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October 20, Sunday.—Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. Purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 21, Monday.—St. Victor III., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 22, Tuesday.—SS. Cyril and Methodius, Bishops and Confessors.
 „ 23, Wednesday.—Our Most Holy Redeemer.
 „ 24, Thursday.—St. Raphael, Archangel.
 „ 25, Friday.—St. Boniface I., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 26, Saturday.—St. Evaristus, Pope and Martyr.

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Feast of Our Most Holy Redeemer.

This day is set apart by the Church to praise and glorify God for the great mystery of our Redemption, and to honor the person of His Son, Who, by becoming man and dying on the Cross for us, has freed us from the slavery of Satan, and restored to us our heavenly inheritance.

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 When I tell Thee of my care;
 Often, when vexations harass,
 Life seems more than I can bear.
 Morning comes with disappointment,
 Noontide brings but weary pain,
 And the evening with its shadows,
 Echoes back a sad refrain!

Blame me not, then, if I hasten
 To Thy Shrine, where I may lay,
 At Thy feet, in sweet confiding,
 All the burden of the day.
 Bear with me, because none other
 Have I near whom I may trust—
 Thou art ever faithful, loving,
 And rely on Thee I must.

—'Catholic News.'

Do not be deluded by the belief that what is popular is necessarily good.—Union and Times.

The time we give to friendship is not lost, and it will ever count as regards heaven.

Religion is to society what cement is to the building—it makes all parts compact and secure.

When it is necessary to use severity, be very careful to have no malice or hatred mixed with it.—Ven. L. de Blois, O.S.B.

God does not take pleasure in our torments. On the contrary, He heals the wounds of sinners, with efficacious remedies.—St. Gregory the Great, O.S.B.

The truly charitable individual forgives all because he understands all. He judges not, lest he condemn himself, and he gives not only of his material stores, but of his very self, in the service of humanity.

There is a light, jesting, flippant, unkind mode of thinking about things and persons, very common in society, exceedingly different from wit, which stifles good conversation and gives a sense of general hostility rather than sociability.

Some anarchists say that 'labor is entitled to all that it produces,' but they do not add, 'by its own unaided efforts.' Certainly labor is not entitled to all that it produces in conjunction with capital. That is a 'heads-I-win-tails-you-lose' arrangement.—'Catholic Columbian.'

The Storyteller

THE RURAL MAIL CARRIER

Leescom came down the lane in his shirt sleeves, a fat, rather vacuous smile on his broad face. The world went well with Leescom.

The mail delivery wagon was just rounding the next hill, so he waited by his box, a letter in his hand.

'Mornin', Bates,' he said, as the wagon curved in and stopped at his box. 'How's weather predictions?'

'Bad,' replied Bates, exchanging a paper for the letter. 'Signals all out. Regular blizzard coming in from the north-west; mercury down to forty below in some places, and predictions for ten below here.'

Leescom laughed unbelievably.

'Your weather reports are generally pretty close,' he said, 'but I guess it's off this time. Why, look here,' with a comprehensive sweep of his hand over earth and sky, 'thermometer high's seventy, with birds singin' an' not a speck in the sky. Course, 't ain't the end of March yet, an' there's bound to be some more cold. But ten below—pshaw! My almanac's marked "Expect fair weather 'bout this time," an' it runs down over ten whole days. That brings it into April. I'm willin' to go by your predictions when they're reasonable, but when they ain't I'll fall back on the old almanac. That's stood by me a good many years. I've been plowin' the last week, an' this mornin' I've got the garden ready to set out early cabbages an' onion sets. I'm goin' right back to 'em now. Ten below—huh! I've lived 'round here fifteen years, an' have never seen it over six below in the dead of winter.'

'Well, I'd put off the cabbages and onions a few days longer if I were you,' warned Bates, as he took up his reins. 'Maybe the cold wave'll moderate some before it gets here, and maybe it won't. But your cabbages will be just as well off in the cold frame and the onion sets in the cellar. They ain't apt to grow very much the next few days.'

'When are you countin' on sendin' this cold wave?' called Leescom, jocosely, as the wagon moved away. 'An' is it to be mixed with rain or snow, or with solid ice all blocked out for the ice house?'

'Predictions say heavy snow storms, terrific wind, and due here some time to-night,' answered the mail carrier.

Leescom looked after him with a grin, which, however, speedily changed to an expression of anxiety. Weather Bureau predictions were not things to be treated lightly, he well knew. Then he seemed to think of something else, for his hands went suddenly to his mouth in a loud bellow.

'Bates! O-oh, Bates! Hold up! I forgot suthin'.'

The wagon came to a stop, and he hurried after it as fast as his heavy body would permit.

'Say, B-Bates,' he panted, 'I came out mostly to speak to you 'bout that note, but your weather talk knocked it all out of my head.'

Bates looked surprised.

'I thought the note was all arranged,' he said. 'It was to be extended three months, you know. You said you were perfectly willing.'

'Yes, yes, that was all right, but—well,' desperately, 'I let the note go, an' that's all there is to it. I had use for some money unexpectedly, an'—an' I thought I'd better tell you so you could look out for its comin' due.'

'Who to?'

'Cheesick.'

Bates started, his eyes flashing. Cheesick was a merchant in town, with an unenviable reputation. It was said that he never did business with a man without manoeuvring to get the fat end of the deal, with a commission on the lean end besides. Bates had never dealt with him much. But they had had words. His face grew stern.

'Why did you do this, Mr. Leescom,' he demanded, 'without first coming to me? When I bought the land from you for a thousand dollars, you said you hand no use for the money and would wait as long as I wished. However, I raised you five hundred, and have paid you three hundred since. I had the other two and the interest for you last week, but my brother was ill and needing help, so I came and asked if you were perfectly willing to wait another six months. You answered that you would rather have the money on interest than be paid. Now it seems you went almost immediately and sold this note to Mr. Cheesick. Why? He is said to never buy anything without a

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Mr. Leescom coughed uneasily.

'No, I didn't sell at no discount,' he declared. 'Fact is, Mr. Cheesick paid me a premium—two per cent.'

'A premium—Mr. Cheesick?' incredulously. 'I don't understand. And, anyway, how did he come to know you held my note?'

'Well, you see,' apologetically, 'he was out this way yesterday talkin' over things. He'd been to Lindenwood's place, joinin' me. Seems to think he'll be a close neighbor before long, so he's round gettin' friendly.'

'Lindenwood doesn't want to sell,' sharply.

'No, no, course not. It's Lindenwood's gal, Mercy. They'll make a fine couple,' with a grin, and looking at Bates through the corners of his eyes. 'I guess it is pretty much fixed. He seemed to hint that way. An' he said he counted on givin' up business an' comin' out here to be a gentleman farmer. I guess he'll be a good neighbor, for we need more money in the country. Oh, come, come,' at the look on Bates' face. 'Don't go to gettin' mad now. What difference does it make whether the note's in my hands or Cheesick's? 'Tain't due till day after to-morrow, an' I guess you'll be able to fix it up all right with him. You see, he knew 'bout you buyin' land from me, an' he asked sort of casual if it had been paid for. That led to my tellin' about the note. Then he said he'd got some money he'd like to put out at interest, an' he'd buy the note an' give me two per cent. Of course, I let it go. It was just a business trade, an' nothin' for anybody to git mad over,' in an injured tone.

'No, I suppose not—from your point of view. Well, I must be getting on.'

Lindenwood's house was a half-mile farther on, reached from the main road by a winding lane. Long before he got to it Bates saw a girl standing by the box, and the sight momentarily drove the anxiety from his face. Not so very long ago she had often waited there, when the weather was good, and he had remained as long as his duty permitted and talked with her. But of late, even on fair days, he had seen nothing of her. The Lindenwood mail had been deposited early in the morning, and the indicator raised, and he had mechanically exchanged the mail he brought for that found in the box and driven on. Now he urged his horse a little faster.

'Good morning, Mercy,' he said cheerily, as he took her mail from its pocket and sprang from the wagon. 'Isn't it a fine day?'

'Yes, it is very nice,' the girl answered. But she spoke coldly, and her face lacked its usual animation. As he handed her the mail Bates noticed 'that she did not look at him; her eyes were averted, gazing somewhere out across the fields.

'What's the matter, Mercy?' he asked anxiously. 'Are you ill?'

'No, I am as well as usual.'

'But something's the matter,' he persisted. 'I never saw you look or act like this before. Is it anything I—oh,' as though with sudden enlightenment. 'Is it because I didn't come out that evening last week, as I promised? My brother was taken ill that day, and I remained with him all night, and have been with him part of every night since. I thought you would understand. I intended to explain the next morning when I brought the mail, but you wasn't here, and I haven't seen you since until now. I shall have more time after to-day, for I left my brother much better this morning, and the doctor says he will improve steadily now. Suppose I come out to-morrow evening—Wednesday?'

She shook her head, her eyes coming round to his now, as he thought, indifferently.

'I have an engagement for to-morrow evening. But please fill this out as soon as you can,' handing him a money order; 'I am in a hurry. I had been waiting here ten minutes when you came.'

'Yes, I was detained by Leescom,' He filled out the money order rapidly. 'Well, say the next night—Thursday.'

'It won't be worth while—any time,' she answered impatiently.

Bates finished the order and handed it to her, then changed the ten-dollar bill she gave him. But as he gave her the difference he grasped the extended hand firmly.

'Now, what's the matter, Mercy?' he demanded. 'It's my right to know.'

'Nothing that you don't know already,' she replied, her eyes beginning to flash. 'Let go my hand, sir!'

'But tell me,' he pleaded.

'Let go my hand!'

He released it.

'I'm sorry, Mercy,' he said simply. I asked only what I had a right to ask, and I thought you would be fair.'

'Well, then,' she blazed, 'you haven't been doing well lately. You get in debt and don't pay, and you visit saloons, and I don't know what all. As my father says, quiet folks who pretend to be nice, and do such queer things, are worse than those who make no pretensions and do them openly.'

'Get in debt and don't pay,' repeated Bates, looking puzzled. 'I never did a thing like that in all my life. I don't owe a man a cent, except in one case, where I've bought some land and haven't quite finished paying for it. And as to saloons, I've never bought—oh, yes,' his face broadening into a smile—'I did go into one the other day after a quart of brandy for my brother. But it was by the doctor's orders.'

'You've been in them more than once,' sharply. 'You were seen—'

'Twice,' he smiled. 'You've got a pretty good scout, Mercy. I went into one after alcohol to bathe Tom. I don't know when I've been into a saloon before that, though,' sturdily. 'I shouldn't hesitate to any time if there was need. I don't drink myself, but that ain't saying I don't think liquor's good for lots of people, especially ailing ones. I'd just as soon go on an errand into a saloon as into a grocery store. It doesn't hurt me, and I'm not trying to run the world after my ideas. I don't know enough, for one thing. Any more charges against me, Mercy?'

The girl's head was high, her eyes flashing, but it was a flashing of that peculiar lustre which has tears behind.

'Plenty,' she answered shortly. 'Mr. Cheesick says—' She stopped, biting her lips and flushing a little.

Bates stepped quietly into his wagon.

'Oh, Cheesick,' he said. 'I've already heard some things about him this morning. I haven't anything more to say. I don't care to balance my word against his.'

He had two letters in his hand which she had given him. As he deposited them with the outgoing mail they chance to fall with faces up, and involuntarily he noticed the superscriptions. One was the firm to which he had made out the money order, the other to Alonzo Cheesick. The letter given him by Leescom had also been to Alonzo Cheesick. He wondered what they contained.

As he tightened the reins he remembered a voluntary duty which had devolved upon him gradually, but which was regarded by some of the farmers as of equal importance with their mail. He was their weather forecaster from day to day, as well as the deliverer of their letters and papers. He leaned from his wagon.

'Mercy,' he called, 'please tell your folks the thermometer will probably fall to zero or below to-night, with heavy snow. The cattle and sheep had better be looked after and the poultry given good shelter. The indications are that it will be much the worse storm of the winter.'

Mercy had started up the lane. She had made a slight inclination of her head that she had heard, but did not turn.

The principal outgoing mail in the afternoon left the Post Office at 3 o'clock, and the carriers were supposed to complete their rounds in time to have their letters and papers assorted and the stamps cancelled for this mail. Usually they were back by two, and then spent an hour or more in the Post Office, helping with the mail and arranging as much as they could of the next day's delivery in order to facilitate work in the morning.

That afternoon as Bates was arranging and tying packages of mail, a letter was thrust toward him through the window.

'Hello, there, Bates! Put a stamp on this letter, will you? And say, let me have fifty cents' worth of twos while you're about it.'

Bates affixed the stamp and passed out the required number, dropping the change into the money drawer without looking up. He knew that Cheesick was grinning at him through the window. Indeed, he believed the letter had been thrust in to him solely that he should see the address while he was affixing the stamp.

'You'll take it out all right in the morning?'

'Of course,' shortly; 'that is my duty.'

'Well, I thought I'd better ask. I don't want any carelessness, you know. Take it right to the house.'

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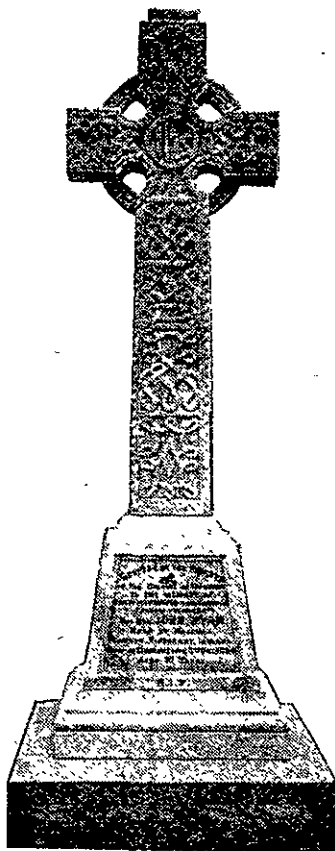
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and this letter's something particular I want her to know. By the way, did Leescom speak to you this morning about the note? Said he would.'

Bates finished tying the package he was at work upon, placed it with the outgoing mail, and reached for another little pile of letters to tie. He did not look up or speak. He did not dare to, for fear of what was trembling on his lips and showing in his eyes. He was on duty now.

'Yes,' he said slowly, 'Mr. Leescom spoke of the note. I am coming round to the store to see you about it just as soon as I finish here.'

'Well, do so,' affably. 'And I want to talk with you about the land out that way. I'm thinking some of turning farmer myself. Let's see, your tract joins Lindenwood's, I think, cornering on his land and Leescom's? Maybe we can make a trade.'

Bates made no answer.

Twenty minutes later he finished his duties at the Post Office, and from there went directly to Cheesick's store. No customer happened to be in. Cheesick was sitting upon the counter paring his nails.

'Hello!' he called as Bates appeared. 'Glad to see you in my store. You don't often come. Most all the folks out your way are my customers, but I don't remember that you ever bought much.'

'Not a thing since I traded you a calf for a suit of clothes,' said Bates dryly. 'You remember, I brought back the suit because it was shopworn and ready to drop to pieces, and you refused to accept it because you said it had been a trade. Then you sent me a bill for two dollars on account of beef going down the day I brought the calf, you said. As I didn't take the suit, that would have left me a calf and two dollars behind, provided I had paid the bill, which I didn't. But I'm here now to see about the note.'

'Yes, yes, of course,' sliding from the counter and showing his teeth a little. 'Ready to pay it already, before it's due? I don't see how you mail carriers handle so much money on fifty dollars a month. Only a few days ago you let your brother have over two hundred to meet some crowding bills, I understand, and now you're bringing me as much more. I'm going to give up store-keeping and turn mail carrier. It's the only way to get rich.'

Bates' hands clinched a little, but he managed to keep his voice steady.

'I'm not here to pay the note, and won't even be able to pay it when due,' he said. 'I want you to extend it another six months, as Leescom agreed to do. I will pay you double interest for the accommodation.'

Cheesick grinned. 'That wouldn't be legal,' he objected. 'Of course, I couldn't think of double rates, though it's very liberal of you. No, the only thing is to meet the note when it's due. I suppose you could borrow the money,' with a trace of anxiety appearing in his voice.

Bates shook his head.

'I'm afraid not,' he answered. 'Money is very scarce just now, and I doubt if there's more than two or three men in town who have even that much unemployed. With more time I could arrange it, but I supposed the matter all settled.'

Cheesick was again grinning. 'Oh, well, it doesn't matter,' he said, with assumed indifference; 'the land's a pretty piece, and plenty good for the note. Of course, I'd like the money to use in my business, but I guess the land will be a fair value. Leescom had a mortgage to secure the note, and you understand he turned the whole thing over to me. It'll cost a little foreclosure, of course, but I won't mind that.'

'You'll foreclose, then?'

'Why, it's the only thing I can do,' opening his eyes as though in surprise. 'It's business. But don't you worry over it, Bates,' consolingly; 'it was bound to come to you sooner or later. Visiting saloons and not paying bills couldn't lead to anything else. You've got only yourself to blame.'

Bates made a quick step forward.

'That's another thing I intended to see you about, after the note was settled,' he said sternly. 'You've been telling lies about me to Mercy, and perhaps to others. I suppose that two dollars you couldn't cheat me out of was the debt I wouldn't pay, and—'

'Yes, I told that, I suppose, and a few other things, but not half so much as I might,' tantalized Cheesick. 'It was a clear duty, you know, for Mercy is a nice girl. She said—'

'Stop!' thundered Bates. 'Never mind what she said. We will leave her name out.'

'Mercy said,' imperturbably, 'that she used to have a good deal of respect for you, but of late—'

The two men were of about the same height and weight, but there the similarity ended. What was

brawn and whipcord-like muscles in Bates, made by constant hard work and outdoor exposure, was mostly flesh in Cheesick, induced by his inactive life behind the counter. Already he was beginning to show a double chin.

Evidently he had been trying to provoke Bates to anger, though not to actual violence, for as the mail carrier sprang forward he retreated toward the opening which led behind the counter. Perhaps he thought that some demonstration on Bates' part might further his own interest at the Lindenwood farm; possibly he considered himself as physically the mail carrier's equal. In either case, he was speedily undeceived.

Before the last sentence was finished Bates' grasp was upon his shoulder, swinging him back toward the centre of the floor. In vain Cheesick struggled and swore and threatened. Bates was oblivious of consequences now. One hand was still upon Cheesick's shoulder, where it had closed like a vise; the other was like a steel band round his waist. Sometimes the storekeeper's feet struck his own floor, sometimes the counter, sometimes the wall, knocking down boxes or displayed goods. But irresistibly, little by little, he was dragged and swung across the room toward the door. By the time they reached there Cheesick's breath was gone, and he was almost passive in the mail carrier's grasp.

Then through the doorway and down the steps, still struggling and panting, and across the sidewalk to the horse trough, when Bates, suddenly exerting all his strength, lifted his opponent bodily and flung him at full length into the water. A broom was standing near, which had been used to sweep the sidewalk. Bates caught up this, and as Cheesick rose coughing and sputtering, thrust him back into the water, once, twice, thrice.

'There, you're washed clean outside, at any rate,' he said finally. 'But I'm afraid the meanness is too deep in for broom and water. Now crawl out and go into the store and dry yourself, and, mind, don't ever let me hear of you making free with Mercy Lindenwood's name again,' and, oblivious of the people, who were beginning to gather, Bates dropped the broom and strode away.

At sunset that night the mercury had only dropped to sixty, and many of those who had gazed anxiously at the prediction on the bulletin board began to look wise and say they guessed the weather bureau man had made a slip this time, or else concluded to send the storm around by another route.

At 9 o'clock it had fallen but two degrees, and at 12 but three more. Most people left their chamber windows open.

Between twelve and one, however, the stars in the north-west began to grow dim and obscure, and the mercury fell 20 degrees. By three it had fallen 20 more, and the whole sky was overcast. At daylight it commenced to snow.

If mails were on time, the carriers left the Post Office at 7 o'clock; but if the trains were late, they could be held until eight. At that hour the regulations said they must be released.

This morning the through train was three-quarters of an hour late, and the carriers were detained until a quarter of eight. It was then four below zero, with the snow whirling in blinding sheets before a fifty-mile gale. When Bates struck his route the snow was three inches deep on a level, and drifting in depressions and wherever the wind did not have a clear sweep. Bates urged his horse as rapidly as possible, for he realised that this was only the beginning, and it was ten miles around his route.

For the first five or six miles it was not bad; though he found some drifts of two feet or more which it was almost impossible for his horse to pull through. The worst of these was just before reaching the Lindenwood lane. At this point he was obliged to alight from the wagon and apply his own strength to the wheels.

(To be concluded next week.)

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Current Topics

Colonel Lady Plunket

Her Excellency Lady Plunket has given a new and much-needed impetus to the volunteer movement in New Zealand. She holds the position of honorary colonel of the North Canterbury Mounted Rifles, and on last Saturday reviewed her men at Culverden—decked out in the graceful feminine version of the regimental uniform. War (as has been said or sung) taxes both sexes—it takes the blood of men and the tears of women. In the days of chivalry, the fair hands of gentle dames girded on the swords of the knights that went forth to do battle for faith or country. And in our day, when war means so much, a woman in the position of her Excellency does good and patriotic service in aiding, where and how she properly may, to have the manhood of the nation prepared to develop its utmost power of defence when the drums beat to battle and there's something heavier than atmosphere in the air. Happily, apart from what may be called the accidents of war, the blood of women has not often mingled with that of men where the front of battle lowered. Yet the fighting instinct is not wholly undeveloped in the sex that is called gentle. And more than once—as in the siege of Limerick—it has flared out to some purpose in conflicts in which religious freedom or national existence have been threatened, or in which (as during the Paris Commune in 1871) party passion rose to a high fever.

Scottish history presents at least one case in which a lady was made the colonel of fighting troops. We refer to the winsome Jennie Cameron, whom Bonnie Prince Charlie made colonel of the 250 sturdy claymore-fighters that she marched into the Stuart camp one fine day in the 'forty-five. Long before Jennie Cameron's day, Dame Nicholas de Camville figured valiantly as a leader of men on 'the field of fame, fresh and gory'. She took the royal side in the war with the Barons and fought Lincoln Castle with skill and daring against Gilbert de Gaunt, first for King John, afterwards for Henry III. And more than once she verified the truth of the lines in 'Hudibras':—

'Women, you know, do seldom fail
To make the stoutest men turn tail';

Another Lady Valiant was the beautiful Countess of Salisbury. A hundred years later, and we come across the humble village maiden, Joan of Arc, the peerless queen of all women who drew the sword in defence of fatherland. She stands on a pedestal of honor, serene, unique, and all alone—this sainted Maiden of Orleans, the liberator of France. Even the glowing East has not been without a blue-blood heroine of war, despite the soft ease and the guarded retirement in which its upper-class womanhood is nurtured. We are now nearing the golden jubilee of the passing of the Ranee (Princess) of Jhansi, who led a brief but strenuous military life as a cavalry officer in the Indian Mutiny. For several months after the fall of Delhi she handled squadrons of dashing cavalry in the field against the British, wielded in hand-to-hand conflicts the carved blade of a razor-edged sword, and led charge after charge in right gallant fashion in the hard-fought battle of Gwalior. There she fell, at the head of her men, 'with enough wounds in front', says Justin McCarthy, 'to have done credit to any hero'. She had met a foeman worthy of her steel. Her generous victor was Sir Hugh Rose, and he said in his General Order to the troops after the battle that 'the best man upon the side of the enemy was the woman found dead, the Ranee of Jhansi'. We hope the day is far distant indeed when even the manhood of New Zealand may have to stand embattled against a foreign foe for the defence of their country. But we think it a happy circumstance that, at a moment when

the ever-present need of preparedness for such an emergency is too much lost sight of in the eager rush of 'getting on', a lady should be found capable of reading to the country one of the warning lessons of the Sybil-line Books.

A Little Centenary

Of the holding of centenaries there is no end. The latest announced is the approaching fourth centenary of the modern dinner-fork, which (we learn) is to be quietly celebrated towards the close of the present year by disciples of Brillat-Savarin here and there and by 'all others that (as Mrs. Gamp remarks) are 'so disposed'. The second volume of Chambers' 'Book of Days' gives (p. 573) some curious particulars of the origin of this useful substitute for the fingers at what Meredith calls 'the blessed hour of dinner'. The fork has long since figured so largely as a household necessary that we can hardly realise that it was a rarity in England just introduced by a few 'spruce gallants', when Heylin wrote his 'Cosmography' in 1652. About the close of the same century, the English traveller, Coryate, found them in Italy. 'The Italian', said he, 'cannot by any means endure to have his dish touched with fingers, seeing all men's fingers are not alike clean'. Hence they used 'little forks' made of iron, steel, or silver—a practice which Coryate brought back with him to England and recommended to his countrymen. The use of the fork did not, however, become general in England till about the close of the seventeenth century. Nowadays the 'little fork' is one of the outward signs that distinguish white civilisation from the outer barbarism of chop-sticks and of the literal 'finger in the pie' or on the roast. Many years ago (so runneth a story in point) an island missionary conveyed this idea after a fashion of his own. He wrote in the course of a report of his work among the untutored Polynesian savage: 'I much regret that my flock is still addicted to cannibalism, but, thanks to my example and precept, they are become so far civilised that the use of knives and forks is becoming quite common'.

'Honor, Loyalty,' etc.

Mr. Clemenceau, the Premier of France (so runs a cable-message in last week's papers) has been delivering a patriotic speech at Amiens 'against the parri-cidal anti-militarists and anti-nationalists', and appealing to 'all true Frenchmen' for 'a sounding faith in the ideals of honor, loyalty, and national strength'.

At a time when blood flowed like water in the Coliseum, and thousands were 'butchered to make a Roman holiday', the old pagan Senate of the Empire enacted that mattresses should be provided for the rope-dancers, in order to save their bones from the risk of fracture and their epidermis from abrasion. Mr. Clemenceau is acting with even greater inconsistency. After an act of national repudiation of a great national obligation, he dares to appeal to the honor of 'true Frenchmen'; in the midst of a campaign of unconstitutional plunder and proscription, he has the courage to invoke the 'loyalty' of the people to constituted authority; and he talks of 'national strength' after having thrown down the apple of bitter social discord, and set himself, with his other aggressively atheistic ministerial confederates, to extinguish the light of heaven in France and to wipe out of the heart of the nation the knowledge and love and fear of God that are not alone the highest wisdom, but the best safeguard of a nation. But

'Evil on itself shall back recoil'.

And the fierce extreme Socialist anti-militarism and anti-nationalism that now menace France, are—like the reinforced wave of hooliganism and juvenile and adult crime—merely a symptom of the fell disease with which the long campaign of official atheism has infected

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France. The 'bloc' scheme of a stable atheistic republic does not promise to gain on its goal. To adapt some lines of Gordon's,

'It seems an intangible bubble
That cheats an unsatisfied soul,
And the whole
Of the rest's an illegible scroll'.

The first Napoleon failed to rule a people bereft of God. And where the giant failed, the pigmies are not likely to succeed. Clemenceau's inconsistent appeal seems to be the small politician's mode of realising the tremendous destructive energy that lies in a mass of humanity released from allegiance to the principle of authority—to obedience to God or master. 'Extrema gaudii luctus occupat'—grief often takes the place of extreme joy. And the joyous triumphs of the Radical-Socialist plunderers over pious and defenceless women yesterday are dearly bought in the spectres of disorder that they have evoked from the yawning deep to-day.

The Ashtown Peerage

In the account of the Ashtown peerage in our last issue, a slip of the pen or of the attention led to this confused statement: that Ponsonby's amendment in 1799 in favor of a resident and independent Irish Legislature was carried—the Unionists won by 106 votes to 105. The context, and historic accuracy, require the substitution of the word 'defeated' for the word 'carried'. The defeat was, as stated, secured by the purchase of the vote of Trench (the first Lord Ashtown) in the Chamber, in full view of the members, just before the division took place. The bribe for which Trench thus sold his country in open market was the Ashtown peerage. The present Lord Ashtown's leadership of the Orange-Tory campaign of bogus or exaggerated 'Irish agrarian outrages' has been the means of focussing public attention, on both sides of the Channel, on the dark blot upon his 'scutcheon'. We rather think that he will travel far afield in the region of genuine Irish agrarian crime before he comes across a meaner or more flagrant 'outrage' than that to which he owes his gilded title.

The Pope Joan Myth

There has been an Anglican Synod in Napier. One of its subjects of discussion was the proposal for union among the Reformed denominations. This, in turn, has led to a discussion in the 'Hawke's Bay Herald'. So far as we have been able to follow it, one side at least of the newspaper controversy has been marked by a pretty bountiful disregard of the golden rule of debate laid down by Sir Edward Fry, when he counselled lawyers 'so to present the case on either side as to generate the maximum of light and the minimum of heat'. High controversial temperatures rage through the contributions of a reverend Presbyterian clergyman who opened the newspaper side of the discussion by trailing his coat-tails through the columns of the 'Herald'. Incidentally, we may remark that he 'fell in' rather badly over a fact of recent New Zealand ecclesiastical history. Our whole and sole concern at present with our Northern neighbors' bout of journalistic fisticuffs, however, centres in the rather precipitate Presbyterian divine's assertion that 'for many years there were two Popes excommunicating each other', and that one of the occupants of the papal chair 'was a woman'. The first statement refers to what is called the Great Schism of the West—when the children of Church in the West, although united in faith, were here and there profoundly divided in opinion as regarded the person who was the properly chosen and lawful Pope. It would be correct to state that there was, during that period of 'sturm und drang', a succession of legitimately appointed Popes who, one after the other, issued decrees of excommunication against anti-Popes—that is, against pretenders or false claim-

ants to the papal dignity. It would likewise be true to assert that the pretenders went through a form (which was null and void in canon law) of excommunicating the genuine occupants of St. Peter's chair. It was one of the scandals that (as the Saviour Himself foretold) 'must needs come'. There were in that trying time many who—from ignorance of the facts of the papal elections, or from the blindness of national or party feeling—were unable to decide which of two claimants was the properly chosen Pontiff. So, in 1872, there were many who could not determine who was the rightful owner of the Tichborne estates. There have been a few Arthur Ortons in papal as well as in English history. But nobody in England imagined that there were two eldest sons of Sir Alfred Joseph Tichborne. And nobody in the time of the Western Schism imagined—as does the writer referred to here—that there were two real Popes in Christendom at the same time fulminating excommunications against each other. A Perkin Warbeck or a Lambert Simnel does not become the lawful King of England by merely claiming royal blood and getting a partisan following to proclaim him any how.

It is somewhat of a surprise to come across, nowadays, a man of some education who believes the story of the female Pope. Like the story of the Popish Plot to burn down London, that curious myth may be deemed to have long since slithered down the descensus Averni mentioned by Macaulay—to have been abandoned by statesmen to aldermen, by aldermen to clergymen, by clergymen to old women, and by old women to Sir Harcourt Lees—that is, to the Orange lodge. And some of the best work done in exploding the myth has been put in by learned Protestant scholars. The alleged Popess had as many 'aliases' as a magsman or crib-cracker. She was (so runneth the legend) born in Mayence, and is variously named Agnes, Gilberta, Johanna, and Julia. She is said to have studied philosophy in the schools of Athens, disguised in male attire; to have taught theology in Rome; and (still masquerading successfully as a man) to have ascended the papal throne, under the title of John VIII., on the death of Leo IV. in 855; and to have reigned two years and a half. The story winds up with an account of her death upon the streets of Rome, under painful circumstances, while going in procession from her residence in the Vatican to the Lateran.

The story has about it the flavor of romance and novelty that ensured it a hearing, and, decked out as it was in the course of time with the gewgaws of an exuberant fancy, it attracted attention, caught a certain taste, and took its place in popular fiction. Quite a little literature has grown up around the fable. But nowadays no historian of repute would think of lifting it out of the region of myths and fables to which it has long ago been relegated. We refer the curious, who may desire to go a little more deeply into the details of this strange myth, to Doellinger's work (English translation), 'Fables Respecting the Popes in the Middle Ages' (New York, 1872, pp. 3-45 and 430-437), and (among other easily accessible sources) to Dr. Reuben Parsons' 'Studies in Church History' (New York, 1896, vol. ii, pp. 40-54). For the information of our Hawke's Bay readers, we give the following brief and summary statement in regard to the Pope Joan fable: (1) The story was not heard of for some hundreds of years after the death of the alleged Popess. Professor Philip Schaff, D.D. (of the Union Theological Seminary, New York), an authority of very considerable note among Presbyterians, says of the romance in his 'History of the Christian Church', vol. i, pp. 265-6 (New York, 1885):—

'The story is undoubtedly a mere fiction, and is so regarded by nearly all modern historians, Protestant as well as Roman Catholic. It is not mentioned till four hundred years later by Stephen, a French Dominican

(who died in 1261). It was unknown to Photius and the bitter Greek polemics of the ninth and tenth centuries, who would not have missed the opportunity to make use of it as an argument against the Papacy.

(2) The schools of Athens had died out as far back as the year 420, when Synesius wrote, and they had not been revived during the supposed student-life of Joan. (3) For many centuries (says Parsons, ii, p. 45) 'the custom had obtained of raising to the Papacy only a priest or deacon of the Roman Church'. In the circumstances, a stranger such as Joan is represented to be, would be about the last to be selected for that high dignity. (4) 'It is certain', says Parsons (vol. ii, pp. 45-6), on the authority of Onofrio Panvini, 'that the Popes did not commence to inhabit the Vatican before the reign of Boniface IX., who mounted the throne in 1389'. And finally, (5) to quote Schaff's 'History' again (vol. i, p. 266):—

'There is no gap in the election of the Popes between Leo and Benedict, who, according to contemporary historians, was canonically elected three days after the death of Leo IV. (which occurred July 17th, 855), or at all events in the same month, and consecrated two months after (Sept. 29th).'

This does not leave two years and a half—nor even (all things considered) two days and a half—for the fabled reign of the Popess Joan. In another work edited by the learned Protestant historian and divine last quoted, the Rev. G. Voigt, Ph.D. (Protestant) Professor of History in Leipzig, well describes the Pope Joan story as 'a fable which hardly anybody now believes' ('A Religious Encyclopædia', vol. ii, p. 1183, art. 'Joan, Pope'). Here we may leave the myth of the female Pope—to keep company with the stories of Sindbad the Sailor and Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.

An article containing a further investigation of 'Irish Outrages' is crowded out of this issue by the pressing demands upon our news columns.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGES

TRANSLATION OF IMPORTANT NEW DECREE

The following is a translation, by 'Rome,' of the important decree of the Congregation of the Council summarised in our last issue, which regards *sponsalia* (betrothals) and the valid and licit celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. This decree applies to the whole Church, and comes into force after next Easter:—

DECREE CONCERNING SPONSALIA AND MATRIMONY.

ISSUED BY THE SACRED CONGREGATION OF THE COUNCIL BY THE ORDER AND WITH THE AUTHORITY OF OUR HOLY FATHER POPE PIUS X.

The Council of Trent, *cap. I., Sess. XXIV., de reform. matrim.*, made prudent provision against the rash celebration of clandestine marriages, which the Church of God for most just reasons has always detested and forbidden, by decreeing: 'Those who otherwise than in the presence of the parish-priest himself or of another priest acting with the license of the parish-priest or of the Ordinary, and in the presence of two or three witnesses, shall attempt to contract matrimony, the Holy Synod renders them altogether incapable of contracting marriage thus, and decrees that contracts of this kind are null and void.'

But as the same Sacred Council prescribed that said Decree should be published in all the parishes and was not to have force except in those places in which it had been promulgated, it has happened that many places in which the publication has not been made have been deprived of the benefit of the Tridentine law, and are still without it, and continue to be subject to the doubts and inconveniences of the old discipline.

Nor has all difficulty been removed in those places where the new law has been in force. For often there has been

grave doubt in deciding as to the person of the parish-priest before whom a marriage is to be celebrated. The canonical discipline did indeed decide that he is to be regarded as the parish-priest in whose parish one or other of the contracting parties has his or her domicile or quasi-domicile. But as it is sometimes difficult to judge whether a quasi-domicile really exists in a specified case, not a few marriages were exposed to the danger of nullity; many, too, either owing to ignorance or fraud, have been found to be quite illegitimate and void.

These deplorable results have been seen to happen more frequently in our own time on account of the increased facility and celerity of intercommunication between the different countries, even those most widely separated. It has therefore seemed expedient to wise and learned men to introduce some change into the law regulating the form of the celebration of marriage, and a great many bishops in all parts of the world, but especially in the more populous states where the necessity appears more urgent, have petitioned the Holy See to this end.

It has been asked also by very many bishops in Europe, as well as by others in various regions, that provision should be made to prevent the inconveniences arising from *sponsalia*—that is, mutual promises of marriage, privately entered upon. For experience has sufficiently shown the many dangers of such *sponsalia*, first as being an incitement to sin and causing the deception of inexperienced girls, and afterwards giving rise to inextricable dissensions and disputes.

Influenced by these circumstances our Holy Father Pope Pius X., desiring, in the solicitude he bears for all the churches, to introduce some modifications with the object of removing these drawbacks and dangers, committed to the S. Congregation of the Council the task of examining into the matter and of proposing to himself the measures it should deem opportune.

He was pleased also to have the opinion of the commission appointed for the codification of Canon Law, as well as of the Eminent Cardinals chosen on this special commission for the preparation of the new code, by whom, as well as by the S. Congregation of the Council, frequent meetings have been held for this purpose. The opinions of all having been taken, His Holiness ordered the Sacred Congregation of the Council to issue a Decree containing the laws, approved by himself on sure knowledge and after mature deliberation, by which the discipline regarding *sponsalia* and marriage is to be regulated for the future, and the celebration of them carried out in a sure and orderly manner.

In execution, therefore, of the Apostolic mandate, the S. Congregation of the Council by these letters lays down and decrees what follows:

Concerning *Sponsalia*.

I. Only those are considered valid and produce canonical effects which have been contracted in writing signed by both the parties and by either the parish-priest or the Ordinary of the place, or at least by two witnesses.

In case one or both the parties be unable to write, this fact is to be noted in the document, and another witness is to be added who will sign the writing as above, with the parish-priest or the Ordinary of the place or the two witnesses.

II. Here and in the following articles, by parish-priest is to be understood not only a priest legitimately presiding over a parish canonically erected, but in regions where parishes are not canonically erected the priest to whom the care of souls has been legitimately entrusted in any specified district, and who is equivalent to a parish-priest; and in missions where the territory has not yet been perfectly divided, every priest generally deputed by the superior of the mission for the care of souls in any station.

Concerning Marriage.

III. Only those marriages are valid which are contracted before the parish-priest or the Ordinary of the place or a priest delegated by either of these, and at least two witnesses; according to the rules laid down in the following articles, and saving the exceptions mentioned under VII. and VIII.

IV. The parish-priest and the Ordinary of the place validly assist at a marriage:

i) only from the day they have taken possession of the benefice or entered upon their office, unless they have been by a public decree excommunicated by name or suspended from the office;

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ii) only within the limits of their territory, within which they assist validly at marriages not only of their own subjects, but also of those not subject to them;

iii) provided when invited and asked, and not compelled by violence or by grave fear, they demand and receive the consent of the contracting parties.

V. They assist licitly:

i) when they have legitimately ascertained the free state of the contracting parties, having duly complied with the conditions laid down by the law;

ii) when they have ascertained that one of the contracting parties has a domicile or at least has lived for a month in the place where the marriage takes place;

iii) if this condition be lacking, the parish-priest and the Ordinary of the place, to assist licitly at a marriage, require the permission of the parish-priest or the Ordinary of one of the contracting parties, unless it be a case of grave necessity, which excuses from this permission;

iv) concerning persons without fixed abode (*vagos*), except in case of necessity it is not lawful for a parish-priest to assist at their marriage until they report the matter to the Ordinary or to a priest delegated by him and obtain permission to assist;

v) in every case let it be held as the rule that the marriage is to be celebrated before the parish-priest of the bride, unless some just cause excuses from this.

VI. The parish-priest and the Ordinary of the place may grant permission to another priest, specified and certain, to assist at marriages within the limits of their district.

The delegated priest, in order to assist validly and licitly, is bound to observe the limits of his mandate and the rules laid down above, in IV. and V., for the parish-priest and the Ordinary of the place.

VII. When danger of death is imminent, and where the parish-priest or the Ordinary of the place or a priest delegated by either of these cannot be had, in order to provide for the relief of conscience and (should the case require it) for the legitimation of offspring, marriage may be contracted validly and licitly before any priest and two witnesses.

VIII. Should it happen that in any district the parish-priest or the Ordinary of the place or a priest delegated by either of them, before whom marriage can be celebrated, is not to be had, and that this condition of things has lasted for a month, marriage may be validly and licitly entered upon by the formal declaration of consent made by the spouses in the presence of two witnesses.

IX. i) After the celebration of a marriage the parish-priest or he who takes his place is to write at once in the book of marriages the names of the couple and of the witnesses, the place and day of the celebration of the marriage, and the other details, according to the method prescribed in the ritual books or by the Ordinary; and this even when another priest delegated either by the parish-priest himself or by the Ordinary has assisted at the marriage.

ii) Moreover, the parish-priest is to note also in the book of baptisms that the married person contracted marriage on such a day in his parish. If the married person has been baptised elsewhere, the parish-priest who has assisted at the marriage is to transmit, either directly or through the episcopal curia, the announcement of the marriage that has taken place to the parish-priest of the place where the person was baptised, in order that the marriage may be inscribed in the book of baptisms.

iii) Whenever a marriage is contracted in the manner described in VII. and VIII., the priest in the former case, the witnesses in the latter, are bound conjointly with the contracting parties to provide that the marriage be inscribed as soon as possible in the prescribed books.

X. Parish-priests who violate the rules thus far laid down are to be punished by their Ordinaries according to the nature and gravity of their transgression. Moreover, if they assist at the marriage of anybody in violation of the rules laid down in ii) and iii) of No. V., they are not to appropriate the stole-fees, but must remit them to the parish-priest of the contracting parties.

XI. i) The above laws are binding upon all persons baptised in the Catholic Church and on those who have been converted to it from heresy or schism (even when either the latter or the

former have fallen away afterwards from the Church) whenever they contract *sponsalia* or marriage with one another.

ii) The same laws are binding also on the same Catholics as above, if they contract *sponsalia* or marriage with non-Catholics, baptised or unbaptised, even after a dispensation has been obtained from the impediment *mixta religionis* or *disparitatis cultus*; unless the Holy See decree otherwise for some particular place or region.

iii) Non-Catholics, whether baptised or unbaptised, who contract among themselves, are nowhere bound to observe the Catholic form of *sponsalia* or marriage.

The present decree is to be held as legitimately published and promulgated by its transmission to the Ordinaries, and its provisions begin to have the force of law from the solemn feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, next year, 1908.

Meanwhile let all the Ordinaries of places see that this decree be made public as soon as possible, and explained in the different parochial churches of their dioceses in order that it may be known by all.

These presents are to have force by the special order of our Most Holy Father Pope Pius X., all things to the contrary, even those worthy of special mention to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Rome on the 2nd day of August in the year 1907.

† VINCENT Card. Bishop of Palestrina, *Prefect*.

C. DE LAI, *Secretary*.

St. Mary's Cathedral Building Fund, Wellington

The following circular letter has been issued to the clergy of the Archdiocese of Wellington by his Grace the Archbishop:—

Archbishop's House,

Wellington, September 28, 1907.

Reverend and Dear Father,

I desire to inform you that the annual meeting of parishioners to receive the annual report and balance sheet of the trustees of the above fund was held here on Sunday afternoon, the 15th inst. The report stated that although no special canvass for subscriptions had been made (except in one parish, viz., Thorndon) during the year ended 30th April, 1907, yet £486 3s 3d had been donated; this amount together with the rent from a portion of the Cathedral site in Buckle street, and the interest on invested funds brought the total receipts for the year up to £1243 9s 7d. The amount of the fund at the date of the meeting was reported to be £12,520. The meeting discussed at some length the question as to whether or not a start should soon be made with a portion of the Cathedral. It was eventually resolved that the trustees be directed to arrange with me to commence a portion of the building as soon as £15,000 was in hand. Great enthusiasm was manifested by those present in the undertaking and the successful management of the fund; several of the speakers said that seeing there was now a sum of £12,520 in hand, it ought not to be a very difficult task to obtain the balance of £2480 to bring the total up to the required £15,000. I informed the meeting that I had arranged for a collection to be made in every parish of the archdiocese by the end of the present year, and that I anticipated a very successful result therefrom.

As you are aware, Reverend and dear Father, this work of the Cathedral of the archdiocese is one which I have very much at heart, and it is my particular desire that I should see the foundation stone laid before very long, and the work of a portion at least of the building commenced.

I would therefore earnestly and personally urge you to make a special effort to ensure that the collection to be taken up in your parish be made a great success.

I am, Reverend and Dear Father,,

Yours faithfully,

✠ FRANCIS REDWOOD, S.M.,
Archbishop of Wellington.

The Rev. Martin Walsh, Gateshead, has been appointed to Ferrybank, Waterford, in succession to the late Rev. W. Delany; and Rev. J. Nolan has been transferred to Callan from the diocese of Newcastle and Hexham.

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CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE

LECTURE BY THE COADJUTOR - BISHOP OF HOBART.

(Continued from last week.)

The Anti-clerical Outbreak.

The elections were coming on; the friends of Monarchy were numerous in the existing Parliament; in fact, the Republican Constitution of 1875 had been carried by only one vote. Had the Comte de Chambord accepted the Tricolor he might have had the crown of France without the asking. The Republic was only yet in the experimental stage. Monarchists and Bonapartists were jealous of each other. I hardly think that either regarded the Republic as a permanent rival. Nearly all families of position were adherents of either the Monarchical or the Imperial regime. They owed their standing to the Bourbons and the Bonapartes respectively. Out of power, both those parties were apt to be demonstratively Catholic. When you hear of French Clericalism, remember that in the political sense it has had very little foundation outside of those families. Churchmen in France have been compelled by the concordat to efface themselves overmuch in public life. But behind the scenes at the time of which I now treat, there was another power—the Grand Orient, occult, sagacious, and, as we shall see, already meditating a coup d'état of its own. The Grand Orient is no more Republican than it is Monarchical. It coquets as readily with crowned heads as with demagogues. Nothing comes amiss to it in its pursuit of sovereign sway and of triumph over the Church. The attempt of the Seize Mai was seized on by Gambetta, and he made France ring with his war-shout, 'Clericalism is the enemy.' The elections went strongly in favor of Republicanism, and in the circumstances most of those Republicans were naturally, or had to be, anti-clerical. Early next year (1879) MacMahon resigned, and retired for good into private life. His successor, M. Grevy, did not go to Mass; nor has any of his successors ever since. They have not even ventured to pronounce the name of God in any of their official utterances. Yet they have all been Catholics, but in office they had to obey the occult power that placed them there.

Jules Ferry's School Laws.

Gambetta, Ferry, Paul Bert, and others, then of lesser note, but well known to-day, voiced the new anti-Catholic policy. Ferry asked Parliament for power to close the establishments of secondary education conducted by the Jesuits and kindred Orders. The Senate threw his Bill out; but with his Clause Seven he broke up 300 houses, evicting their occupants. He inaugurated a scheme of universal secular instruction for the primary schools, turning the religious teachers out of the public schools as quickly as it was possible to replace them. The education vote ran up by leaps and bounds. Training colleges were multiplied and made centres of 'lay'—that is, anti-religious—formation. In Belgium at the same time a violently irreligious policy was carried out by M. Frere Orban, who banished God and the Church from the public schools. The Belgian Catholics deserted his schools, and ran up their own over against them. In a few years they hurled him from power. The French Catholics, no less than the Belgians, were alarmed at the character of the 'lay' schools, especially since 1882, when the clergy were forbidden to give religious instruction there, even to the children of parents who expressly called for it. Hence, like the Belgians, they, too, encouraged the Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods to open schools of their own, and sent their children to them in multitudes, notwithstanding the pecuniary sacrifices it entailed. In 1900 there were over one million children in those unsupported schools taught by the religious congregations. They had as yet 624,304 in State schools, from which they were being turned out as quickly as they could be replaced. In all they had 1,681,870 children under their charge. For the same time attendance of students at the secondary and higher schools was 88,202 at State colleges, 67,882 at the Catholic colleges.

Crushing Taxation.

It is plain enough, then, that both the religious Orders and the Catholic parents were making a stubborn stand in behalf of their schools. In 1882 Jules Ferry conceived the idea of crushing the religious orders by imposing special taxation on them over and above that paid by ordinary citizens. He remodelled his plan in 1886. It was finally perfected in 1895.

They had to pay a special income tax. The property was assessed, and 5 per cent. taken as the income on this capital assessment, and on this reputed income they had to pay 4 per cent. Then there was a second tax on another account. Their property was held in mortmain. It did not pay succession duty. Hence, the reputed 'increase' had to be secured. The English Passionists in Paris, not being French subjects, objected to this exceptional taxation. Of course, their house and church were on French soil, and the case went against them. But that had hardly happened when M. Combes turned them out of house and church, confiscating both. Quite lately, at the instance of the English Ambassadors, the French Government have compensated them for their house and church and ground to the amount of £2,400. The English Ambassador believes it is a generous sum. What, then, shall we think of the general scheme of taxation on the property of the religious Orders since 1882, seeing that in a few years the arrears demanded of the Passionists for one of those multiple taxes amounted to £800—that is, a third of the capital value?

The Reactionaries.

But if the French imitated the Belgians in supporting private schools, why have they not likewise borrowed their tactics at the polls, and sent their persecutors to the shades of private life? The Belgians had only one question—the religious question. In France, unhappily, the religious question has been, and still is, complicated with the question of the Pretenders. Each faction has had its mouthpieces in Press and in Parliament. They remind one of the saying that God deprives of reason those He resolves to destroy. While each successive appeal to the electors ought to have convinced the most obtuse that the constituencies were determined to have no restoration of bygone regimes, those dynastic organs went on declaring morning after morning that they were going to 'choke the beggar,' the beggar being in their vocabulary the Republic.

Leo XIII's Instructions.

Those were bad tactics for them; they were ruinous for unoffending priests and Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods, who had no concern whatever with plots, real or bogus, to 'choke' anything. After such a lapse of time as sufficed to show unequivocally that the French people wished to abide by the Republic, Leo XIII. felt it incumbent on him to lift his voice against the false assumption that a good Catholic may not be a convinced Republican. He felt his way, for it was a delicate subject. But in his letter to the French people in 1892 he emphasised the fundamental principle that Catholicity was not bound to any form of political regime, and enjoined on French Catholics a frank, unreserved acceptance of the Republican constitution. He was thanked by President Faure. Men who had been vehemently anti-clerical welcomed his intervention, and declared that it meant the opening of a new era. But the Catholics, to whom his words were chiefly addressed—the reactionaries—took them with a bad grace. Very few journals changed their policy. 'The Univers,' always true to the Pope, at once embraced the 'Pontifical Directions,' as they have been styled; but half its staff quitted the office, and started a 'Catholic' paper, 'La Verite,' in opposition, carrying a large contingent of the subscribers with them.

The Dreyfus Affair.

Nevertheless, the bishops and clergy, by their tact and moderation and their unfeigned acquiescence in the advice given by the Pope, supported by a small, but increasing, body of men representative of the best French traditions, men like Comte de Mun, would steadily have disabused the popular mind of the calumny that true Clericalism had any evil design on the Republic. This was of all things what was dreaded by the Grand Orient.

(To be continued).

It is pleasing to note the progress the smaller towns of New Zealand are making in their efforts to keep pace with the times. Picton, leading with its exceptionally well-lighted streets and wharves, has proved an immense success. Johnsonville, Kaiapoi, and Geraldine, are now also following rapidly with their splendid Acetylene systems, which will supply the ratepayers with light and heat for all domestic purposes. The N.Z. Acetylene Gas Coy. (Ltd.) have submitted tenders for lighting several towns in Otago, and are quite confident that it is only a matter of a short time, when quite a number of our towns and townships will be lighted by this wonderful light....

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THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

A NEW HOME FOR THE AGED NEEDY

On December 8, 1904, was seen the realisation of a hope that had for a long time engaged the attention of his Lordship the Bishop of Dunedin—the opening of a home for the aged poor under the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The site of the home was at Anderson's Bay, and consisted of several acres of land, with a private residence. The residence was old and inconvenient in many respects for the work of the Order, but with some expenditure it was made to serve its purpose, until, as the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon said at the ceremony on Wednesday last of laying the foundation stone of a new home, the Sisters could prudently undertake the work of erecting more suitable premises. If the building was not all that could be desired, the land, on the other hand, was eminently suitable for such an institution. It is well sheltered from the prevailing winds, lies well to the sun, and commands a fine view of the harbor, the city and hills at the back, and of the ocean. The community started with one inmate in their home, now there are nearly twenty, this being the limit number they can accommodate at the present time. As the want of accommodation placed a limit to the usefulness and noble charity of the Sisters, it had been their most ardent wish for some time to commence the erection of a new home. Wednesday of last week—Labor Day—saw the commencement of the work, when the foundation stone of the new building was solemnly blessed and laid by the Right Rev. Dr. Ver-

don, that the good work would in a short time be brought to a favorable termination. The building would have accommodation for 70 inmates, and here the aged poor would find a happy home, in which, under the care of the good Sisters, they could end their days in peace and obtain that crowning blessing, a happy death. Some might ask who were the Little Sisters of the Poor and what were they doing? Sixty-seven years ago three pious ladies, moved with compassion for the sufferings of the homeless poor, formed the generous resolve to devote their lives to relieving the distressed. These worthy ladies had not worldly wealth to enable them to accomplish their pious design, but they generously resolved to obtain the means by the labor of their own hands, and to trust to the charity of others for the rest. Later on other ladies joined them, and in a short time they formed themselves into a society, which was approved by the Holy See and made a religious congregation. Since then God had blessed their work, and their success had been marvellous. There are at present 5435 Little Sisters of the Poor engaged in their charitable work in every part of the world. Since the establishment of the Order 2304 Sisters had died. The number of homes established up to the present time was 301, and the number of old people being cared for to-day was 44,914. During all these years of noble, glorious work, 228,426 of the aged poor had come under the care of the Sisters, and departed to a better world. The Sisters themselves were devoted to a life of true universal charity, which compassionated suffering humanity without regard to nationality or creed. They were willing to receive into their homes all nationalities, all creeds, and all denominations, and in turn they appealed to all for assist-



Front Elevation of New Home for the Aged and Infirm Poor, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, in charge of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

don, assisted by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., Rev. Fathers Cleary and Corcoran, and in the presence of a large assemblage of people, including all the local and visiting clergy from Mosgiel and Port Chalmers, the Mayor of Dunedin (Mr. J. Loudon), Mr. J. M. Galaway, the Rev. Mr. Fynes-Clinton (Anglican), and other non-Catholic sympathisers. Accompanying this report is a process book of the design of the central portion of the home; the wings are to be added later on when further accommodation is required.

The Ceremony.

At the conclusion of the blessing of the foundation stone his Lordship the Bishop, addressing those present, said that about three years ago they had welcomed the Little Sisters of the Poor to Dunedin, and established them in their new home at Anderson's Bay. During the short time that they had been here they had won golden opinions, and had gained the sympathy of all classes of the community by their zeal, earnestness, charity, and self-sacrificing devotion to duty. The temporary home then provided gave only limited accommodation, but by careful management they were able to provide for 18 or 20 aged poor. The Little Sisters of the Poor did not wish such limits to be placed to their charity, for they were often pained when obliged to refuse admission to the home of those they would have willingly received if the room had been at their disposal. From the very day the Sisters arrived in Dunedin they had been looking forward to the time when they might prudently commence the work of the new building. To-day they had laid the foundation stone of the new building, and he trusted, with God's help,

ance. Their homes were entirely supported by charity, and that charity had never failed them. It gave him very much pleasure to say that since the Little Sisters of the Poor came to Dunedin they had been treated with the utmost consideration by every class and denomination in the community, and they had received generous offerings from all denominations. They were deeply indebted to all who gave such assistance, and he (his Lordship) was greatly pleased to see members of other denominations present to encourage the Little Sisters of the Poor in their work by their presence and sympathy. He thanked the Mayor and other non-Catholic gentlemen who had come to their assistance on the occasion. His Lordship then called on the Mayor to address the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor said he was proud to be present to witness the laying of the foundation stone for such a noble work as that carried on by the Little Sisters of the Poor. Here his Worship quoted from William Penn and R. L. Stevenson on the merit of doing good to one's neighbor. Continuing, the Mayor said he took it that the object of the Little Sisters in their noble work was to make the aged happy. Sometimes the tragedy of someone being cut off in the bloom of youth was taken too seriously, but there was probably more tragedy in the life that had outgrown its usefulness and was doomed to pass a certain number of years without friends, joy, or consolation. This was the class of people that the Sisters hoped to benefit, and to enable them to pass their few declining years in comparative comfort and happiness. Anyone who was acquainted with the work carried on by the Sisters could not help being struck with

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the self-sacrificing nature of it. And as it was not confined to one denomination or creed, every member of the community should look upon the Sisters as benefactresses, and give what assistance they could. There was no doubt the work of the Sisters was of incalculable benefit, and deserved the warmest sympathy of all.

Mr. J. M. Gallaway expressed his pleasure at witnessing that day's ceremony. When he was present three years ago he had not expected that they would meet so soon again for such a good object. It was almost incredible that in so short a space of time such a step should be necessary, but the people of Dunedin were noted for their charity, and that, he thought, accounted in a measure for the success of the Little Sisters of the Poor. It had been stated that the Little Sisters of the Poor had been well and favorably received by all denominations here. He would be surprised if the contrary were the case. However they might differ on questions of theology there was the common ground of humanity on which they all could meet for the purpose of doing good to their fellow-creatures. In the heart of every man there was a feeling that he should do something for his fellow-men, and that a day might come when he himself would require charity. In conclusion he congratulated the Sisters on the success of their efforts, and he thought he could assure them that as long as the work was carried on they might be sure that members of all denominations would help them to the best of their ability.

At the conclusion of the addresses a collection was taken up, when the sum of £145 was received.

Style and Dimensions.

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 12.

His Grace the Archbishop left on Thursday for Feilding to assist the Very Rev. Dean Binsfeld in the ceremonies in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

During the week his Grace the Archbishop received advice from the Superior-General of the Marist Order that the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, of Waimate, had been appointed Marist Provincial for the Dominion.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy is at present visiting Ireland, and the Rev. Father Hickson is on his first visit to Rome. They are to leave for New Zealand by the 'Corinthia' on December 12.

The Rev. Father Holley, of Blenheim, arrived here on Tuesday and on Thursday began a canvass of the Thorndon parish in aid of the Cathedral fund. He will be engaged on this work for about a fortnight. In the meantime Father Tymons is relieving at Blenheim.

At the Sacred Heart Basilica on Wednesday Mr. Bernard Weybourne was married to Miss Jeannie Duignan. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., B.A., Rector of St. Patrick's College. The honeymoon is being spent in Auckland and Rotorua.

The third of a series of oratorios was given on Sunday evening in the Church of St. Mary of the Angels. The several hymns were so selected as to explain the great acts in the life of our Blessed Lady. A fine discourse on the Blessed Virgin was preached by the Rev. Father McCarthy, of St. Patrick's College.

On Thursday last at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, Miss Margaret Crombie, of Marion street, and fourth daughter of the late Mr. C. M. Crombie, formerly Commissioner of Taxes, was married to Mr. Charles Dovizac, of the local Public Health Department. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., assisted by the Rev. Fathers Hills and Kimbell. The honeymoon is being spent in Christchurch.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

October 11.

Mr. W. Holden, who has been conductor of St. Mary's church choir, for about 11 years, has resigned the position, and has been succeeded by Miss White.

The euchre match between the St. Mary's Catholic Club, and the members of the Caledonian Society, was played on Wednesday evening at Dustin's Rooms, and resulted in a victory for the latter. Euchre was followed by supper, after which, items were rendered by Messrs. Henderson, Gaffaney, Swan, Glubb, Thompson, Glasgow, McTavish, Nixon and Shalldhood. Pipe selections were played by Pipers Muirhead and Littlejohn.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Mary's Catholic Club was held at the Club Rooms on Monday night, Oct. 7, in the presence of a large gathering of members. Mr. J. R. Hunt (president) occupied the chair. The report for the half-year showed that the membership totalled 328, being an increase of 96 since April 1. The finances were reported to be in a sound condition, there being a credit balance of £93 3s. 9d. The balance of assets over liabilities was £139 9s. 10d. The various branches had been carried on with a fair amount of success, all showing a decided improvement for the period. It was noted, particularly, that the library and reading room were the centre of attraction to numerous members. The various social functions held, had proved decided successes, both from a social and a financial point of view, the large social hall being mainly responsible for this happy position. During the evening the winners of the recent senior and junior billiard tournaments (Messrs. Robinson and Cook) were presented with the prizes. An enlarged photograph of the late Mr. Charles Mark Wixcey (late conductor of the Club's musical branch) was hung on the walls for the first time, and was much admired. It was also mentioned, that efforts would be made to establish an amateur athletic branch, and a swimming branch shortly. After the half-yearly meeting closed, a special meeting (according to the statute) was held to consider the advisability of registering the Club, which, when the advantages were explained and after discussion, was unanimously agreed to by the members. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

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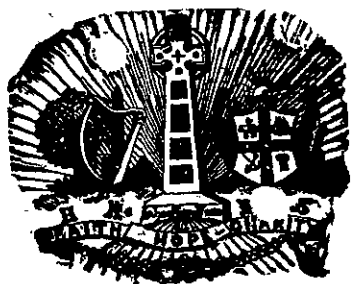
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Late Burnside Stock Report

Fat Cattle.—254 forward, only a small proportion of which were prime, the majority being made up of inferior and medium quality. Best cattle were sold at about last week's rates, but other sorts were considerably lower. Best bullocks, £11 to £12 17s 6d; good, £9 10s to £10 10s; medium, £8 10s to £8 10s; light, £4 15s to £6.

Sheep.—2284 penned. Prices for prime heavy wethers were about the same as last week, whilst medium and inferior sorts were about 1s per head lower. Best wethers, 26s to 28s (a pen of extra heavy brought 29s 9d); good, 22s to 24s; medium, 19s to 21.

Lambs.—46 penned. Best sorts brought from 21s to 22s 6d; good, 18s 6d to 20s; others, 16s to 18s.

Pigs.—There was a medium yarding. Prices were firmer for porkers and baconers. Suckers, 15s to 17s; porkers, 36s to 46s; light baconers, 46s to 59s; heavy do, 66s to 70s.

Balfour

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Oct. 12.

The annual concert and social, in aid of the Catholic Church funds, were held in the Town Hall, Balfour, on Friday evening, Oct. 11. Owing to the very inclement weather, the attendance was not as good as it might otherwise have been, nevertheless, the concert was a success, from every point of view, which must be very gratifying to the committee, Messrs. D. Shea, (chairman), P. J. Mulqueen (secretary), W. Condon, J. Giniyan, and Fitzgerald. The opening overture was very tastefully played by Misses Mulqueen and Grant. Mr. T. Holland (Gore) was very successful in his vocal items, as was Mr. Dawkins (Gore). Mr. J. H. Reid (Gore) in the first part of the programme sang 'The clang of the forge, and in the second was encored for his rendering of 'Granny's old arm chair.' Misses Mulqueen, Grant, and Cowie sang very pleasingly 'Little Gipsy Jane,' and in the second part 'Jack's little sister.' Miss O'Brien, of Gore, contributed 'Killarney' (encored) and 'Sing me to sleep,' both of which were warmly applauded. Mr. Bray gave some very good phonograph selections, which were well received. After the concert refreshments (kindly provided by the ladies of the district) were handed round.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 12.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral on Sunday from the last Mass until Vespers. The high altar was most tastefully decorated. In the evening there was a very large congregation, when his Lordship preached on the Rosary, in the course of which he gave an account of the origin and growth of this form of prayer. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed, in which the Children of Mary and the Guard of Honor took part.

Miss J. Rist, who has occupied the position of president of the St. Patrick's branch of the Society of the Children of Mary, was entertained by the members at the convent school on Sunday afternoon, when the director, the Rev. Father Murphy, on behalf of the sodality, presented Miss Rist with a marble clock as a small token of their appreciation of her efforts in the advancement of the society. The Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Adm., and Farthing were also present, and both referred to the success with which Miss Rist had filled the position of president. A musical programme was contributed as follows:—Pianoforte solos, Misses Fischer and M. Sheahan; vocal duet, Misses S. Miller and M. Sheahan; vocal solo, Miss C. Rist; pianoforte duet, Misses Robinson (2).

The following letter appeared in yesterday morning's 'New Zealand Herald' over the initials 'W.H.M.'—It is from the pen of one of our well known priests:—'In the cablegram in your issue of to-day in regard to the late Cardinal Svampa he is called a "Liberal," insinuating that he was at variance with the Pope. It is a malignant slander on the dead. Cardinal Svampa, whose acquaintance I had the honor of making in Rome, and meeting again at Bologna, was as ultramontane as Pius X. himself. He was a man of most charming personality, and in one sense was indeed a Liberal, and that was in his charity and almsgiving, to which the poor of Bologna would be the first to testify. In a politico-religious sense he was no more a Liberal than Pope Leo XIII., who, on account of his extraordinary talents, created him Cardinal at the early age of 43. On August 10 last, when the illustrious ecclesiastic lay dying, surrounded by his household, and conscious to the last, he made the customary 'profession of faith,' which implicitly excludes all those errors classed under the name of "Modernism." Because Cardinal Svampa showed marked courtesy to the King of Italy three years ago upon the visit of the latter to the old university city of the former Papal States, it was no indication of Liberal tendencies, for it was known shortly afterwards that the Archbishop acted so towards the King at the instigation of Pius X. In choosing Monsignor Della Chiesa, the Pope's Under-Secretary of State, as the successor of Cardinal Svampa, I suppose his Holiness thought that the name of the new Archbishop was sufficient guarantee that he would not be against the Church, but against so-called Modernism.'

Pleasant Point

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Rosary Sunday, a mission was opened in the Catholic Church, Pleasant Point, by the Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R. when there was a very large congregation.

The Masses and evening devotions during the week, were well attended. Unfortunately, during the early part of the week there was no moonlight, and this circumstance prevented many from outlying parts of the parish—some of whom had from twelve to sixteen miles to drive over difficult roads—from attending the evening devotions. The mission was brought to a close last Sunday evening. The church was crowded, many being obliged to stand. Father McDermott announced that, during the week, over 350 persons approached the Holy Table. After the sermon, he imparted the Papal blessing, and the ceremonies closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

A cable message was received on Wednesday to the effect that Dr. J. P. Hastings, of Dunedin, who recently went to England for the purpose of continuing his medical studies, has obtained the degree of M.R.C.S.

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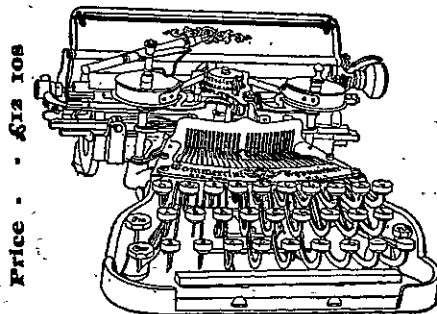
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Hibernian Society, Dunedin

The annual Communion of the members of St. Joseph's branch of the Hibernian Society, Dunedin, took place in St. Joseph's Cathedral at the nine o'clock Mass on Sunday, when about 120 members in regalia approached the Holy Table, in addition to which several received Holy Communion at the early Mass and also at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. The sight of so many men making public profession of their faith was most edifying, and gave a good example to the whole of the parish. His Lordship the Bishop who was celebrant of the Mass, in the course of his sermon expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large number of members of the Society present. The Society from its very beginning, said his Lordship, had always given a good example, and had always supported the Church. He could not speak too highly of the Society, and his greatest pleasure would be to see all the young men members of it, where they would be encouraged to practise their religion, to frequent the Sacraments, and to perform their other religious duties. It was one of the rules of the Society that the members should receive Holy Communion in a body, and thus make public profession of their faith. As a benefit society the members had temporal advantages, and were provided for in time of illness. Again he congratulated the members on the good example they had given, and he prayed that God would shower His grace upon them.

At the conclusion of Mass the members formed in procession and proceeded to St. Joseph's Hall, where the annual breakfast was laid. His Lordship the Bishop presided, having on his right Bros. Butler (president) and Saunders (vice-president), and on his left Bro. J. J. Marlow (P.P.), District Deputy, who represented the District Executive. Justice having been done to the excellent breakfast provided, Bro. Butler called upon Bro. Marlow to address the members.

Bro. Marlow, in response to the request of the president, dealt briefly with the history of the Society. In the first place he explained the significance of its name. It was founded as a benefit society, and as such it conferred on its members all the advantages of any other friendly society. Members and intending members could rest assured that its financial position was thoroughly sound. Their own branch alone had funds amounting to £2000. In the first place the Society was Catholic, and here only they made a limit to admission, for every candidate was asked if he were a practical Catholic. Unless candidates were prepared to make open profession of their faith the Society did not want them. In 1865 twelve Catholic young men in Melbourne formed themselves into a Catholic benefit society under the title of the St. Francis Catholic Benefit Society, which rapidly spread throughout the city. In Ballarat a similar society was formed, and another in Albury. As these three bodies had the same object in view, and were working on much the same principles, it was decided at a conference in 1872 to amalgamate the three under the designation of the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, with the approval of his Grace Archbishop Goold, who laid down two conditions, that the members should be practical Catholics, and that they should not belong to any secret society. During the last two years the Society had made rapid progress in Australasia, 3000 new members having joined, whilst £27,000 were added to the funds. In 1901 the Society was approached by the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America with the idea of affiliation. The A.O.H. was established about 200 years ago. That society has now a membership of 150,000, its increase of membership for three successive years being, 10,000, 12,000, and 25,000, and reaching as much as 15,000 in one quarter. The president writing some time ago said he expected in the near future the society to have a membership of a quarter of a million. The H.A.C.B. Society was now affiliated with this great American organisation. In concluding he asked the members to make the Dunedin branch what it ought to be, as not one-half of the Catholic young men in the city belonged to it. Every Catholic young man should be in their ranks, and instead of 250 members the branch should at least have a membership of 500.

Bro. T. J. Hussey spoke of the relations of the clergy to the Society, which were of the most cordial character. He referred to the great interest taken in the progress of the Society by his Lordship the Bishop, who had at all times advised the young men of the parish to become members. He paid a tribute to the work of the Rev. Father Coffey (chaplain) on behalf of the Society, and also to the Rev. Father Corcoran. On the other hand the members of the Society were always ready to co-operate with the clergy in any and every good work in the parish.

Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., said he was very pleased at the excellent attendance of the Society at the Cathedral that morning, when nearly 120 members approached the Holy Table, in addition to which were some who received Holy Communion in South Dunedin. Such a manifestation of their faith could not fail to benefit the Society. Some eight or nine years ago the branch had only a membership of 100, now it had 270 names on its books. Fully fifty more of the young men who had been at the nine o'clock Mass should belong to the Society. He had always found the members of the Society to be good practical Catholics. The members were always ready to assist when called upon by the clergy, and he trusted the Society would prosper and increase in membership.

Bro. J. B. Callan, jun., spoke of the Catholic press, making special mention of the 'N.Z. Tablet,' to which they were greatly indebted for the publicity it had given to the reports of the Society. The 'Tablet' had done much for the Hibernian Society, and the members in return should support it and extend its influence in every possible way.

Rev. Father Cleary replied.

Bro. O'Connor (secretary) announced that Mr. Marlow had been appointed District Deputy for Otago and Southland by the District Board, an announcement that was received with applause.

His Lordship the Bishop said he need scarcely assure the members of the great consolation it was to him to see so many men make public profession of their faith that morning by receiving Holy Communion. It was a great pleasure to him to assist at the present function. He took a great interest in the Society, and he thought it was of the utmost importance that all young men should be enrolled in Catholic societies, for by this means they would be encouraged to persevere, and would give a good example to those about them. He was glad to hear that the closest union existed between the priests and members of the Hibernian Society, and he hoped that union would always exist. The priests took the deepest interest in the success of anything connected with the congregation, and it was a great consolation and a great encouragement to know that the members of the congregation appreciated their efforts, and in return were prepared to help in any possible way. He was pleased to hear that the Hibernian Society was prospering, and he trusted it would continue to prosper, and so long as they were faithful to their rules they might be sure the Bishops and priests would take a great interest in the Society, and it would advance and in every possible way prosper and succeed.

Invercargill

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A branch of the Hibernian Society was opened in St. Mary's Club room, Invercargill, on Monday, October 7. The number present easily constituted a record for the opening of a branch of this Society. Bro. J. J. Marlow, District Deputy, presided. Forty-three members were initiated, and 60 candidates were nominated. The following officers were elected:—President, Bro. G. W. Woods; vice-president, Bro. J. Sims; secretary, Bro. G. McNamara; treasurer, Bro. J. Mulvey; warden, Bro. P. Scully; guardian, Bro. J. Shepherd; sick visitors, Bros. T. Trainor and F. Byrne; trustees, Bros. T. McGrath, T. Matheson, and J. McDonough; auditors, Bros. T. Trainor and F. Thorpy. It was arranged that the branch meet on Wednesday evenings, the first meeting to be held on October 23. The chairman, after installing the officers, spoke of the advantages to be derived from membership in a society that offered financial benefits second to none, and in addition to being a powerful Catholic organisation, it was a society speaking to the world on behalf of everything Irishmen hold dear. He said that they need have no fear of the future of an organisation which was founded on charity, nurtured by the patriotism of its members, and cared for by the Church whose children it was their glorious privilege to be.

The Rev. Father Delany, in a very eulogistic speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the District Deputy for the able and efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Bro. Marlow in reply said that the compliment was the other way about, as it was he who should thank the members for being allowed to assist at a ceremony that created a record for friendly societies in the Dominion. So far as he knew there had never been an instance of a friendly society opening a branch with a membership of more than one hundred. The success achieved was a tribute to the well-directed labors of the Rev. Father Delany and those connected with him in organising the meeting.

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IN MEMORIAM

BROUGH.—In fond and loving memory of my dear and only Son, Charles Patrick, who departed this life on October 17, 1906. So loved, so mourned.

It is not the tear at the moment shed,
When the cold earth has just been laid o'er him,
That can tell how beloved was the soul that's fled,
Or how deep in my heart I deplore him.
'Tis a tear through many a long day wept,
'Through a life, by his love all shaded—
'Tis the sad remembrance, fondly kept,
When all lighter griefs have faded.

Inserted by his loving mother, Mary.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

ERIN.—We are not in a position to give you the information you require.

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

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

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1907.

SOME POISONED PRINT



RANKLAND LEWIS once said of the serious and (occasionally) leaden books of his son George: 'I wish that George couldn't write, or that I couldn't read'. The same might well be said of two classes of authors and two classes of readers in New Zealand. We refer to the poisonous adventure-books of the 'Deadwood Dick' and 'Daring Dick's Dagger' type, and to the risky, or 'problem', or sex novel, or the high-spiced sensational romance, that plays upon the mind of the reader a havoc akin to that which dram-drinking plays upon the body. The world would indeed be the richer if the authors of these pernicious forms of fiction had not learned to write, or their readers never mastered the alphabet or caught the ken of the printed page. One of the uneasy symptoms of our time in New Zealand is the increased importation and the promiscuous exposure and sale of the sort of fiction—written by lost souls—that corrupts the minds and morals of boys and youths. A few months ago a gang of boys in the North Island, fired by the perusal of the coarse 'penny dreadful', armed themselves, took to the hills, and became amateur bush-rangers. Another sign of the times was pointed out in our news columns last week:—

'Among some books stolen by four boys who were before the Christchurch Court was a bundle of the "Deadwood Dick" type. Mr. V. G. Day, S.M., remarked that he was surprised that a reputable firm like the one from which the goods were stolen should stock such rubbish. Such reading matter was the means of instilling wrong ideas into the heads of youths, and led to offences being committed which would otherwise never have been dreamed of. He could not confiscate the "dreadfuls", but he would be very pleased to set fire to them if he could.'

The ease with which mere boys can steep their minds in this pestiferous stuff imposes a fresh obligation upon parents and teachers. And, in all the circumstances, it is, we think, about high time that the arm of the law should be stretched out to protect the minds of children from the foul contagion that is contained in the pages of some of this class of literature.

As regards the reading habits of adult habitues of our public circulating libraries, there are few in New Zealand better fitted to form an opinion than the cultured vice-president of the Dunedin Athenaeum. In February, 1906, we quoted from an interesting lecture of his to the following effect: That the chief demand is for fiction; that 89.3 per cent. of all the books

taken out of the Dunedin Athenaeum were novels; and, worse still, that 'the quality of some books which are in very great demand is of the poorest'. 'Compared with fiction', said Mr. Whitson, 'the circulation of books in other departments of literature is productive of sorrowful reflections'. The great mass of the novel-devouring public are finical about their tea and beer and beef, and tobacco. But they seem to have no standard by which to judge of the quality of the printed stuff on which they feast. For many of those more particularly referred to here, novel-reading is not so much a recreation as a passion—something akin to the taste of toppers for fiery waters, or of Anglo-Indians for red-hot condiments. As matters stand, the Carnegie libraries, as to their circulating side, are very likely to be chiefly devoted to the spread of a class of sensational, risky, or namby-pamby fiction that the world could very well go without. If this is to be the chief result of his benefactions, the money would have been better sunk in the sea a thousand fathoms deep, or in a repetition of the Laputan experiments for extracting sunbeams from cucumbers.

Notes

A Question of Creed

A Wellington inquirer writes: 'To settle a dispute, will you kindly state in the "Tablet" to what religion M. Clemenceau, the French Premier, belongs?' The answer is soon given: He belongs to none and dislikes all. Here are some particulars in point from the April number of the 'Nineteenth Century and After':—

'M. Clemenceau is the son of a Vendean doctor, who carried his hostility against religion so far that he never allowed his children to be christened. . . . When George Clemenceau arrived in Paris in 1862, to proceed with his medical studies, he was already both a Revolutionist and an atheist. . . . He hates Christianity, he hates God.'

Some Drug Exposures

The 'Otago Daily Times' of Monday summarises the evidence given by Dr. Cahill (Wellington) before the Select Committee which had the Quackery Prevention Bill under consideration. Dr. Cahill had been questioned as to the worthless class of 'medicines and drugs infernal' with which people persist in loading their over-wrought digestive machinery. And this is how our local morning contemporary sums up 'one or two striking examples' in point:—

'There was a remedy for obesity. It was retailed at 6s. The intrinsic value was 2d. An anti-fat cure was the same. A kidney cure cost 1s; the real value of a bottle was one-thirty-fifth of a penny, and the pilules consisted of ordinary white sugar. A certain make of pills were, he said, sold wholesale to chemists at £1 7s a dozen boxes, containing about two and a half gross of pills. They are made for 1s 6d a gross. They are sold readily, said Dr. Cahill, at 2s 6d a box, and the unfortunate poor girls who suffer mostly from anaemia, and are employed in shops, are deluded by the advertisements to purchase these pills at an exorbitant price. What is sold wholesale at 27s could be sold over the counter at 2s 6d a gross with a very fair profit. As to drugs which are absolutely harmful, Dr. Cahill stated that they were mostly liquids, and the sale depends largely upon the amount of alcohol they contain.'

We hope that all concerned will read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest, not the nostrums, but the lesson that the Doctor's evidence conveys.

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DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Lieutenant D. S. Columb of the Hibernian Cadets has received intimation that he has been successful in the officers' examination.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., the anniversary Requiem of the late Rev. John Ryan took place in Queens-town. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Father Hunt; deacon, Rev. Father Murphy; subdeacon, Rev. Father Delany; master of ceremonies, Very Rev. P. O'Donnell. There were also present Rev. Father O'Neill (Winton) and Rev. Father O'Donnell (Queens-town).

At the recent distribution of prizes in connection with Trinity College Practical and Theoretical examinations, held in 1906, three out of the seventeen successful candidates presented by the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, secured prizes, being among the number who gained highest marks. The following are the names: Reby Roy, Emily McAnnelly, Agnes A. Brown.

The Hibernian Defence Cadets paraded on Thursday, October 3, for inspection by Colonel Davies, C.B., Inspector-General. There were present Captain Hussey, Lieutenants Callan and Columb, and 34 rank and file. The officers and non-commissioned officers were tested in various duties and exercises, and showed that they were well grounded in them. All movements were performed with precision and in a manner which reflected great credit on the officers. Colonel Davies complimented the corps on its smartness and general efficiency, and exhorted all ranks to maintain the interest in their work, and strive to attain a higher standard of excellence. He regretted that the weather did not permit of an outdoor inspection, which offered more scope than one held in the necessarily confined space of a drill-hall.

On last Monday evening a social gathering took place at the Christian Brothers' gymnasium, to celebrate in a fitting manner the successes won on the athletic field during the past year. Rev. Father Cleary presided. The ex-pupils were represented by Messrs. J. B. Callan, jun., B.A., LL.B., and T. J. Hussey. The medals won on the athletic, football, and cricket fields were on display, and were a sufficient index of the success of the boys. But the most important trophies presented were the four gold medals and beautiful shield, won at the International Exhibition, for the schools' championship of New Zealand. The shield is a fine piece of workmanship, and remains the property of the school. After the distribution of prizes, and presentations to Messrs. W. Banks and D. Corcoran for the interest taken by these gentlemen in school cricket and athletics respectively, Rev. Father Cleary complimented the boys in an appropriate speech, after which they were entertained at supper by the committee.

THE NEW MARIST PROVINCIAL

VERY REV DEAN REGNAULT, S.M.

News was received by cable last week from Belgium that the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., of Waimate, had been appointed Provincial of the Marist Fathers in New Zealand in succession to the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M.

The Very Rev. Dean Regnault was born in Brittany (France) in 1856, studied in the preparatory colleges of St. Meen and Plouguerneel, made his course of philosophy in the great seminary of St. Brieuc, and was for a time professor in the colleges of Senlis and Montlucon. Later on he went to Ireland and studied theology in the Marist Colleges at Dublin and Dundalk. Dean Regnault came to New Zealand in January, 1886, and was appointed to Waimate in 1889. The new Provincial, who is extremely popular in Canterbury, is well versed in Irish history, is a ready, fluent, and effective speaker, and as a writer expresses himself (as our columns have occasionally borne testimony) in picturesque and facile English. He is an ardent admirer of New Zealand—the country of his adoption, has become a New Zealander of the New Zealanders, and has at all times been ready to take part in any movement having for its object the welfare of the people, irrespective of class or creed.

Dean Regnault is just now engaged in making preparations for the erection of a new church in Waimate, having signed only a few days ago a contract for the building, which will cost about £4000.

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DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

October 14.

At St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, on Sunday, Gounod's 'Messe Solennelle' was very capably rendered by the choir, ably assisted by that talented vocalist, Mrs. Irvine (nee Miss Rose Blaney).

His Lordship the Bishop at the Cathedral on Sunday evening gave the fifth of his learned and impressive discourses on the 'Relations of the Creator to the creature'. It is pleasing to observe that not a few non-Catholics listen with much interest to these enlightening discourses of his Lordship.

After twenty-one years continuously as Superior of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Mount Magdala the Rev. Mother St. Euphrasia left for Melbourne last week, having been recalled to Abbotsford, and is replaced at Mount Magdala by her late assistant, the Rev. Mother St. Aidan, who is to be installed to-day (Monday) by his Lordship the Bishop. The departing Rev. Mother has, during this long course of years, seen the institution in this city's vicinity rise from the smallest of beginnings to its present magnificent proportions, and aided effectively its marvellous development. Visitors to Mount Magdala were always assured of the kindest greeting and warmest welcome at the hands of the departing Rev. Mother, whose personality will be greatly missed.

It is always pleasing to note any display of exceptional ability on the part of our young Catholic girls, especially when such progress is traceable to efficient tuition and diligent study. In this connection I observe in a local weekly the following: 'There is a good deal of unsuspected talent among us, it seems, and I hear that Rima Young, a youthful sister of Miss Katie Young, the well-known pianist, promises to even surpass her sister as a piano player.' Little Rima Young had the distinction by special invitation of playing before her Excellency Lady Plunket last week in company with the child violinist, Florence Scapens, and shared in the sincerely expressed congratulations of her Ladyship. Similarly at a performance of the child violinist before musical critics and others, the following complimentary notice was earned: 'An interesting feature in connection with the trial yesterday was that the accompaniments were played—and played most artistically—by another clever and promising young musician, Rima Young.'

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

October 7.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, of Christchurch, will visit Ashburton on Sunday next, when an appeal to the parishioners will be made on behalf of the Cathedral fund.

I regret to report that Mr. M. Moriarty, sen., an old resident of Ashburton, and a highly respected Catholic, has decided to leave here to take up land in Hawke's Bay.

Mr. Leo Madden, hon. secretary of the Catholic Club, has been transferred to the Christchurch office of Dalgety and Co. Mr. Madden has always taken a lively interest in the club, and will be greatly missed.

A large number of members of the Catholic Club approached the Holy Table on Sunday morning. The Children of Mary also attended in good numbers, the sight of so many young people attending in a body being very edifying.

The ninth annual general meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Club was held in the clubroom on October 1. Mr. S. Madden was in the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The annual report and balance sheet were adopted. The report stated that the club was in a very satisfactory condition, showing a balance of assets over liabilities of nearly £80, while the balance sheet showed a credit balance of £7 17s 11d. Special reference was made to the keen interest taken in the club's affairs by the Rev. Father McDonnell. Fifteen new members were elected during the year, and the club lost some valued members through their departure from the district. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. T. O'Carroll; vice-president, Mr. S. Madden; treasurer, Rev. Father McDonnell; hon. secretary, Mr. Jas. Lennon; council, Messrs. D. McDonnell, F. Pritchard, F. K. Cooper, W. Cunningham, and F. Brophy; auditors, Messrs. T. Adams and Joseph Murphy. General satisfaction was expressed at the club's sound position in every way, and a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers closed a most successful meeting.

Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

October 12.

The many friends of the Rev. Mother of St. Bride's Convent will be pleased to hear that she is progressing very favourably after her serious illness.

Miss M. E. Power, of Mauriceville, has received from the N. Z. Exhibition authorities, a handsome gold medal which she won for legibility and accuracy in shorthand.

At the last meeting of the Hibernian Society, Bro. O. O'Sullivan was presented by the branch with a framed past president's emblem of the Society. The President, in making the presentation, referred to the the good work done by Bro. O'Sullivan, during his term as president.

Mr. Moriarty, the representative of the 'Tablet' has been busily engaged this week in working up a good circulation for the paper in this district. In order to assist in this worthy work, the Rev. Father Kelly took the opportunity last Sunday of addressing the congregation upon the great advantages that were to be derived from reading good literature, and said that Catholics could not do better than subscribe to such an excellent paper as the 'N.Z. Tablet'.

Hawera

(From our own correspondent.)

October 5.

Last week a very successful social was held in aid of the parish school debt, under the management of Mrs. McCalman, when the sum of £12 10s. was netted.

The practical examinations, under the auspices of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and the R.C.M., were held here during the week. The following is a list of successful candidates presented by the Sisters of St. Joseph:—Local Centre.—Advanced grade—M. A. Middleton (Opunake), 104. School examinations.—Higher—B. O'Sullivan, 103. Lower—K. Cullinan, 122; M. O'Donnell, 118; Mary Bartlett, 115; Maggie Gallagher, 113; Annie Bartlett and Mary Gallagher, 111; N. Roche, 109; Annie Dolan, 108; G. Foden, 101. Elementary—M. Fennell, 130; I. Purser, 128; P. Thurston, 124; L. Hird, 120; L. Smith, 119; K. O'Donnell, 114; A. Foden, 113. Primary—M. Barry, 122; R. Read (Opunake), 117; V. Cantle (Opunake), 113; D. Jefferies (Opunake), 111.

Napier

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

October 14.

The following pupils presented by the Hastings Convent were successful in passing the musical examination—Elementary—Flo. Fitzgerald, Grace McIvor. Lower—Audrey Cole. Primary—Bernie Fitzgerald (presented by the convent, Napier), Rose McKay.

The Catholic social held last week by the Catholic young ladies proved a great success, and reflected great credit on the secretaries, Mrs. J. P. Mahoney and Miss Vickers.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Patrick's church, Waipawa, last Monday by the Rev. Father Johnson, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Coe, eldest daughter of Mr. John Coe, and Mr. A. G. Allen, of Wairoa. The bride, who wore a pretty dress of white silk and a beautiful wreath and veil, was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister, Miss Katie Coe, as bridesmaid. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Edward Coe as best man. After the ceremony a large number of friends and relatives sat down to the wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents. The happy couple left in the afternoon for Wairoa, where their future home is to be. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Coe entertained a large number of friends at their residence.

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Silver Jubilee of the Dominican Nuns, Oamaru

(From an occasional correspondent.)

October 7.

Last Sunday being the silver jubilee of the advent of the Dominican nuns to Oamaru, the event was deemed opportune by the Catholic community to mark the occasion by giving tangible expression to the esteem in which the good Sisters are held by their co-religionists, and by the people of North Otago generally. An energetic committee had therefore been called into existence, and had been working to good purpose for some time past. Their labors culminated on Sunday at the Convent, Reed street, by a presentation to the Rev. Mother of a cheque for £300. All members of the committee were present. By the thoughtfulness of the Sisters a lunch was laid in the refectory of the boarding department. The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay presided, and the Rev. Father O'Neill was also present.

The lunch over, the chairman of the committee, Mr. O'Grady, made the presentation. In his remarks he dwelt on the great esteem in which the good Sisters are held by all classes in North Otago. This was fully testified by the readiness and generosity with which they had contributed to the presentation. He expressed the gratitude of himself and of the parishioners to the Rev. Mother and the good Sisters for the great blessings they had brought to the families of the parish by the sound religious teaching they were imparting to the children. He then called upon Mr. Cooney, the treasurer of the fund, to present the parishioners' offering.

Mr. Cooney expressed the great gratification he felt in being made the medium by which this offering had been made to the good Sisters. Although they were offering a creditable sum, it would doubtless be considerably greater had the past season been more favorable. He, however, assured the good Sisters that the most ready response had been shown by all from whom contributions had been solicited.

Mr. Duggan said that it gave him the utmost satisfaction to find that the labors of the good nuns had been so appreciated by the people of Oamaru, for to his mind the great work of the devoted Sisters was not always recognised and supported in the manner it deserved. He had the fullest opportunity of knowing what had been done and what is being done by the Sisters in the Oamaru schools. The Dominican Nuns in their midst were upholding the traditions of their great Order, and when he said so much nothing further need be said. He assured those present that no monetary offering could adequately recompense the good Sisters for the true, full education—the training of the mind and heart—which the girls of Oamaru were receiving. For his own part he would be for ever grateful to the Dominican nuns for what they had done for his family.

Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay responded on behalf of the Rev. Mother. He said that he knew that the Rev. Mother and the Sisters were grateful for the expressions of good will and the tangible offering which accompanied them. When the scarcity of money, consequent on the drought of last season, was considered, the offering was a most generous one. The work of twenty-five years, as shown by their magnificent buildings and beautiful grounds, justified them, no doubt, in looking with pride upon the fruits of those labors; but the greatest and most enduring work was the sound Christian education which the children were receiving. This was the work to which the lives of the good nuns were consecrated, and those parents upon whose children these blessings were bestowed had cause to be grateful indeed. He hoped that advantage would be taken of the great opportunities their schools offered, and that the near future would see all their boarding accommodation taxed to its full capacity. Monsignor Mackay then, on behalf of those present, offered their warmest felicitations to the Rev. Mother and the Sisters, and expressed fervent wishes for their good health, and long lives of continued usefulness.

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Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

Oct. 14.

What would, under favourable conditions, prove a most enjoyable evening at the Catholic Club, on the evening of Oct. 4 was interfered with, by the inclemency of the weather. A fancy-dress euchre party—ladies versus gentlemen—had been arranged, and much enthusiasm was evinced in the event. On the night in question, however, the weather was wet and boisterous, and the attendance naturally suffered in consequence. Between thirty and forty ladies and gentlemen assembled and some of the costumes were distinctly original and attractive. The ladies proved victorious at euchre. An acceptable supper was handed round, after which a musical programme was gone through, all the items being well received.

A dramatic entertainment in aid of the Catholic Club was given in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening, Oct. 2. Mr. J. T. Mulvihill and his assistants provided the greater part of the amusement, staging two bright little comedies. The hall was comfortably filled, and the audience showed its appreciation of the entertainment, by frequent applause. The characters were all well sustained, and were filled by Club members, assisted by Misses S. Cooney and C. Donovan. A programme of vocal and instrumental items was given between the two pieces, and this proved highly acceptable. Great credit is due to Mr. Mulvihill for the excellent entertainment provided by him and his supporters, and to him the Club's thanks are due.

Next Sunday, Oct. 20, the members of the Catholic Club will approach the Holy Table in a body.

A two weeks' mission was commenced at St. Patrick's Basilica yesterday morning by the Very Rev. Father Clune. Large congregations were present in the morning, and the large church was crowded again in the evening.

A debate on the labor laws of New Zealand, took place at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday evening, Oct. 11. The question for discussion was as follows:—'Are the labour laws of New Zealand beneficial to employer and employee?' Mr. J. Molloy led the affirmative side, and Mr. F. Cooney was leader for the negative. An interesting discussion ensued, many good speeches being made. Those who took the affirmative side were declared the winners.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

Oct. 8.

Rev. Father McDermott commenced a mission at Pleasant Point on Sunday.

Very Rev. Father Clune left here on Monday, for Kurow, where he opened a mission on Tuesday.

The mission conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers was brought to a close in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday evening when the Very Rev. Father Clune preached. He spoke in glowing terms of the manner in which the Temuka people had taken advantage of the mission. It was a beautiful sight at the 8 o'clock Mass to see such a large number of men approach the Holy Table, many of whom were members of the Catholic Club. The members of the Confraternity of the Children of Mary, a society which has received a considerable accession of members through the exertions of Father Clune, also received Holy Communion. In his farewell address, Father Clune exhorted the congregation to keep faithful to the resolutions they had made during the mission. He took occasion to thank Father Kerley for inviting them to Temuka, the Sisters of St. Joseph for decorating the altars, the choir, the altar boys. Rev. Father Kerley thanked Father Clune, and Father McDermott on behalf of Father Goggan, the congregation, and himself, and congratulated them on the good work, they had done for the people of Temuka.

Oct. 13.

Rev. Father Goggan returned to Temuka on Friday, from Hanmer Springs, where he has been for the last fortnight.

A very successful mission preached by the Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., at Pleasant Point, was brought to a close on Sunday last.

The weekly meeting of the Temuka Catholic Club was held on Tuesday evening last, Mr. J. Barry presiding. The programme was a lecture by Dr. Crawshaw, who gave a very interesting and instructive address on the heart. At the conclusion, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. T. Knight, seconded by Mr. Z. Berli.

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Irish News

ANTRIM—A New Church

Owing to the largely increasing Catholic population in the Ballyhackamore district of Belfast, it has been found necessary to build a new church, and on August 24, in the midst of a large assembly of parishioners and friends, the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new church of St. Columbkille, Knock, was performed by his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor.

DOWN—The last Members of a Catholic Family

At Holywood, County Down, on Sunday, August 25, the deaths occurred of Dr. Murney and his sister, Miss Isabella Murney, within a few hours of each other. Both had attained an advanced age. Dr. Murney was 25 years ago one of the leading physicians in Belfast. Miss Murney had always been identified with charitable work in Belfast and Holywood. They were the last members of one of the oldest Catholic families in Ulster.

DUBLIN—The Parnell Statue

Mr. Redmond, in a press interview, has declared that the Parnell statue, by St. Gaudens, which is to be erected in Dublin, is a perfect realisation of Parnell's appearance, and a work of art second to none in Europe.

The Horse Show

The annual national exhibition, known as the Horse Show, was held this year under the most favorable conditions, the weather being perfect. The attendance was between 50,000 and 60,000, and included visitors not alone from all parts of the United Kingdom, but also from Italy, Austria, Germany, France, Belgium. The exhibition of horses was for number and quality equal, if not superior, to any yet seen at this favorite show.

Death of a Jesuit Father

A wide circle of friends (says the 'Freeman's Journal') will bear with deep regret the announcement of Father Dalton's death, which occurred at 1 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, August 21. He had completed his eighty-first year three months ago, having been born at Waterford on May 4, 1826. He was educated at Clongowes College, and when 19 years old he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus, in which his brother Joseph preceded him by nine years, as he had exactly the same start of him in life itself. About the same time two sisters became nuns in the Presentation Convent at Maynooth. For twenty years Father James Dalton was a devoted and beloved master at Clongowes and Belvedere, forming friendships with his pupils which lasted through life. For more than twenty years he labored zealously at St. Francis Xavier's, Gardiner street, Dublin, the house in which he has just died. For some years, indeed, his work had been almost confined to patient suffering. He bore his tedious martyrdom with great courage and cheerfulness, trying to help till the end those who continually appealed to his charity, knowing of old the tenderness of his heart and his eagerness to aid those in trouble. He was a man of very refined taste, and a singularly faithful and devoted friend; and his memory will long be cherished tenderly by all who had the privilege of knowing him intimately.

FERMANAGH—Church Dedicated

The beautiful new Church of the Holy Cross, Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh, was dedicated on August 18 by Right Rev. Mgr. Smollen, P.P., V.G., Dean of Clogher, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of the diocese, Most Rev. Dr. Owens. The preacher on the occasion was the Very Rev. Father Malachy, G.P., Ardoyne, Belfast, who delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon.

KERRY—Tribute to a Priest

On the evening of August 21 a very large meeting of the inhabitants of Killarney was held in the U.D.C. Office, Mr. D. M. Moriarty, chairman Kerry County Council, presiding, for the purpose of presenting an illuminated address to the Rev. C. J. Brennan, who has been promoted to the parish of Tralee.

Neglected Industries

In the recent notes on flax-growing in the South (writes a Kerryman in the 'Freeman's Journal') no reference was made to a mixed textile used for sheeting which was made in this county. It was made just like plain poplin, except that the warp was of linen,

not silk, thread. The shuttle thread or woof, that ran from side to side of the fabric, was of wool. The woollen thread did not show at all; the fine linen threads covered it completely, and, on an outside view, it appeared to be a thick heavy linen cloth. It made a very warm bed covering on winter nights. The flax and wool threads were both homespun, and the sheets were woven on the old linen handlooms. I have not myself known it to be used for anything else except sheeting, though it is strange if it was not made into clothing also. Our correspondent remembers when the Kerry women spun sewing thread—housewife thread. He points out that many trades and employments depended upon flax-growing and spinning and weaving. The clothing and making-up trades flourished at that time, as a direct consequence, of course; but carpentry, wheelwrights, and other trades, also benefited indirectly from it.

LIMERICK—An Appreciation

Rev. W. Casey was on August 25 presented with an address from those tenants on the Ellis estate, Abbeyfeale, who had been under threat of eviction, but whose cases, on the intervention of Father Casey, had been settled through the Estates Commissioners.

A Centenarian

The death has occurred at Athea, County Limerick, of Mrs. Sullivan, who had attained the age of 101 years. She enjoyed splendid health almost down to near the end, and was able to go to Mass up to April last.

Prison Converted into a Factory

Owing to the Government not requiring it any longer the old city prison has been leased to Mr. Thomas Geary, who will use it as a biscuit factory.

LONGFORD—Parliamentary Representative

Mr. John Phillips, a veteran local Nationalist, was selected as Parliamentary candidate for South Longford, at a Nationalist Convention held in the Temperance Hall, Longford, under the presidency of Mr. J. P. Farrell, M.P. The only other candidate was Mr. Patrick McKenna, also a local man, who is still in his twenties. Mr. Phillips signed the Party pledge, and said that South Longford, by its action that day, had laid down the principle of rewarding long and faithful service in the National cause. He was not much of a speaker, and thought he would best serve the interests of his constituents by voting in every division possible with Mr. Redmond and the Irish Party.

MEATH—Home Industries

At a recent meeting of the Navan Board of Guardians a letter was read from Mrs. Sylvia P. Everard, Randlestown, President County Meath Home Industries Society, in reply to remarks made at the last meeting of the Board as to the promotion of home industries in the county. Mrs. Everard wrote: 'It seems incomprehensible to me that the members of your Board should profess to be ignorant of the existence of the County Meath Home Industries Society, which was started nearly ten years ago for the purpose of giving employment to the women and girls living at home, in their spare time, and thereby teach them the value of self-help. We have taught, and are teaching, several hundred girls in various branches of work, such as crochet, Carrickmacross and Limerick laces, drawn work, hand-knitting, etc. We started a crochet lace class in Navan in 1901, but had to close it owing to the difficulty of getting a sufficient number of girls to attend. We have paid out several thousand pounds in wages since our society was established. We have customers all over the world, and, having always insisted that nothing but first-class work should be sent out, the name of the County Meath Home Industries is a guarantee for the quality of the work. The society is worked on co-operative principles, and the workers receive the entire net profits, after providing for an adequate reserve.' Concluding, Mrs. Everard said 'a visit to their depot would be an object lesson as to what Meath girls could do.'

TIPPERARY—A Priest Passes Away

The death of the Rev. E. Kenrick, pastor of the united parishes of Borrisoleigh and Leigh, took place on August 19, at the age of 67 years. The deceased was a member of an old and highly respected family in the parish of Fethard. After his ordination to the priesthood he was stationed for a time at Templemore. During that time he took a prominent part in the building of the Church of the Sacred Heart there. The late Dr. Croke promoted him from Templemore to the curacy of the city of Cashel, and next appointed him parish priest of Borrisoleigh and Leigh in 1889.

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GENERAL

Land Purchase Operations

The Report of the Estates Commissioners for the year ending March 31 last has been laid before Parliament. It states that under the Land Act of 1903 applications were lodged for advances with regard to direct sales of 1080 estates during the year, making a total since the act came into operation of 4555, representing a total purchase money of £41,197,682.

Prison Statistics

The number of prisoners committed in Ireland in 1906 was 31,866, and the daily average in custody 2541—a decrease of 873 in commitments, and of 60 in the daily average, as compared with the previous year. Eight children under twelve years of age were dealt with during the year, and, in addition, the Governor of Mountjoy Prison calls special attention to the cases of four juveniles, aged between fourteen and fifteen, who were committed to his custody during the year, two of them for playing football in the street, and the other two for bathing in the public view, the sentence in each case being a shilling fine, or four days' imprisonment. Ninety-seven prisoners were committed as debtors, or under civil process, during the year, being an increase of 22 on the previous year.

The Fontenoy Memorial

An impressive ceremony took place in Fontenoy on August 25, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Irish monument commemorating the gallantry of the Irish Brigade at the battle of Fontenoy on April 28, 1745. The special train brought a party of 200 Irish visitors, under the conduct of Mr. J. P. Nannetti, M.P., Lord Mayor of Dublin, and Mr. R. Barry O'Brien. An enormous crowd had gathered to receive the party, which included many ladies. The Communal Secretary welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Communal authorities, and thanked the members of the committee for the erection of the monument. Mr. Walsh, on behalf of Mr. Nannetti, thanked the people of Fontenoy for the sympathetic reception accorded to the Irish visitors. The monument, he said, was a memorial of an event which constituted a crisis in the history of England and of Ireland. A procession was then formed, and proceeded to the site of the monument, which is in the form of a Celtic cross. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mr. Nannetti. Mr. O'Brien delivered a patriotic address in Gaelic, and Mr. Walsh thanked the people for the manifestation of their sympathy with Ireland. A resident of Antioch, a village near the battlefield, made a speech on the character of the celebration, declaring it to be at once patriotic and Catholic. The men of the Irish Brigade were equally heroic and pious, attached to their faith as to their country. The greatest enthusiasm marked the proceedings throughout. The ceremony was followed by a fete in honor of the Irish visitors.

The Landlords' Party

The most cursory glance at the list of the names of the 'noble lords,' who are proposers of amendments to the Evicted Tenants Bill (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), will prove the truth of the estimate of the late Lord Salisbury. When speaking in the House of Lords on March 18, 1888, he said in an interval of candor:—'We belong too much to one class, and the consequence is that with respect to a large number of questions we are too much of one mind. Now that is a fact which appears to me to be injurious to the character of the House as a political assembly.' Lord Salisbury on that occasion deplored the preponderance in the House of Lords of persons 'whose wealth and power depend upon landed property.' The 'amendments' of the Evicted Tenants Bill consist of landlords such as Lords Clonbrock, Barrymore, Middleton, Londonderry, Donoughmore, and such like, or the professional camp followers of the landlord party, who aspire to be the handy men of the Irish landlord class, such as the Law Lords of the Atkinson or Robertson type, who have been the Law Officers of the Crown in the House of Commons to reactionary class Governments, and owe their seats and their salaries in the House of Lords as Life Peers to these Governments for political pur-
poses.

People We Hear About

M. De Papparent, the celebrated French geologist and mineralogist, who has just been elected secretary of the Academy of Science, is a member of the Central Council of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Paris.

Sir Jenkin Coles has been Speaker in the House of the South Australian Assembly for over 17 years, and he has never been absent from his place in the chair on a single day of session during that period. Sir Jenkin is a Catholic.

The activity of the Kaiser is well known. He looks after the music, the painting, the literature, and the morals of Germany; but that is only his diversion, for above all that, he is the German Emperor. As Kaiser his work falls under three heads—foreign affairs, home affairs, and the army and navy. He never signs any despatch without reading it, and generally blue-pencils his remarks in the margin. In this way, many a State paper has been rendered useless, and it is calculated that since the beginning of his reign, he has signed at least 31,000 documents. He has also a great number of verbal reports made to him, and it is probably this over-work that renders him so nervous on occasions, and leads him to speak out things, that he had better have confined to his thoughts or to his confidential correspondence.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran is now in his 78th year (says the 'Catholic Press'). His working day commences shortly after 6 o'clock in the morning, and his Eminence is hard at it until bed-time, and does not appear to feel the heat wave half as much as young Australians. Vigorous old age, however, is characteristic of the Irish, the world over—in hot climates as well as cold—and usually when some country boasts of possessing a remarkable old man or woman you find that the sprightly veteran hails from the old sod. Sir Frederick Darley, Chief Justice of the New South Wales Supreme Court, is only two days' younger than the Cardinal, and he still takes his seat on the Bench, and only vaguely talks of retiring. He, too, was born in Ireland—in Wicklow, to be precise. He is not so strong now, but is still tolerably erect, and many an Australian of 60 might envy his activity.

A cable message received last week, informed us of the death of Lord Brampton, better known as Sir Henry Hawkins. Lord Brampton was a convert to the Catholic Church, and gave evidence of his faith by contributing £10,000 to the building fund of one of the Chapels of the Westminster Cathedral. Lord Brampton, who had reached the venerable age of 91, had had a professional career covering nearly seventy years, and it is nearly fifty years since he 'took silk.' The son of a solicitor, he was one of the few cases of a greatly successful man, who, at the very start of life, struck the line in which his natural powers best fitted him to excel. His success was not, however, rapidly attained. During the earlier part of his career, his income for many years did not exceed £100 per annum. It grew slowly and steadily until, on his election to the rank of Queen's Counsel, it reached the huge figure of £16,000. His elevation to the Bench cost him over £10,000 a year as his official salary was only £5,000. Readers of his memoirs will remember some of the many excellent stories concerning him. Here is one of the best of them. A prisoner pleaded guilty, then withdrew his plea, and declared himself to be innocent. Said Baron Brampton: 'Prisoner, a few minutes ago you said you were a thief. Now the jury say you are a liar. Consequently you are discharged.' Equally good was his retort to a Bishop, who claimed that the episcopal office was superior to the judicial, inasmuch as the most a Judge could say to a man was 'You be hanged' while a Bishop could say, 'You be damned.' 'Yes,' replied Lord Brampton, 'but when I say to a man 'You be hanged' he is hanged. Lord Brampton was a humorous character, despite his reputation for judicial severity, and was hail-fellow-well-met with all sorts and conditions of men. He was wont to tell a tale at his own expense of how he once joined a party of countrymen at a wayside tavern in a game of skittles. Getting warm, he took off his hat, so revealing the fact that he wore his hair unfashionably short. One of his temporary acquaintances refused to continue the game. 'I like to be neighbourly,' he remarked, 'but I don't play no skittles with no bloomin' ticket-of-leave man.'

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CANTERBURY.

III.

Recollections of Mr P. Henley.

When those of whom I am writing first arrived in Canterbury there was no employment. Most of them had to live in barracks at Government expense until prospects brightened, working three days a week for rations. Some of the prices for necessities even were almost prohibitive. Flour, for instance, cost 27s 6d per 100lb; merino mutton, 9d per lb; tea, 5s per lb; sugar (of a class not used in these days), 9d per lb; butter, 3s per lb. I will let Mr P. Henley, one of our pioneers, tell his own story:—"There arrived on Tuesday, August 22, 1860, in Lyttelton harbour, the ship "William Millar," from the United Kingdom, and amongst the passengers were forty-four Catholics, these being the first, in any considerable body, to reach the shores of Canterbury. Included in the number were names associated ever since with the settlement of the province, and identified with the Church's progress. Among the married portion of the emigrant passengers were Mr and Mrs P. Henley, P. Mahar, P. Martin, P. Gill, P. Gallagher, Andrew Stevens, Frank Hardy, Michael Doyle, Hugh Cassin, Luke Martin, John Whelan, with families of children ranging in age up to twelve years. The single women were Misses M. Byron, Annie Dillon, Nora Lawlor, and Cones (2), and the single men J. M'Connell, W. Hines, J. M'Guire, and J. and M. Lawlor.

The passengers disembarked on the day following arrival, and for a few days after were compelled, owing to bad weather, to remain at the port. On Saturday, August 26, the weather cleared sufficiently for some of the new arrivals to take a walk in the open air. One of the first sights met with was a funeral procession, consisting of the Rev. Father Chataigner and four men carrying a coffin to the burial ground. We subsequently met the pioneer-priest, and in the course of conversation I was asked by him if we belonged to the place. I gave him the particulars of our landing only four days previously. Further questioning on his part elicited the number of Catholics our vessel had brought, our destination, and other interesting details. With a hearty hand-shake he expressed great delight at the news, and informed us that we would be his future parishioners, adding that he had intended going to Christchurch that afternoon, but owing to so many Catholics being at port, and as the following day was Sunday, he would stay overnight at Lyttelton and in the morning celebrate Mass at the house of a Mr Carroll. So overjoyed were we at the prospect, and so cheered at the presence of a priest at our destination, that we forgot to assure ourselves of the whereabouts of Mr Carroll's residence.

I went out next morning rather earlier than my companions in quest of the much-desired information. After a time a man was seen to approach from the beach, and on arriving at the door of a certain house he removed his hat, his action showing that here was the place we were looking for. Soon there was seen approaching the entire party, numbering forty-three persons, the largest number of Catholics going in a body to Mass probably ever seen at Port Lyttelton.

The Resident Catholics at Lyttelton

Prior to our arrival numbered only five—three women and two men. From this it will be seen that the first Mass celebrated in Canterbury in the presence of a Catholic congregation was that of Sunday, August 27, 1860, by Father Chataigner. He was immediately appointed parish priest of Lyttelton and Christchurch, and may indeed be said to be the first parish priest of Canterbury, although Father Seon had been labouring amongst the Maoris of this province and of Otago for a period of ten years prior to that.

On August 29 our immigrant party came on to Christchurch by the small steamer "Lyttelton," landing at the steam wharf at Heathcote, and later arrived at the barracks, then situated between where the Rink Stables now stand and the river Avon. The party were met by the Rev. Father Chataigner, who welcomed them warmly and gave kindly encouragement.

The priest's residence then was a two-roomed cottage, situated in Tuam street west, immediately at the rear of the Royal Hotel, a busy part of the town in after years, and the starting-place for the coaches to the West Coast. The cottage was owned by Mrs Thompson, a Catholic lady, who was also the proprietor of the hotel. Father Chataigner offered up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the first time in Christchurch in a room of the Royal Hotel, kindly prepared for the occasion, on September 3, 1860, the congregation consisting of our party and a few resident Catholics. At Mass we were all invited to attend at the priest's house to hear some good news. All went, and the "good news" imparted to us was to the effect that the Provincial Government had given notice that unless the section in Barbadoes street, granted to the Catholics by the Government, was immediately occupied by having a building erected the penalty would be forfeiture. Adjoining this section two additional acres had been added by purchase by the Rev. Father O'Reilly and another priest from Nelson (whose name I do not remember). This is where the Marist Brothers' residence and boys' school now stand. Legal delays were the cause of the property not being utilised sooner.

An immediate arrangement was now, however, entered into with a Mr Coxhead, a builder, to at once erect the first part of a projected structure to be used as a church, the dimensions being 24ft x 18ft. It was to be erected within the Government limit of time, and at a cost of £75. The framework was cut out in the builder's yard, carted to the site by Mr John O'Neil, and on September 7, 1860, the foundation was well and truly laid in the presence of five persons—two Catholics, Father Chataigner and Mr P. Henley (who levelled the ground), and three non-Catholics (the builder and his two men). The building was completed on September 28, but much was still to be done in the vicinity in preparation for the opening on the Sunday following. The approaches were in a bad state, and again Mr Henley's good offices were enlisted. Procuring broken pipes, bricks, etc., from the pottery works near at hand, he eventually got a fairly dry and clean pathway laid. An altar was also improvised by Mr Henley. It might be here mentioned that Mr Henley stood by the infant church in Canterbury, and has ever since been one of its most generous benefactors.

Rosary Sunday,

October 18, 1860, was the date of opening the first Catholic church in Canterbury. The part completed and opened formed the centre of the building, according to the design. The wings were added towards the end of the year and beginning of the next, forming living rooms for the clergy.

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The Catholic World

AUSTRIA—King Edward at High Mass

King Edward, when on a holiday at Marienbad in August, was present at a High Mass celebrated in honor of the birthday of the Austrian Emperor. In the evening the King entertained a party of friends at dinner, the guests including the two leading Catholic clergy of Marienbad.

ENGLAND—A Catholic Settlement

A Catholic settlement, to be conducted on similar lines to Toynbee Hall, will be opened during the coming autumn in Hoxton, with the sanction of his Grace the Archbishop of Westminster. The scheme owes its inception to, and has been formulated by, a body of Catholic laymen working under the presidency of Mr. Justice Walton. Among other members of the committee are Mr. Francis J. Hemelryk, Dr. S. Counsel, Mr. G. Gavan Duffy, and Mr. R. S. Nolan. Mr. B. W. Devas, 8, Old Jewry, is the honorary secretary of the committee, which has been registered under the name of the Catholic Settlements Association.

Father Vaughan's Sermons

Father Bernard Vaughan, says the 'Westminster Gazette,' has created a good deal of interest in America by his denunciatory sermons on 'The Smart Set,' and as a result some enterprising Catholics in New York have invited him to give a series of addresses in that city. Father Vaughan has not made up his mind yet whether or not to decline the invitation, but he looks askance at the proposal. 'They will,' he remarked to a friend, 'run me off my feet if I go there.' The reprint of the Farm street sermons, by the way, has gone through nine editions, and translations have been prepared in French, German, and Italian.

GERMANY—Greetings to the Holy Father

It was decided at the German Catholic Congress to celebrate the Pope's Jubilee in the autumn by an extraordinary increase in the contributions of Peter's Pence in order to relieve the pressing financial necessities of the Holy See. Telegrams of greeting and allegiance were addressed to the Holy Father, the Emperor William, and the Prince Regent of Bavaria. In the telegram to the Emperor special reference was made to his Majesty's repeated professions of belief in the importance and value of the Christian faith.

The Catholic Congress

The German Catholic Congress at Wurzburg was opened on Saturday, August 24, and on Sunday there was a great labor demonstration in which three hundred associations, with ten thousand members, took part. Herr Brandts presided over an immense meeting and bade the workers from all parts of Germany welcome. He stated that the South Germans have over 100,000 members in their working-men's associations. Dr. Thaler presided over the first general meeting, which was so numerously attended that hundreds were unable to gain admission.

ROME—Death of a Cardinal

The death of Cardinal Taliani (writes a Rome correspondent) was very sudden. He was conversing with friends at his villa at Montegallo when he suddenly fell to the ground, stricken by apoplexy, and it was found on examination of the body that life was extinct. Cardinal Taliani commenced his diplomatic career at Munich, and he then was appointed Nuncio at Paris, and remained there five years. Leo XIII. next sent him as Nuncio to Vienna. Here he had to deal with a situation that was delicate and full of difficulties. Promoted to the Cardinalate, he took an active part in the work of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars, of which he was a member. He was sixty-nine years of age.

The Attack on Cardinal Merry del Val

His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val (writes the Rome correspondent of the 'Catholic Weekly') has received a great many telegrams and letters, congratulating him on his escape from violence at Marino, and denouncing the dastardly attack of which he was the victim, from the members of the Sacred College, the diplomatic corps, bishops, priests, Catholic associations, etc. The municipality of Castelgandolfo sent a delegation to his Eminence to express the deep veneration of the townspeople for his person, and their indignation at the outrage perpetrated at Marino.

The Suppression of Pilgrimages

With regard to the suppression of pilgrimages it will be well to remember (says 'Rome') that while all those arranged for the months of August and September have been countermanded, the Holy Father has yet to decide whether it will be prudent to permit those organised for the remaining months of the year. Priests and nuns are still being constantly insulted in the streets of the large towns by anti-clerical roughs—the sharpshooters of the movement, but the organised demonstrations of rowdism have ceased, and a great deal now depends on the turn that may be given to events by the coming festival of 'XX. Settembre.'

SCOTLAND—Catholic Progress

A remarkable tribute to the self-sacrifice of the Catholics of Scotland (says the 'Catholic Herald') in providing and maintaining schools for their children is given by the latest Scottish Education Report. While Episcopalian schools have only risen from 46 in 1872 to 62 in 1906, the Catholic schools, which numbered but 22 in 1872, rose to 196 in 1904 and to 208 in 1906. Still more instructive are the figures with respect to other denominations. The public schools now number 2903. The Church of Scotland is credited with only 18, the Free Church with 6, whilst undenominational and other schools, not included amongst the public schools, amount only to 65. The total amount earned by the Catholic schools out of the General Aid Grant in 1906 amounted to £11,077 17s 3d.

Death of a Professor

The death occurred on August 20 of Rev. Andrew Fleming Murdoch, Professor at Blairs College, at the early age of 33. The deceased belonged to an old Catholic family in Enzie, which gave several distinguished men to the Church, notably Bishop Murdoch, who was Bishop of Glasgow for many years.

Argyll and the Isles

The newly erected Chapter for the diocese of Argyll and the Isles was recently installed at St. Columba's Pro-Cathedral, Oban. As already announced, permission was granted from Rome for the erection of a Chapter for the diocese, and subsequently the following appointments were made:—Provost: Very Rev. Donald Macintosh, Moldart. Canons: Very Rev. Donald McDougall, Roy Bridge; Very Rev. Alexander Macintosh, Fort William; Very Rev. James Chisholm, Arisaig; and Very Rev. John Macdonald, Campbeltown. The ceremony of installation, which attracted a large congregation from all parts of the Western Highlands, opened with the Profession of Faith, which was made by the Provost and each of the Canons of the new Chapter. Thereafter the Canons were conducted by the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles to their respective stalls. After the singing of 'Tierce' Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by his Lordship, the Rev. W. A. Mackenzie, of Barra, being assistant priest, with Rev. James Barry, of Glencoe, and the Rev. John MacMillan, of Eigg, as deacon and subdeacon, and Rev. Alexander Mackintosh, Oban, as master of ceremonies. An impressive sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Canon Macintosh, of Glasgow, in the course of which he sketched the history of the ancient dioceses of Argyll and the Isles.

GENERAL

Not Disheartened

Twice the Fathers of the Holy Ghost have tried to establish a mission in the Negro republic of Liberia, and as often failed, on account of the death of the missionaries or illness which incapacitated them for the arduous work. They have undertaken it a third time, through the effort of Father Kyne, Prefect-Apostolic.

Christchurch Catholic Club

The following is the report presented at the annual meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club, and which was crowded out of our last issue:—

The committee in presenting their annual report and balance sheet for the year ended August 31, 1907, desire to heartily congratulate the club on the success that it has attained during the past year, which has been, without doubt, the most successful since its inception. The financial position of the club is now upon a thoroughly sound basis, and your committee are convinced that with the marked increase of membership, and great interest displayed it is now on a fair way to make its influence felt in Christchurch. The net assets of the club have now reached the sum of £156,

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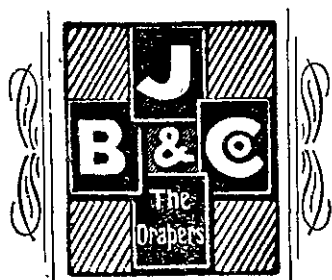
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which is 'highly satisfactory. The profit and loss account for the year, after deducting £2 10s for overdue subscriptions, and writing off £10 15s for depreciation, has a credit balance of £17. This result has been achieved by the united efforts of the officers and committee in organising various concerts, socials, etc. Your committee have also gone to considerable expense in providing necessary furnishings in the room, which have materially added to the general appearance and enhanced its comfort. Under these circumstances the credit balance must be considered very satisfactory. The financial membership, which now stands at 110, has more than doubled itself during the past year. This increase is due in a large degree to a campaign organised by the committee, and to a certain extent to the introduction of junior members. Your committee desire to place on record its appreciation of the socials given by our president, Mr. Hoban. A number of entertainments were held during the year, and proved highly successful both from a social and financial standpoint. The thanks of the club are due to the numerous ladies who have from time to time rendered valuable assistance. A billiard tournament held during the year for the president's trophy was well contested, and was won by Mr. Moran. A tennis tournament was also held, and Mr. P. McNamara proved the successful contestant. A cricket match was played and resulted in favor of the club. A boxing class has been formed and is being enthusiastically entered into by many of the members. Two lectures were given during the year, one by the Hon. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C., President of the St. Vincent de Paul Societies of Australasia, and the other by Dr. Devenport, both of which proved highly instructive and interesting. In addition to these his Lordship Bishop Grimes delivered a lecture under the auspices of the club in the Caledonian Hall, the proceeds of which were handed over to charity. Several debates have been held during the course of the year. The attendances were large and highly encouraging to the speakers, who handled their subjects in a skillful and interesting manner. Two debates worthy of special mention, and of which the club may feel justly proud, were taken part in. The first was held on the occasion of the camp of the Federated Catholic Clubs, when your representatives defeated the Wellington Club; the second being against a team from the H.A.C.B. Society, the club again proving victorious. The camp of the Federated Catholic Clubs was held in this city at Christmas time, a large number of delegates being present from various parts of the Dominion. Advantage was taken of this opportunity to present diplomas of merit to Messrs. G. Dobbs, J. R. Hayward, and M. O'Rielly. The annual Conference of the Federated Catholic Clubs took place during Easter Week, and was largely attended. Your committee made arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors, and also for a Communion breakfast, presided over by Sir George Clifford, patron of our club. Great praise is due to members for their untiring efforts to make the Spanish Columbian Festival the success it was. The side shows, which were under the sole control of the club, realised a net sum of £50. The committee have added to the attractions of the club by the purchase of a handsome bookcase, and the thanks of the club are due to his Lordship Bishop Grimes for his generous donation of books. Your committee desire to express their appreciation of the services of our late president, Mr. C. Lafferty, Mr. T. F. O'Shea, and Mr. D. H. Bourke, who left for other parts. We wish to tender our sincere thanks to our spiritual director, the Rev. Father Peoples, for the interest he has displayed in the welfare of the club. Our thanks are also due to his Lordship the Bishop and the clergy for the many ways in which they have assisted the club. We also desire to convey our thanks to the 'N.Z. Tablet' for the splendid notices it has given of the club's affairs, and also to the 'Times' and 'Press' of this city for their published reports of our doings. We are indebted to the 'Catholic Magazine' for placing on record in its columns the doings of the club for the past year, and we would strongly urge members to become subscribers to this excellent journal. The committee in conclusion desire to thank all the members of the club for the keen interest they have taken and the assistance they have given in all works that have been undertaken for the improvement of the club during the past year.

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Fish Diet.

For the sedentary man, whatever his calling in life, whose engagements permit him to take only just what moderate amount of muscular exercise which is in all circumstances essential to health; and for women whose habits are not active, the nutritive elements afforded by fish admirably supply an important part of the wants of the body. The moderate amount of flesh forming material present in fish, and in a form which entails little labour on the digestive organs, and the facility with which fish may be associated with other elements—some fatty matters, with cereals and vegetables, as well as fruits—place it in the first rank of foods in that mixed dietary which is so suitable to those who lead more or less the kind of life referred to. It need not supersede the use of meat altogether, although it may do so sometimes with advantage—a point only to be determined in each individual instance after some observation and experiment. For in all cases it is to be remembered that no one who has habitually eaten meat two or three times daily, can at once exchange it for fish and cereals, or vegetables without some discomfort. All radical changes in diet, even in the right direction, require to be gradually made.

To Remove Pictures Pasted on the Wall.

Steam seems the most efficacious agent for removing pictures which have been, in an evil moment, pasted to a wall. A little tea kettle may be used for the purpose. Hot water dabbed on the paper usually only brings it away in spots.

A good Salad Dressing.

A delicious salad dressing for those who do not like the taste of oil is:—One beaten egg, and one teaspoonful each of sugar, salt and mustard, rubbed smooth. Add eight teaspoonfuls of vinegar, and cook to a custard. After taking from the fire, thin to the proper consistency with cream.

Sulphur to take.

As sulphur is considered one of the best blood purifiers, and is very disagreeable to take in molasses, if a teaspoonful is put into a glass of rich milk, stirred thoroughly through the milk, the taste is not perceptible. It should be taken for three mornings, then one half teaspoonful of cream of tartar for three mornings, until both mixtures have been taken for twelve days.

How to Revive a Brussels Carpet.

If you have a Brussels carpet which has become soiled sweep it thoroughly, then take a basin of well damped sawdust to which two spoonfuls of ammonia have been added. Remove furniture, and with a clean scrubbing brush, scrub your carpet. Begin as you would a floor, taking a generous quantity of the sawdust, sprinkling on the carpet, and scrubbing till clean. Leave on the carpet until the whole is finished, then sweep up and you will be surprised at the result. After the scrubbing process, turn the carpet over, face down, and go over with a light rattan beater which will readily shake out the sawdust. This process is also excellent for cleaning rugs, or plush covered furniture. Care should be taken not to leave any of the sawdust, and not to use the articles cleaned until thoroughly dried in the sun.

Oil as an Antidote.

It is well to remember that oil is an effective antidote in almost all cases of poison when taken internally. Olive oil or sweet oil is best.

Things worth Knowing.

To avert a sneeze press the upper lip, against the teeth with the forefinger.

Turpentine will remove paint stains from clothing and window glass, as well as rust marks from woollen goods. It is also a good disinfectant.

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The tail of a fish.

A fish's tail is its wings. Thanks to the machinery of muscle set along its spine, and to its cleaving form, a trout or salmon can dart through the water at a tremendous pace, though its rapid flights, unlike the bird's, are not long ones. It is soon dead beat. The water is not so friendly to flight as the air. The stroke of the fish's tail is one of great power, and by means of it and the writhing, snake-like flexion of the body, high speed is reached.

A bird's nest of steel.

In the Museum of Natural History at Soleure, in Switzerland, there is a bird's nest made of steel. There are a number of clock-making shops at Soleure, and in the yards of these are often found lying disused or broken springs of clocks. One day a clock-maker noticed in a tree in his yard a bird's nest of peculiar appearance. Examining it, he found that a pair of wagtails had built a nest entirely of clock springs. It was more than four inches across, and perfectly comfortable for the birds. After the feathered architects had reared their brood, their nest was taken to the museum, where it is preserved as a striking illustration of the skill of birds in turning their surroundings to advantage in building their nests.

The Vision of birds.

Birds have very acute action, perhaps the most acute of any creature, and the sense is also more widely diffused over the retina than is the case with man. Consequently a bird can see sideways as well as objects in front of it. The simple fact, that the eye of a hawk and a pigeon is larger than their whole brain gives some idea of what their powers of sight must be and of how easily they can fly hundreds of miles, if they have marks to guide them. A bird sees, showing great uneasiness in consequence, a hawk long before it is visible to man. So, too, fowls and pigeons find minute scraps of food, distinguishing them from what appear to us exactly similar pieces of earth or gravel. Young chickens are also able to find their own food, knowing its position and how distant it is, as soon as they are hatched, whereas a child only very gradually learns either to see or to understand the distance of objects. Several birds, apparently the young of all those that nest on the ground, can see quite well, directly they come out of the shell, but the young of birds, that nest in trees or on rocks are born blind and have to be fed.

Origin of the sugar-cane.

The origin of the sugar-cane has always been a debatable point. As wild animals are found even now to be fond of sugar-cane, and quite destructive to it in some localities, it is fair to infer that mankind ages ago discovered the merits of the plant, and found it was good. As sugar came to Europe from the Far East, it would seem probable that the sugar-cane was indigenous in some localities in the East Indies. Claims for its origin in the South Sea Islands of the Pacific have also been made, and certainly sugar-cane was found in some of these islands at an early date. Ritter is quoted as saying in 1840, that all the varieties of the sugar-cane, known as *Saccharum*, were found in India, excepting the variety which was found in Egypt. As Egypt for so many centuries has been producing many of the coarser kinds of the sorghum family; some confusion may have arisen as to the quality of the sugar-cane there first discovered, which perhaps belonged to the sorghum family, and was not a true sugar-cane. Ritter says that the origin of the sugar-cane was almost surely in Asia; if any conclusion can be drawn from botanical geography. In the old caravan days sugar is said to have been brought across Asia to Europe, freighted on camels, and later, when Columbus discovered America and Vasco da Gama circumnavigated the Cape of Good Hope, and transportation throughout the waters of the globe became possible, the culture, or at least the growth, of sugar-cane at once became widely spread, and is now carried on in a greater or less degree in all of the tropical and in most of the semi-tropical regions of the globe.

The quantity of gold exported from New Zealand during the past nine months was 382,081oz., valued at £1527,526, being a decrease of 29,948oz., valued at £135,311, compared with the corresponding period last year.

Intercolonial

Madame Butt's advice to young Australian musicians or singers who desire to go to England is 'Dont.' Some of them are good domestics spoiled.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. Mauger is responsible for these figures:—Victoria's drink bill in 1890 was £6,730,430; in 1905 it had been reduced to £3,991,673; or from £6 0s. 7d. per head to £3 5s. 10d.

A special gold medal for teachers was awarded to Brother Casimir, of the Marist Brothers' School, Parramatta. His pupils won six first and four second prizes in the School Court of the Parramatta Exhibition.

Mr. Justice O'Connor intends to pay a brief visit to Ireland, almost immediately. At a meeting of the Commonwealth Executive Council his Honor was given leave of absence from October 1 to the date of the first meeting of the High Court in the new year.

The appointment of Mr. Frank McDonnell to the Legislative Council of Queensland was marked by a presentation at Brisbane recently, by the Queensland Irish Association, in the shape of a shamrock made of Queensland gold.

The Very Rev. Father Fogarty, of Burrowa, who has been for some time under treatment in Dr. O'Hara's private hospital, (says the Melbourne 'Tribune') has left for Lewisham, where he will remain during convalescence at the Hospital of the Little Company of Mary, before returning to his own parish.

The Rev. J. P. M. Connolly, pastor of Sandgate (Q.), for twenty-six years, died on Sep. 23. For the past eighteen months, he had been ailing. Father Connolly was born in the North of Ireland in 1831, and was educated in France. He arrived in Brisbane in 1863, and was the first priest sent to North Queensland.

Marie Narelle's many friends throughout Australia (says the 'Catholic Press'), will be pleased to hear that she is almost completely restored to health. She is looking better now, than she has looked for many years. At present she is at Medlow, and she intends shortly to leave Australia, continuing her tour of the world.

Madame Melba attended the concert given in Ballarat to aid Mr. Percy Jones, the leader of the Geelong Orphanage Band, to proceed to Europe, for the purpose of completing his musical education. The diva was very gracious in her manner. She gave the bandsman an invitation to attend her home at 'Erildoune,' and promised to give him letters of introduction to all the leading music circles of Europe. About £400 of the £500 required to send the talented young artist home has been subscribed.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of St. Ursula's College, Armidale, was celebrated recently, (says the 'Catholic Press'). The festivities were participated in, not only by the people of the vicinity, but representatives were present from distant parts of New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria, all eagerly enthusiastic in manifesting their esteem for the good Sisters of St. Ursula, and offering their congratulations on the progress made by the Order in Armidale during the past 25 years.

A handsome new Convent at Koroit, was blessed and opened on Sunday, September 29, in the presence of about 5000 persons. At the conclusion of the ceremony addresses were delivered by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, and his Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat. The Rev. Father Lennon, pastor of Koroit, announced that the sum of £5,493 9s. 11d. had had been expended on the convent to date, excluding furniture. The receipts amounted to £2,738 9s. 4d., leaving a debit balance of £3,255, including £500 for furniture. The collection was then taken up, and resulted in the substantial amount of £712 10s. being realised.

On September 28, Mr. and Mrs. P. MacMahon of 'Firgrove,' Willoughby, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage. On September 26, 1857, old St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, was the scene of the ceremony, when Patrick MacMahon, second son of Patrick MacMahon, of Cloonteen, near Six Mile Cross, County Clare, Ireland, was united to Dora MacDonough, second daughter of Patrick MacDonough William-street, Limerick City. The officiating priest was Father John Eugene Gourbeillon (popularly known at the time as Father John), who, besides being a pious Benedictine, left his mark upon the old building in sculptured figures, which are still on the College street facade of the Cathedral.

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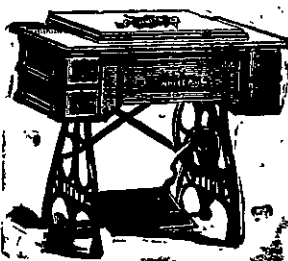
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Leave your picture, Marion, though the piece be just begun;
Come from dreamland, Miriam, however sweet the dream,
Wash the dishes, bake the bread, sew the waiting seam.
School is over; hasten another task to learn—
Mother's worn and weary; it is now the daughter's turn.

Watch lest you be wanting in what her heart most
Needs—

Earnest, thoughtful service, gentle, loving deeds.
As her footsteps falter, oh, may she never miss
A daughter's strength to lean on, a daughter's tender kiss.

A lifetime is not long enough your filial debt to learn—
Mother's worn and weary; it is now the daughter's turn.

—Exchange.

HIS MOTHER'S TRAINING

Roland stopped and looked at the sign:—'Boy Wanted.' It hung outside a large cutlery establishment, next to a store where there had been a big fire. He had made up his mind that he was old enough to look for work and try to relieve mother. Should he go in? He hesitated; then, with all the courage he could command, went inside. He was sent back to a room where men on high stools were writing in big books, too busy to notice him, but a tall gentleman did, and questioned him so fast he could hardly answer.

'What kind of work do you expect to do? Don't know? Most boys do. Never worked out before? Suppose you think it's all play. Well,' pointing to some steps, 'go down there, and the man at the foot will tell you what to do.'

Roland went down, and found half a dozen boys at work, with their sleeves rolled up, cleaning and polishing knives. The man at the foot of the steps looked up and said:

'Come to try your hand? Well, three have just left in disgust. Doesn't seem to be boys' work, somehow, but it's got to be done. You see,' he said, picking up some knives and scissors and showing spots of rust on them, 'the water that saved our building the other night injured some of our finest goods. If you want to try your hand at cleaning, I'll show you how. We pay by the dozen.'

'Tisn't fair,' said one of the boys; 'some have more rust on than others.'

'If you don't like our terms, you needn't work for us,' said the foreman, and the boy, muttering that he wanted to be errand boy and see something of life, left, while Roland went to work with a will. As he finished each piece he held it up, examined it critically, and wondered if mother would think it well done. When the hour for closing came, the gentleman who had sent him down-stairs appeared, and looking round at the boys, said:

'Well?'

'There is the boy we want,' said the foreman, pointing to Roland. 'He will take pride in doing anything you give him to do. He has been well trained.' Again the tall man spoke quickly:

'That's what we want. "Boy wanted" doesn't mean any kind of boy. Mother know you came? No? Well, take her your first wages, and tell her there's a place open to you here. Then put your arms around her neck and thank her for teaching you to be thorough. If more boys were thorough, more boys would succeed in life.'

'I guess, mother,' said Roland, when he told her about it, 'it was because I tried to do everything as you would like it. I forgot I was doing it because there was a "boy wanted."—"S.S. Advocate."

A SPELLING LESSON

'I am going to have a spelling match to-night,' said Uncle John, 'and I'll give a pair of skates to the boy that can spell man best.'

The children turned and stared into one another's eyes.

'Spell man best, Uncle John? Why, there's only one way!' they cried.

'There are all sorts of ways,' replied Uncle John. 'I'll leave you to think of it awhile'; and he buttoned up his coat and went away.

'What does he mean?' asked Bob.

'I think it's a joke,' said Harry thoughtfully; 'and when Uncle John asks me, I'm going to say, why m-a-n, of course.'

Time went slowly to the puzzled boys, for all their fun that day. It seemed as if that after-supper time would never come; but it came at last, and Uncle John came too, with a shiny skate-runner peeping out of his pocket.

'It's a conundrum, I know,' said Joe; and he leaned his head on his hand and settled down to think.

Uncle John did not delay; he sat down, and looked straight into Harry's eyes.

'Been a good boy to-day, Hal?'

'Yes—n-o,' said Harry, flushing. 'I did something Aunt Mary told me not to do, because Ned Barnes dared me to. I can't bear a boy to dare me. What has that got to do with spelling man?' he added, half to himself.

But Uncle John had turned to Bob:

'Had a good day, my boy?'

'Haven't had fun enough,' answered Bob stoutly. 'It's all Joe's fault, too. We boys wanted the pond to ourselves for one day, and we made up our minds that when the girls came we'd clear them off; but Joe, he—'

'I think this is Joe's to tell,' interrupted Uncle John. 'How was it, boy?'

'Why,' said Joe, 'I thought the girls had as much right on the pond as the boys, so I spoke to one or two of the bigger boys, and they thought so, too, and we stopped it all. I thought it was mean to treat the girls that way.'

There came a flash from Uncle John's pocket; the next minute the skates were on Joe's knees.

'The spelling match is over,' said Uncle John, 'and Joe has won the prize.'

Three bewildered faces mutely questioned him.

'Boys,' he answered gravely, 'we've been spelling man—not in letters, but in acts. I told you there were different ways, and we've proved it here to-night. Think it over, boys, and see.'

THE POPE AND 'BUSTER BROWN'

We heard this week (says an American exchange) a pretty anecdote of his Holiness and a little boy. The Holy Father, as is well known, has a great love for the little ones, especially little boys, and they with a child's unerring instinct know at once that they are dear to him. Marchese Francesco Patrizi, whose wife is an American lady, has a dear little son of five years old, whose many scrapes have earned him the nickname of 'Buster Brown.' The other day several children with their parents had a private audience with his Holiness. Little Bernard knelt down and kissed the foot of the Sovereign Pontiff, as he had been told he should do, and then with a sudden impulse he jumped on to the Holy Father's knees, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him on both cheeks, and Pius X. folded him close in his embrace. 'Why did you do that, Bernard?' he was asked afterwards, and he looked up with big innocent eyes. 'Because the Holy Father looked like mother does when we are good.'

THE TSAR'S JESTER

There is little of jest to-day pertaining to the relations of unhappy Finland with Russia, under whose rule it has so long been. Its ancient liberties are passing away from it, and it is to be compressed into the uniform Russian model. But according to historical tradition, the conquest of Finland was foretold in jest that sooth became earnest by its conqueror, Peter the Great, to his jester, Balakireff.

Balakireff had vexed the Tsar by too impudent a joke, and had been summarily banished with a menacing injunction never to appear on Russian soil again. He disappeared discreetly; but one day not long after Peter, glancing out of a window, saw his unmistakable figure and quizzical countenance jogging comfortably by, perched in a country cart. Impulsively he ran down to him and demanded to know why he had disobeyed.

'I haven't disobeyed you,' was the answer. 'I'm not on Russian soil now.'

'Not on Russian soil?'

'No; this cartload of earth that I'm sitting on is Swedish soil. I dug it up in Finland only the other day.'

Peter laughed, but he said: 'If Finland be Swedish soil now, it shall be Russian soil before long!' And he made good his words.

A pleasanter anecdote relates how Balakireff once interceded for the life of a reckless relative who had offended the Tsar, and was under sentence of execution. As soon as the jester showed himself at court Peter, foreseeing a petition for mercy, roared out angrily:

'It's no use your coming here! I swear that I will not grant what you are going to ask!'

Quick as a flash Balakireff dropped to his knees and cried entreatingly:

'Peter Alexeivitch, I beseech you, put that scamp of a cousin of mine to death!'

All present broke into laughter, in which the Tsar, so neatly trapped by his own declaration, presently joined, and the scampish cousin kept his head upon his shoulders.

THE TONGUE

One of the ancients was once asked: What is the tongue? All that is best and all that is worst, he replied. The tongue is the noblest faculty man possesses; through its means he holds communion with his fellow-creatures, and maintains with them all those relations, which are both a necessity and the charm of life. It is by means of the tongue, that key of the mind and heart, that the soul reveals its thoughts and feelings and gives forth those tones so full of melody, power, and sweetness, that radiate around her and make her a centre of attraction for other minds. But, alas! the tongue is also the most active instrument for propagating sin and falsehood. It is a channel for some through which all the foulness of the heart pours itself forth; the interpreter through whom all earthly passions speak—such as pride, hate, wounded jealousy, revenge, and impurity; or it is the quivering leaf perpetually agitated by the breath of a changeable, inconstant, and vain-glorious wind.

JUMBLED WORDS

Here are some sentences that it is fun to try to repeat quickly:

She sells seashells by the sea-shore.
Seven selfish shellfish shoved some shrimp sideways.
Prudently peel prime potatoes.
Royal rulers rarely really read riddles.
Faint flames frequently feed fierce fires.
Truly rural.

ODDS AND ENDS

Freddy: 'Ma, carpets are curious things, aren't they?' His mother: 'Why?' Freddy: 'Cos they are bought by the yard and worn by the feet.'

Customer: 'Look here, waiter, I found a button in my salad.' Waiter: 'Yes, sir; that's part of the dressing.'

'Pa, what's a philosopher?' 'A poor man who is trying to make other people believe he doesn't want to be rich.'

The children were having an object-lesson on 'The Heron.' The master called attention to its small tail, saying: 'The bird has no tail to speak of.'

The next day he asked the children to write an essay on the bird, and one little girl concluded her essay by saying: 'The heron has a tail, but it must not be talked of!'

FAMILY FUN

Why should a sparrow be offended if you were to call him a pheasant? Because he would not like to be made game of.

Which is the more obedient, the church bells or the organ? The bells, because they will sound when they are tolled, but the organ says, 'I'll be blowed first.'

What is the difference between a tight boot and an oak tree? One makes acorns and the other makes corns ache.

When is a schoolboy like a postage stamp? When he is licked and put in the corner to make him stick to his letters.

What is the difference between a farmer and a seamstress? One gathers what he sows, the other sews what she gathers.

What is it that is brought to table, always cut, but never eaten? A pack of cards.

All Sorts

Some people are doing nothing to-day, but they hope to move a mountain to-morrow.

If a reputation be of pure metal it bears rough handling; if of tinsel it will tarnish easily.

A hurricane is a wind that blows at 77 miles an hour or more. Such a wind exerts a pressure of nearly 15 pounds to the square foot.

The carbon of the food mixed with the oxygen of the air furnishes fuel for the body which evolves the heat in exactly the same way that a fire or candle does.

A leafless tree stands little chance of living. Trees denuded of their leaves by caterpillars and other mischievous things are deprived of their stomachs and lungs at once.

Mr. Sophty—'Look here! This horse you sold me runs on the pavement every time he sees a motor-car.'

Horse-dealer—'Well, you don't expect a £5 horse to run up a telegraph pole or climb a tree, do you?'

The annual crop of chamois skins in Switzerland does not exceed 6000, not more than enough to supply the United States for one day. What is usually sold as chamois is really an oil tanned sheep or lamb-skin lining.

Brown—'What is the most afflicted part of the house?'

Jones—'I give it up. What is it?'

Brown—'Why, the window. It is full of pains (panes), and who has not seen many a window blind? (window-blind).'

A fleet of vessels is engaged from January to August each year in the capture of sharks near Iceland. Only the livers are sought. That of each yields five gallons of oil, which has medicinal virtues resembling those of cod liver oil.

His mother-in-law had been with them for three long weeks.

'To-morrow,' said his wife, 'will be mamma's birthday. I wish I could think of something appropriate to give her.'

'Why not give her a railway-ticket home?' suggested the husband.

Sir Edward Elgar, the great Catholic composer, has predicted the end of the piano, to the great joy of those who live in flats and in rows of houses with thin partitions, and to the consternation of the innumerable army of piano teachers, piano makers, and piano touters. Speaking at Birmingham in connection with the formation of a new musical society as part of the University establishment there, Sir Edward remarked that 'some day, he had no doubt, pianos would be looked upon as curiosities, for mechanical players were being multiplied in such vast numbers that the human piano-player would disappear.'

Dr. Lefebvre, of the University of Louvain, and Dr. Allevi, of Italy, have just published some terrible truths about the progress of alcoholism in the Continent of Europe. France especially has a very disturbing record. In 1851, with a population of nearly thirty-six millions, it consumed 620,000 hectolitres (a hectolitre is a hundred litres, and a litre is something less than a quart); to-day, with a population of thirty-nine millions, it consumes ten times that quantity. In Germany the married working man spends between 14 and 20 per cent. of his wages on beer and spirituous drinks.

According to a Consular report, as much care is taken in the training of canaries in the Hartz Mountains, in Germany, as in the case of a prima donna. The young birds, learning by imitation for the most part, sometimes acquire bad singing methods, and much time is devoted to breaking them of their evil habits. The art of the breeder lies in his being able to discover the slumbering talent in the bird at an early age and developing it to its highest point of perfection in its particular line. Some birds show an especial talent for trilling, while others are remarkable for the beauty and variety of their song. They are divided into classes and kept in separate rooms, those having harsh and sharp voices being placed in 'covered cages, where, instead of singing themselves, they are forced to listen to other good singers, through which their faults are often overcome. The annual trade in these canaries is worth about £48,000.

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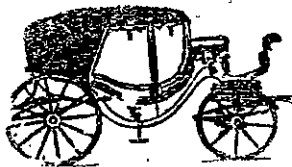
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