have ratified the Separation Law at the elections? It is needless to give the answer.

THE SEPARATION LAW EXAMINED.

It is absolutely necessary to know exactly the meaning of the recent laws voted by the French Parliament in order to understand the attitude of the Holy Father. For this purpose we shall briefly study each one of them.

1.—The Separation Law of 1905.

In the actual state of France, power comes from below, from the democracy. In the Church, power comes from above: it is a delegation from God, whose representatives are the Pope and the Bishops. It is a fundamental principle of the Catholic Church that the direction and organisation of worship belong to the Bishops under the authority of the Pope. By the Separation Law, M. Briand has tried to break down this principle. 'I have been anxious,' said he, 'not to allow the faithful to be bound by the discipline of Rome!' The Associations of Worship placed laymen at the head of the Church, giving them the command of seminaries, of education, and of Church organisation in every way. These laymen could decide against the priest in all matters concerning Mass, sermons, and the Sacraments. Is it not clear that the law of 1905 was intended to ruin the Divine constitution of the Church, by legally suppressing the Catholic hierarchy, and making lay tribunals the judges of Bishops' and priests' orthodoxy? The Holy Father could not accept this new civil constitution of the clergy. He condemned and interdicted it, for he swore, when receiving the tiara, to keep unsullied the moral patrimony of the Church: her doctrine, her hierarchy, her discipline.

Experience is in his favor. In the East, there are Associations of Worship in the Greek Schismatic Church. Laymen compel the Bishops to obey them or to resign. They are their masters, not only in financial matters, but even in the appointment to the churches and other questions affecting episcopal jurisdiction. In the cities and villages, it is a secular council that chooses the parish priest, the assistant priests, the confessor, the

schoolmasters. It settles the time for Masses or services, and controls the church ornamentation. To be a priest there is to belong to a profession without honor. What prestige can the clergy have under those conditions?

M. Briand's Associations of Worship would have produced the same result in the Catholic Church, for the same causes always bring about the same effects. The Pope, by forbidding French Catholics to accept them, safeguarded the French Church from schism and apostasy. After the Holy Father's refusal to recognise the Associations of Worship, M. Briand tried another way of subjecting the Church.

II.—M. Briand's Famous Circular.

This Minister endeavored to place religious service on the same footing as public meetings, and insisted on a declaration for the holding of the services. However, the law of 1881 was drawn up with a view to meetings at which discussion might take place. But no discussion is allowed in the Catholic ceremonies. This law, then, could not be applicable to them. In 1905, M. Briand had acknowledged this truth; in 1906, he tried to make the law of 1881 applicable to religious services by requiring a single declaration and the organisation of a single board for the whole year. But this was in contradiction with the law, which demanded as many declarations as meetings and the establishment of a responsible bureau for each meeting. The circular was, then, illegal, for a French Minister has not the right of modifying a law without the approval of the Parliament.

At the same time, by this famous document, M. Briand pronounced for the confiscation of the seminaries and the destruction of the priests' independence. 'The parish priest,' said he, 'will be in the church an occupier without any legal title. He will have no rights for any act of administration. Still less will he be qualified to make arrangements as to the disposal of property.' How could the Pope accept such a tyrannical ordinance for the Catholic clergy? Besides, the ministerial circular was arbitrary. The law of 1881 on public meetings says (art. 8), that a citizen who organises a meeting has the right to maintain order and silence, and even to put out noisy people. Does not this suppose a legal right? It is clear that M. Briand wished to deprive French citizens of a right given by the law.

Persuaded that his circular was illegal, the French Minister presented a bill, which was adopted and promulgated on the 2nd of January, 1907.

III.—Law on the Practice of Worship.

According to the new law, the practice of worship is to be secured by three different ways: (1) by Associations of Worship; (2) by Associations in conformity with the law of 1901; (3) by meetings held on private initiative in pursuance of the law of 1881.

'Convinced,' as he said to M. Jaures, 'that the common law would give a formidable power to the Church in the State,' M. Briand gave her a mutilated law. He put aside an article of the law of 1901 permitting Catholic Associations to be recognised as societies of public utility, but he insisted on the observance of the 12th article, giving the Government the right of dissolving them on the ground that the Pope, their head, is a foreigner! In short, the law of 1901 is not applicable to worship, for it does not authorise Catholics to receive anything besides subscriptions, nothing for religious services, benches, and chairs. Is it fair? If Catholics hold religious worship in conformity with the law of 1881, the parish priest will have to make a contract with the Mayor in order to use the church. At the same time, he will have to undertake all the repairs of the building. The use of the church is to be given by the Prefect or the Mayor. But it may be refused or given to an unworthy priest. In case of an appeal against the Prefect's or the Mayor's decision, the law will have to decide. Could it be admitted that the Mayor or a legal tribunal may be the judges of a priest's orthodoxy? Such is the law of January, 1907. Was not the Pope right to condemn it? Lately, M. Briand has presented a new bill abrogating the notification for public meetings and dispensing those held for purpose of public worship from forming a responsible bureau. But the precedent law is maintained with its dangerous tendencies.

It is easy to see that, with all these laws, M. Briand has offered the Catholics of France war, not peace. He has confiscated the Bishops' palaces, the seminaries, the superannuation funds for old priests. He has robbed the Church of her furniture and transferable securities. Is such a policy fair or liberal? By resisting it, the Catholic Church has given the world a splendid example of her love of freedom and justice.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 27.

The United Irish League will hold a social gathering at Godher's Hall on Tuesday, May 7. A lecture will be delivered by Mr. S. J. Moran, LL.B., entitled, 'Ireland a nation of rebels.' Admission to the function is free to members and their friends. Mr. J. Finlay is acting as secretary to the League at present.

Arrangements are complete for the opening of the Home of Compassion at Island Bay to-morrow by His Grace the Archbishop. Yesterday Mother Aubert received a letter from Sir George and Lady Clifford apologising for their inability to be present at the opening ceremony to-morrow. A cheque for £20 was enclosed with the letter. The Rev. Mother has also received donations from many other prominent public men.

On Tuesday the stallholders in the recent bazaar were entertained at Day's Bay by Very Rev. Father Keogh. Opportunity was taken of the occasion to present the hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Crombie, with a handsome travelling bag, suitably inscribed, as a token of the appreciation of his services. The lady stallholders each received a neat Maltese cross of gold, as a memento of the bazaar. Father Keogh expressed himself as being highly pleased with the results of the bazaar, and tendered his sincere thanks to the stallholders for the hard work they did to ensure success.

At a meeting of the Technical Education committee last evening, one of the members spoke of the possibility of their being able to acquire St. Patrick's College for the purpose, as he believed there was some rumor of the college people desiring a change. Very Rev. Father Keogh, on being approached, denied the truth of such a rumor. There was no intention to vacate the college. The college trustees had land at the Hutt, which was secured in view of the present institution growing beyond the capacities of the city property, but there was no immediate intention of removing to the Hutt. On the other hand the erection of additional class rooms to the present building was contemplated.

If the Catholics of Brooklyn continue to work with the energy they have so far displayed in their efforts to raise funds for the erection of a church, the project will quickly become an established fact. On Wednesday they held a social in Fullford's Hall, Brooklyn, in aid of the church fund, and the gathering proved very enjoyable, and most satisfactory from the financial aspect. Special cars were engaged to run to the suburb on the hill, and a large number of sympathisers from the city took advantage of the occasion to lend a helping hand. Over four hundred people were present, and a still larger number of tickets were sold. The early part of the evening was devoted to a concert programme, to which the following ladies and gentlemen contributed:—Misses Morrison, McKay, Julia Moran, and Lamacroft, Rev. Fathers Moloney and Ainsworth, Messrs. Reade, Clarkson, Carr, and Master Foote. The concert was a fine one, and the Brooklyn people are to be complimented on their good fortune in securing such excellent talent. The several accompaniments were played by Miss Moloney and Mr. W. McLaughlin. Mr. W. Healy acted as secretary, and to his energy much of the success of the undertaking must be ascribed. The ladies of Brooklyn provided an excellent supper.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

April 25.

Inspector Kiely, of Wanganui, has been transferred to the Thames District, and his place will be taken by Inspector Wilson, of Greymouth.

The members of St. Mary's Catholic Club congratulate Mr. Geo. Spriggins, one of its enthusiastic members, on his election to the Wanganui Borough Council.

Rev. Father O'Meara, of Feilding, paid a visit to Rangawahia District last week and celebrated Holy Mass. This will be his last visit for some time, as he contemplates visiting the Old Country.

At a meeting held in St. Mary's Church last Sunday it was decided to hold a social in the Drill Hall, and Mesdames F. Neylon, Woods, and Kiely, and Messrs. P. D. Gaffaney, J. R. Murphy, and Thos. Lloyd were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The object is to provide funds for furnishing the Aramoho church.

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The Redemptorist Fathers intend holding a mission in St. Mary's Church, Wanganui, commencing May 19.

It is with regret that I report the death of Mrs. Ellen Neenan, wife of Cornelius Neenan, of Gisborne. The deceased, who leaves a family of six children, was the fifth daughter of the late Mr. James Donovan, of Wanganui. The sorrowing relatives have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

The dramatic branch of St. Mary's Club have begun rehearsing in earnest for their production of 'The Oetoroon,' which will be staged in July. A strong cast has been formed, and new scenery is being obtained from Mr. Neville Thornton, scenic artist. The children are being trained in their choruses by Miss White, and everything points to a successful production.

The St. Mary's Catholic Club will again enter the Wanganui Debating Societies' Union. Last Wednesday the annual meeting of the Union was held, when Mr. J. R. Murphy, of St. Mary's Club presided. The report and balance sheet showed that a great deal of interest had been taken in the debates during the past year, and the financial position of the Union was satisfactory. Mr. J. R. Hunt (president of St. Mary's Catholic Club) has been elected a vice-president, and Messrs. J. R. Murphy and R. G. M. Park are the delegates. At present there will be six competitors for the shield.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

April 25.

The members of the Napier Catholic Young Men's Club have had several successful meetings. The impromptu debate held on Thursday night last was a great success, and demonstrated that there are a number of members who with some practice will become very fluent speakers. Rev. Father Goggan and Rev. Father O'Connor are taking great interest in the club, and there is every indication of a most successful season.

Great interest was taken in the municipal elections here. I am pleased to be able to state that Mr. W. J. McGrath was returned to the Council almost at the top of the poll. Electric light and tramways are now almost assured for Napier.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 29.

The Very Rev. Father Duclos, S.M., Visitor-General of the Society of Mary, arrived in Christchurch from Westland this week, and was a guest at St. Mary's presbytery, Manchester street. He is now visiting the other parts of Canterbury.

What is probably a record in marriage ceremonies, so far as Christchurch is concerned, took place in the Cathedral on last Wednesday morning, when five couples were united in the bonds of Matrimony, one family contributing a double wedding (the Misses Hickey). The Rev. Father Peoples celebrated the Mass, and united four couples, and the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell the fifth.

The general committee of the St. Patrick's Day celebration met at the presbytery, Barbadoes street, on last Friday evening, his Lordship the Bishop presiding. The balance sheet of the national concert, given on March 19, was presented by the hon. secretary, Mr. E. O'Connor, and showed a net credit balance of £100 15s. On the motion of Mr. G. R. Hart, seconded by Mr. J. R. Hayward, the balance sheet was adopted and commented upon as being exceedingly satisfactory in view of the fact that the sale of tickets at the theatre was stopped early in the evening by the civic authorities, to prevent over-crowding, and also considering the counter attractions of the Exhibition. The secretary of the ladies' committee and those acting with her were warmly thanked for their exertions in the disposal of tickets, a great promotion being sold by them. The H.A.C.B. Society and Catholic Club each contributed largely to the success of the event. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. E. O'Connor (general secretary) for his excellent management. His Lordship the Bishop, on behalf of the Sisters of Nazareth, expressed gratitude for the excellent results achieved, and especially to the performers, whose services, as in the past, were given gratuitously. He spoke of several visits made by him when lately in London to the great institution of Nazareth House at Hammersmith, the Mother house of the Order, where the Mother-General and community were exceedingly interested in the movement initiated here six years ago in setting apart St. Patrick's Day for

an annual benefit entertainment for the local Sisters. They were naturally delighted with, and deeply grateful for the successful results.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

The Ashburton Catholic Literary and Social Club is one of the few that hold its meetings during the summer season.

The new presbytery was opened by his Lordship Bishop Grimes on Sunday, April 21. This handsome structure is perhaps the most up-to-date residence in the district.

It is reported that Mr. A. J. Muller, formerly of Ashburton, and a prominent member of the congregation, is to return to the district, having been promoted to the position of postmaster at Rakaia.

On Thursday, April 18, the Hibernians and Literary Society tried conclusions in a euche tournament. The former won by 32 games to 27. During the evening songs were contributed by several of the members.

The Literary Society intend holding a concert on May 9 in order to pay off the debt on their piano.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

April 26.

The new Stations of the Cross have been all subscribed for, and presented to the Cathedral.

A mission will be opened at the Cathedral next Sunday by the Rev. Father Lawton, C.S.S.R. Very Rev. Father Clune will assist a few days later.

The Very Rev. Father Clune is giving a mission at Drury during the present week. On Monday his Lordship the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, and close the mission.

Mrs. Coffey, a very old and esteemed Catholic resident, passed away at her home in Vermont street, Ponsonby, this week. During her last hours she was visited by the Bishop, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, Very Rev. Dean Hackett, and Rev. Father Molloy. She was an estimable lady, loved by all of her friends. She leaves three daughters to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

A printed circular went the rounds of the city and suburbs, asking the ratepayers in the municipal elections not to vote for 'members of the Church of Rome.'

The cash received up to date towards the debt on the Cathedral amounts to over £790. This is a most satisfactory result, and most gratifying to his Lordship the Bishop. A pleasing fact in connection with the subscriptions received is that the names of a large number of our Catholic young men, wage-earners, appear on the list for sums ranging from £1 to £10. It is needless to say that the hearty and generous response of the people has greatly pleased and encouraged his Lordship. At the present rate of progress the debt should be liquidated within a very short time.

OPENING OF THE HOME OF COMPASSION, WELLINGTON

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 29.

Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert was a happy woman yesterday, when she witnessed the realisation of one of her fondest hopes in the opening of the new Home of Compassion at Island Bay. Mother Aubert's work has its supporters among all creeds and all classes—a fact that was well demonstrated by the distinguished and representative gathering at yesterday's function. A lengthy reference to Mother Aubert's career as a noble worker in the field of human suffering is not needed. Having started many years ago in this Colony in a very humble way, she was ever finding further scope for her energies, and further opportunities of doing good. It was evident for some time past that the buildings in Buckle street were not adequate for the requirements of the work in hand, and this great lover of afflicted humanity set about planning a new and more commodious Home of Compassion. Gradually the building arose to the admiration and wonder of many. Asked once on what bank she drew her funds, Mother Aubert replied that she drew on the Providence of God, and, considering the success that has crowned her works, Providence has never

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failed her. Referring to this great bank yesterday, Dr. McArthur, in a happy speech, said that Mother Aubert had a key that most others were without: that key was her great love for humanity. The genial magistrate solved the problem aright, Mother Aubert's great love has won the hearts of everyone by it. She had touched the chords of human sympathy, where others tried in vain. The Home, as it stands to-day on a splendid site overlooking the tramway to Island Bay, is capable of accommodating 150 children; the contemplated additions to the present structure are to be reserved for adults. A special feature of the building is the flat roof, where the inmates may take part in outdoor games. The view that presents itself to the eye is one of green hills, that part to give a glimpse of the ocean beyond. The place is well fitted for its purpose. In six weeks' time the beds should be ready to receive the first inmates—the children at present in the Buckle street Home. Mother Aubert will make the new building her headquarters. The Home was blessed by his Grace the Archbishop, assisted by the Very Rev. Father Lewis, and the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy. Most of the local clergy were in the procession. The speeches were delivered from beneath the balcony.

His Grace expressed the great pleasure and the gratitude he felt at seeing such a large and representative gathering. He thanked the Acting-Premier and the other distinguished visitors for their kindness in being present. He was grateful to all that assembled to show their sympathy with the work. The point on which the Rev. Mother desired that he should especially dwell was that the Home as it stood now was designed not only for infant incurables, but also for infants that were on the way to become so, unless proper methods of treatment were applied in good time. In this Home the inmates would get good food, fresh air, recreation, proper medical treatment, and the kindest of attention. Some of them would become good, useful members of society. Those that were incurable would receive every kindness, and their lives would be made as happy as their afflicted state would allow. He complimented Mother Aubert on her wonderful achievement. It was wonderful that she could have the audacity—the holy audacity, he would call it—to undertake such a work with such slender means, but she had already told him that she had a banker that never failed—the Providence of God. Many would be filled with gratitude for this good woman, and bless her in the days of their lives, in the hours of their deaths, and he trusted for ever in the happy eternity.

The Acting-Premier (Hon. W. Hall-Jones) said Mother Aubert's name was honored throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand ever since she began her work on the Wanganui River. He knew of no more noble work than the care of the incurable. He was informed that the Home was open to all. He could say: 'Thank God that in a good of this nature all churches and all creeds can meet on a common ground to carry out what is one of the best works that Christianity can undertake.' The Acting-Premier concluded his remarks by asking for the cordial support of all. He reminded his hearers that as the greatest rivers grew from the streamlets that trickled down the mountain sides, so, too, would the smallest donation to the fund help towards making up the large sum required to maintain the Home.

The Hon. James Carroll said Mother Aubert was a worker for the Native race in the early days. That race remembered the whole-hearted assistance she gave them, and on their behalf thanked her. Her work would be noted in the hereafter adjustment, and in the great prize world of heaven the great rewards must go to her and her assistants. They were the cultivators of the garden in which the seeds were sown by the great Master.

The Mayor said he was proud to be a partner in the work. The Council had assisted Mother Aubert in the matter of roads, and they would be happy to do so again. They knew that in many cases cures could be effected if taken in time, as cases in infancy were cured the number of incurable adults were decreased.

Dr. McArthur said they had been told of the Bank of Providence, but there were many who, if let loose to draw on that bank, would get very little out of it. Mother Aubert, however, had the key—it was the key of love. With her there was a brimfulness of love, and all she had to do was to go out and rake in the shekels.

Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.H.R., said Mother Aubert was the Dr. Barnardo of New Zealand. She owed her success, no doubt, largely to her faith and persistence, which were the great architects of life. The Home of Compassion would be her monument, and her work had this feature about it, that it all sprang from her

heart. For over forty years she had been engaged in this self-imposed task, and she would be remembered as a blessing to humanity.

Mr. Edwin Arnold replied briefly on behalf of Mother Aubert.

The collection totalled £340 cash. Mr. John Hyland was secretary of the function. Mr. Edwin Arnold, J.P., chairman of committee, on which there were representatives of nearly all denominations. The debt on the building is now £8000.

SILVER JUBILEE OF THE VERY REV. DEAN HACKETT, PAEROA

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

On Sunday last the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, of Paeroa, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The proper date was March 4, but owing to that being within the Lenten season, the celebration was postponed until last Sunday. The Very Rev. Dean Hackett was born in Moate, County Westmeath. He made his preliminary ecclesiastical studies at St. Joseph's Academy, Moate, an institution conducted by the Carmelite Fathers. He studied philosophy and theology at the Propaganda College, Rome, and was ordained by the late Cardinal Parrocchi in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome, on March 4, 1882. On his arrival in Auckland, Father Hackett was appointed by the late Bishop Luck to the charge of the Helensville and Dargaville districts. Later on he was appointed administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, where he labored for over seven years. About thirteen years ago he was transferred to Paeroa by Bishop Luck. The office of Dean was conferred upon him by the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan. The deanery comprises the most important rural districts in the diocese (Waikato, Te Aroha, Rotorua, Ngaruawahia, Hamilton, Mercer, Pukekohe, Otahuhu, Kihikihiki, and the King Country to the boundary of the archdiocese of Wellington). The Very Rev. Dean is also a member of the Bishop's Council, and also of the Catholic Board of Education.

A very large congregation assembled to do honor to the popular Paeroa priest. At the eleven o'clock Mass, St. Mary's Church was full, and, indeed, a large number who desired admission were obliged to wait outside. At the conclusion of Mass the breakfast, to celebrate the important event, was held in the school, when about 300 guests sat down to an excellent repast. Besides Paeroa people, representatives were present from Auckland, Karangahake, Waikato, Komata, and other places. Nor was the gathering confined to members of the Very Rev. Dean's own denomination, for there was a fair sprinkling of members of other denominations. The schoolroom was crowded, and the delicacies provided were done full justice to by those who sat down to a repast that it would be hard to surpass anywhere. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly presided, and on his right was seated the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, and on his left Mr. J. McCarthy (chairman of the committee) that had made the arrangements for the presentation).

Monsignor O'Reilly said it gave him great pleasure to come to Paeroa on this occasion, and to preside and take part in the presentation, and when he had received the invitation he felt that he could not possibly refuse. He expressed his gratitude to them for thinking of him on that occasion, and asking him to be present. He read a letter from his Lordship Bishop Lenihan wishing Dean Hackett many happy years, and forwarding a personal gift, and also a contribution to the fund that was being raised. The hon. secretary, Mr. Hesp, read apologies from a number of those who were unavoidably absent.

Mr. J. McCarthy (chairman of the committee), on behalf of the subscribers, presented Very Rev. Dean Hackett with a purse of sovereigns, the total amount being £120. He also handed to the Dean a beautifully illuminated address, the text of which was as follows:—

'Dear and Very Rev. Dean,—On behalf of the parishioners of Ohinemuri and your many friends in New Zealand, we take this opportunity of expressing our united hearty congratulations on the occasion of the silver jubilee celebration of your ordination to the priesthood. During the thirteen years spent in our midst, we have not failed to recognise your incessant labors for our spiritual and temporal welfare, your eloquent and powerful appeals to us from the pulpit, and in private your sound and practical admonitions and exemplary conduct, your unceasing efforts to restrain the wayward and to succor the needy, your untiring efforts to cancel

the debt on our churches, school, and convent, and, finally, your ardent love for dear Ireland, the home of our fathers, from whom we inherit our Catholic faith. All combined to enhance your strong claim on our gratitude and we will ever pray that God may grant you health and strength for to labor in that exalted sphere in which you are so bright an ornament. We beg your acceptance of this address and the accompanying gifts.'

The Very Rev. Dean Hackett met with an enthusiastic reception on rising to reply. He said that they were gathered there that day, under the presidency of Paeroa's first pastor, the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, to congratulate him on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination, and he assured them that he would ever retain a most kind and grateful remembrance of the scene on which he gazed, and the kind words spoken. He felt utterly unworthy of the praises lavished on him. Not to his personal merits but to the active and magnificent imagination, excited by the warm feeling of the Celtic hearts, did he attribute the portrait they had drawn of him. He failed to recognise himself in such a flattering picture, for he saw in it not what he was, but what he ought to be, and what, with God's grace, their prayers, and his own co-operation, he earnestly hoped to be one day. He begged them to accept his most grateful thanks, and to believe that his gratitude for the re-



The Very Rev. Dean Hackett

gard and affection in which they held him was far deeper than he could express. To the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly he expressed his indebtedness for his presence that day. In the Monsignor the older residents of the Ohinemuri found a zealous pastor, and he (the Dean) a brother-priest whose friendship never wavered, and whose counsel ever proved wise. To the committee of ladies and gentlemen who initiated and carried to such a successful issue the jubilee celebration, as well as to those who provided the ordination breakfast for such a large number of guests, he offered his own personal thanks, and that of all present. He felt specially grateful to the delegates present from Karangahake, Waikino, and Komata, and thanked, through them, the people represented for their greetings. He had been informed that the secretary had, in course of preparation a full list of subscriptions. He (the Dean) would not be surprised to find later on that non-Catholics figured very prominently on the list. He was not surprised, for since he arrived here he enjoyed the goodwill, and could always rely on the generous help, of non-Catholics throughout the Paeroa district, and in Auckland, whenever he appealed to them on behalf of the erection of churches, convent, and school. That

they honored him that day came not as a surprise, but was another proof of the liberality and kindness beyond his power to repay. He was also informed that many of his old friends in Auckland, Waikato, and Te Aroha, had been in communication with the local committee to be remembered by those among whom he spent the first years of his ministry. This was a source of much joy to him, and such kindness he would treasure deeply in his memory. The address spoke of his love for Ireland. He loved her on account of her irrepressible Catholicity, and the uncompromising fidelity to the See of Peter, and endeavored to plant in the hearts of others the same love for Ireland and Rome that he fondly cherished in his own. The reduction of parochial debts was due to their own generosity, and the united efforts of the ladies' social and bazaar committee at Paeroa and Karangahake.

The children's address was presented by Misses Moriarty, Crosby, and McCarthy. The Very Rev. Dean was the recipient of a very large number of presents, including a gold embroidered stole from Bishop Lenihan, a Benediction veil, worked and presented by the Sisters of St. Joseph (Auckland), a very pretty stole and surplice from the children of St. Joseph's School (Paeroa), and a handsome sovereign case from Mr. J. and Miss M. Ford (Auckland). The beautiful cake, which adorned the table, was the gift of Mrs. and Miss Pratt (Auckland). The proceedings were enlivened by the presence of the Paeroa Town Band, under Bandmaster G. Mettam. The band rendered a number of musical selections both before and after the breakfast.

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

A very successful entertainment was held in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, Kerytown, on Thursday evening last, in aid of the school funds. On account of the threatening weather and a counter attraction the attendance was not quite as large as usual. The programme, which was very well received, included two solos by the Timaru Banjo Band. The Temuka Catholic Dramatic Club also took part, staging the drama, 'The Jealous Husband.' This was very frequently applauded, showing that for a new club the members are acquitting themselves creditably.

The Temuka Catholic Club opened its session on Tuesday evening last by holding a banquet in St. Joseph's schoolroom. There was a very large attendance of members. The president (Mr. W. Barry) occupied the chair, and Rev. Father Goggan and Rev. Father Kerley were present. A long toast list, interspersed with songs and recitations, was gone through, and everything passed off very successfully. The clergy are taking a very great interest in the club, and it is hoped that before long the membership will be greatly increased.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 28.

Mrs. McAlister has been appointed organist to St. Patrick's choir.

The annual meeting of the choir takes place on Tuesday, May 7, after which it is intended to at once proceed with a series of sacred concerts.

Councillor Essex defeated the sitting Mayor by 122 votes on Wednesday last, the polling, which was unusually heavy, being—Essex, 1064; M. Cohen, 942; Hurley, 214.

The Children of Mary will hold a progressive euchre party in the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday, May 15, in aid of St. Patrick's library, which is under their control.

The members of St. Patrick's choir entertained Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Miss Taylor at a social gathering in the parish school on Tuesday last. The ladies of the choir supplied the refreshments, and a pleasant evening was spent with speech and song. At an interval in the evening, the Rev. Father Costello, on behalf of the choir, presented Mrs. Russell with a silver-mounted travelling satchel, Mr. Russell with a smoker's companion, and Miss Taylor with a cut-glass silver-mounted toilet bottle, and in a few well-chosen remarks spoke of the regret one and all felt at losing three such useful members of the choir. Messrs. Hitchings (conductor), Handley, Higgins, and Dallow followed in a similar strain.

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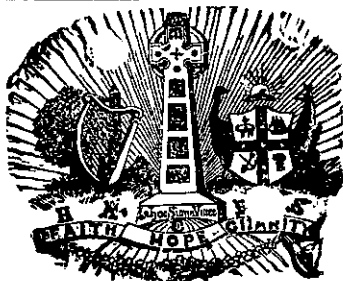
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Wellington.—April 29.—The following cablegram is from the High Commissioner, dated London, April 27:—Mutton.—Market dull and trade for all classes very slow. Prices are barely maintained. Canterbury mutton, 3½d; North Island, 3½d. Lamb.—Market steady, and there is good demand for all lamb. Light weights are quoted at 5½d for Canterbury; for brands other than Canterbury, 5½d; heavy weights—Canterbury 5 1-5d, others, 4½d. Beef.—Market quiet, but firm. Quotations: 3½d to 3d for hind and forequarters respectively. Butter.—Market dull, owing to the poor demand experienced. Choice New Zealand, 97s; Argentine, 96; Siberian, 90; and Danish, 101s per cwt. Cheese.—Market steady at 62s. Hemp.—Market quiet at a decline. Good fair grade on the spot is quoted at £33 10s; April-June shipments, £33; fair grade on the spot, £30; April-June shipments, £29 10s; fair current Manila on the spot, £38 per ton. The cocksfoot seed market is quiet, and buyers are not keen to do business, as they are waiting for reports concerning the American crop. Bright, clean New Zealand seed, 52s per cwt.

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

Oats.—Supplies coming to hand are somewhat restricted, prices being well maintained. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d; good to best feed, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; medium and inferior, 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel.

Wheat.—Supplies are scarce, and all lines of prime and choice are readily placed at late rates. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5½d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 1d to 3s 3d per bushel.

Potatoes.—The market is well supplied, and in consequence prices have eased somewhat. Quotations: Good to prime, £4 to £4 5s; choice to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 10s to £4; unripe and inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

Chaff.—Supplies are plentiful, but prices, which are as follows, show little change, viz.:—Good to best, £4 15s to £5; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 12s 6d; inferior, £3 to £4; straw, £2 5s to £2 15s per ton.

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 good attendance of buyers, to whom we submitted a representative catalogue. Bidding was good, and most of the lots on offer were quitted at current values. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The quantity of oats on offer is very small. As the demand has improved, both for shipment and for local use, the market has a firmer tone, although prices have not advanced to any extent except for

choice seed lines. Gartons and sparrowbills suitable for seed are in most request, while Sutherlands and other prime milling sorts are readily taken by millers on arrival. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d; good to best feed, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; medium and inferior, 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Offerings are extremely small, but for all lots of from prime to choice lines millers are ready buyers at quotations. Medium qualities, although not so much sought after, are more easily placed than they have been of late, while fowl wheat is scarce and in good demand—sound whole fowl wheat particularly so. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5½d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 1d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is glutted, heavy supplies having come forward both from the north and south within the last few days. The greater portion of these consignments are more or less blighted, and as these require to be sold on arrival the market has suffered considerably. Prime, ripe, up-to-dates, free from blight and freshly dug, meet with good sale at prices about equal to last week's quotations. Quotations: Good to prime, £4 to £4 5s; choice to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 10s to £4; unripe and inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—Arrivals have been heavy during the week, although prices have not suffered to any extent, and it is more difficult to make sales. Prime chaff meets with most demand, but medium quality is still very slow of sale. Straw chaff, suitable for dairymen, has more inquiry. Quotations: Good to best, £4 15s to £5; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 12s 6d; inferior, £3 to £4; straw, £2 5s to £2 15s (bags extra).

Straw.—Supplies equal to demand. Prices remain unchanged, oaten selling, at £2 5s to £2 10s; wheaten, £1 15s to £2 per ton.

Turnips.—Quotations: 20s per ton (loose, ex truck).

WOOL

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

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

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report, all coming forward meeting with a ready sale.

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Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co., report as follows:—

For Saturday's sale there was a much better display of horses than there has been for some weeks past, the entry including a few of fair quality, but the drawback to the majority of the entries was that they had passed the most saleable age limit. There was the usual muster of town buyers and a fair sprinkling of country settlers, but as, with a few exceptions, the quality of the horses offered was not attractive there was a dullness about the bidding and somewhat hard to make. Taking this fact into account, it was somewhat surprising the number of sales that were effected. Our transactions for the week include the following:—Brown gelding, 4 years old at £40; bay gelding, 4 years old, at £40; spring-cart gelding, 6 years, at £29; spring-cart gelding, at £27; spring-cart filly (small), £20 10s; buggy gelding, £19 10s; buggy mare, £18 10s; bay mare, £18; hack, £16; hack, £15; harness mare, £15; and several aged animals up to £13 10s. We quote: Superior young draught geldings at from £45 to £52; extra good do (prize-takers), £56 to £60; superior young draught mares, £55 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £13 to £25; well-matched carriage pairs, £75 to £100; strong spring-van horses £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks and harness horses, £20 to £25; weedy and aged do, £5 to £8.

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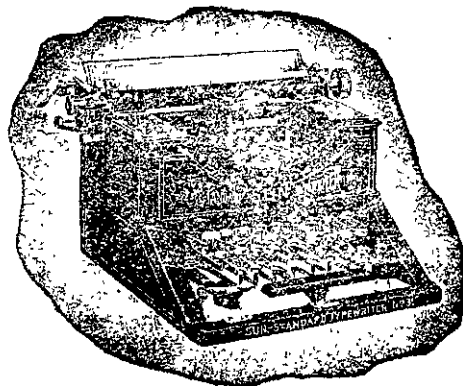
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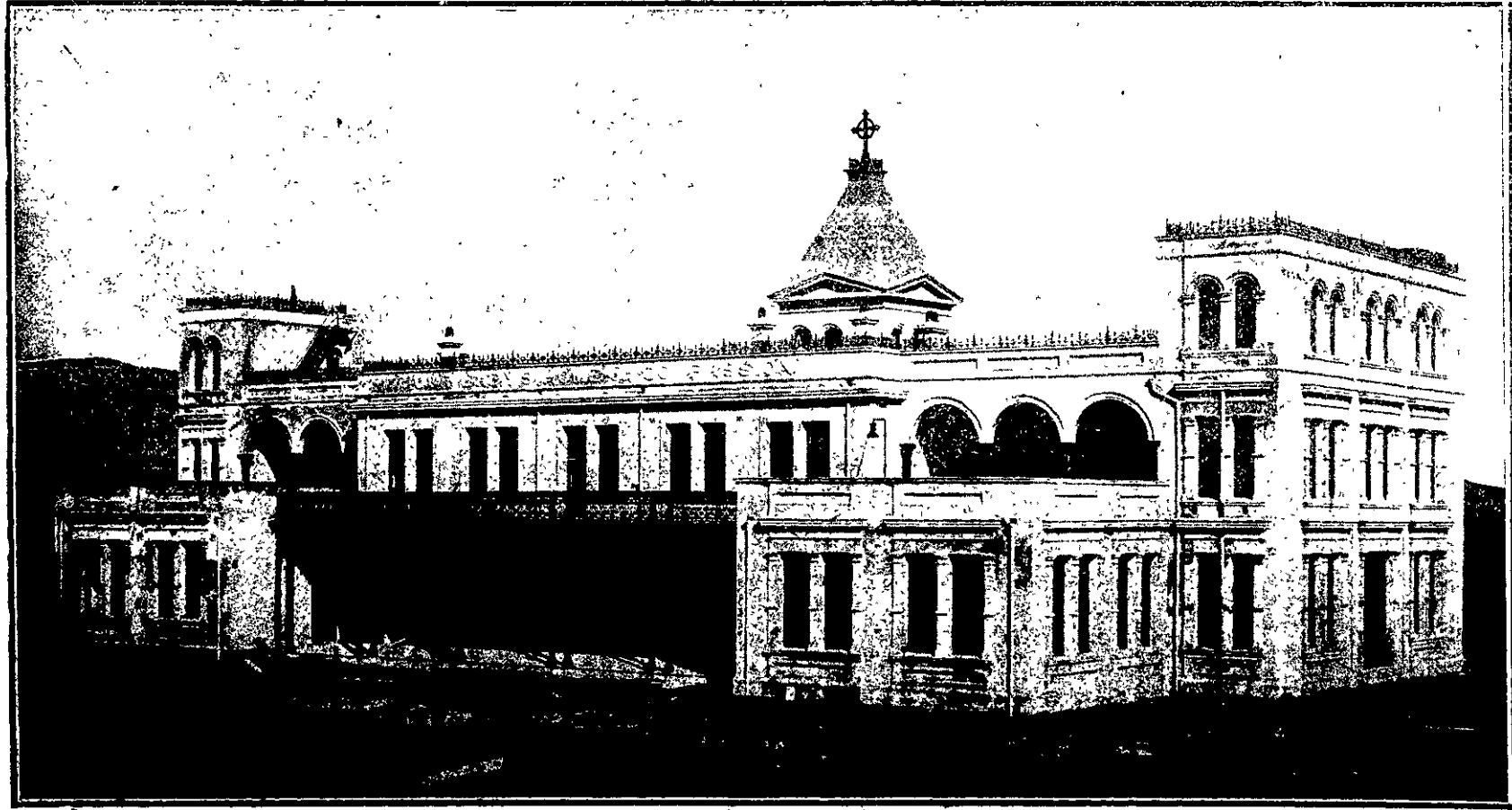
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Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

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.

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LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1907.

ANTI-QUACKERY LEGISLATION



HE quack was a meagre incident in the social life of bygone days. Yet even as far back as Lucian's time he found dealing in irregular nostrums a royal road to wealth. 'If any quack came to them', said Lucian, 'a man of skill and knowing how to manage matters, he made money in no time, with a broad grin at the simple fellows'. Nearer

our own day, the eighteenth-century quack, Graham, kept a 'Temple of Health' in Pall Mall (London), and so captivated a confiding public that he was able to secure in advance from wealthy patients as much as £1000 for his 'elixir of life'. In the same century, Long, the son of an Irish basket-maker, started 'pouring drugs of which he knew nothing into bodies of which he knew less'. The London 'smart set' of the day took him to their arms. Harley street (where he hung out his sign) was frequently blocked with the carriages of clients who almost tumbled over each other in their eagerness to be greased with his marvellous liniment, and to inhale his life-giving mixture through a tube. Like Lucian's quack-salvers, he made a rapid fortune—fobbing (it is said) as much as £13,400 in a single year. The schoolmaster has been a good deal abroad in our day. Yet this is, of all others, the golden age of quacks and quackery. To give one instance only: For years white people in Victoria paid fancy fees to a Chinese 'doctor' in Melbourne for a wonderful pill about the size of a ping-pong ball. It was a salmagundi of honey, dates, earth, sawdust, ground horn, and half-a-dozen other equal variegated ingredients. It was named by Ching—with perhaps unintended irony—ning-shin-yoon, 'repose to the spirit'. Some that ate it found the 'repose' where the lilies blow. Others recovered by the blessing of God, sound constitutions, or non-lethal doses. And the sound of the clods that fell upon the coffins of the patients that 'went before' was drowned by the hosannas which the survivors sang to the praise of ning-shin-yoon.

A quack in Christchurch draws some of his fees from medicaments that are cheaper and more bland. Last week there was an inquest upon one of his patients who had died of diphtheria. The quack treated the dire malady with frequent doses of 'powders'. And the powders (according to the colonial analyst for Canterbury, Professor Bickerton) 'contained nothing but sugar'. We take the following from a report of the case sent out by the Press Association:—

'In charging the jury the coroner said that quackery was rampant throughout the world, and there were persons afflicted with diseases not readily amenable to skilled treatment who clung to the hope that a quack with no qualification recognised by the law might afford relief. After all, it was a matter for legislation. So long as the law remained in its present state, so long would such people prey upon the public by holding themselves out to cure diseases that the best physicians and surgeons found great difficulty in coping with. Until the Legislature thought fit to place a check upon those people who escaped through a loophole from the consequences of the law, and advertised themselves in such a way as (though doing nothing actually illegal) to make people believe they were qualified and consult them accordingly, these quacks would continue to thrive upon the ignorance and credulity of the community. No doubt they might be able to treat some cases, but he (the speaker) drew the line at diphtheria, which was a very dangerous disease, and certainly not one to be taken in hand by an unqualified throat specialist. Unfortunately, there was nothing in the law to prevent the quack from doing his best so long as people were satisfied to place themselves in his care. It was quite clear that the relatives of Greaney, from what they had heard, were misled into thinking that Stanton was a qualified man. The only other extent to which the jury could go was to say whether the young man was so treated by Stanton as to cause his death. It was clear that Greaney came by his death through diphtheria, and if the jury were prepared to express any opinion as to the treatment by Stanton, they were of course at liberty to do so. It was not for him to say. No doubt the result of the present agitation against quacks would probably lead to legislative action of some sort. But until that day came neither the speaker nor the jury could do much to prevent those people trading upon the credulity of the public.'

A considerable portion of our adult population are, in regard to the claims of quacks, 'in statu pupillari'—in a condition of baptismal innocence and infantile credulity that demand the protection of the law. The best asset of a country is the lives of its citizens. And it seems to us as obviously the duty of the State to protect these from the risks of the medical charlatan as from perils arising from unprotected flywheels, insanitary drains, bubonic rats, and other dangers by flood and field that have been made the subject of our legislation. As the law stands, an irregular practitioner may independently give a prescription to a patient which a chemist is not allowed to fill independently unless he holds a diploma. Says the Christchurch 'Press':—

'It is contended by medical men that it is an illogical position for a Government to take up to force men to study for five years before being allowed to treat patients medically, and yet allow any quack to treat people medically without evidence of any study whatever. As to patent medicines, they contend that it would probably be sufficient in the case of any medicine that contained a drug of a poisonous nature, that a clear statement be made on the label that such drug or poison forms part of the preparation.'

Legislation in restraint of quacks is a pressing need in this El Dorado of quackery. The poor are the chief sufferers from the 'treatment' of the irregular practitioner. The 'Press' says: 'The Chief Health Officer for the Colony holds strong opinions on the subject, and it is probable that an amendment of the law dealing with these cases will be proposed next session.' We hope that it will take the drastic lines followed last year by Mr. Hornsby's Quackery and Other Frauds Prevention Bill. If the provisions of that Bill found their way, even substantially, to the Statute-book, the occupation of the medical charlatan would be pretty well gone.

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Notes

A Bible-in-schools Circular

For some time past the Wellington Citizens' Bible-in-schools League has been zealously supplying the public with odd scraps and snippets of misinformation that are, no doubt, well-meant and unintentional. Last week the League sent out to the newspaper press of the Colony a statement of the various countries in which Biblical knowledge is imparted in public schools. The statement is said to have been received 'from kindred societies in various parts of the world'. Some of the information thus received by the League might advantageously have been a good deal 'more so'. The misinformation consists, as a rule, rather in the things that are suggested or left unsaid than in the statements that are positively made. For instance, immediately after a statement in regard to the use of the Bible in the schools in Germany, we find this delightful bit of bland simplicity: 'Moral instruction is given in' (the public schools of) 'France for three hours per week'. And this French official 'moral instruction' is used to point a moral against the 'purely secular' system that prevails in New Zealand. In all the circumstances, at least nineteen out of every twenty readers would infer this: that, according to the League's circular, the 'moral instruction' imparted in the French State schools is of a biblical or at least theistic character. As a matter of notorious fact, the so-called French 'moral instruction' which the League holds up as an example to New Zealand is, at its very best, the mere godless 'morale civique'; at its worst, it is open, rampant, and aggressive atheism. Has the Wellington Citizens' Bible-in-schools League been asleep or in a trance since 1901? And if not, how comes it to be unaware of the savage war of extermination which the atheistic French Government has been carrying on against all schools (including even the ecclesiastical seminaries) in which theistic 'moral instruction' was imparted to youth? And is not the League aware that the very name of God has been officially erased not alone from the coinage of France, but also from every text-book that is used in its schools? Nay more, does it not know that the official 'Gazette des Instituteurs' ('Teachers' Gazette') is blistered (as a writer in the 'Saturday Review' pointed out recently) with articles and suggestions for rooting the idea of God and belief in Christian faith and principles out of the minds of the youth of France? We Catholics show our dislike of the hard secularism of our system of public instruction in a much more convincing and practical way than any of the various Bible-in-schools associations that have risen, lived their brief day, and died before our eyes. But truly, the French public school system is a noble example for a League of Christian men and women to set up for New Zealand! Verily, abyss calleth to abyss.

But that is by no means the only misleading feature in the latest circular which the Wellington League has sent to the press. We find, for instance, much space devoted to Biblical instruction in the schools in England, Scotland, Canada, Austria, in Prussia, and throughout Germany generally. Was it a mere coincidence that the League forgot to mention that in each and every one of these countries, denominational systems of public instruction are in full force—systems which our New Zealand Bible-in-schools Leagues love about as much as they do the bubonic plague? We are likewise informed that the Bible ('either Douay or Authorised Version') is 'read' in the national (public primary) schools of Ireland. This statement stands in need of repairs and alterations. And thereby hangs a tale often told in our columns, but which we venture to think our Wellington friends would not willingly place before the public of New Zealand. Here once more we bump up against the strange, passing strange reticences that mark the circu-

lar of the Wellington League. Why, for instance, were not the public informed that the great bulk of the national schools in Ireland are to all intents and purposes denominational—that they are frequented by Catholics exclusively or by Protestants exclusively, and that (subject to certain restrictions) they are used for the imparting of distinctively Catholic or of distinctively Protestant religious teaching? Thus, with the sanction of the Commissioners, there are in Ireland Catholic national schools, Anglican national schools, Presbyterian national schools, and even (as we understand) Methodist national schools. And the managers of these are almost invariably the clergymen of the various Churches which the schools are intended to serve. In the year 1900, there were in Ireland 8673 national schools. As many as 5585 of these (64.4 per cent. of the entire number) were de facto creedal schools—used for denominational as well as secular instruction by this or that religious body exclusively. The proportion is now much higher. Of the remaining 3088 schools, many were in 1900 practically denominational schools, being frequented only by one or two children representing the local religious minority—as, for instance, when a Protestant policeman with a family is sent from Ulster to an exclusively Catholic district in Mayo. Great Britain, Canada, Germany, Austria, etc., were held up by the League as examples and reproaches to New Zealand. But we have our suspicions that if the Wellington League got, for this Colony, the alternative of a tidal wave or of a system of denominational education such as prevails in the countries just named, they would pretty unanimously sprint for high ground and ask the Lord to send along the tidal wave. If herein we wrong them, we shall gladly make them an honorable amende.

The League's press circular gives a list of the States of the American Union in which 'the Bible' is taught in the public schools at the public expense. Glancing casually at it, the list seems like Hood's oyster—good in spots but here and there 'open to objection'—that is to explanation or revision. However, let that pass. It leads us to one or two more of the League's curious lapses of memory, or of the 'kindred societies' severe economy of information. We take the liberty of supplying three rather significant omissions. In the first place 'the Bible' referred to here by the League is a sectarian translation of the Good Book—to wit, the gravely erroneous Authorised Version. And we do not think that the Citizens' League propose to introduce that or any other sectarian version of the Scriptures into the public schools of New Zealand. In the second place, the gravest dissatisfaction prevails among large bodies of people in those States where one section of the community has secured, out of the public purse, a religious advantage that is in practice denied to others. And in the third place (as we showed some time ago) a searching and merciless boycott of Catholic teachers is notoriously carried on, by those in control of the appointments to public schools, in at least some of the States of the Union—and especially in the New England States—where Protestantism is endowed to the extent of having its version of the Scriptures taught by public officials at the public expense. We have merely touched upon a few of the more outstanding misrepresentations which—more by their reticences than by their direct statements—the Wellington Bible-in-schools League have sent broadcast through the Colony. There are a good many various ways of conveying a false impression. And one of the worst of these is the withholding of important facts bearing upon a case. The Wellington League should both test and revise and extend its information before it proceeds to enlighten New Zealand.

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DIocese OF DUNEDIN

At a meeting of the Royal Humane Society in Christchurch an in memoriam certificate was awarded to the next of kin of William Ernest Mullaney (aged 14), who lost his life in attempting to rescue Thomas Curran (aged 14) from drowning at Lake Waihoia, Otago, on February 12, 1907.

The Quarant' Ore devotions will be held on the following dates in the Diocese of Dunedin:—Gore, May 5. Otautau, May 12. Orepuki, May 19. Riverton, May 26. N.E. Valley, May 30. Cromwell, September 1. Milton, September 29. St. Joseph's Cathedral, October 6. South Dunedin, October 13. Oamaru, October 20. Invercargill, October 27. Queenstown, November 3. Arrowtown, November 10. Lawrence, November 17. Winton, November 24. Mosgiel, December 8.

During his stay in Queenstown last week his Excellency the Governor visited the Dominican Convent School, where he was received by the Rev. Father O'Donnell. After taking his seat in the comfortable and well-lighted schoolroom (writes the correspondent of the 'Otago Daily Times') the following programme was gone through with a view to bringing before his Excellency some of the results of the excellent training imparted in the institution:—'Song of welcome' (words written for the occasion), by the pupils on his Excellency's entrance; chorus, 'Swing song'; vocal solo, 'Shadowland,' Miss Monica M'Bride; pianoforte solo, 'Happiness,' Miss M'Carthy; and chorus, 'Meeting of the waters.' His Excellency addressed a few words to the children, thanking them for the very excellent entertainment they had afforded him, and 'God save the King' was sung as the concluding item.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Boys' Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening. Rev. Father Corcoran presided, and there was a good attendance. The report showed the past year to have been highly successful, the membership being large and the attendance of a good average. The literary branch was most successful, there being several debates in which most of the boys took part, many of whom showed a marked ability in that department. The thanks of the club were expressed to his Lordship the Bishop for an evening's entertainment with his gramophone, to Rev. Brother Brady, and Dr. O'Neill for lectures, to the members of the Ladies' Club for two very enjoyable evenings, and to Mr. Jas. Swanson, who kindly gave his services as gymnastic instructor. The club took part in conjunction with the other clubs in a most enjoyable harbor excursion to Harrington Point on Labor Day. The Rev. Father Corcoran, addressing the boys, con-

gratulated them upon the past season's work, and expressed a hope of seeing them all as enthusiastic for the club's advancement as they had been during the past. He asked their hearty co-operation in making it still more attractive, and urged upon them the necessity of bringing as many new members as possible, and as an incentive to work for a larger membership he offered a prize to the boy who would introduce the largest number of new members. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Patron, his Lordship the Bishop; president, Rev. Father Corcoran; vice-presidents, Rev. Brother Brady and Master John Dunne; secretary, Master W. Higgins; committee, Masters B. Connor, W. O'Connor, L. Coughlan, J. O'Sullivan, and T. Laffey.

WAIHI

(From our own correspondent.)

April 27.

Last Sunday the Very Rev. Father Brodie was in Auckland to assist at the re-opening of St. Patrick's Cathedral. His place here was taken by Father Williams. Father Brodie returned to Waihi and was present at the entertainment given by the school children, and left again next morning for Auckland, so that Father Williams will officiate in Waihi until Father Brodie's return.

The annual entertainment by the pupils of the Waihi Convent school was given last night in the Academy of Music. Notwithstanding that there were several counter-attractions there was a large attendance. The excellent manner in which the pupils, girls and boys, acquitted themselves, showed that the Sisters of Mercy must have devoted a great deal of time and trouble, to say nothing of patience, in preparing them for the entertainment. Every item of the following programme was well received:—Selections, 'Bohemian Girl' and 'Sea song,' by Waihi Orchestra; choruses by girls, 'Come o'er the moonlit sea,' 'Tripping through the meadows,' 'Calm is the wave,' 'Emerald Isle,' and 'The seasons'; by boys, 'Gay and happy'; by infants, 'The windmill'; action songs by girls, 'A butterfly ball,' 'Quakeresses,' and 'Tambourine March'; dances, minuet and Highland reel. Several pianoforte duets were interspersed through the programme. The music was supplied by Miss Garvey (piano) and Misses Stanley, Simmons, and Anderson (violins). The Very Rev. Father Brodie returned thanks to all those who had assisted in the success of the entertainment. He paid a high tribute to the Sisters who had trained the children, and congratulated the Orchestral Society on their success in their numbers rendered that evening.

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GISBORNE

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The funeral of the late Mrs. Neenan, of Ormond, took place on Sunday, April 20, and was one of the largest seen here for a considerable time, which went to show the high esteem in which the deceased lady was held.—R.I.P.

A progressive euchre party and concert were held in the schoolroom on Thursday, April 25, and was largely attended. The Rev. Father Lane, Mr. E. Williams, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. P. Barry, and Miss Buchanan worked very hard to make it a success. Songs were given by Mrs. P. Barry, Miss O'Connor and Mr. Doyle.

PUNGAREHU

We had lately at Pungarehu, on the Taranaki coast (writes an esteemed correspondent) a very successful Maori fair, which has entirely wiped off the debt on St. Martin's pretty new church, built there in 1903. Opened on Monday, April 1st, by Mr. M. Fleming (chairman of the County Council), and continued during the four following nights, the event was brought to a happy close on April 5, when both Rev. Father Cognet and Mr. M. Fleming, speaking on the results achieved, did full justice to the good spirit evinced during the fair by all sections of the community. Three beautiful prizes were then presented to the three best canvassers, namely—Misses M. Barrett, M. Fleming, and Mary McGrath, of Greymouth. The total takings amounted to £272 14s, with about £10 or £12 more to come in—a most gratifying result, quite in proportion to the devotedness of the workers and the prosperity of the district.

MAUKU

(From our travelling correspondent.)

The Mauku Public Hall was recently packed by an exceedingly enthusiastic audience, who assembled to hear the lecture to be delivered by the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, of Paeroa. The gifted lecturer was introduced by Mr. Finlay (chairman), and lectured on 'Irish Wit and Humor.' After a very able and instructive definition of the terms wit and humor, the Dean proceeded to entertain his hearers, and if the laughter which echoed through the building was to be taken as a criterion, then he was eminently successful. From the very first story related right to the conclusion the lecturer, by his gifted eloquence and charm of manner, together with his thorough knowledge of the customs of those whose lives he was portraying, carried his audience with him; in fact, they fairly revelled in the feast of wholesome and intellectual amusement he provided for them. His concluding references to the great virtue of Irish womanhood, and the hope that soon again would the dear old Isle have the management of its own affairs, fairly captured his hearers, and they marked their appreciation by vociferous applause.

The Rev. Father MacMillan moved a hearty vote of thanks to Dean Hackett for his courtesy and kindness in coming that distance to deliver his lecture, and expressed the wish that the Dean would see his way to repeat it at no distant date. The Dean replied in brief and happy terms.

During the evening items were rendered as follows: Songs by Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Flavell; piano solo, Mrs. Drake; and recitations by J. Moriarty ('Tablet' representative). A vote of thanks to the chair was carried by acclamation.

At the Waituku Hall on the following evening Dean Hackett repeated his address to another large and appreciative audience. Mr. J. Mulloy was in the chair. During the evening various items were contributed by Misses Mulloy, Watkins, and McGovern, and Messrs. Flavell, Watkins, Ingram, and J. Moriarty. The usual votes of thanks closed the proceedings.

PANMURE

(From our travelling correspondent.)

April 24,

On Tuesday evening last the residents of Panmure assembled in large numbers in the local hall to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, who, for some time past, have, by the great interest displayed by them in all local matters, endeared themselves to the people. The gathering was a very representative one, people of all classes and creeds participating therein. The first part of the proceedings took the form of a progressive euchre party. At an interval, Father O'Hara, on behalf of the residents, asked Mr. Cameron to accept a beautifully-illuminated address, and Mrs. Cameron a handsomely-worked silver-mounted handbag. He referred to the great loss the district would suffer through the departure of their guests. Mr. Cameron had always been to the fore in Church work since his coming to the district, and he was sure that he was only expressing the sentiments of all when he said that their places would be hard to fill. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Cameron every blessing in their new sphere. Mr. Cameron briefly replied. Musical items were then given, the following contributing to the very excellent programme:—Mrs Dunne, Misses Elliott and O'Sullivan, and Messrs. Sorenson, Smith and O'Sullivan, the accompaniments of the evening being played by Misses Porter and Fleming. The winners of the euchre prizes were Mrs. Finlayson and Mr. Smith. The address presented to Mr. Cameron was one of the finest specimens of the illuminator's art your correspondent has yet seen, and reflected the greatest credit on the Panmure Sisters of the Mission, by whom it was executed.

A press association message from Auckland states that the Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G., met with a serious trap accident on Tuesday. He was driving round a corner in Upper Queen street, when he was thrown out of his trap, and fell on to his head. When picked up he was unconscious. He sustained a very severe wound on the forehead and scalp, with fracture of the skull. His face and lips were also badly cut. He was taken to a private hospital. Dr. Porter, who attended him, does not think the accident will lead to anything of a serious nature.

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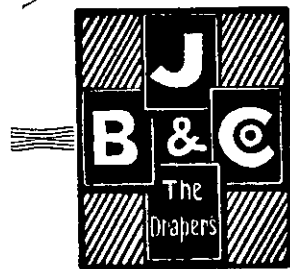
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Irish News

ANTRIM—A Serious Loss to Belfast

It has been rumored that important changes in connection with the Queen's Island are under consideration. It is stated that Messrs. Harland and Wolff intend transferring their repairing and engineering works to Southampton, where premises are being prepared. If the rumor has any foundation in fact the loss to Belfast will be serious, amounting as it would to half a million a year at least.

Insanitary Belfast

Serious admissions have been made to the Commission which is inquiring into the sanitary state of Belfast. Dr. Baillie, medical officer of health for Belfast, stated, in the course of his examination, that instructions issued regarding the sanitary inspection of the National schools, not only in Belfast, but all over Ireland, were inadequate and unsatisfactory, and that even if an outbreak of infectious disease occurred they had no power to close the schools. There was no register of sanitary houses kept in the city, and they had no control over the water supply.

CAVAN—The Diocese of Kilmore

The news of the appointment of the Very Rev. Andrew Boylan, of the Redemptorist Order in Limerick, as Bishop of Kilmore, has been confirmed. The late Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Magennis, died on May 10 last, and at a meeting of the parish priests of the diocese of Kilmore, held on June 10, the result of the voting was as follows:—Rev. Patrick Finegan, P.P., V.F., Bawnboy, 19; Rev. Patrick O'Connell, P.P., V.G., Cootehill, 12; Rev. P. Fitzsimons, P.P., V.F., Killaun, 2. Father A. Boylan, the Bishop-elect, is Provincial of the Redemptorist Order in Ireland. Born sixty years ago in Crosserlough, County Cavan, in the Kilmore diocese, he studied in the old seminary, Cavan, and Maynooth College. He became professor in the diocesan seminary, later assistant bursar, and subsequently bursar in Maynooth College. Twenty years ago he resigned his position in Maynooth and joined the Redemptorist Order, of which, in a few years, he was appointed Irish Provincial. He is an excellent classical and Scriptural scholar, and a very eloquent speaker. He has been all over Ireland conducting retreats and missions, and only lately returned after officially visiting the Philippines and other foreign localities attached to the Irish province. For years his name has been mentioned in connection with the See of Kilmore.

CLARE—The Bishop and the Irish Party

The most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, in a letter to the 'Freeman's Journal,' enclosing a cheque towards the funds of the Irish Parliamentary Party, says:—At this moment the plain duty of every man who wishes Ireland well is to look to the future, and try and make the most of it, and not be raking the ash-pits of the past looking for stuff with which to bismirk the freely-chosen representatives of the people, who are not infallible, but who are doing their best, and who have this to their immortal credit that, whatever their faults, they have, by their wisdom, their courage and chivalrous patriotism, brought us to the eve of St. Patrick's Day which finds the Irish sky flashed with a light of hope which has not been seen there since the Siege of Limerick.

CORK—A Grandson of the Liberator

The death is announced of Mr. John Maurice O'Connell, second son of Mr. Maurice O'Connell, M.P., Derryname Abbey, and grandson of the Liberator. The deceased gentleman was happily remarkable, quite as much for his high character and sterling worth as for his charitable instincts and amiability. He was for many years associated prominently with the mercantile life of Cork. His friendships were indeed many, and when once made, he was always able to retain and sustain them by the exercise of his good qualities and his nobility of character. His death will be regretted, not alone because it snapped away an attractive personality, but for its removal of another tie with the great Liberator.

Queenstown Harbor

The Admiralty has allocated £110,000 for improving and extending the dock accommodation at Queenstown. This will, no doubt, be some consolation to the residents for the diversion of the White Star mail service, which has in the past done much to improve the trade and commerce of the town.

A Mare's Nest

Mr. Moore, M.P., one of the little band of Unionists in the House of Commons who provide amusement for the Nationalists when times are dull in Parliament, impeached the Secretary for Ireland the other day on the ground that the Lord Chancellor had appointed to the Commission of the Peace a United Irish Leaguer in 'Skibbereen, who is only a shop assistant, and who failed to satisfy a judgment debt. Mr. Edward Barry, M.P. for the division, intervened with deadly effect, for it transpired that the gentleman in question is not a United Irish Leaguer; that he is a friend of the Earl of Bandon, Lord Lieutenant of the County; that it was this nobleman who recommended him to the Lord Chancellor; that the local bodies protested against the appointment; and that the Lord Chancellor had decided to withhold the warrant of appointment.

DERRY—The late Bishop

We have to acknowledge with pleasure (writes our Dublin correspondent) that, in between the dark clouds of self-interested bigotry comes little gleams of sunshine that show how differences will soon cease if only we had got over the first few years of that Home Rule so long of coming. There is the city of Derry. The Catholic Bishop of that most Orange city of the Prentice Boys died recently, and where, not so long ago, a Catholic scarcely walked erect, at Dr. O'Dcherty's funeral every business house in Derry was closed, signs of respectful mourning were universal and a vast throng of citizens of every denomination followed the remains to the grave in that ancient burial ground which surrounds a little church standing on the very spot where once rose St. Columbkille's Oratory. Now Derry has a fine cathedral in the most commanding site in the town and the throngs of worshippers there show how the ancient Faith is once again to the fore in that spot so dear to the dove of the Church. Nor is charity behindhand there, as we see by the fact that the income of one charitable society alone in the city, that of St. Vincent de Paul, is £1190. Their temperance Hall and its annexes are, I believe, the finest in Ireland.

DOWN—Death of a Monsignor

The Catholics of Down learned with sincere sorrow of the sudden death of Monsignor McCartan, Dromore. The sorrow was shared not only by all classes in Dromore, where he ministered faithfully for upwards of fifty years, but throughout the province, and wherever the deceased was known. The deceased was a large-hearted, liberal-minded Irish priest, who took a keen interest in the education of the young. His charitable and kindly disposition made him beloved of all creeds and classes.

DUBLIN—Presentations

On the evening of March 5, in the Carmelite Church, Aungier street, Dublin, the Rev. Father Devlin, prior to his departure for Australia, was the recipient of a very handsome silver chalice and paten, richly gilt, and exquisitely engraved with Celtic interlaced work, and a gold-mounted umbrella, from the members of the confraternities attached to the church.

A Memorial

A monument of the late Canon O'Hanlon, P.P., Sandymount, Dublin, has just been completed and placed over his grave in Prospect Cemetery, Glasnevin. It is in the form of a limestone Celtic Cross, of artistic proportions, standing between eleven and twelve feet high. There is an inscription in English and Irish engraved upon the cross.

KERRY—The Holy Father's Gift

The Holy Father has presented a cameo likeness of himself as a prize in connection with the forthcoming Killarney fete and fancy fair. Lord Kenmare has given his permission for the use of the home park for the occasion, while his Countess and her daughters, and also Lady O'Connell, have promised to assist at the stalls.

LIMERICK—The O'Brien Libel Action

The trial of an action by Mr. William O'Brien against the Freeman's Journal Co., Ltd., for £5000 damages for alleged libel, was commenced before Mr. Justice Johnstone and a special jury in Limerick in the beginning of March. The libel was alleged to be contained in speeches made by Mr. John Redmond and Mr. John Dillon, and published by the defendants, together with editorial comments from time to time, all reflecting, plaintiff alleged, upon his character as a public man. The defence was that the publications complained of were without malice, and that the editorial allusions were in the nature of fair comment on matter of pub-

lic interest. We were informed by cable that the verdict was in favor of the plaintiff, but the damages were assessed at one farthing for each of the six libels.

TYRONE—A Closely Contested Election

The North Tyrone election, which resulted in the return of Mr. Redmond Barry, the Nationalist, by a majority of only seven votes, was in many ways a remarkable contest. While at the general election, when there was a Liberal majority of nine, the percentage of voters who polled was 92.5, the percentage on this occasion reached the record of 97.09, figures which give some indication of the hard work and perfect organisation of the forces of both political parties, and also of the great interest manifested in the election. As an instance of the complete Nationalist organisation, it is claimed that that vote was only one per cent. short of the possible. One man came from Gibraltar to vote, several crossed from England and Scotland, while one Church of Ireland missionary just returned in time for the poll. One old man of over 100 years of age was driven over eighteen miles to the polling booth. The result was received with the wildest cheering, and, as the Right Rev. Mgr. McHugh remarked, forms practically the last knock at the door of ascendancy in Ireland.

WEXFORD—Death of a Venerable Priest

The Very Rev. Dean Busher, of Newtownbarry, who died on March 6, was born in 1825. He had a clear recollection of the resistance to the tithes in his native place, when thirteen people were killed and many wounded. The terrible famine of 'forty-seven' and 'forty-eight' he also recollected and the sufferings of the people. For nearly fifty-seven years he labored hard in the diocese of Ferns, and did much to promote religion and education.

GENERAL

The Fontenoy Memorial

August 25th has been selected as the date for the ceremony at Fontenoy, when the memorial to the Irish Brigade will be unveiled. The letters from the burgo-master of Fontenoy show the interest that is being taken locally in the memorial. Fontenoy has, from the beginning, been insistent upon its claims to the custody of the monument; and it is evidently proud of the decision that has recognised those claims.

Church Property Insurance Company

After paying the usual 5 per cent. dividend and transferring £1357 to reserves account, the directors of the Irish Catholic Church Property Insurance Company have been enabled to distribute £1000 out of the net profits between the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland, under article 90 of the articles of association of the company.

The Friend of the People

Speaking at the annual dinner of the St. Patrick's Club, at Oxford, the Chief Secretary for Ireland said that he was told since he went to Ireland that everything in Ireland was both political and religious. He was also told that no Chief Secretary enjoyed the complete confidence of anybody in Ireland, and he could assure them that although he was president of six bodies, he enjoyed the confidence of no single native in Ireland. Mr. Birrell considered that English ideas had far too large a place in the Government of Ireland. Touching on the education question, he deplored the state of affairs in Ireland at the present time, stating that over one million sterling was required to get buildings in anything like a decent state. He thought Ireland was at last awakening, and that the time would come when she would be a happy and a prosperous country, when there would be no Chief Secretary left to reply to the toast of Ireland. Ireland, he said, had been described as a priest-ridden country, but the priest had stood by Ireland in the time of her adversity, and was it likely that Ireland would turn against the priests now? Ireland was beginning to take a lively interest in things both intellectual and historical, and he believed had a great future before her.

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People We Hear About

A man who was well known from the North Cape to the Bluff passed away last week at Christchurch in the person of Captain Jackson Barry. In his younger days the deceased, who at the time of his death was in his 88th year, led an adventurous life, details of which are given in his published autobiography. He was almost an octogenarian when he brought out his last work, and within the last two or three years was to be seen in various parts of the Colony selling copies. He was at one time Mayor of Cromwell.

The passing away recently of Mr. E. M. Smith, M.H.R., creates a void in the House of Representatives which will not be easily filled. The deceased had always a great belief in the future of Taranaki, and proclaimed its praises in and out of season. He was generally known as 'Ironsand' Smith, owing to the persistency with which he advocated the utilisation of the Taranaki beach sand for the production of iron. He was a genial, kind-hearted man, who if he did not carry great weight in the House, was at least highly respected for his sincerity and honesty.

Here is a pen portrait from the London 'Sunday Chronicle' of the Rev. Father Vaughan, whose denunciations of the doings of the 'Smart Set' have attracted so much attention:—'Even when he is joining in chaff at the dinner table, or in familiar conversation with his friends, Father Vaughan has a notable manner—the manner of the Vaughans, they say. It is not the grand manner, yet full of a haughty dignity, a sense of being somebody, a consciousness, even in the very walk, of power to loose and unloose. The features are said to be those of Verestchagin's famous portrait of Napoleon. Certainly there is this point of similarity between the castigator of Europe and the castigator of the Smart Set—the appearance of both is far more impressive in profile than full face.

Mr. Hugh Mahon, M.H.R., who delivered the address at St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Sydney, has had the uncommon experience of active political life in the old world and the new. In the days of the land agitation, following the distress of 1879 in Ireland, he was associated with the leaders, and received the attention of the Crown as a political 'suspect.' He was for a time private secretary to Mr. Parnell, and coming to Australia he engaged in journalism in New South Wales, ultimately settling in Western Australia. He represents the enormous electorate of Coolgardie in the Federal House of Representatives, and his brief administration of the Post and Telegraph Department as Postmaster-General in the Watson Ministry won him the high regard of all who met him in that capacity.

Mr. Redmond Barry, M.P. for North Tyrone, is the first Liberal Solicitor-General for Ireland of the Catholic religion to sit in Parliament for many years. He is a native of Cork, where he was born in 1862. He took silk in 1899, and became Solicitor-General when the Liberal Government came into office. This is the first time since 1883 that both the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General for Ireland in a Liberal Administration are able to sit on the Treasury Bench. Mr. Barry is a distinct acquisition to his party in Parliament from the Irish standpoint. At the Bar he has proved himself an able lawyer and a fine orator, while his knowledge of the affairs of his native country is as extensive as his sympathies. Mr. Barry had a namesake in a sometime Colonial Solicitor-General. But he has another for all time in Thackeray's Redmond Barry, known to fame as Barry Lyndon.

Miss Alma Moodie (says the Sydney 'Freeman') is the latest musical prodigy. She hails from Central Queensland, and was born at Mount Morgan six and a half years ago. Her mother has been for some years, and still is, a teacher of music at Mount Morgan. For the past nine months the child has been with Herr Hugo Hage, of Rockhampton. 'She is a phenomenon,' remarked Herr Hage, in the course of an exhibition of the child's powers. 'Children of her kind,' he continued, 'are occasionally found in Europe; but never in my life have I seen anything like her in Australia. For one thing, the remarkable feature of her musical ability lies in her being so unconscious of her great gift. Her ability is inborn. Anybody in the room, for example, may strike a chord on the piano, and from outside the room she can tell you, immediately and unmistakably, precisely the note or notes that are struck.' Herr Hage considers that she gives every promise of proving one of the most brilliant musicians Australia is ever likely to produce.

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The subject chosen was 'Home Rule,' which, as the rev. lecturer explained in his introductory remarks, was a live question at the present time, and one which they were likely to hear a great deal about within the next few months, and hence no apology was necessary for bringing it forward that evening. In order to fully understand the demand for self-government by Ireland it was necessary to go back and consider the true position which Ireland and her Parliament occupied in regard to England in the year 1783, when, guided by the genius of Grattan and Flood, she obtained her legislative independence. The first successful attempt made by the English Parliament on the independence of the sister parliament in Ireland was in 1494 by Poyning's Law. Sir Edward Poyning was sent over to Ireland as lord-deputy with a force of 1000 men and a number of judges and other officials, whom he immediately installed in office. In the following year he summoned a Parliament in Drogheda, which among other things enacted 'that all statutes lately made in England affecting the public weal should be good and effectual in Ireland,' and also that no Parliament should be held in Ireland until the chief governor and council had first certified to the King the Acts they designed to pass, and till the same was approved by the King and Council. This legislation was the death-blow to the independence of the Irish Parliament, which was thus debarred from legislating for the welfare of the country. During the three hundred years that followed, the iniquitous Penal Laws in all their intensity were fully enforced. In the year 1719 a further encroachment was made on the liberty of the Irish Parliament, when the English Parliament passed what is known as 'The declaration of George I.,' wherein, among other things, it was enacted "that the said Kingdom of Ireland hath been, is, and of right ought to be dependent on the Imperial crown of Great Britain; . . . and that the King's Majesty, with the advice of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and Commons of Great Britain, hath full power and authority to make laws and statutes to bind the people of the Kingdom of Ireland." An attempt made by the King in 1746 to seize the Irish reserve was defeated, and this incident gave heart to the Irish Parliament. On the outbreak of the American war in 1775 Ireland armed her volunteers, and within a very short time had a well-drilled force of 100,000 men. Then came the demand for free trade and the full constitutional independence of the Irish Parliament. The resolution in support of free trade was introduced in the Irish House of Commons by Henry Grattan, and was carried amidst the utmost enthusiasm. An Act embodying this resolution was passed during the following year in the English Parliament. In 1780 Grattan, in a great speech, moved in the Irish House of Commons, 'That no power on earth, save the King, Lords, and Commons of Ireland has a right to make laws for Ireland.' At the suggestion of Flood the resolution was not put to the vote. The following year (1782) was a memorable one,—the year of the convention of the volunteers at Dungannon, when resolutions in favor of free trade, religious freedom, and upholding the supremacy of the Irish Parliament in Ireland were passed. Two months later the substance of the Dungannon resolutions was embodied in an amendment to the address-in-reply at the opening of the Irish Parliament by Grattan, and unanimously agreed to. In May, 1782, similar resolutions were introduced and passed in both Houses of Parliament in England. This decision of the English Parliament was received

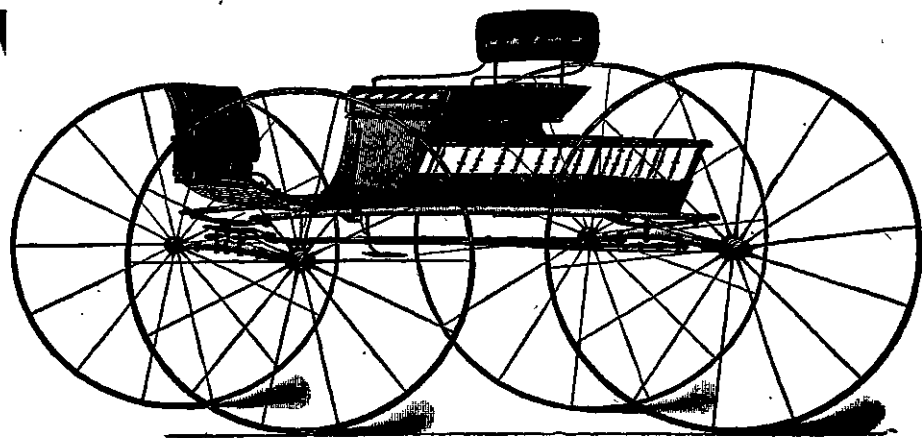
with outbursts of gratitude in Ireland, as the concessions were looked upon as an unconditional surrender on the part of England of all claim to govern Ireland. To show their gratitude the Irish Parliament voted 20,000 men to the British Navy, a sum of £100,000 to fit them out, and to Grattan £50,000 to purchase an estate. Doubts having arisen as to whether the Act of George I. was repealed by the resolutions referred to, an Act was passed by the English Parliament in 1783, which, among matters declared, 'That the right claimed by the Irish people to be bound only by the laws enacted by his Majesty and the Parliament of that Kingdom in all cases whatever, also all law cases, shall be finally decided in that Kingdom of Ireland without appeal from thence. These rights shall be, and it is hereby declared to be, established for ever, and shall at no time hereafter be questioned or questionable.' This was the day of Ireland's greatest triumph. But no sooner was this great concession won, than British statesmen set about devising means for destroying the legislative independence of Ireland. The constitution of the Parliament offered the readiest means for carrying out this object. Four-fifths of the people (the Catholics) were excluded from all share in the representation of the country. Of the 300 members of the House of Commons only 72 were returned by the people, 123 sat for nomination boroughs, and only represented their patrons. Fifty-three peers appointed these legislators, whilst fifty Commoners nominated 91 members. 'The Irish Parliament incurred the displeasure of Pitt over the appointment of a regent, and that unprincipled statesman determined on its destruction by the most treacherous schemes ever practised by a Minister of the Crown. He drove the country into rebellion, set his agents to corrupt the representatives with promises of money bribes, and to win over their patrons with money grants and titles. The great fight made by the patriotic party for the independence of Ireland and the unblushing bribery and political corruption practised by the Government were graphically described by the rev. lecturer. But the unlimited resources of Pitt, assisted by Castlereagh, and Lord Clare, eventually carried the day. On February 15, 1800, Lord Castlereagh formally brought the project of union before the House, and after several able debates the articles of union were assented to by both Houses on March 22. They were passed by the English Parliament on May 9, and came into force on January 1 1801. On that day Ireland ceased to be a distinct kingdom.

The very instructive address was listened to with the closest attention, and on the motion of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. E. W. Spain, and supported by Rev. Brother Brady, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Rev. Father Coffey.

The Bishop of Port Augusta (S.A.), the Right Rev. Dr. Norton, celebrated the silver jubilee of his priesthood on April 8. He was ordained a priest by the late Cardinal Monaco la Valetta, in St. John Lateran's at Rome on Holy Saturday, April 8, 1882.

Mr. William O'Brien, a well-known auctioneer, died suddenly at Warrnambool recently from heart failure. The deceased, who was sixty-seven years of age, was an old resident of the town. He was a native of Queen's County, Ireland, and came to Victoria when very young.

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ENGLAND—Death of a Convert

The funeral took place in the Catholic portion of the cemetery at Windsor on March 11 of Lord Francis Godolphin Osborne, second son of the eighth Duke of Leeds, and uncle of the present duke. Lord Francis was born in 1830, and after graduating at Cambridge he was ordained a minister of the Church of England. From 1868 to 1875 he was rector of Elm, Somerset, but in the latter year he resigned the living, and joined the Catholic Church. Subsequently he lived at Windsor. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Berkshire and a justice of the peace for that county, Sussex, and Galway. Lord Francis married Matilda Catherine, daughter of Mr. John S. Rich, and had one daughter, who died about six years ago.

Charitable Bequests

The late Lord Arundel of Wardour provided in his will for the payment of about £100 a year for chaplain, organist, and sacristan of the chapel at Wardour. He gave £300 to the Clifton Mission Benefactors' Fund; £50 each to the Sustentation Funds of the Catholic church at Tisbury, Gloucester, and Shaftesbury, Dorset; £50 to the Wardour Catholic Benefit Club; £25 to the Salisbury Infirmary, and £25 to the Benefit Society for the relief of the aged and infirm poor.

Very Sad News

The sad news has reached Mill Hill by cablegram that two members of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society, Fathers D. Lehané and P. Timans, of the Congo Mission, have been drowned. No further particulars have so far been received. The deceased priests were most zealous in missionary work, and deep sympathy is felt with the Society and the members of their families.

A Benefactor

Mr. Joseph Sherwood, of Victoria street, Newcastle, bequeathed £500 to such charitable purposes connected with St. Mary's Cathedral as Bishop Collins shall determine, £400 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, £250 to the Little Sisters of the Poor, £250 to the Convent of the Good Shepherd, South Gosforth.

FRANCE—The Government's Policy

M. Clemenceau (says the 'Catholic Times') has got a vote of confidence from the chamber as a form of reply to the attack made upon the Government by M. Jaures. Votes of confidence, however, do not always count for a great deal and they rarely disorient socialist antagonists. By sending soldiers to take the place of the strikers at the electric works in Paris the Premier committed what is in their eyes an unpardonable sin, and his speech in the Chamber on March 11 revealed his conviction that the warfare they are conducting is full of peril for the Ministry. There is no reason to believe that the Clemenceau Cabinet will, under present circumstances, be succeeded by one more favorable to fair-play for the Church, but it cannot be followed by a Cabinet that will pursue a meaner or more contemptible policy. That is impossible. Catholics, therefore, whatever happens, will feel no regret at its disappearance. Foiled in its attempt to impose on the clergy a contract which would exclude members of the religious Orders from common rights, as if they were pariahs, and place the diocesan clergy under an oppressive burden, it has sought gratification in an ignoble vendetta, allowing, if not inducing, the journals of the bloc to publish false report, damaging for the moment to the Holy See, as to the contents of the stolen Montagnini papers. The procedure is characteristic. The falsehoods have now been exposed, and if the Government had a reputation for honorable dealing, it would thereby have lost it. Happily its energies are in a state of exhaustion and its power to do further injury to religion is at an end.

The British Press and the Crisis

I have just passed six months in Paris (writes a correspondent of the 'Catholic Times'), and can bear my testimony to the astonishing mendacity—wilful, or the mere result of prejudice—of the English newspaper reports on the French religious crisis. I could give many instances of this lack of veracity, but one will suffice. I was in the crowd that escorted the revered Cardinal Richard from the archiepiscopal palace to his

new home. That crowd must have numbered close on twenty thousand people, the vast majority of them men, all singing hymns, bareheaded, and simply glowing with fervor. The whole crowd knelt when the Cardinal gave his blessing, and men bearing the noblest names in France were proud to draw out the horses and pull the Cardinal's carriage to his new home. I never saw a more impressive sight, yet, as your readers will remember, in several English papers, the crowd was given as two thousand, mostly women, and every endeavor was made to belittle its meaning. Anyone who has travelled at all on the Continent knows that the correspondents of English papers in most Continental towns are the incumbents of English Protestant churches and chapels. This is the case even in Rome. The correspondent in Paris of the Dis-senters' organ in England, a paper notorious for its savage hatred of the Church, is a Presbyterian. Reuter's Paris correspondent is an Orangeman. The 'Times' exchanges foreign news with the 'Matin,' the mouthpiece of the Comhist and Pelletan section of the Extreme Left. The close connection between the 'Matin' and the 'Times' becomes apparent when it is remembered that the editor of the 'Matin,' M. de Lausanne, is a son of the late M. de Blowitz, the famous 'Times' correspondent. I might give other illuminating facts, but these will suffice.

HOLLAND—A Notable Change

In Holland a notable sign of the wonderful change for the better which has taken place within recent years in the relations between Protestants and Catholics is offered by the proposal of Pastor Gunning, the head of the Protestants in Utrecht, that the ancient cathedral of the city, the largest Gothic historic building in the Netherlands, should be sold by the Protestants to the Catholics. He estimates that the buildings would realise a million florins, with which sum it would be possible to build five new churches and endow each with a living. State Archivist Mullen supports the proposal. The cathedral is in a half ruinous condition. During a fearful storm in 1674, a great part of the nave collapsed, and has never been repaired. The Catholics may not be willing to buy at the price expected, but formerly the idea of selling the building to them would scarcely have been entertained by Dutch Protestants.

ITALY—Appointed Archbishop

The Right Rev. Peregrine M. Stagni, Prior General of the Order of Servites, has been appointed Archbishop of Aquila. Father Stagni was a member of the English province of Servites and was for many years Rector at Fulham, until called by his Superiors to Rome. Though an Italian by birth, he was educated in England.

ROME—The Health of the Pope

Monsignor Prior (writes a Rome correspondent, under date March 10) has just declared, after an audience with the Pope, that his Holiness looked remarkably well, and added: 'I never saw him looking so well or in such good spirits.' The newspapers have not troubled about his Holiness's health for some time. First, it is not the summer time, and at the present season of indispositions a Papal illness would touch on the commonplace. Then, to adopt the view of the late Dr. Lapponi, there is no forthcoming Pontifical pronouncement to be discounted.

The Holy Father and Socialism

The Holy Father (says the 'Catholic Times') in a letter denounces socialism without qualification. He arraigns it on the ground that by endeavoring to wrest from the toilers the hope of bliss in another and a better life it is bringing ruin to society. Such warnings are much needed, because there can be no doubt that Socialism has been a powerful agent in the creation of that atmosphere of unbelief which is weakening faith wherever the cheap press circulates. As long as the character of its theories is not tested by practice, so long will it have numerous advocates, for the master-builders of the theories have been and are men of intellectual ability, and their views are often set forth plausibly. Moreover, the crying evils of society in its present state favor any movement aiming at extensive reform. But true reform can only come through the recognition of Divine authority and Divine love—which the Socialists rule out of court—for they alone ensure, on the one hand, justice, and on the other, an altruistic spirit ready for sacrifices that are never made in vain. Therefore does the Pope insist on the importance of religion in connection with movements for the promotion of social progress.

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SPAIN—A Contradiction

Reuter's Madrid correspondent, on the authority of the newspaper, 'Epoca,' states that the allegations to the effect that the Holy See made representations to the Spanish Government, with a view to preventing the visit of King Alfonso to M. Loubet, is completely unfounded. The French Cabinet, the journal adds, never used persuasion with the Spanish Government to open or pursue an anti-clerical policy. The cordial sentiments both of France and the Vatican towards Spain, says the journal, have always excluded all likelihood of such interference, which no Spanish Government would have tolerated.

UNITED STATES—The Oldest Church

The Church of San Miguel at Santa Fe is claimed by New Mexicans to be the oldest in the United States. There is much dispute over the exact date of its erection, but it was certainly built between 200 and 300 years ago by the first Indian converts, under the direction of the Spanish Fathers—some say as long ago as 1545. Inside it is like a vault, black and crumbling with cracked adobe roof and a gallery whose wood-work still shows traces of the figures painted there by the Indians—designs like those they put upon their pottery to-day. But the most interesting thing in San Miguel is the old bell, St. Joseph. The old Spanish Fathers brought the bell, already ancient, across the seas from Spain, and over mountains and plateaus from Mexico.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The Pope sent a special autograph blessing, on his portrait, for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in America.

The Value of Catholic Literature

The Very Rev. J. Ryan, S.J., in concluding a mission in the Brisbane Cathedral recently, impressed on the people the great importance of subscribing to Catholic newspapers, as it was by this means that truth was propagated in Catholic homes. The tone of the Press was anti-Christian, and should be avoided. The secular Press of Queensland—what he had seen of it—was a vast improvement on the general Press of Australia, and the Southern Press should take an example from the ideal fairness which characterised the Brisbane papers. The Catholic paper was an essential element in every good, Catholic home, and should be supported every way. Oftentimes Catholic papers suffered from carelessness of Catholics in not paying up their subscriptions. Oftentimes, said the preacher, the paper was sent for years, and, when the bill for payment came, very often a post-card was sent, stopping the paper altogether. This was a shameful and disgraceful action on the part of Catholics—an action which was due to neglect. Catholic papers contain matter out of ordinary news, chiefly about the Catholic Church, and it was the bounden duty of all to subscribe for a Catholic paper, which would bring a blessing to the home. Many of those who grumbled at the Catholic papers were poor specimens of Catholics, and these never subscribed for a paper, yet they talked most. Catholic libraries should also demand the attention of Catholics and the publications of the Catholic Truth Society were extremely interesting. Then the 'Messenger of the Sacred Heart,' as well as the 'Annals of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,'—all most inexpensive, yet most interesting, channels of devotion—should find a place in every Catholic home, as they would foster piety, and be a means of extending and kindling the love of God in many sunless hearts.

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In making porridge, see that the water is boiling before putting in the oatmeal.

Never keep tea or coffee in paper; put them in a tin or they will lose their flavor.

Never buy large quantities of spices at a time, as they soon lose their strength.

Much of the unpleasant odor that is carried through the house from boiling vegetables may be avoided by putting a piece of bread in the water with the vegetables, and if a bit of charcoal be added, the cooking of cabbage or cauliflower cannot be detected.

The Danger of Small Wounds.

The treatment of small wounds, such as cuts or pricks, is usually considered a minor point in household surgery; but when we consider the theory of germs, and the antiseptic treatment of wounds, we come to see that every small scratch or pin-prick has its dangers if not properly treated. Cleanliness is all important in the treatment of wounds, large and small. The scratched or torn skin should be at once bathed in water as hot as can be borne, in which a few drops of carbolic acid have been mixed. In this way all dirt, which might otherwise endanger the health of the sufferer, is removed by the hot water, and the wound is purified by the carbolic acid.

In the case of cuts it is a good plan to have always in the house some absorbent cotton, and some old clean linen, which should be in strips from two to four inches wide and half a yard to a yard in length. After the wound has been made perfectly clean dip a suitably sized piece of cotton wool into clean slightly carbolised water, press out any excess of liquid, then apply over the wound, and wrap up with the linen strips. Cat scratches should always be treated in this way, as the claws of a cat are often unclean, and dirt particles, however small, may give rise to trouble. When a wound refuses to cease bleeding after being wound up, sponging with clean cold water will sometimes aid in stopping the flow of blood. Salt or turpentine should never be applied to a fresh wound, as they not only cause a great deal of unnecessary pain, but often prolong the time of healing.

Few people have escaped at one time or another the unpleasantness of having their fingers jammed, and as the pain caused when the finger is jammed in a door is excruciating in the extreme for the first few minutes, it is well to know of some means of relief. The fingers should be plunged into hot water, as hot as can possibly be borne. This application of hot water causes the nail to expand and soften, and the blood pouring out beneath it has more room to flow; thus the pain is lessened. The finger should then be wrapped in a bread and water poultice. A jammed finger should never be neglected, as it may lead to mortification of the bone if it has been badly crushed, and amputation of the finger must follow. Jammed toes are usually caused through the falling of heavy weights, and should be treated in the same way as a jammed finger.

Persons with unhealthy constitutions cannot take too much care of small injuries in the way of cuts and bruises. What might not in any way affect a healthy individual might, in those with some taint of disease, lead to serious consequences. There is always a danger that even the most insignificant wound may become poisoned unless it is carefully guarded from coming into contact with particles of dirt.

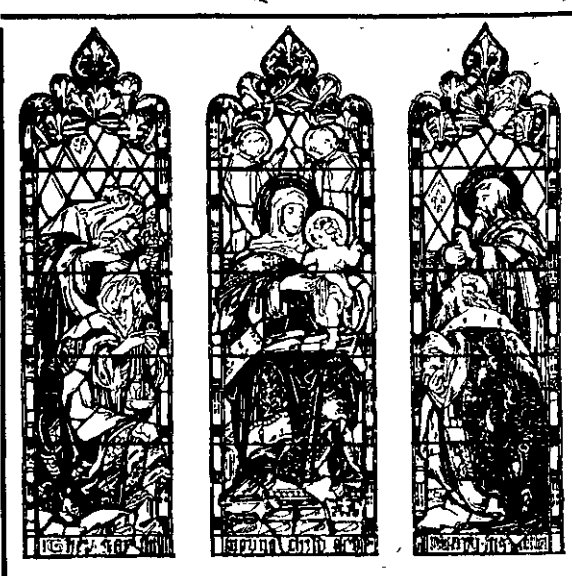
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The famous French chemist, M. Moissan, has just died from appendicitis at the premature age of fifty-four. He was one of the great modern French scientists who gave rise to the saying that 'chemistry is a French science.' His most extraordinary achievement was his process for manufacturing diamonds. He had invented the Moissan oven for storing formidable quantities of caloric, and he had demonstrated that substances which, till then, had resisted the highest temperatures could be melted in his oven. In his patent apparatus he put carbon into a bath of molten iron, heated to a terrific degree, and the mixture thus obtained was suddenly plunged into icy cold water, and subjected to a tremendous reaction. The result was a solid crust which turned into a diamond. The eminence of M. Moissan was recognised in recent times by the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. At the same time, although M. Moissan was able to create diamonds, he does not seem to have, in any way, upset the diamond market in Kimberley.

Clock of Glass Except Springs.

After six years of work, Joseph Bayer, a Bohemian glass-worker of St. Louis, seventy-one years old, has completed a working clock, every part of which, except the springs, is made of glass. The plates and pillars which form the framework are of glass and are bolted together with glass screws. The dial plate, hands, and shafts and cogwheels are of glass, and glass wedges and pins are used for fastening the various parts of the running gear together.

All these parts are ground to the average proportions of the metal parts of other clocks of the same size. The teeth of the cogwheels are cut with minute exactness. Only the balance wheel is heavier and thicker than it would be in an ordinary clock, but it is fashioned so as to properly control the movement of the whole whole machine.

Like the clock itself, the key with which it is wound is of glass. The completion of the work was a matter of infinite pains. Some of the parts had to be made over and over again, as often as forty times before a clock that would go and keep time was produced. The builder sets a price on the finished model of £120.

History in Trees.

A remarkable instance of history being told by a tree has been found by the felling of a giant Sequoias. This tree, which has just been cut down, revealed a most interesting history of the forest fires which had swept the region where for more than 2000 years the tree had existed.

The effects of fires occurring centuries ago are registered in the trunks of the trees, and the record is completely concealed by subsequent healthy growth. The tree which supplies the instance of which we are speaking (says a scientific correspondent of the 'Morning Post') had an enormous burn on one side, 30ft in height and occupying 18ft of its circumference.

This burn was due to a fire which occurred in 1797, and the tree had therefore occupied more than a century in its efforts to repair this injury, its method being in-growth of new tissue from the margin of the great black wound. The tree began its existence about 271 B.C., and in 245 A.D. occurred a burning on the trunk three feet wide.

This fire was therefore in its 517th year. A hundred and five years were occupied in covering this wound with new tissue.

For 1196 years no further injuries were registered. In 1441 A.D., at 1712 years of age, the tree was burned a second time in two long grooves. Each had its own system of repair.

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The memorial church to the late Rev. Father James H. O'Gorman, which is being erected at Michelago, is rapidly nearing completion.

Intercolonial

A 'record' cargo of fruit for London left Hobart on April 12, nearly 125,000 cases of apples being shipped.

The great ecclesiastical College of St. Patrick's at Manly has now, we learn, seventy-nine students in residence, and five or six others preparing to enter.

Experts say (remarks the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal') that Master M. Manning, of St. Benedict's school, who put up a world's record high jump (under sixteen) at St. Patrick's Day sports, could easily have added three inches to his jump of five feet; but his father did not desire the lad to further exert himself.

Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, gave an enthusiastic farewell to the Rev. Father M. Morris, when he left that city for Sydney to join the Rev. Father Daniel Leahy, of Koorawatha, both of whom have left for Europe. They intend visiting Ireland. Father Morris' health has not been satisfactory of late, and his people hope that he will return to them restored to his usual vigor.

Consternation was caused in a Canterbury (Sydney) household the other day, when the family 'plant' of cash and jewellery beneath the bedroom floor, was found to have been looted. The police were called in, and the robbery was subsequently sheeted home to rats, which had removed the hoard to their lair. All the missing property was recovered, as in the case of the famous jackdaw of Rheims.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Sunday, April 14, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne ordained to the priesthood Rev. Thos. Bride, of North Fitzroy. Father Bride commenced his studies in the Christian Brothers' College, East Melbourne, and, after matriculating, went to St. Xavier's College, Kew, where he spent some years. His course for the priesthood was commenced at St. Patrick's College, Manly, some six years ago, and he was ordained deacon at the end of last year.

At the annual district meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society of Victoria, the officers reported that the value of the funds of the district and branches was as follows:—District funeral fund, £16,171 7s 1d; district ladies' funeral fund, £611 9s 2d; district juvenile funeral fund, £5 11s; district management fund, £276 15s 5d; branch sick funds, £31,423 7s 9d; branch management fund, £2153 12s 5d; branch benevolent fund, £828 1s 4d; branch other funds, £572 7s 7d. Total, £52,042 11s 9d, showing an increase of £1901 7s 7d for the year.

Victoria (writes a Melbourne correspondent) has lost a liberal-minded statesman by the death of Sir Henry Cuthbert, M.L.C. He was one who never allowed religious or racial leanings to interfere with his public duties, and assisted all good works by his presence and purse. He was born in Roscommon County, Ireland, in 1829. He was educated at the Drogheda Grammar school. In 1852 he became an attorney of the Court of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, and a solicitor of the Irish Court of Chancery. Shortly afterwards he left for Australia, and landed in Melbourne in 1854.

The Rev. Father M. A. Flemming, private secretary to his Grace the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney for some years, has been appointed to the charge of Rydalmere and to the chaplaincy of the Benedictine Nuns at Subiaco. The Rev. Father T. J. King, who spent about a year in the diocese of Armidale, and was for the last seven months at Tenterfield, has returned to Sydney, having been appointed to St. Benedict's to replace Father Flemming. The Rev. Father P. J. Baugh has gone to the charge of Cooma during the absence of Father J. J. Norris, P.P., who is about to leave on a well-earned holiday to Europe.

The blessing of the new cathedral at Lismore, which was originally fixed for Pentecost Sunday, has been retarded by an abnormal rainfall (thirty inches in three months), and a postponement has been made to Sunday, August 15, when a brilliant function and a great attendance may be expected. Most of the Australian Archbishops and Bishops (says the 'Freeman') have expressed their intention of being present. This diocese is advancing by leaps and bounds not only by industrial development, but in the provision for religion and education. At two of the newest points—Bangalow and Mullumbimby—new convent schools are in course of erection, and will soon be in possession of the Presentation Nuns.

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To stay at home is best.

Weary and homesick and distressed
They wander east, they wander west,
And are baffled and beaten and blown about
By the winds of the wilderness no doubt.
To stay at home is best.

Then stay at home, my heart, and rest;
The bird is safest in its nest;
O'er all that flutter their wings and fly
A hawk is hovering in the sky.
To stay at home is best.

AN UNTALENTED GIRL

'It seems too bad that such a girl as Beth should be simply buried alive in a little town like this! Why, with such talents as she has, it does seem as if she ought to be making herself felt in the world!'

Beth's friend, Alice, spoke, with girlish enthusiasm and unbounded loyal admiration. 'Just think of her music to begin with—dear me! Wouldn't I feel too happy for words if I could play and sing as she does? You'd think that was talent enough for one girl's share, but that isn't half what she has! Her essays at school were so fine we always said she had a future before her in that way—sometime she'd be making herself famous as a writer. And, as if that wasn't enough, what must she do but have a real, marked talent for sketching and painting, too! Why, Aunt Minnie, when our class went to the zoo, and we tried drawing some of the animals from life, her's was so far ahead of the rest of us—well, you wouldn't look at ours in the same day with hers. She's really the brightest girl I know.'

'She's a remarkably gifted girl, I have no doubt,' smiled Aunt Minnie; 'but I know another girl who isn't excelled by anybody in one way, at least, and that is a generous feeling for her friends. I believe you are as proud of her talents as if they were every one your own.'

'I'm so clumsy and commonplace beside her!' Alice snuggled up a little closer to her aunt. 'I haven't a talent in the world—positively I haven't.'

But Aunt Minnie smiled as she put her arm around the girlish form. 'I'm not so sure of that,' she said. 'Alice, Alice!' It was her brother, Gordon, calling in stentorian tones through the hall.

'Oh, Gordon dear, don't wake mamma!' Alice went towards him hurriedly. 'I just persuaded her to lie down for a little while—she was up so much in the night with Benny! But I don't believe you've wakened her,' she added, reassuringly.

'Say, Alice!' Gordon's voice was dropped now to a stage whisper, which gradually waxed louder and more emphatic as he proceeded. 'Alice rose to shut the door, but so quietly that he hardly noticed the motion. 'Do you know I can't get anybody to play the tunes for us for Friday night—those glees, you know, we thought we'd have at our entertainment? It does seem as if folks ought to help us out when we've worked so hard to get it up, but we've asked everybody we know who's good at music, and they all have an excuse ready. So I told the boys I guessed I could count on you, at a pinch.'

And Alice carefully suppressed a smile. Gordon spoke so ingenuously and with so little notion of the unconscious slight offered her musical powers.

'Why, of course you can, Gordon,' she said. 'I'll do the best I can, anyway. Let's see—how much time is there before you boys give your entertainment? Just a week?'

'Yes; you see we thought we could surely get somebody else, or we'd have given you more time. I expect you'll have to do some practising, won't you?—seeing you can't read much at sight, if that's what you call it.'

Aunt Minnie's arm rested with involuntary tenderness on her 'untalented' niece's shoulders, as she looked into the sweet, self-forgetful face.

'Oh, and say, Alice!' Gordon went on, eagerly. 'We find it's going to cost like everything to get our

printing done. I don't see how we're going to have a cent left for posters. It'll swallow up all the profits like anything to get the tickets printed and that "ad." in the paper. We thought Beth Anderson would probably help us out. I tell you, she knows how to make beauty posters! But she wasn't any more ready to bother with that than she was with the music. I suppose she thinks it isn't worth while to put herself out for such an affair as we're getting up, but she might do it, seeing her own brother's so interested. He felt real cut up about it. He'd been bragging about what a lot of talent she had, and she refused as coolly as you please. "Really hadn't time!" Well, all the artistic girls we know "didn't have time" to bother with it. I told the fellows perhaps you'd try to get something for us. Do you suppose you could, Allie, even if it isn't anything very fine and fancy?'

'Why, I'll do my best, Gordon. If you'll give me some idea of what you want. You know drawing's not my strong point. In fact, I'm afraid I haven't any "strong points." It's funny, but that's just what I was saying to auntie before you came in.'

Gordon looked at her with a sudden accession of personal, brotherly interest. 'Well, I'll tell you what I think,' he said. 'I'd rather take my chances with you than any girl I know. A fellow always knows where to find you, and that's—that's—'

He did not finish his sentence. He was rummaging among his pockets for some paper he wanted to show Alice—some boyish outline of what his notion was for the poster.

But Aunt Minnie took up his unfinished sentence. 'That's as beautiful a talent in itself as a girl can have, and as rare a one,' she said. 'And it makes the possessor of it a most delightful person to live with.'

'Why, auntie!' said Alice. But a pink flush of pleasure rose in her face as it bent over Gordon's outline.—Exchange.

A CLOSE OBSERVER

Mrs. Alice Meynell has written a book about children, and whenever any of the children of her friends do anything odd or amusing an account of the matter is straightway sent to her. An American woman who met Mrs. Meynell in London, related the other day an incident that the Englishwoman had told in her hearing. A little girl sat in a parlor with a cat. A maid, entering, said: 'Look at Kitty washing her face.' 'Oh, no,' said the little girl; 'she isn't washing her face. She is washing her feet and wiping them on her face.'

SCIENTIFIC TEACHING NEGLECTED

An old Taranaki farmer one day paid a visit to a large school to see his nephew, a student there. The uncle had some decidedly rural customs, including the habit of pouring his tea into his saucer. This act in particular irritated the nephew, who at last said:

'Uncle, why do you pour your tea into your saucer?'

The old farmer looked up in surprise. Then he said, in a loud, hearty voice:

'To cool it, to be sure. The more air surface you give it the quicker it cools. These modern schools don't teach much science, do they?'

A TIMELY FABLE

There is an exquisite fable in an old musty volume, and it is well worth recalling:

Here stands an old oak, with its great, brawny arms, and which storms and tempests have only rooted more firmly in the earth. Just beneath on a turf knoll grew a little violet.

'Are you not ashamed of yourself?' said the oak one day, 'when you look at me, you little thing down there, when you see how large I am and how small you are; how wide my branches spread, and how little space you occupy? You will very soon be dead and gone, but I will live for centuries and then my wood will make a mighty ship, that will float over the great deep.'

But the violet was happy and contented. It had no lofty ambitious thoughts, but was quite satisfied with its lot.

'We are both,' replied the violet, 'where God placed us, and He has given you strength and me sweetness, and I offer Him back my fragrance and I am thankful. True, I may soon die and be forgotten; but I am well content. I have lived fragrant, and I hope to die fragrant, and this is all I desire.'

NOT EVIDENCE

Senator Proctor, of Vermont, related the following with reference to an Irishman who was being examined as to his knowledge of a certain shooting affair.

'Did you,' asked the presiding magistrate of the witness; 'did you see the shot fired?'

'I did not sir,' responded the Celt, 'but I heard it fired.'

That evidence is not satisfactory,' replied the magistrate sternly. 'You may step down.'

The witness left the box. No sooner had he turned his back on the judge than he gave vent to a somewhat derisive laugh. Enraged at his contempt of court, the magistrate called the Irishman back to the witness-box.

'How dare you laugh in that manner in court?' demanded the judge angrily.

'Did you see me laugh, your honor?' asked the Irishman.

'No, but I distinctly heard you laugh,' came from the irate judge.

'Such evidence is not satisfactory,' rejoined the Celt quickly, a twinkle coming into his eye.

'Whereupon,' says Senator Proctor, 'everyone in court laughed, including the judge.'

ODDS AND ENDS

A regiment of soldiers were recently drawn up one Sunday for church parade, but the church was being repaired, and could only hold half of them.

'Sergeant-major,' shouted the colonel, 'tell all the men who don't want to go to church to fall out on the reverse flank.'

Of course, a large number quickly and gladly availed themselves of the privilege.

'Now, sergeant-major,' said the colonel, 'dismiss all the men who did not fall out, and march the others to church—they need it most.'

FAMILY FUN

What is the superlative of temper?—Tempest.

What nation does a criminal dread?—Condemnation.

What is the waist of time?—The middle of an hour-glass.

What animals are generally brought to a funeral?—Black kids.

What great transformation can the letter Y perform?—Changing a lad into a lady.

When is a house like a butterfly?—When it has wings.

If you multiply a vowel by a vowel, what implement will you make?—A x e.

Which sea would make a fairly comfortable bedroom?—Adriatic (a dry attic.)

Why shouldn't a boy throw dust in his teacher's eyes?—Because it may occasion harm to the pupil.

What are the most unsociable things in the world?—Milestones, for you never see two of them together.

A few deft manoeuvres with a handful of coins, a hat, and a tumbler will give a great deal of amusement at an evening party. Here is, for instance, a trick that can be done with the aid of the above-mentioned articles. The hat and tumbler are placed upon a table, the hat neatly poised upon the mouth of the tumbler, and the performer then announces, with the customary bravado, that he will throw the coppers into the hat in such a way that one, and only one, will pass into the glass beneath.

How is this managed? The contrivance is simple enough. An extra coin is concealed in one hand before the trick is begun by pressing it between the first joint of the third and fourth fingers and the hand. This done, the performer then puts the hat upon the glass with the hand in which the penny is concealed, and while engaged in this he takes the opportunity to slip the hidden coin down so that it is held firmly in position between the glass and the hat. The fall of the other coins in the hat unsettles the hidden one and the effect is produced. Great care must be taken in performing this trick to adjust the coin between the hat and the glass so that more than half of it is inside the glass; if this is not done the coin will fall outside instead of inside the glass. Another point to be observed is that one of the coppers must be somehow got rid of, so as to have the proper number in the glass and the hat at the end.

All Sorts

The latest quotation for radium is £160,000 an ounce.

The reindeer can endure more than any other draught animal except the camel. A reindeer has been known to pull 200 pounds at ten miles an hour for twelve hours.

'Gentlemen of the jury,' cried counsel for the prisoner who was charged with forgery, and who looked like being convicted, 'remember that my client is hard of hearing, and that, therefore, the voice of conscience appeals to him in vain!'

'When in doubt,' says the weather prophet, 'always predict something disagreeable.'

'What for?'

'If you're wrong, people are so pleased they don't criticise you.'

In the course of an address given in Glasgow by the secretary of the National Thrift Society, it was stated that the paupers of the United Kingdom at the present time numbered 800,000, or very nearly equal to the European population of this Colony. These, placed four abreast would form an army one hundred miles in length. The solution for gradually dissolving such an army was the exercise of thrift, temperance, and industry by the up-growing generation.

The legal profession in New Zealand was increased by 45 during the past year, there being over 800 at the present time who take out certificates. Nearly 500 of these practise in the North Island, and over 300 in the South. There is, therefore, one solicitor to every 1194 of population, or one to every 298 male adults. The practising solicitors of the Colony are distributed as follows:—Auckland, 167; Canterbury, 117; Gisborne, 20; Hawke's Bay, 38; Marlborough, 9; Nelson, 16; Otago, 114; Southland, 28; Taranaki, 50; Wellington, 220; Westland, 22.

There are sufficient people in England and Scotland paying the annual tax imposed by the Inland Revenue upon the use of armorial bearings to produce a sum of over £70,000 each year. The great bulk of this sum is paid by people who care not an atom either about their family or their arms, but pay the tax regularly simply because they have carriages or plate heralically decorated. The really old families of the realm, however, use armorial emblems for decorative purposes to an extent almost incredible in the eyes of those familiar with them only on notepaper, table silver, and carriage panels.

The chief industry of Bethlehem of Judea is that of mother-of-pearl work. The shells are brought from the Red Sea, and in the hands of native artisans are polished and carved, the larger into elaborate designs; the smaller are cut up for rosaries and crosses. The work is all done by hand, and the methods are amazingly primitive to a spectator from the home of steam and electric power. But the results are extraordinary. Under the magnifying-glasses every detail is seen to be perfect in outline and in finish. About a hundred and fifty people make a living by this industry, which is five hundred years old.

There are some curious facts about our calendar (says a writer in an English magazine). No century can begin on Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday. The same calendars can be used every twenty years. October always begins on the same day of the week as January, April as July, September as December. February, March, and November also begin on the same days. May, June and August always begin on different days from each other and from every other month in the year. The first and last days of the year are always the same. These rules do not apply to leap-year, when comparison is made between days before and after February 29th.

The financial strength necessary to obtain admission to the London Stock Exchange is ridiculously disproportionate to that required in the case of the New York Stock Exchange and the Paris Bourse. In Paris an Agent de Change has to be a capitalist with nearly £100,000 within his personal possession. The number of members is limited to seventy, and admission is only possible in the event of the death or resignation of a member. The vacancy is sold to a candidate at a price fixed by the committee—the latest price being about £60,000. In addition to this amount, the candidate must satisfy the committee that he is possessor of a working capital of at least £20,000, and he must also deposit £8000 with the committee and £4000 with the French Treasury.

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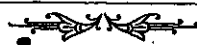
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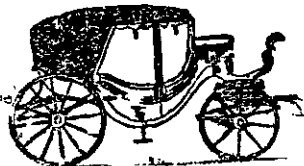
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