

teachers in institutions not belonging to the congregations of which they were members. The courts had laid stress on the point that the law had not sufficiently defined what it meant by a congregation. Certain other classes of religious, acting under legal advice, thought it best not to apply for authorisation until the courts decided whether they were bound to apply. During the debates on the Bill M. Waldeck-Rousseau had stated that the proprietor of an industrial firm, for example, might open a school and engage members of a congregation to teach, and that in such a case those members would not come under the demands of the law. This appeared sufficient warrant, and accordingly 135 such schools were opened and staffed. M. Combes began with an order to his police officers to call at every one of those schools, and order the religious to clear out at once. In one place the teachers were allowed a quarter of an hour to pack off. In another the Sisters and their young charges had to go out in the driving rain at eight o'clock in the night. When questioned in the Chamber, the Premier at once let the country know what he meant to do. 'The Government,' he said, 'was resolved, with the law in its hand, to break down all resistance, relying upon the serried majority around it in the two Chambers.' He threatened the judiciary that measures would be found to enforce the intentions of the Legislature, alluding to the decisions in behalf of the ex-Jesuits and others who were declared eligible to teach without authorisation in schools not their own. There was a second category of 2,500 establishments for which authorisation was deemed unnecessary under the new legislation. 'The members belong to congregations authorised of old, and those branch establishments having long since complied with the regulations of previous Acts—which M. Waldeck-Rousseau declared were not repealed or invalidated by the law of 1901—were considered thus authorised. M. Combes allowed them eight days to clear out, and at the end of that brief period of grace they were, if necessary, to be expelled. M. Aynard, a strong Republican, protested against

The Brutality of Those Proceedings.

He pleaded on behalf of the establishments that they were prepared to apply for authorisation if it was shown they needed it. M. Combes' reply was that they must first clear out; their case could afterwards be inquired into. People now began to rub their eyes and awaken to a sense of what the law was meant to be. Ten thousand establishments had applied for authorisation in due time and form. First came the turn of the establishments belonging to twenty-eight Orders of priests, chiefly occupied in giving missions and retreats. Combes inveighed fiercely against such missions, and, with the exception of a few houses belonging to Orders solely engaged in foreign mission work, all the applications were summarily thrown out. The same fate overtook the applications sent in from all the establishments belonging to twenty-five teaching congregations of priests and brotherhoods. Even M. Waldeck-Rousseau felt constrained to protest against this wholesale condemnation of tens of thousands of religious. He declared that if the meaning of the Bill had been so understood, Parliament would never have passed it. We now come to those congregations which were protected by formal authorisation, some of them for over half a century. Most of those establishments belonged to the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of Charity. A high dignitary of the Grand Orient, Senator Delpech, tabled a motion calling for their suppression. Their vows were as incompatible with the teaching office as the vows of the unauthorised associations, which was logical enough. I feel reluctant to cite certain blasphemous words of this 'defender of the Republic,' spoken at the banquet of the General Assembly of the Grand Orient, 1902, but nothing else can give you so correct an idea of the men who are at the head of affairs in France. 'The triumph of the Galilean,' he exclaimed, 'has lasted for twenty centuries; it is now His turn to die. The mysterious voice, which once on the mountains of Epirus announced the death of Pan, to-day announces the end of the false God who promised an era of justice and peace to those who should believe in Him. The deception has lasted long enough; the lying God in his turn disappears.'

(To be continued.)

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 19.

The Very Rev. Dean McKenna, of New Plymouth, is at present engaged in the parish of Wellington South making a canvass in aid of the Cathedral fund. The Rev. Father Ainsworth is in New Plymouth on a similar mission.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, and the Rev. Father Hickson were recently the guests of Mr. Martin Kennedy on a motor tour in Mr. Kennedy's new motor car through the Wicklow district. Father Hickson is now in Rome.

Mr. Thomas Fitzgibbon, formerly of Loburn, Canterbury, and now stationed at Palmerston North, was married at the Sacred Heart Basilica on Thursday to Miss Monica Dillon, formerly of Timaru. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Moloney.

Sub-Inspector O'Donovan, one of the most popular and most highly respected of our police officers, has been on holiday for the past few weeks. He resumed his duties at the Lambton Quay station this week, his health having been considerably improved by a visit to the Sounds District.

On Wednesday at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, Boulcott street, Mr. William Herbert Giles, of the City Council staff, was married to Miss A. Ready. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., assisted by the Rev. Fathers Holley and Venning.

I am pleased to write that the prospects for the speedy erection of a Catholic hall are very bright at present. In addition to the £1900 previously promised, there are two other anonymous donations of £150 and £100, also one of £50. The fund now totals about £2500. It is expected to raise the required balance during the next fortnight. The young men alone will probably subscribe over £500. Other big donations are expected.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

October 18.

The St. Mary's Club will hold their final social on Tuesday, October 29.

The social held at Aramoho on behalf of St. Joseph's Church was very successful, there being a large attendance.

Mr. W. E. Power has been elected to the executive of the St. Mary's Catholic Club in place of Mr. W. T. Appleton, who has resigned.

The Very Rev. Dean Grogan notified the congregation at St. Mary's Church last Sunday that his Holiness, the Pope had granted an indulgence of 7 years and 7 quarantines to the faithful who at the elevation of the Host during Mass say with faith, piety, and love, 'My Lord and my God.'

Carterton

(From our travelling correspondent.)

October 16.

The Rev. Father Cahill, who has been laid up for some time with influenza, is now able to get about again and perform his many duties.

The Very Rev. Father Clune lately brought to a close successful missions in Martinborough and Featherston churches in this parish.

Many improvements have been effected in and around the church and presbytery during the last few months, chief amongst which has been the installation of gas in the church, and the laying of an excellent drainage system at the presbytery. The question of finishing the improvements has been decided on, and the buildings are to be painted during the coming months.

Great sympathy was felt for Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Berrill in the loss they had sustained by the death of their daughter, who passed away a few weeks ago. The deceased, by her bright and happy disposition, had established herself as a great favorite with her school-