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fessor.

15, Friday.—St. Gertrude, Virgin.

16, Saturday.—St. Stanislaus Kostka, Confes-SOT.

St. Livinus, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Livinus, Bishop of Dublin, animated by that missionary zeal which has always been a prominent trait in the character of the Irish priesthood, resigned his diocese in order to devote himself to the conversion of the pagan inhabitants of Flanders. He won the martyr's crown, according to Colgan, in 633, but in 656 according to others.

St. Nicholas I., Pope and Confessor

St. Nicholas, who succeeded to the Fisherman's Throne in 858, made strenuous efforts to put an end to the Greek Schism, and steadfastly refused to recognise the intruder, Photius, who had usurped the patriarchal see of Constantinople. Before his death, in 867, the holy Pontiff saw his desires realised, although, as it afterwards appeared, his success was but transitory.

St. Gertrude, Virgin

St. Gertrude, who was a religious of the Order of St. Benedict, was born at Eisleben, Saxony, in 1264. She was a sister of St. Mechtilda. She wrote in Latin in which she relates her a book called 'Revelations' communications with God.

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'Tis better to cultivate love, Contented with blessings of worth; 'Tis better to fight For the cause that is right Than to covet the riches of earth

'Tis better to smile, tho' the heart Be burdened with sorrow and pain; 'Tis better to smile, For 'tis always worth while, And we'll never pass this way again.

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Look for truth, and when you find it, look at it. No man is strong until he is strong within.

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Our liberty, wisely understood, is but a voluntary obedience to the universal laws of life.

Danger tears away our disguises. In hours of peril the true man appears, and at such times, if ever, the man speaks the truth.

'Taking up one's cross' means simply that you are to go the road you see to be the straight one; carrying whatever you find is given you to carry, as well and stoutly as you can; without making faces, or calling people to come and look at you.

Soul strength is but the product of soul health. That inner, bracing atmosphere of honor, that glow of self-respect and fellow reverence, those lofty ideals and aspirations, that consciousness of royal dignity and rights; these are the things that make men acquit themselves like men, the things that underlie strength.

# The Storyteller

# MRS. MOLYNEUX'S PARLOR MAID

'Aunt Grace,' announced Miss Bawn Desmond, coming in tired and wet, 'I've made up my mind to go out as a parlor maid.'
'My dear,' cried old Miss Quinn; who was only 'Aunt Grace' by courtesy, lifting her thin old hands, 'what a shocking idea!'

In spite of the hard day she had had interviewing possible and impossible employers, tramping from one agency to another, there was something victorious and triumphant in Miss Desmond's air. It was the thing that hindered her preferment in the positions of governges. that hindered her preferment in the positions of governess, companion, and all such genteel employments where meckness is a thing desirable. At this moment she was standing by the fender, with one slender foot on it, quite heedless of the steam arising from her wet garments. She was wearing a long coat of palest gray homespun, which inclosed a very beautiful figure. The big gray hat with gulls' wings on it, and the veil which she had not troubled to lift, hardly dimmed her brilliant hair and the imperial flasming of her large blue eyes. A girl not made for meckness certainly, but with a capacity for affection and devotion, which none knew better than the delicate, stalely maiden lady who had been her mother's old friend, and would fain have kept Bawn forever under her roof.

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The girl absolutely looked her name, which is the Irish for 'fair.' She was fair and abundant. Already, indeed, there was a little suggestion of matronliness about the flowing lines of her beautiful figure framed for motherhood. Since she would never see twenty-five again, the suggestion but added to her beauty. Her teeth were white and even, her lips red, her complexion rosy. She was, indeed, the last person in the world to tread those dusty paths of spinsterhood which are the ways of governesses and companions.

'A woman offered me £25 to-day, Aunt Grace,' she went on scornfully. "I asked her how much she gave her cook, and she was so taken by surprise that she answered me. She gave her £60 a year. I asked her how long she supposed it had taken me to acquire my languages and my music. They all looked at my hair as though it were something disgraceful. My poor oriflamme.'

She took off her hat and looked at her hair in the glass, patting it affectionately as she did so.

'It is quite true that it is what that horrid Mrs. Graham Kerr called "very remarkable." A young woman who has to earn her own living shouldn't be endowed with such hair.'

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It was beautiful hair of so vivid a tawny as to be almost orange. There was a great abundance of it, and it curled and rippled and crinkled and waved in a bewildering fashion.

'I wonder if I could get it all under a cap?' the owner said, still caressing it.

'Oh, go away, do!' cried Miss Quinn, in a despairing voice. 'Go away and get off those wet things and come back and talk 'sense!'

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Miss Desmond went obediently. She had begun to notice that uncomfortable steam herself. Presently she returned in a loosely-fitting gown of orange tawny velveteen, the very shade of her hair, which was curiously becoming to her. She was as magnificent a creature in her way as the great cat, as yellow as a tiger, who sat blinking at her from the hearth rug; but she was not the least bit in the world feline, although she had claws, as some of her would-be employers had felt.

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'I'm in earnest, Aunt Grace,' she said, seating herself, and allowing Selim, the cat, to make himself cosy on the tail of her gown. 'To-morrow I'm going to look for a parlor maid's place. There are no genteel places any more—or, at least, they are wretchedly paid. No, I can't stay with you, dear. We are awfully comfortable together, but you know your annuity would just keep us, no more. I feel I'm eating Selim's and Monsieur's bread as it is. Not that Monsieur would grudge it to me, the dear!' She lifted a small white Pomeranian on to her knee and kissed his forehead. 'And I must send money home to Ballintuhber. There's the stepmother and all those young mouths. I promised dad I'd be good to the stepmother, and she was good to me when I was a kid.'

It was no use Miss Quinn protesting, weeping even. She knew that once Bawn had made up her mind it was useless trying to move her. She was

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never quite sure when Bawn was joking; and a remark of the girl's that there was only one alternative to the parlor maid plan, and that was to walk with the unemployed shaking a collecting box, reduced the old lady to a terrified compliancy. She was never quite sure of what Bawn might do.

'You know,' she said, during one of the days that followed, when Bawn was dismissing or being dismissed by possible or impossible mistresses, 'you know you'll never be able to keep a parlor malus place. You won't be—respected enough—and—and—' Miss Quinn had her handkerchief to her eyes—'you never could conceal your dislikes. No one will keep you.'

'Yes, some one will, when I've found the person I want to live with. There are lots of nice people looking for parlor maids; there are only Gorgons looking for governesses and companions. When I find the right person, she'll never give me up, once she has seen my tables and my care of the plate and house linen. She will wonder how she ever endured the others.' others.'

Those days following had many adventures, even the arriving of envelopes addressed to Miss Desto the arriving of envelopes addressed to Miss Desmond as 'Brigid Desmond'—she had thought it wise to suppress her real name, as not being within the

to suppress her real name, as not being within the grasp of the ordinary employer—containing letters beginning 'Brigid Desmond' in a naked brevity.

'It seems a rather inhuman way,' Miss Bawn said, quite enjoying the old lady's stormy indignation. 'Some of them would be for calling me "Desmons," but I shan't hire out with them. The lady who shall be my mistress will be one to call me "Brigid," and even to say "please" to me.'

Sure enough, one evening Bawn came home triumphant. She had got 'a place' as parlor maid in a flat and a record amount of wages, namely, £45 a year.

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'How and you manage it?' asked Miss Quien, softly weeping into her handkerchief.

'I asked for it and I got it,' said Bawn, thumphantly, 'although if it wasn't for Ballintubber I'd almest serve her for love. Such a sweet old lady, Aunt Grace—almost as great a darling as yourself. The Honorable Miss. Molyneux is her name.'

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'This time next year,' she said, 'she won't part with me for a hundred a year. There's a cook who will have to go. If ever I saw thief written in a hunnan face! I know she has been robbing that old dear. It is the sweetest little doll's house of a flat! I shall easily be able for it, cooking and all. If we want anything extra, we can have it in.'

It was in vain for Miss Quinn, who was a County Clare woman, and connected with every title in the county, to protest. A week later saw Bawn, with a modest tin trunk on top of a four-wheeler, driving off from the little house that was always so kindly willing to shelter her. She was in the highest spirits, the least bit in the world damped by one sight of Miss Quinn in tears on the doorstep.

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'Never mind, dear,' she called back. 'I'll come every second Sunday afternoon and every one of my evenings out. I shan't have anyone to walk out with, you see, and it's ever so much nicer than being a

governess.

Some time later she was standing before Mrs. Molyneux in the little slice of drawing-room that held so many beautiful things, looking taller, more opulently built than ever, her hair more flamboyant than ever, in her plain black frock and white cap and apron.

The old lady was looking at her in a puzzled way 'My dear,' she said, 'you are a lady surely, are you not?

you not?'

Bawn repressed a mischievous impulse to answer,
'No, please'm; a parlor maid,' which was on the tip
of her tongue. It seemed an impertinent thought,
taken in conjunction with the kind, anxious old face
opposite to her. Instead she blushed, and the blush
gave her an expression of charming soluness.
'I am a lady parlor maid,' she said.
'Ah! I have heard of such things. And are you
sure you can do my work? You're not doing it
for a jest or to write about it, are you, my dear?'
'I should never think of such a thing,' said Lawn,
indignantly.

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You won't scratch my plate, will you? I have some very beautiful old plate. And I should expect you to do certain things for me which my maid would

flo if I had a maid—to mend my laces and wash my fichus, and make my caps and things of that sort.'

'Try me,' said Bawn Iaconically.

The old lady looked at her anxiously.

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'I took a fancy to you my dear, the minute I saw you,' she said, 'and that explains my engaging you. As I said to my nephew, Captain Gerald Aylmer Molyneux, you were not at all the person I imagined as a parlor maid. Your hair, now.'
'You won't notice my hair in time,' said Lawn coaxingly. 'And I am going to be such a comfort to you. Only, if you please, Mrs. Molyneux, I'd rather no one but you knew I was a lady. No one at all.'
'Not my nephew? Why, I tell him everything.'
'It can't interest Captain Molyneux,' Bawn said.
'I never meant to have told you. It's a false sort of position. Why a lady parlor maid? I can be a parlor maid and a lady without its being explicitly stated. Let it be our secret.'
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Mrs. Molyneux had a thought; the reflection of it flashed in her face. The girl was gloriously handsome. If her nephew knew that she was a lady, he might be attracted by her beauty. He would insist on treating her rather as a lady than a servant. Yes, it would complicate matters. 'Very. well, my dear, I shall not tell him,' she said. 'And 1 am so glad that I have put you a folding hed in the little dressing-room off my own room. I thought it would be convenient when I wanted you to do things for me. I felt that I could not ask you to occupy the same room with Jane.' room with Jane.'
'I am sure Jane snores,' said Bawn, with a glint of humor in her eye.

before unings came to a crisis It was not long was not long before things came to a crisis with Jane. Jane objected to having a young person in the kitchen who had a way of looking at her with that humorous and observant gaze. It was impossible to say that Brigid did not do her work. She did it, indeed, with a thoroughness and exquisiteness unknown in kitchen annals, which was another cause of offence. Jane didn't think her hair respectable, either, and altogether disapproved of the new parlor maid.

'My dear, she is so dreadfully sullen,' said lurs. My dear, she is so dreadfully suffer, said Mrs. Molyneux, piteously, one afternoon, when it was Brigid's evening out. 'I am really afraid to be left alone with her, and that is why I have asked my nephew to spend the afternoon and dine. Perhaps she will give us no dinner, and I am sure she will not wait. Sometimes I think that Jane drinks.'

'When is her month up?' asked Bawn, with a sudden air of decision

den air of decision.

'Will you give me her money and make me house-keeper for this afternoon, Mrs. Molyneux?'
'My dear, what are you going to do?'
'To dismiss Jane.'

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'I have wanted to do it for five years, and have never dared to. I am afraid Jane wastes; mine is such an extravagant establishment for its size. I wouldn't mind, only that I haven't really much money of my own, although my dear boy, Gerald, is so good to me.'

'There is no reason why your money should go into Jane's pocket,' said Bawn quietly. 'Give me the

into Jane's pocket,' said Bawn quietly. 'Give me the necessary power.'

'And the dinner? I don't want my nephew to do without his dinner.'

'I shall see to that.'

'Hadn't you better wait till he comes? Jane is so dreadfully violent.'

'She will not be violent with me.'

After Bawn had left her, Mrs. Molyneux listened with her gentle old heart in her mouth for an explosion that should shake the little flat, but all was silent within the room flooded with afternoon sunshine and sweet with growing flowers and flowers in shine and sweet with growing flowers and flowers

Bawn could not have spoken yet. It was a relief to hear Captain Gerald's key in the door. He had a latchkey for his aunt's flat, and came and went as he would.

'There is some odd sort of drama going on in your kitchen, Aunt Sybilla,' he said, coming in. 'The door was open, and I saw your new parlor maid standing, like an angry goddess, on one side of the table, and a heaped-up person, whom I took to be Jane, on 'the other'

Within half an hour Jane was out of the house. The details of that encounter Mrs. Molyneux never knew, although after Jane had gone she noticed Bawn, with a strange smile, folding some filmy old laces, which she had not been able to find of late, away in drawers. Also, in the days that followed, various trinkets and pieces of plate long missing were returned to their places.

'I'm afraid it was compounding a felony,' said Bawn; 'but she gave up all the tickets, poor wretch! And I don't think you'd like the publicity of prosecuting, Mrs. Molyneux.'

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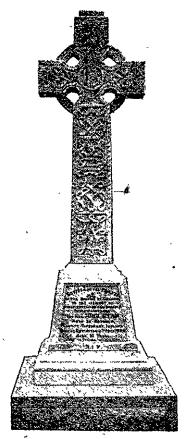
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'To be sure not!' the old lady answered hastily.

'She promised to mend her ways, and mentioned incidentally that she had saved enough to marry the man of her choice,' Bawn remarked, with a grim smile. 'If she'd been going to look for another place, I'd have had my doubts.'

The dinner was perfect that evening. To be sure, for some of the details Bawn was obliged to resort to a Piccadilly restaurateur, but, then, the notice was short. And she surpassed herself in her table decoration, which consisted of many kinds of roses. She had been to Covent Garden that morning, and had bought her roses for a song.

With the removal of Jane life at the flat became idyllic. Bawn had discovered a clean, quiet young woman, who came in the morning to do the rough work. For the rest, she delighted in doing the duties of what she had called the 'doll's house flat' and waiting on its mistress, to whom she had become warmly attached.

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Captain Gerald Molyneux was there very often. For a fashionable man about town, he was extraordinarily devoted to his aunt by marriage. He had never let her feel lonely indeed, but now he was more

at the flat than ever.

'I don't know what there is about your flat, nunt Sybilla,' he said. 'There is something so restful. When one steps into your little white hall, it is as though one had left all the fret and disturbance of the world outside.'

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'Dear boy,' the old lady said, looking at him affectionately. 'I didn't know you had any fret and disturbance, Gerald. But it is true that I live in great peace. It is all due to Brigid; she has made such a change in my life.'

'Ah, Brigid!' Captain Gerald looked uneasily at Mrs. Molyneux. 'She seems a very—admirable kind of girl. Not in the least like a parlor maid, Aunt Sybilla, is she?'

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'Servants are different in our days,' said Mrs. Molyneux evasively, without looking at her nephew.

About this time, or soon after, she noticed that he became silent, restless, out of sorts. At last he announced to her one day that he was going to exchange into a regiment under orders for India, and likely to get some service in a troublesome little frontier war, which at the time was taking up a paragraph or two in the papers every day.

Mrs. Molyneux was dismayed. She let a tear fall, which much affected Captain Gerald.

'I hate to leave you, dear,' he said, taking up the thin, white old hand and kissing it. 'You see, you're the nearest thing I've ever had to a mother, and an uncommonly good substitute. But I'm tired of being an ornamental soldier. I want to work, the kind of life we lead is the safest thing in the world to get a man into some kind of mischief. Let me go, dear, and don't make It too hard for me. Indeed, it will be the best thing.'

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Mrs. Molyneux dried her tears. Something in Gerald's voice as much as in his words alarmed her, for she knew not what. Was it possible the boy, who had always been so good, was in some disreputable kind of a scrape, or likely to be in one? She was vaguely frightened, and said nothing more to turn him from his purpose.

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He was on the eve of effecting the exchange when he came to the flat one afternoon with a greater gloom on his brow than usual, and of late he had been very gloomy.

'I knocked up against that bad lot Reggie, in Regent street,' he said. 'He had just got back, and means to be in London for some months. I want you to promise me one thing, Aunt Sybilla. Don't have him here.'

Mrs. Molyneux looked at her favorite nephew in

distress.

'How am I to refuse Reggie,' she asked helplessly,
'if he wants to come? After all, he is my nephew,
too. I'm sure I don't know how he came to be
Caroline's boy. Perhaps he has given up his wild

'If Reggie is going to come here, Aunt Sybilla, I don't leave London,' said Captain Gerald decisively.

Reggie did come, came first to pay a duty visit with an intolerable sense of boredom, stared at Bawn when she opened the door to him, and after that first visit came again and again.

But, as sure as he came to the flat, his cousin Gerald was there before him, or met him in the lift coming up, or was on his heels when he rang the

Even Mrs. Molyneux could not but notice that the air was charged with electricity. The young men sat and looked at each other; and, after a time, neggie would get up with a laugh, take his hat and cane,

and depart. Reggie was always the one who laughed; Gerald, who had been gay enough in the old days, was the one to look careworn and stern. At times he looked older than Reggie, although that young gentleman's handsome, rakish face had more lines in it than his years accounted for, and Gerald had been used to look for many years the younger of the two. At last, one afternoon Reggie arrived without his shadow. He knew, perhaps, that for once Gerald was obliged to be on duty. It was some little time between his ring at the door bell and his arrival at Mrs. Molyneux's little drawing-room. He was smiling, the used-up, cynical smile which made a good many people dislike him. One of his dark cheeks had a vivid red color. He looked excited.

'I am going to stay to dinner, Aunt Sybilla,' he said.

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'Very well, my dear,' Mrs. Molyneux replied, quite oblivious of the scapegrace's tingling cheek, and feeling rejoiced that Captain Gerald was not to turn up, for the feud between the cousins troubled her.

The dinner was exquisite, as usual; but Brigid somehow fell short in her aftendance. She looked as though she had been crying, and she neglected to fill Reginald Molyneux's glass. In fact, the gentleman had to help himself. She dropped the plates before him as though they burned her, and handed him vegetables at arm's length.

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Mrs. Molyneux was very short-sighted and very unobservant, but even she could not fail to notice how her nephew behaved to the parlor maid. His eyes were more on her than on his plate. In fact, he stared in a very rude way, so that at length the old lady grew indignant.

'I should be glad, Reggie,' she said stiffly, when wn was out of the room, 'if you would not stare Bawn was out of the room, 'if you would not stare at Brigid. You emparrass the poor girl so that she

does not know what she is doing.'

He murmured an apology, and was a little more careful when Bawn returned. In fact, Mrs. Molyneux thought her rebuke had been received excellently, and began to excuse Reggie in her own mind. She could not see how he stared into the parlor maid's eyes whenever she handed him a dish, nor his almost imperceptible smile, which cut Bawn like a lash.

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However, she did happen to be looking straight at them when this extraordinary incident occurred. Bawn then when this extraordinary incident occurred. Bawn was handing an entree of sweetbreads and mushrooms in thick brown gravy, to which Mr. Molyneux was helping himself with great slowness. Suddenly she saw the girl lift the silver dish and deliberately pour its contents over the young gentleman's sleek head and immaculate garments. There was a shriek, an oath, a scurry. Bawn had fled from the room, and reginald Molyneux was standing, streaming like the god Neptune, only with brown gravy instead of sea water, a collection of sweetbreads and mushrooms between his shirt front and his vest, brown gravy streaming down his nose, hanging from his eyelashes and ms hair, helpless, infuriated, dumb.

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An hour later Captain Gerald, relieved from duty, made his appearance at the flat, and found his aunt gravely disturbed.

'I couldn't have believed it of Brigid—I couldn't, indeed!' she said. 'You should have seen the sight he was, even after he'd tried—to wash it off. I'm afraid he must have been rude to her.'

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'Was that why you were going to exchange?'
'Because I was an idlot. I did know she was a lady. Yet—yet—I was afraid I might break your heart.'
'She belongs to a very good family—the Desmonds of Ballintubber. I found she had been living with my old friend, Grace Quinn, whom I had never seen since we were girls together in the County Clare. Where are you going to, Gerald, my dear?'
'To apologize to Miss Desmond for my cousin's rascality—to ask her to stay with you and me, Aunt Sybilla.'

Sybilla.'

'Bawn!' said Captain Gerald a few minutes later.
'I am proud of your spirit. If Reggie had succeeded in kissing you, I should have killed him.'
Bawn looked down thoughtfully at her slender, strong

hand.
'You should have heard the report' she said, 'when the world have heard the report' she said, 'when would have heard the report' she would have heard the report of the report' she would have heard the report of the report' she would have heard the report of the report I smacked his face. I thought Mrs. Molyneux would come out to see what had happened. He is not likely to forget,' she continued pensively. 'And yet it was a pity. It was a delicious entree; I had made it thinking of you.'

'I should not have enjoyed it half so much if I had ealen it,' Captain Gerald said, with grim delight.—Katherine Tynan in the 'Sketch.'

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# **Current Topics**

#### Bible-in-schools

Panurge, in Rabelais' fantastic work, once got the father and mother of a roasting from a Turkish Bashaw. But (said he to Pantagruel) 'this roasting cured me entirely. of a sciatica, whereunto I had been subject above seven years before, upon that side which my roaster, by falling asleep, suffered to be burnt'. During the past twelve days or more, the remnant of the Bible-in-schools party have been getting a rather severe rib-roasting from politicians and from the secular press of the Dominion. It will probably cure them, for some considerable time to come, of their desire to capture the public schools for sectarian purposes. The latest application of blistering comment comes from Christchurch 'Truth'. It says in part:—

'After many hopeless efforts to come to some common understanding they have got down to this: that the Bible should be read as a classic, presumubly in the same fashion as any secular literature. But the very fact that it had to be read at stated times, and apparently as a preliminary to the day's work, shows that the whole idea of the "Bible as a classic" is a subterfuge and a device to conceal the ulterior object of the Bible-in-schools party. If ministers of religion were actuated by any genuine desire to ge-hold of the children in the day schools and impart to them a knowledge of the principles of Christianity, there is nothing to prevent them doing so, and most school committees and teachers would gladly co-operate by encouraging the children to come half an hour earlier for the purpose. But the Bible-in-schools advocate rarely betrays any desire to add to his duties; he would rather thrust them on to the shoulders of the unfortunate school teacher, who has plenty to do already for the inadequate pay that is the reward of his services.'

'But it will come back to us again', says a Northern religious contemporary. It will come back, we ween, as from the wars came back Malbrouck in the old French popular song. The comforter spoke to the lady that watched from the tower-top for one home-coming of her warrior-lord:—

'Il, Reviendra a Paques, Ou a la Trinite'

('He will return, lady, by Easter, or at latest by Trinity day'). But his place knew him never again; his fate was that of the fair one who—in the old Virginny plantation chorus quoted by Burnand—'never came back no more'.

#### 'Marked Success'

In its issue of October 31, the Wellington 'Evening Post' has the following editorial remarks regarding a non-Catholic missionary who is raising funds in New Zealand for the erection of ecclesiastical buildings in Buenos Aires (Argentina). The visitor 'who takes up the collection', says the 'Post', 'is a New Zealander who has had "marked success" there as an evangelist—such success that he comes back and asks for £3000 for building purposes. To our mind the demand savors of unreasoning importunity. If the evangelist's work is really a "success" he should be able to raise funds on the spot.'

#### A Cruel Fashion

In early New England the Puritan leaders regulated female attire by law. They considered long hair unscriptural, preached down wigs and veils, and condemned as inventions of Satan the jewels and farthingales and other feminine frippery with which ungodly women used to decorate themselves outside New England. The sternly honest and uncompromising Pilgrim Fathers and their early descendants erred, indeed, on the side of severity. But circumstances occasionally arise which call for the existence of a censorship of fashion as well as for a censorship of plays and books.

We allude in particular to the needless slaughter of egrets, which within the past few weeks has been taking place on a big scale along the banks of the Murray, in Australia. Melbourne papers tell a pitiful tale of the wholesale destruction of those beautiful and harmless herons for the sake of the plumes which adorn them in the nesting season, and which are sold for the decoration of the head-gear of ladies who follow the cruel fashion of the time. And the slaughter of the parent birds causes, in turn, the slow and agonising death of tens of thousands of their callow fledgelings.

Fashion has been a Bajazet, a Tamerlane, a Zenghis Khan-all rolled into one-for the feathered tribe. Happily, the wholesale slaughter of birds for the adornment of feminine hats, bonnets, and toques has somewhat abated-if we may judge by our observations in New Zealand. The massacre of the feathered innocents seemed to have reached its height just ten years ago. At that time the Congress of American Orni-thologists stated that Lingland alone imported about 25,000,000 a year, and Europe about 300,000,000. Lovely woman and her fashions are responsible for the almost complete extinction of some of the most beautiful and interesting feathered tenants of the world's forests and 'We may smile at fashion', says a recent writer, 'and even admire her, so long as she is not cruel; but beauty grows barbarous instead of angelic when it forgets to be kind and womanly'. According to an eye-witness of the slaughter of the egrets, writing in the Melbourne 'Age',

'It is not possible to conceive of anything more horribly brutal and barbarous than the methods employed that may enable one of the gentler sex to become the possessor of an "egret plume." Surely no woman worthy of the name can have any idea of the fiendish cruelty and pitiable suffering that must ensue ere she can become the possessor of such a bauble. Our civilisation is but a veneer, and a thin one at that, or trade in such ghastly relics would not be possible.'

We make merry at Catullus writing a poem to soothe the grief of his pagan ladye-love for the loss of her pet sparrow. But the pagan lassie had at least heart enough to regret the death of her feathered friend. In one at least of its aspects, modern fashion has far less feeling.

#### Two Duels

In England, duelling was almost as much a matter of course as shaving and gambling, from the Restoration to the Revolution. It flourished exceedingly throughout the eighteenth century, and died a hard death in the nineteenth. Good, wholesome ridiculehot, strong, and plentiful-did most in the way of choking off duelling. Especially was this true of the ridicule of the dramatists, who harped upon the comic side of duelling, and made the public diaphragm shake with laughter at the antics of the swashbucklers in 'The Corsican Brothers', and of Bob Acres, and of Mansie Waugh, the Musselburgh tailor. The last duel-at least the last fatal one-fought in England, took place, we think, between Colonel Fawcett and Lieutenant Munro (brothers-in-law), in 1843. On Continental Europe the folly has still a great hold. Last week, after the close of the 'Peace' Conference, two of the delegates settled a little 'point of honor' with 'pistols for two The sense of humor in the comand coffee for one '. batants showed poor development. However, the en-counter was of the harmless character that is supposed to distinguish French political duels, and both valiants have the consolation of knowing that they 'may live to fight another day an equally bloodless duel.

What is called 'a remarkable duel' is reported to have taken place in Naples a few weeks ago. Here is how it is described in a London daily paper:—

'It arose out of a quarrel between two Neapolitan aristocrats, to settle which a duel was arranged. When, however, the combatants were facing each other sword

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are still at 29 CASTLE STREET, and will supply you with any kind of Coal or Firewood you want at LOWEST TARIFF RATES Smithy Coals supplied. in hand, a reconciliation was effected. Then a fresh dispute arose between Signor San Malato, one of the principals, a noted fencer; and Signor Basilone, one of the seconds, with the result that a second duel was arranged between them, to continue until one of them was incapacitated. The weapons were to be pistols. Both parties, though famed as fencers, proved very bad shots, for at 65ft distance forty-one shots were exchanged without the shedding of blood. At the forty-second shot, however, San Malato grazed his opponent's cheek, making a slight abrasion. The seconds then intervened, honor was declared satisfied, and the duellists embraced each other amid, the report says, a touching scene. Both combatants were congratulated upon their coolness under this hail of bullets. The affair lasted exactly three hours and a half.'

It reminds one of the big noise and the little harmthat resulted from the use of lyddite in the South African War, or from the terrific bombardment of Matanzas in the Spanish-American struggle. The net result of the thunderous onslaught of the American fleet on the little Cuban town was (according to report) the docking of a war-mule's tail. The Neapolitan affair likewise recalls, by an easier and more direct association of ideas, the famous duel between Mr. Bray and Mr.

'In Brentford town, of old renown'.

When the duellists 'took their stands',

'Fear made them tremble so, they found They both were shaking hands'.

The result was a compromise. Said Mr. Clay to Mr. Bray :-'I do confess I did attach

Misconduct to your name;
If I withdraw the charge, will then
Your ramrod do the same?

'Said Mr. B., I do agree— But think of Honor's Courts! If we go off without a shot, There will be strange reports '.

They therefore agreed 'to aim above', as if they 'had called out the sun'.

> 'So up into the harmless air Their bullets they did send; And may all other duels have That upshot in the end!

For all the harm the Neapolitan duellists did, they might as well have begun and ended their fight, as did the duellists of Brentford, by firing 'up into the harmless air'. Unhappily, all duels on the Continent Unhappily, all duels on the Continent have not such an innocuous 'upshot in the end'. The spread of the (Catholic) Anti-Duelling League will, we hope, mend, and even at last end, in Continental countries, a form of folly that has thus far been there proof and bulwark against sense'.

#### Dear Food

sult :--

It tends to make us resigned to our ills if we know that many others are in just as evil case. And the all-round rise in the price of food-stuffs is not an experience peculiar to Australia and New Zealand; it seems to have circled the globe. Whether this arises from an appreciation of food, or a depreciation of coin-metal, or both, we leave economists to decide. The Boston 'Pilot', in the latest issue to hand, quotes two bulletins of the United States Bureau of Labor, of the Department of Commerce and Labor statistics, that show a marked increase in the cost of living in the years 1905 and 1906, as compared with the ten-year period 1890-99. In the first of these two bulletins wholesale prices of 258 articles of common consumption were tabulated for sixteen years, with the following re-

'The 1905 average, contrasted with the year of lowest average prices during the sixteen years from 1890 to 1905, in each of the general groups of commodi-

ties, shows farm products 58.6 per cent. higher than in 1896; food, etc., 29.7 per cent. higher than in 1896; clothes and clothing, 22.9 higher than in 1897; fuel and lighting, 39.4 per cent. higher than in 1894; metals and implements, 41.8 per cent. higher than in 1898; lumber and building materials, 41.4 per cent. higher than in 1897; drugs and chemicals, 24.1 per cent. higher than in 1895; house furnishing goods, 21.5 higher than in 1897, and the materials included in the miscellaneous group, 23.4 higher than in 1896. group, 23.4 higher than in 1896.

'Summing up these statistics', says the 'Pilot', it is seen that the average cost of these articles was 15.9 per cent. higher than the average for the ten year period. We are fold, on the testimony of the second bulletin, that the average for 1906 was 5.6 per cent. above that for the preceding year; 36.5 per cent. higher than in 1897, the year of lowest prices since 1890, and 22.4 per cent. higher than for the decade from 1890 to 1899. point attained since 1800 was reached in the last month of last year, when the average was 4.1 per cent. higher than for the year and 6.3 above the average for the same month in 1905. Out of the nine groups into which the 258 commodities were divided, only two showed a decrease as against 1905, farm products and drugs and chemicals.'

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The dignity of a submarine cable report was also accorded to a statement made by another Tory placeman, Mr. Justice Ross, on May 17, 1907, to the effect that at the time a 'widespread and audacious conspiracy ' was ' rampant in the West of Ireland.' A circumstance that the cable-agent failed to say was this: that (as the 'Glasgow Observer' of June 7, 1907, remarks) Mr. Justice Ross 'had no criminal cases before him upon which to rest his dictum', as his statement was 'made in the Land Court'. We may here add that such agrarian trouble as existed in Ireland at the time was confined to the areas which were being impoverished and depopulated by the ranching system. Of the which, more will be said in the course of the present On May 15, 1907, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman referred to these areas in the course of a speech as follows :--

'He was not aware that there was any foundation for the suggestion that there was an increasing number of outrages throughout the South and West of Ireland. The Chief Secretary informed him that the condition of Ireland, as a whole, was very satisfactory, though in certain limited areas disturbances had recently taken

A vague and general charge of widespread and 'savage boycotting' was made in the House of Commons some three months earlier-in February, 1907, by Mr. Walter Long. Chief Secretary Mr. Birrell described the statement as 'a shocking misrepresentation'. He appealed to the police returns to show that serious boycotting was limited to a score of cases; and (added he), as to 'exclusive dealing and "cutting" people', knowing what Nonconformists had to put up with in English village life, the English records of such incidents would be very formidable ('Weekly Freeman', February 23, 1907). A more detailed story of boycotting was told by an Ulster Orange member, Captain Craig, in the customary form of a question, in the House of Commons on July 3, 1907. He asked the Chief Secretary for Ireland :--

'How many persons in the neighborhood of Droma-hair, County Leitrim, are boycotted; how many miles have they to travel to obtain the bare necessaries of life, have their horses shod, and dispose of their stock; can he give the reasons why they are boycotted, and state the number of police employed for their protec-tion.'

The writer of an article in the 'Weekly Freeman' of August 3, 1907, states that 'a crowded House of Commons' awaited the answer to this series of charges against a whole country-side in Leitrim. Mr. Birrell's answer ran as follows —

'No one in Dromaliair or within ten miles of it is boycotted'

And then, we are told, the House rocked with laughter

The same writer tells how another question was printed and circulated among the parliamentary papers for several mornings, and sent each morning to the houses of the 670 members of Parliament, to the numerous members of the House of Lords, to every newspaper office in London, and to various other persons and places. This was, in fact, the general practice of the 'carrion crows' of the Irish Unionist Alliance. It indicates a source from which the cable-agency that supplies Australasian newspapers probably took some of their mistaken storics of Irish crime and 'outrage'. The question referred to at the beginning of this paragraph was put by Mr. Lonsdale, a prominent member of the Ulster Orange party. It ran as follows:—

'To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland whether he has received reports of a shooting outrage at Grange, County Galway, at the house of a man named John Costelloe, who took possession of a grazing farm on the estate of Lambert, minors, and whether any arrests have been made.'

Mr. Birrell replied :-

'The police authorities inform me they have investigated this alleged shooting outrage, and they are perfectly satisfied there is absolutely no foundation for it.'

'Gatta ci cova', as the Italians say—there's something at the back of all this that needs explaining. Elvira, in the 'Bab Ballads', sent her Ferdinando on a journey to discover 'who it is that writes those lovely cracker mottoes'. Ferdinando at last discovered the lollipop bard in the person of an obscure but 'gentle pieman'. It would be interesting to trace these Unionist Alliance 'outrages' to their source—to pillory the ungentle political piemen who invent or 'adapt' this class of crimes and forward them to the Ulster Orange members to be made the subjects of inquiry in Parliament. The writer in the 'Weekly Freeman' of July 3, 1907, whom we have already quoted, says of these stories:—

'They must be authenticated in some way or other. No member of Parliament, not even the most rabid Orange coercionist, would accept, without some authority or without the fiat of someone he knew, questions to Ministers for which, in a measure, he becomes responsible, and which, if unfounded, will make him appear silly and ridiculous. These questions must have a history, and that history would certainly be interesting if once made public. No one can have the least doubt that the Unionist members of Parliament are themselves imposed on, in the first instance, by the inventors of the bogus outrages; but while that may mitigate the seriousness of their offence it certainly cannot be offered as an excuse.'

Tales of Irish Catholic 'disloyalty' and 'intolerance' appear to be among the 'bonnes bouches' or tit-bits of the outrage campaign. We pick a few cases at random from among the many before us. Here is a case which is reported in so unaccustomed and unexpected a quarter as the 'Weekly Irish Times', a coercionist organ (issue of June 22, 1907):—

'Mr. Lonsdale asked the Chief Secretary whether his attention had been called to the fact that, at a Gaelic League demonstration on Sunday, 2nd June, Mr. P. O'Donnellan said the Irish people were not in a position to face England on the field of battle, but while they were waiting for that not far distant date, they should beycott everything English, from the Lord Lieutenant down to the meanest menial and spy in his serter?

'Mr. Birrell said his attention had been called to a newspaper report of the speech referred to. The question did not seem to him to convey a correct impression of the tenor of the speech. Its general purport was contained in an extract which he would venture to read: "Last year the Irish people spent over £13,000,000 on drink, and, out of the duty collected on the drink bill principally, the English Government was paying her officials, from the Lord Lieutenant down to the meanest menial and to the meanest spy in her service. Why should they not reduce the drink bill by one-half, because it would not be too much to ask any man taking two bottles of stout in the day to reduce it to one, not for the sake of any man, but for the sake of Ireland. Were they going to spend £25,000,000 on foreign manufactures, while they were begging from Henry Robinson and others for grants for Unions?" In concluding an eloquent speech, added the Chief Secretary, Mr. O'Donnellan asked the people to become temperate and self-reliant until they realised their fondest aspirations'.

# CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE

# LECTURE BY THE COADJUTOR - BISHOP OF HOBART

(Concluded.)

The Associations of Worship.

For, in the first place, all the church property which Bonaparte had once again 'placed at the disposal of the bishops' is now taken back by the State, just as if the State had not first come by it through simple spoliation. Bishops' houses are left gratuitously to the Church for two years; presbyteries and theological colleges for five years. Buildings serving for public worship are left for use only, but subject to a number of obligations, non-compliance with which brings for taken all cases the State claims the ownership. But in defende of an association to take over the property-or the use of a propertythis property shall fall to the commune or the department, as the case may be. Now for those associations of worshin: Who was to create them? On what principles were they to be created? The law is absolutely silent on that. But before the Bill came on for discussion the Government organs said enough, and more than enough, to explain the silence. The same avowal was repeatedly made in Parliament while the Bill was in debate. And it came to this:

The great aim of the law was freedom—freedom for the Catholic laity from the dominance of the Church. Now, all along up to this time, the property of the Church was held in trust. There were some 69,000 such trusts in the country. For the parishes the trustees and administrators were laymen, the priest being a member ex officio. The bishop appointed the majority, and the civil authority the others. You see, there was not much dominance here, yet it worked well on the whole. If the Church was not supreme, it had an important place. One wonders why the new law did not simply recognise these bodies, and pass on to them such property or usufruct as it conceded. But that would never suit the 'owners' of the Republic. A great deal was talked then in their Press of an imminent schism. The new law absolutely

Ignores the Bishop and the Priest,

and, of course, the Pope. We seem to be face to face with a modern edition of the Civil Constitution of the French clergy, that masterpiece of the 'great ancestors.' We do not know how those associations of worship are to come into existence; unless by some process of spontaneous generation. But we find that in one year after the promulgation of the law-that is, by December, 1906—those old trust bodies simply cease to have legal existence. Now, unless during the year 1906 those old trust bodies have handed over the properties and usufruct to the indeterminate associations of worship, the property ceases to have an owner at all, and the State steps in to become its owner! This is certainly another instance of that 'ingenuity' in getting at other people's property which the 'Daily News' so much admired in M. Waldeck-Rousseau seven years ago. You wipe out the existing holder, and you take very good care that the successor in title shall be still-born. For the law says indeed in article 4 that 'the associations shall be legally formed in accordance with the rules of general organisation of the religion of which they are to maintain the exercise'; but it adds in article 8 that 'in cases where the property is claimed at once or later by several associations, set up for the exercise of the same form of worship,' the decision rests with the

Council of State. Now, you remember that even after the Pope and bishops had condemned those associations of worship, we were informed by cable that hundreds of such associations were applying all the same. And, in point of fact, it was well known that in parishes all over France steps had been taken by enemies of the Church to rush the associations, and, of course, thus have complete control of property and worship. For bear in mind that the law expressly fixes severe punishment for any attempt by word or deed to induce a member of such an association to leave it. If a number of good Catholics formed themselves into an association, a set of Masons might have forestalled them, or might any time for six months contest their position. The case had to go before the Council of Statea council of Masons mostly, if not all. Neither bishop nor priest was to be heard; that Council alone decided, taking into account all the circumstances of fact connected with the case.' We hear nothing at all of the circumstances of faith and practice. In fact, M. Combes himself has confessed in the pages of the Vienna 'Neue Freie Presse' that the Pope could not have accepted such associations.

## The Bogus Associations

broke down, both because Catholic associations were not formed and because no priest could be found to place his ministrations at the service of the anti-Catholic associations. Government ignored them once it discovered their usefulness. Catholics had formed associations, then the anti-Catholic opposition associations all over the country would open up an interminable series of suits, all coming before the Council of State, and religion would be thrown into utter confusion. Parties would spring up in every parish, and that deplorable division of French Catholics on dynastic issues which has played into the hands of the Masonic block would be reproduced in every parish on issues touching the Church more nearly still. But those astute calculations have been defeated by the splendid courage of the Church and the heroic selfsacrifice of the bishops and priests of France. They simply declined to have anything to do with any association of worship in the sense of the law. But at what a sacrifice! By this noble attitude of theirs to safeguard the peace and honor of religious life they found themselves deprived of everything. The stipends which would be continued them during a brief period of transition were stopped at once. Over 41,000 bishops and priests were thus stricken. The funds they and their predecessors had created to provide for sickness and age-for the French priest was very poorly paid—were taken over by the Government. Those funds were trust funds, what the law calls 'an ecclesiastical establishment,' and, as the trustees were wiped out and no association of worship formed to take them over, they pass on to the Government. And the case is the same with every sort of pious or religious foundation created under the inspiration of Catholic faith for over one hundred years. Bonaparte's Concordat expressiy declares that Catholics shall be free to 'provide for the churches by foundations.' It was an invitation to supply the place of the wreck and ruin left by the Revolutionary confiscation. The hint had been most generously taken, and every diocese, almost every parish, saw itself in possession of pious trusts for the furtherance of worship, of education, of poor relief, and other salutary objects. Every penny of that lapses automatically to the State, or its local expression. It is estimated that the monetary sacrifice involved in the noble refusal to compromise Catholic unity amounts to £16,000,000. The Abbe Klein puts it at £20,000,000, and the Comte de Mun still higher. Government has all along followed

#### An Astute Line of Policy.

They began in each case with promises of liberal concessions to one party, while pouring vials of wrath on another. The good sisterhoods and brotherhoods who kept to their proper business would be authorised. Only political intermeddlers had anything to apprehend. The patriotic parochial clergy must be protected from the encroachments of cosmopolitan missionaries. Finally, the long-suffering Catholic laity must be emancipated from the servitude imposed upon them by the clergy. Then, again, the Church was to be starved out of existence, but with as little commotion as possible. It was easy to close a convent here and a convent there, but it meant that in a year or two pretty well all went; yet, except for a momentary demonstration in the streets at the departure of the religious, no more was heard. The cheap Press, which falls into the hands of the million, had not a word to say, unless calumniate. In like manner bishops have all been evicted from their residences in perfect security. Crowds have, indeed, gathered round them on their departure, but the memory of a crowd is proverbially evanescent. The eviction of the priests came into closer touch with local life. But that was smoothed over at first by empowering the communal authorities to let the presbytery to the priests at a rent. the same authorities are directed to insist on a full rent, and as the impoverished priest finds it hard enough to keep body and soul together, he is thus automatically expelled. Many parishes are already without a priest. In the expulsion of the ecclesiastical students from the greater and smaller colleges there was a momentary tumult; but once they were out of sight the neighborhood resumed its wonted calm. The closing of the churches has been the sore point. The chapels of the religious establishments have been closed, and many diverted to most profane uses. But they were not parochial, and the people have not missed them so very much. is interwoven with the domestic history of the nation, and will hold its place in the people's affection for a generation at least. Now the law of 1905 takes over all the old churches, and every church in case no associations of worship are formed. This, then, is what has come to pass. The Government, in virtue of this law, already owns

Every Church in France, its furniture, ornaments, and sacred vessels. But the Government has a mortal dread of closing them. M. Clemenceau chivalrously declared that they should not be closed. motive was not generosity, but fear of popular disfavor. people may walk in and out, the priests may celebrate Mass, but both feel that they are merely passing occupants without the smallest title to use the place, much less to exercise the least significant act of administration. Everything in the church is the property of the State or of its local expression. Finally, to bring matters to a head-automatically still-the State does not engage to make any repairs, nor even the repairs which are usually incumbent upon owners, and as soon as the buildings have suffered so far as to put them out of use they lapse from the condition of open churches, and will be sold or converted to other uses. The 'great ancestors' got rid of the Catholic bishops and priests of that day by massacre, execution in hundreds, transportation, and general outlawry. descendants of to-day are more prudent, more up to date. They starve the present generation, and by confiscating the colleges and endowments provided by the faithful for the education of students for the priesthood they hope to do away with ecclesiastics in course of time. Even with colleges, the Conscription law applies to students about to be ordained, and to young priests after ordination. In revenge for the attitude of the Church thousands of those young men were drafted off to the army as common soldiers early in the year. There, since Andre's odious 'reforms,' everything redolent of religion has been put away, and unblushing immorality and irreligion more than tolerated. The young priest in his soldier's uniform is bound down by the regulations of the place, so that he cannot discharge a single one of his sacred duties-duties the exercise of which is the mainstay of a priest. He cannot celebrate Mass. He cannot even attend Mass, unless by chance. If the commanding officer is hostile, which is now more than probable, such a good chance will be now carefully forestalled. Yet

## There is a Silver Lining

to this thick cloud. For the first time in four long centuries the Pope is free to choose the bishops of France as he chooses them here, in America, Great Britain, and as he has ever been free to choose them in Ireland. The bishops are free, in their poverty, to meet one another, as they never were free during the Concordatory rule of four long centuries. They are free to create parishes as the needs of the faithful suggest, without let or hindrance from the Government. The Archbishop of Paris created six new parishes just as he was being expelled from his They are free to assemble their clergy in synod, even were it under the canopy of heaven, and they are free to speak out boldly in Press and platform, and call men and deeds by their proper names. The age of constraint is past, of ceremonious affabilities and hollow felicitations. Church in France, as elsewhere, will have to put aside much that was striking in function, much that was majestic, but she will not long miss those things; in her emancipation, putting forth freely all her native energies, she will wax strong, prosper, and reign in the hearts of the people.

#### CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

## MEMOIRS OF THE EARLY DAYS

(Contributed.)

WELLINGTON.

(Continued from last week.)

Marlborough.

Towards the end of 1842 Mr Cottrell, a surveyor, had explored a way from Nelson into the Wairau, and the glowing accounts given of that district determined Captain Wakefield to take up land there on behalf of the Nelson settlers, and preparations were made to extend the settlement in that direction. Captain Wakefield held that the whole of what is now known as Marlborough was included in the purchase made at the time of the Wellington Settlement, but the Maori chiefs thought otherwise. As soon as the news of the projected survey reached Kapiti Island, Te Rauparaha's stronghold, he, together with Te Rangiharata and Te Hiko, crossed the strait to Nelson, and warned Captain Wakefield that Wairau must not be taken over, as not included in the original sale. In reply Captain Wakefield restated the company's claim, but it was, in angry terms, repudiated by Te Rauparaha, who warned the officials that if they went to Wairau they would meet with resistance. Rauparaha entreated the surveyors not to proceed with the survey, but refer the claim to the Native Commissioner. Captain Wakefield was determined, a step which unfortunately led to the Wairau Massacre, when twenty-three Europeans were murdered. Amongst the victims were Captain Wakefield, Captain England, Messrs Thompson, Cottrell, Richardson, Howard, Brooks, Cropper, and M'Gregor, and of the twenty-six who escaped several were wounded. Looking back calmly, states the chronicler of this tragic event, after a long vista of over sixty years, one cannot help thinking the Europeans were much to be blamed. In the year 1859 Nelson suffered a severe loss in the separation of Wairau from it. The settlers in the Wairau complained that they were taxed for the benefit of Nelson without any compensating return, being left roadless and bridgeless. There was little opposition to the request of the discontented colonists. An Act was passed by the General Assembly in the same year separating Wairan from Nelson, and incorporating it under a separate government as the province of Marlborough. The new province shared in the gold discoveries of 1863-4, important finds being made in the Wakamarina district, about thirty miles from Nelson. There was then a good road over the Maungatapu, and a great rush took place. This road became notorious a year or so later owing to a dastardly tragedy perpetrated by a gang of bushrangers. Canvastown and Havelock grew into important little townships, boasting of a newspaper and Government officials.

#### Blenheim,

the chief centre of Marlborough, owes its Church foundation and the beautiful organisation of its works to the Rev. Father Sauzeau, S.M. Sent in November, 1864, to this new district, he found there only sixty houses, occupied by some hundreds of people. He celebrated the first Mass in the courthouse. following year he built a church and opened two schools for the Catholic children of the settlement. Ten years later this temporary church was replaced by a beautiful edifice, which was erected on land acquired, with the liberal assistance of the small Catholic congregation, in a healthy and beautiful situa-tion in the southern part of the town. In addition to Blen-heim Father Sauzeau had charge of the whole of the province of Marlborough, and with characteristic zeal he had churches erected at Tu Marina, Picton, and Havelock. Being unassisted, he had to personally supply all requirements. In his correspondence he once wrote :-- On two Sundays of the month I celebrate mass in Blenheim, and once a month at Picton and Havelock, and when there is a fifth Sunday in any month I visit and unite as best I can the families scattered over the distant outlying districts. In New Zealand it is truly difficult for a missionary priest to find time to be lonely. Each Sunday I celebrate two masses, preach at different times, and baptise During the week I teach catechism, oversee the schools, direct affairs generally, visit the parishioners, and, above all, the sick on my four stations. Thank God, although our Catholics are scattered over the province, and in consequence a great distance from the central residence, very few have died without the sacred rites and consolations of our holy religion."

#### AUCKLAND.

Farewell Addresses to Sir George Grey.

From a cutting from the 'New Zealander,' a newspaper of the period, kindly lent by one of the clergy, who has consistently manifested the keenest interest in these memoirs, I am enabled to copy the following particulars, which, after the lapse of more than half a century, will undoubtedly prove interesting and instructive :- Bishop Pompalier, his clergy, and the schools under his care have not failed to unite with the other denominations and classes of the community in offering tributes of grateful respect and esteem to His Excellency Sir George Grey on the occasion of his departure for England, as the following series of addresses presented last week will testify. The first is from the Catholic Bishop, Vicar General, and clergy of the diocese of Auckland : —

May it please your Excellency,—The intelligence of your leaving New Zealand so soon has been rather sudden to me, and coinciding with the solemnities of the birthday of Our Blessed Saviour, during which the spiritual labors of my pastorship are multiplied in this dear city, and accompanied with abundant consolations. The most earnest prayers have still been said by the pastor and flock for your Excellency to the Divine Infant, who was born for us, and is the Source of all power and happiness. I shall never forget your cordial feelings in administering your paternal protection towards the prelate who writes these few lines and his vast flock of natives and Europeans in New Zealand. I am an old settler, who have witnessed the cradle of civilisation and religion in this country where your Excellency has displayed so much wisdom, prudence, and dignity. Providence has conducted me around the world to witness also the antiquity, universality, and unity of the Catholic religion. freedom is granted at present almost everywhere, and it is with deep feelings of pleasure and gratitude that I have seen it respected and protected under your high authority; for wherever this freedom reigns it is a sign of temporal and spiritual blessings. Accept, then, my congratulations for the success of your labors in New Zealand, my regret for your departure, my wishes for a safe voyage and return, and my prayers to God for obtaining blessings and happiness for your Excellency and Lady Grey, whose benefits towards the orphans and schools of my congregation will never be forgotten. May these sentiments, partaken by my clergy and flock, be acceptable to your Excellency.

Your most humble obedient servant,

+ J. BST. FRS. POMPALLIER,

Ap. Adm., Catholic Bishop of Auckland.

'To His Excellency Sir G. Grey, K.C.B.,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand.

'We, the undersigned, unite with the beloved Bishop of the Diocese of Auckland.

'JAS. M'DONALD, Vicar-General (For him and for the following clergy absent:-Rev. Fathers Fynes, Alletay, Bourand, Garavel, Segala, Garin, parish priest of Nelson).'

To which His Excellency returned the following reply:--'Government House, Auckland,

' December 29, 1853.

'My Lord,-I feel much indebted to your Lordship and the clergy of your diocese for the very friendly terms in which, in the address you have transmitted to me, you allude to the efforts I have made to promote the welfare of the Catholic population in New Zealand, whether European or native, during the time that I have administered the government of these islands. Upon my part, my thanks are due to your Lordship and your clergy for the efforts you have, during my government, invariably made to promote peace and good order amongst all classes of the community, and the spread of civilisation and education amongst the native population—the efforts you have made in these respects demand my warm acknowledgments. Lady Grey unites with me in thanking your Lordship and your clergy for your prayers and wishes for our future welfare and happiness, and we beg that you will receive yourself, and express to your clergy and Catholic people, our heartfelt sentiments of enduring gratitude, esteem, and regard.'

(To be continued.)

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# Diocesan News

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

Nov 2.

The executive of the Catholic Club has placed in the club rooms a large and life-like portrait of the late William Hamilton.

His Grace the Archbishop left on Wednesday morning for Palmerston North to be present at the bazaar, which is now being held there in aid of the parish

Several of our young men propose paying a visit at the end of next week to the Catholic Club in Palmerston North. These visits do much to promote the well-being of both clubs, as they stimulate an interest in club life.

The euchre tournament, held by the club during the week, was well attended. The gentleman's prize was secured by Mr. P. Clarke, and the lady's by Miss Henderson. Musical items were contributed by Misses Hawthorn, Davis, and Messrs. F. Eller, P. J. McGovern, and A. Eller.

During the Triduum at St. Joseph's Church the several services were attended by crowded congregations, and large numbers approached the Holy Table. On Sunday evening the sermon was preached by the Rev. Father McCarthy, on Monday by the Rev. Father Bartley, and on Tuesday by the Rev. Father Venning.

The Catholic Club opened the tennis season on Saturday last, when a large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled to 'take part in the games. The court has been carefully prepared for the season's play, and members anticipate an enjoyable time during the coming summer months. coming summer months.

On Monday last the club held an oratorical contest in which four speakers competed. The first place was awarded to Mr. Carl Pfaff, and the second to Mr., Thomas Boyce. The Hon. R. A. Loughnan, M.L.C., acted as judge. On Tuesday evening the members of the Literary Society will hold a competition in which a prize will be awarded to the gentleman making the best parliamentary election speech best parliamentary election speech.

The results of the annual terms examinations held in connection with the local University College were announced during the week. I am pleased to observe that our Catholic students—now much on the increase—did very well. The Rev. Fathers O'Reilly, Bartley, Gondringer, and Gilbert, of St. Patrick's College staff, achieved first-class results in their respective subjects. The interest taken by our people and the tive subjects. The interest taken by our people and the successes achieved in this connection are healthy signs. Our Catholic students have reason to be proud of the year's work. Let us hope for a further increase in numbers next year and for further honors.

year's work. Let us hope for a further increase in numbers next year and for further honors.

The organ recital by Miss May Putnam at the Sacred Heart Basilica on Sunday evening last proved highly successful. The following report appeared in the 'Evening Post':—A fallacy that man only can excel at the pipe organ, with its numerous stops and manuals, was removed from the minds of many people.last evening, when Miss May Putnam, organist at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Hill street, gave an organ recital. Miss Putnam is a young lady who succeeded her father in leading the service of praise at the church, and her treatment last night of a number of gems from the works of the masters qualified her to take rank with the best organists of the city. The selections ranged from Elgar's stately 'Pomp and Circumstance' to Saint-Saens' dainty 'Le cygne' and Handel's majestic 'Hallelujah chorus,' and were all remarkable for artistic treatment and sound judgment. Miss Putnam's pedalling was excellent, and her choice of stops decidedly pleasing, especially in 'Le cygne,' in which she obtained an effect similar to that produced by the Vox Humana. Little wonder was it that Archbishop Redwood complimented the organist on her recital. In the course of his remarks the Archbishop said that Miss Putnam had inherited the talents and enthusiasm of her father, who was instrumental in obtaining such fine music in the old cathedral. He hoped that the congregation would have many further opportunities to appreciate her talents and enthusiasm. Other items were the popular 'O star of eve,' by Wagner, Wely's brilliant offertoire in F, Lemare's delightful 'Elegy' and 'In Paradisum,' by Dubois. Three vocal contributions were interspersed with the organ numbers. Mr.

J. Smith, a tenor recently arrived from the Old Country, sang 'The sorrows of death,' by Mendelssohn, and Cherubini's 'Ave Maria.' His intonation was true, his phrasing delightful, whilst the quality of his voice throughout a wide compass was rich and full. Mr. Smith should be an acquisition to oratorio music in Wellington. Madame Eveleen Carlton (soprano) sang Schubert's 'Ave Maria' with fine expression, and Mr. J. Flanagan (bass) gave a pleasing rendering of 'Ecce Deus,' by Clifton. The soloists were also thanked by the Archbishop for their items. The recital was given in aid of the organ fund, which up till last evening had a debit balance of £60.

## Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

October 31.

The social held recently at Aramoho on behalf of the St. Joseph's Church furnishing fund netted £20 5s—a very creditable result for a new parish.

On the King's Birthday the St. Mary's Dramatic Club intend giving a performance of 'The Octoroon' at the Opera House.

I must congratulate Wr. W. M. Luxford, a member of St. Mary's Club, on winning Mr. Henderson's trophy for the best all-round player in the Wanganui Cricket Club last season.

At the recent shooting contest in Australia the New Zealand team were not successful, but the Wanganui representative worthily upheld the honor of the town and Dominion by making a score of 265, being the third highest in the match.

Miss E. Mahoney, a pupil of the St. Joseph's Convent High School, has succeeded in passing her second term in connection with victoria College, Wellington. This is another proof of the work done in our local convent.

The Rev. Father Treacy, of Stratford, has been appointed by his Grace the Archbishop to collect funds for the Wellington Cathedral in Wanganui. Rev. Fathen Mahony will do the same in the Stratford district. The collecting will commence at the end of next week.

A meeting was held on Sunday night after Vespers at St. Mary's in order to devise means for obtaining funds for a children's picnic at New Year's time. It was decided to hold a euchre party and social in the club rooms on Tuesday, November 12.

Sunday, November 3, has been allotted by the St. Mary's Catholic Club as the day on which members may have Masses celebrated for their deceased relatives, also for the deceased members. The club intend making this custom an annual one.

The report of the Government Inspectors (Messrs. Strong and Milne) on the work done by the St. Joseph's parish school was that the scholars acquitted themselves well, passing a really excellent examination. They also Inspected the work of the Marist Brothers. School, and were highly pleased with the results obtained by the boys.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are now busily engaged preparing for their annual concert, which takes place on December 12. There is special interest being excited in the fact that part of the performance will consist of a fairy operetta. The chorus singing of the several parts will be greatly enhanced by the aid of Mr. Beck's splendid orchestra.

The ratepayers of Wangapui on Wednesday decided at a poll to confirm the Borough Council's proposal to borrow an additional £5000 for the purpose of supplementing the £40,000 already authorised for installing an electric tramway service. The Mayor, after formally declaring the result, announced that by next winter the citizens of Wangapui would be in possession of an up-to-date and first-class electric tramway system. tem.

At the practical examination, conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Loyal College of Music (Mr. R. Cummings examiner), held at Wanganui early in the month, the following pupils from the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent were successful—Advanced grade.—Piano—Edie Fookes, 120; Mabel Mahoney, 104. Higher school.—Piano—Maggie King, 108; Ethel Parker, 108; Mary Keane, 106; Nellie Percy, 100. Lower school.—Piano—Eileen Burns, 100; violin, Minnie Power, 107; Horace R. Hunt, 101. Elementary division.—Piano—Kathleen Holmes, 138; Ruby Curran, 137; Annie Kelly, 123; Eileen Quinlivan, 122; Agneta Hilles, 122.; Grace

Koberstein, 119; Eileen Ellingham, 118; Kathleen Neylon, 111; May Mahoney, 106; violin, Ivy Oidberg, 106. The examiner was very pleased with the results, and the Sisters are to be congratulated on the success of their pupils. I must also congratulate the following three boys:—Master Raymond Kitchen, who was successful in the advanced grade division (violin), with 123 marks; Master William Neylon in the higher school division (violin), with 111 marks, both of whom are altar boys at St. Mary's; and Master Bernard Kitchen in the higher school division (piano), with 127 marks.

#### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 4.

On Tuesday the Ecclesiastical Conference of North Canterbury deanery will be held at Lincoln. Conference of the

The Rev. Father O'Connell returned from the Ashburton district last week, and is at present a victim to the prevailing influenza epidemic.

As a sequel to the course of lectures recently de-livered, his Lordship the Bishop intends on next Sun-day evening giving the first of a short course on the subject: 'Where is to be found true Christianity?'

There was First Communion of the children at St. Agnes' Church, Halswell, on Sunday at the Mass celebrated by the Rev. Father Peoples, who had also prepared the candidates by a three days' retreat.

There will be Confirmation at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, on the first Sunday of Advent, and First Communion and Confirmation in the Cathedral on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8.

Mr. Scarfe, a gentleman lately from England, is taking over the conductorship of the Cathedral choir. Invitations are extended to all who may desire to join with a view of considerably strengthening the choir, and raising the standard of efficiency.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral on Sunday from the eleven o'clock Mass until Vespers, followed by the usual procession and Benediction. The congregations throughout the day were largely augmented from among the numerous visitors to the city for Carnival Week.

Notable examples of generosity on the part of poor Notable examples of generosity on the part of poor persons towards the Cathedral funds have been from time to time recorded. This week his Lordship the Bishop relates the finding of a good subscription in the box placed inside the doors of the Cathedral for the purpose, with a note attached stating it was from a poor working girl, whose only regret was her inability to clear off the entire liabilities.

The annual concert in connection with the Catholic schools of Rangiora was given in the local Institute Hall on last Friday evening. There was a very good audience, to whom for their patronage, and the performers for their assistance, the Rev. Father McManus expressed cordial thanks. Those who contributed were Misses E. Scott, Elsie Hepburn, and Kura Robinson, and Messrs. A. S. Mitchell, Vere Buchanan, C. O'Keeffe and F. Woledge, Mr. R. A. Horne being the accompanist. panist.

At the Cathedral on Sunday the annual collection in aid of the funds of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Cathedral Conference, was made at all the Masses and at Vespers. The charity sermon was preached at the eleven o'clock Mass by his Lordship the Bishop from Isaias, Iviii, 6-9, in the course of which his Lordship impressively pointed out the individual duty of almsgiving, and made a fervent appeal on behalf of the charity dispensed through the medium of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. At Vespers the Rev. Father Peoples preached, and appealed eloquently to those blessed with this world's goods to bestow a fair proportion on their less favored brethren.

## (From an occasional correspondent.)

November 2.

An oratorical competition, under the auspices of the Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand, was held in the club rooms on Tuesday evening before a large attendance of members. The following were the speakers and their subjects:—Messrs. D. F. Dennehy ('Robert Emmet'), H. Salmon ('Richard John Seddon'), P. McNamara ('Christopher Columbus'), W. F. Hallins ('Martin Luther'), D. Edmonds ('Daniel O'Connell'). The audience was treated to some excellent addresses, that of Mr. D. Edmonds being especially meritorious, and the judges, Messrs. J. R. Hayward and J. F. Devonport, had no difficulty in choosing the winner.

Mr. Edmonds by his success becomes entitled to a hand-some diploma of merit issued by the Federation.

Preparations are well forward for a musical dramatic entertainment to be given in the club rooms on November 14. Judging by the number of tickets on November 14. Judging by the sold, there should be a record house.

#### Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

The weekly meeting of the Catholic Club was held on Tuesday evening. A pleasant time was spent in various games by the members.

Owing to the very fine weather the local tennis and cricket clubs have opened their seasons early, and both clubs have secured a very good membership.

The Ashburton branch of the Hibernian Society has now a large number of members, and is making siderable progress.

The Rev. Father McDonnell, who has been acting as assistant priest in this district for some considerable time, has decided to leave New Zealand. He intends spending a few weeks in Sydney, then proceeds to Ireland. He will be greatly missed by the parishioners, and still more by the members of the Ashburton Catholic Club, in which he had taken a very keen interest, especially6in the junior members. He held the office of treasurer of the club for the past two years.

#### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

Nov. 4.

The Catholic music teachers of the district were again most successful in the Trinity College musical examinations. The following are some of the results: Senior—Z. Gillespie (Sisters of St. Joseph), M. S. O'Dowd, R. K. A. Wheeler, N. Wade, J. J. Wright, honors (Mr. D. Clarke, Fairlie), M. King, J. Mayer, honors (Mrs. Mangos). Intermediate—Grace Albert (Miss E. Dennehy), G. McArdle, B. K. McCormack (Mrs. Mangos). Junior—W. Braid (Miss E. Fitzgerald) E. M. Sarguse (Sisters of St. Joseph). Preparatory—K. O'Brien, M. Segar (Miss E. Fitzgerald), M. Power (Miss E. Dennehy), J. Scott (Sisters of St. Joseph).

The bazaar in aid of the new church fund opens in the Drill Hall on Monday next. Strong commitsees have been working for it during the past twelve months and more, and, judging by the completeness of the arrangements, the Empire Carnival promises to be the most successful fair yet held for the same object. Signor Bozzoni is assiduously training 300 young people for the attractive programmes to be provided. A daily paper called 'The Prattler' will be published in connection with the bazaar, and it is to be hoped that it will receive the support that such a venture deserves. The bazaar in aid of the new church fund

Messrs. Dwan Bros. Willis St., Wellington, report having made the following hotel sales:—Mr. Thos. Storey's interest in the Federal Hotel, Picton; Mr. W. A. Fuller's interest in the Seddon Hotel, Marlborough; A. Fuller's interest in the Seddon Hotel, Marlborough; Messrs. Adams Bros. interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Club Hotel, Martinborough, Wairarapa; Mr. Peter B. Ross's interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Royal Hotel, Denniston; the lease good furniture of the Royal Hotel, Denniston; the lease goodwill and furniture of the Makuri Hotel; the lease goodwill and furniture of the Napier Hotel, Napier, on behalf of Mr. P. Gleeson; Mr. P. Scanlon's interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Club Hotel, Carterton; Mr. F. S. Pollock's interest in the Commercial Hotel, Stratford Mr. R. L. Paul's interest in the Globe Hotel, Renwicktown, Blenheim; Mr. P. D. Pedersen's interest in the Aohanga Hotel; Messrs. Jowsey and Lane's interest in the United Service Hotel Christchurch; Mr. G. F. Robinson's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the White Horse Hotel, Ngahauranga Mr. George Philip's interest in the Globe Hotel, Nelson; also the valuation of the Masonic Hotel, Dannervirke....

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Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., report as follows :-

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was a full attendance of bnyers, and most of the lots on offer met with good competition, and prices were well up to late with good competition, and prices were well up to late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The few lots offering during the past week have had keen competition, and good lines of feed suitable for shipment are in strong demand. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 1d; good to best feed, 3s 10d to 4s; inferior to medium, 3s 7d to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra) extra).

wheat.—Only small lots have been offering locally, and these have mostly been taken for fowl wheat at advanced rates. We quote: Prime milling, 6s 1d to 6s 2d; whole fowl wheat, 5s 1ld to 6s; broken and damaged, 5s 3d to 5s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatocs.—Since our last sale, at which values under excited bidding reached £10 per ton, there has been a reaction in the market, and during the past few days no sales of any importance have taken place. At our sale to-day a bitter tone was apparent, and several lots of good sound Up-to-dates were quitted under fair competition at £7 to £7 10s, and one lot at £7 15s. Medium and small sorts had little demand, and were difficult to place at £4 to £6 per ton (bags extra). Inquiries for quotations from the north are more numerous, and should buyers there respond the consignments now coming forward should be readily absorbed. Much, however, depends on northern requirements, as the quantity now on hand at this season of the year is in excess of local demand.

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Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is scarce, and at our sale to-day had strong competition, values showing a further advance. Best lines, with good demand, reached £6 5s to £6 10s; medium to good, £5 10s to £6. light and discolored, £4 15s to £5 5s per ton (bags

Straw.—The market is bare, and both oaten wheaten now coming forward are sure of ready sale.

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

Oats.—There are not many offering, and with keen competition from shippers all good lines of feed oats are in strong demand. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s to 4s.1d; good to best feed, 3s.10d to 4s; inferior to medium, 3s.7d to 3s.9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little offering. Fowl wheat is in great demand, but none is available. Prime milling, 6s.1d to 6s.3d; medium, 5s.11d to 6s; broken and damaged, 5s.3d to 5s.9d per bushel, ex store (sacks extra).

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Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is most in demand, other descriptions being not so keenly competed for. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £6 5s to £6 10s; medium to good, £5 15s to £6; light and inferior, £4 10s to £5 12s 5d.

Potatoes.-There has been a reaction in the market since last week's sale. However sales have been made to £7 10s, and extra to £7 15s; medium quality and small are hard to quit at from £4 to £6.

Pressed Straw.—The market is bare of both wheaten and oaten, and anything coming forward is readily sold at from 55s to 60s for oaten, and 47s 6d to 50s for

#### WOOL

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Rabbitskins.—Prime winter does are the only skins that are much competed for, and sell fully up to values. Prime winters to 22d; good, 17d to 18½d; medium to 14¾d, mixed 14d to 15½d, early winters 11d to 13½d, autumns 8½d to 11½d, summers 6¾d to 8½d, small to 6d, winter blacks to 16½d, and other blacks 10¾d to 12½d. Horse hair to 18½d.

Sheepskins.—Bidding was very slack and prices were slightly easier than at last week's rates. Best halfbred sold from 9½d to 9¾d; medium to good, 7½d to 8½d; best crossbred, 7½d to 8d; medium to good, 6½d to 7½d.

Hides.—The last fortnightly sale was held on Octo-

Hides.—The last fortnightly sale was held on October 31, when large catalogues were submitted all round. ber 31, when large catalogues were submitted all round. Our top price was 6%d for ox hide weighing 70th Quotations. Prime stout heavy ox hides, 6½d to 6%d; good heavy do, 5%d to 6%d; medium weight, 4%d to 5%d; light weights, 4d to 4½d; staggy and inferior, 3d to 3½d; best heavy cow hides, 4½d to 5d; medium weight do, 4¼d to 4%d; light weight, 4½d to 4%d; inferior, 2½d to 3¼d; yearlings, 3d to 4½d; calfskins, 4½d to 6%ns, 4½d to

Tallow and Fat.—There is keen competition for everything coming forward and late rates are well maintained.

## PRACTICAL SYMPATHY

## VICE-ROYALTY AT WORK

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The best sympathy is of the practical kind, and this is the sympathy that her Excellency Lady Plunket feels for the good work of Mother Aubert. The Rev. Mother was anxious to have a concrete reservoir erected in connection with the new Home at Island Bay. On looking into the estimated cost, she saw that the item for the cartage of the necessary sand and gravel to the top of the hill on which the reservoir is to be built came to £200. She therefore decided to shift the stuff herself, and the boys from St. Patrick's College decided to assist. Her Excellency Lady Plunket heard of the project and volunteered to assist. On Wednesday afternoon His Excellency the Governor, Lady Plunket, Captains Gathorne-Hardy and Lyon, A's.D.C., arrived at the scene of operations and began at once to assist in removing the gravel. The work was carried out with such vigor that in an hour and a quarter, 8½ tons of gravel had been shifted to the site of the reservoir. At the conclusion of these labors, afternoon tea was dispensed, and Mother continuity of the site of the reservoir. At the conclusion of these labors, afternoon tea was dispensed, and Mother Aubert presented her Excellency with a little silver model of one of the gravel boxes. The memento was thus inscribed on one side: 'Her Excellency Lady Plunket, Wellington, New Zealand, October, 1907,' and on the other side, 'In ioving and grateful remembrance of her reservoir labor, Home of Compassion.' The Viceregal party drove away amidst the cheers of the college boys. This act of charity is one that speaks for itself. Workmen are at present engaged remedying the defects recently discovered in the new Home. Messrs. Campbell and Bourke, the original contractors have the work in hand—a testimony of the confidence they enjoy.

If Roman Catholics (says the 'New Zealand Times') are satisfied to provide the whole cost of the education of their own children out of their own pockets in order that their children may get the religious teaching considered necessary, surely the Protestant denominations, who have to pay nothing whatever for the education of their children in secular subjects, cannot complain if they are called upon to provide themselves the teaching they desire for their children in Bible catechism, or other standards of their faith. The attempt to get this done by the present school machinery is one which the Premier and his Cabinet very properly refuse to encourage and countenance. and countenance.

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On October 16 an interesting wedding was celebrated at St. John's Church, Ranfurly, by the Rev. Father McMullan. The contracting parties were Miss Sabina Herlihy, of Patearoa, to Mr. Neil Duncan, of Katea, Catlins. The bride, who was tastefully attired in cream voile, with wreath and veil, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. S. O'Neill. The bridesmaids were Miss Kenny and Miss Cecily O'Neill (niece of the bride). Mr. James Herlihy acted as best man. After the Mass the bridal party left the church to the strains of the Wedding March, Mrs. W. Dowling presiding at the organ. At the wedding breakfast the usual toasts were duly honored. In a complimentary speech Rev. Father McMullan alluded to the services rendered to the Church by Mrs. Duncan, and presented her on behalf of the congregation with an illuminated address and purse of sovereigns in recognition of her services as organist for several years. The newly wedded couple left by rail for their future home in Catlins. left by rail for their future home in Catlins.

## LYNSKEY-TOBIN

On October 23, at St. Agnes' Church, Halswell, Mr. Patrick Edward Lynskey, fifth son of Mr. Michael Lynskey, late clerk of the court, Kaiapoi, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Mary Tobin, youngest daughter of Mr. John Tobin, Kumara. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Connell, assisted by the Rev. Father Peoples. The bride, who was led to the altar by Mr. A. C. Nottingham, was tastefully attired in a cream cloth costume, piped with pale blue, with a pretty hat to match. The bride carried a prayer book the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid was Miss Annie P. Lynskey, (sister of the bridegroom). The groomsman was Mr. A Robertson. After the ceremony, the happy couple and guests adjourned to the residence of Mr. A. C. Nottingham, where breakfast was partaken of, and the usual toasts honored. Among the guests were the Rev. Fathers McManus (Rangiora), Richards, (Lincoln), and Cooney (Lyttelton). The presents were numerous and useful. Mr. and Mrs. Lynskey left in the afternoon en route for the West Coast, where they are to spend their honeymoon. to spend their honeymoon.

#### Hawera

General regret (writes a correspondent) was felt in Hawera at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Whitaker for the Thames. Mrs. Whitaker had been organist at the Catholic Churches in New Plymouth and Hawera for upwards of twenty-six years. When leaving the former town, she was presented with a tea and coffee service. Owing to the short notice it was impossible to take steps to fittingly recognise their worth before leaving Hawera, for their new home, but they have the satisfaction of knowing that they take with them, the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

#### Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

October 27.

The Rev. Father Creagh, C.SS.R., has been giving a retreat to the young ladies of the parish in the convent since last Wednesday has, been

The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., recently appointed Provincial of the Marist Order, is at present on a visit to the Meanee Seminary.

The Rev. Father Creagh, C.SS.R., preached an eloquent sermon, at Vespers this evening at St. Patrick's Church.

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SATURDAY, 9th. NOVEMBER.

Train for Palmerston and intermediate stations will train for rainers on and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 10.45 p.m. This train will not stop between Dunedin and Port Chalmers Upper, except to pick up passengers for North of Port Chalmers Upper.

An excursion train for Dunedin will leave Christchurch at 8 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.55 a.m., Sunday. This train will stop where required, to allow passengers

to alight.

#### - MONDAY, 11th. NOVEMBER.

The 5.5 a.m., Palmerston-Dunedin train will NOT

An Extra Express train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 9.25 a.m., stopping at the following stations:—Waitati 10.26 a.m., Seacliff 10.55 a.m., Puketeraki 11.4 a.m., Waikouaiti 11.18 a.m., arriving Palmerston 11.40 a.m., This train will stop at Port Chalmers Upper to pick up passengers for stations at which it is timed to stop is timed to stop.

An Extra Express train will leave Palmerston for

Dunedin at 5.10 p.m., stopping at the following stations: Waikouaiti 5.33 p.m., Puketeraki 5.50 p.m., Seacliff 6.0 p.m., Waitati 6.23 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.17 p.m. This train will stop at Port Chalmers Upper to set down passengers.

Trains for Palmerston and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 8,16 a.m., and 9.50 a.m., Sawyer's Bay 8.45 a.m., and 10.18 a.m., Waitati 9.40 a.m., and 11.13 a.m., Seacliff 10.15 a.m., and 11.48 a.m., Waikouaiti 10.46 a.m., and 12.20 p.m., returning from Palmerston at 4.15 p.m., and 5.30 p.m., Waikouarti 4.45 p.m., and 6.2 p.m., Seacliff 5.20 p.m., and 6.33 p.m., Waitati 5.55 p.m., and 7.3 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 7.6 p.m., and 8.16 p.m., respectively.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Palmerston at 5.27 p.m., will NOT leave until 7.40 p.m.

The train usually leaving Palmerston for Dunedin

The train usually leaving Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.0 p.m., will NOT run.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Port Chalmers Lower at 7.34 p.m., will NOT leave till 7.55 p.m.

An Extra Express train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin 9.5 a.m., Mosgiel 9.37 a.m., Henley 10.3 a.m., Waihola 10.16 a.m., Milton 10.42 a.m., Stirling 11.18 a.m., arriving Balclutha 11.25 a.m., This train connects with Lawrence and Catlin's River Branch trains; and will stop at Caversham and Mosgiel to pick up passengers, and at Henley, Waihola, Milton, and Stirling to pick up or set down passengers.

An Extra Express train will leave Balclutha at 4.30

An Extra Express train will leave Balclutha at 4.30 p.m., Stirling 4.37 p.m., Milton 5.12 p.m., Waihola 5.34 p.m., Henley 5.47 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.56 p.m. This train connects with trains from Catlin's River and Lawrence branches, and with evening train for Outram; It will stop at Stirling, Milton, Waihola, Henley, and at stations Mosgiel to Caversham inclusive; to pick up or set down passengers.

set down passengers.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Clinton at 8.55 a.m., will NOT leave till 9.40 a.m., Mosgiel 10.22 a.m., Waihola 11.14 a.m., Milton 11.47 a.m., Balclutha 12.55 p.m., arriving Clinton 2.30 p.m.

The train usually leaving Mosgiel for Dunedin at 5.18 p.m., will NOT leave till 5.28 p.m.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Mosgiel at 5.15 p.m., WILL, LEAVE at 5.2 p.m.

Train will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel at 11.20 p.m.

Train will leave Mosgiel for Dunedin at 8.25 p.m.

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#### MARRIAGE

DUNCAN-HERLIHY.—On October 16, at St. John's Church, Ranfurly, by nev. Father McMullan, Neil Duncan, of Katea, Catlins, to Sabina (Sis), youngest daughter of the late James Herlihy, of Patearoa.

#### DEATH

CLARKSON.—At Normanby, on November 3, 1907, Rosina Jane, the beloved wife of R. P. Clarkson; aged 39 years.—1.1.P.

# 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.

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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, NOVEMBER 7, 1907.

# SCIENCE AND PSEUDO-SCIENCE



ARLYLE 'pinked' with no gentle raillery the omniscient pretenders to whom the making of a world is no more a mystery than the making of an apple-dumpling. flagrant example of this sort of pseudo-science is furnished by some contributions that have been appearing in a North Island daily contemporary. They are melancholy

examples of unscientific dogmatism, undue assumption, of the mental rawness which fancies it sees into ultimate realities, and which professes to find the clearness of crystal where men of the calibre of Lord Kelvin and Louis Pasteur find mysteries deeper and darker than natural science can penetrate. The extremest of the shifting: theories of some scientific men are gaily set forth as the fully demonstrated truths of science, and sundry hypotheses of evolution are declared to be shown 'in actual fact under the microscope, in the dissectingrooms, in bottled preserves, etc. All this is, of

course, not science. It is unscientific romance. It is the pride and strength of true physical science that it 'demonstrates its teaching by means of observations and experiments, which can be repeated and verified practically at will '. It deals only with the aspects of material things; its instruments are the rule, the balance, the chronometer, and such-like standards of measurement; and its function is to describe the phenomena that it witnesses, not to undertake an explanation of the realities that lie beneath phenomena. Science is not a philosophy. The investigator steps beyond the frontier of exact science the moment he sets foot, in the region of metaphysics. 'He has', says Dr. Aveling, 'left his balance and measuring-rod behind him, and finds himself in a new region of abstract thought, for which, in nine cases out of ten, his very scientific training and habit of mind have more or less unfitted him '.

Scientific theories have their proper use and purpose -which is strictly provisional. But to advance such speculations—as many callow dabblers do-as the demonstrated facts of science is to prove traitor to the principles of science; it is a violation of every law and canon of exact science. 'No ideas', says, Merz in his 'History of European Thought in the Nineteenth Century', 'lend themselves to such easy, but likewise to such shallow, generalisations as those of science. Once let out of the hand which uses them, in the strict and cautious manner by which alone they lead to valuable results, they are apt to work mischief'. Fontanelle, D'Alembert, Condorcet, and Diderot were in their time (he adds) melancholy examples of the dangers of 'these hasty but brilliant generalisations', 'did no good to the truly scientific cause!. have left a numerous progeny in our day. Yet the movement among the ablest scientific men of our time is to get farther and farther away from the hard materialism Even the Haeckelian school can of a generation ago. only get away from the human soul by endowing every atom with consciousness. Huxley, for instance, in his 'Physical Basis of Life', described as 'utterly devoid of justification' the materialistic position that there is nothing in the world but matter, force, and necessity'. 'The higher mysteries of being', says Lord Rayleigh, 'if penetrable at all by the human intellect, require other weapons than those of calculation and experiment'. These are matters that are beyond the pale of science, though not beyond the grasp of reason'. And back of all the data of observation, back of all the phenomena of the material world, Lord Kelvin with many other foremost scientists of our time, discerns the creative and directive purpose of a great Intelligent Being. And the devout Pasteur-one of the greatest scientists of any age-who died clasping a crucinx to his breast, saw the finger of the Creator in everything, from the stars of heaven to the timest microbe under the eye of his microscope.

No people at my feet but proves a sphere; No chaffinch but implies the cherubin; The hum of lily-muffled bee but finds Some coupling music with the spinning stars. Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God'.

'But', adds the poet, 'only those who see take off their shoes; the rest sit round and eat blackberries'.

# Notes

#### Modernist Errors

The recent papal: Encyclical on modernist errors—an interesting, grave, and lengthy document-will appear in full, in a translation, as a supplement to our next issue.

#### Social Suicide

In a recent issue, the New York 'Freeman's Journal' publishes melancholy figures as to the modern

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crime of race or social suicide. Referring to the birthrate in various countries, our esteemed contemporary (basing its remarks on an article by M. Arren, in 'Le Correspondant', l'aris) says in part regarding the falling birth-rate :-

'In Europe this decline is to be thus noted: Italy within the past decade shows, with Sweden, a decline of 7 per 100; Bavaria and Scotland, of 10 per 100; Prussia, of 11 per 100; France and Denmark, of 15 per 100; England, of 17 per 100; New Zealand, of 18 per 100; Belgium and Saxony, of 24 per 100. Within the past decade the birthrate of the United States has fluctuated between a decrease of 7 and 13 per 100.

'It is to be seen, therefore', says the 'Freeman' in the course of a lengthy article, 'that no country is exempt from the presence of a decreasing birth-rate, if we except Austria, French Canada, and Ireland-all three countries remarkable for the intensity of their devotion to the faith. Even poor France has not lost in the proportion of the losses sustained by England and Prussia within the past half-score years'.

In his ode to Malthus, Hood suggested the importation of cholera morbus to England, as (in the former's notion) the world wanted 'a deal of thinning out'.

'There are too many of all trades, Too many bakers Too many every-thing-makers,
But not too many undertakers—
Too many boys,

Too many hobby-de-hoys, Too many girls, men, widows, wives, and maids— There is a dreadful surplus to demolish'.

Well, as we now know, worse visitations may befall and have befallen-nations than the importation cholera morbus. And in the case under consideration, disregard of the God-given moral law is made to bear its penalty, even in this passing life, in personal and social degradation and national decay. The crown and sceptre of the future are with the people who follow the God-ordained path of personal morality and a sanctified family life.

#### A Locust Plague

In one of his whimsicalities, Hood pictured two criminals on the scalfold awaiting public execution by Below, a ferocious steer was the common hangman. careering past, tossing some of the onlookers and scattering the rest in terror. 'Isn't it well for us, Bill', said one condemned man to the other, 'that we're up here?' Even the most disconsolate New Zealand farmer might have said as much to his 'doppelganger' on reading the stories of locust invasion and of drought (now happily broken) that during the past fortnight came to our shores from the Commonwealth. Said one .. cable-message :-

'Swarms of grasshoppers at Narrabri (351 miles north-west of Sydney) blocked a train of empty trucks, After running some of the trucks back to a station, the rengine returned for the balance of the trucks, but grasshoppers smothered the brakes, which refused to act. The engine consequently collided with and smashed some of the trucks?

Towards the close of last week there came the fol-Towing further scrap of news :-

'Grasshoppers devastated the crops in the Trangie district, and then invaded the town. They died in the streets in myriads.'

A correspondent from South Canterbury suggests to us, in effect, that the senders of these particular messages have been performing the feat of archery known as 'drawing the long-bow'. We do not think so. The writer of these lines has a vivid recollection of locust plague which settled down over a wide area of New South Wales and Victoria in November and De-We recall the manner in which, near cember, 1890. Glenorchy and in various other places, the myriads of

them that were crunched beneath the locomotives made the rails so slippery that the wheels could not grip and some of the trains had for a time to come to a standstill. The air was filled with locusts as with snowflakes, and the curious glinting of the sun upon their gauzy wings presented a singularly weird effect of scintillating light, akin-though on a vaster scaleto the flickering points that were observable upon the old kinematographic pictures. The smart blows delivered by the flying insects made it difficult to drive restive horses through the dense flight. Green things were devoured by the swarming creatures. Sparrows, crows, domestic fowls gorged upon them to absurd repletion, and the present writer viewed the curious spectacle of brown hawks capturing the locusts upon the wing. The capture was effected in every case in true hawk method, with the claws, from which the locusts were immediately picked by the beak in awkward and ungainly fashion-still in mid-air. The vast swarm passed on day after day to the south-west, and myriads of the creatures were carried out to sea, drowned, and cast on shore along the South Australian borders in great masses. And the odor thereof was not the odor of Araby the Blest.

The Melbourne 'Argus' of December 6, 1890, gives a description of the plague as it appeared in and around Barnawartha (Victoria). A brief extract may serve to make some of our farmer-readers rejoice that, whatever disadvantages they may labor under, they are not afflicted with the voluminous fecundity (if we may so call it) of insect pests that periodically prey upon vegetation in tropical and sub-tropical lands :-

'In some places the wheels of the vehicle were completely embedded in masses of young caterpillars and grasshoppers, which, on many extensive areas, literally covered the whole surface, to a depth of about four inches, like a gigantic and undulating coat of green paint. Where the country presented any depressions it was found utterly impossible to pass with a buggy, and in several favorable localities, such as low-lying lanes, etc., the insects were surging about in masses some two or three feet deep. Not a vestige of grass or other herbage is to be seen where the pest is found in quantities. The ground in their wake is as destitute of grass as the centre of Collins St'. (Melbourne).

We have seen in operation many methods of destroying locusts in the egg, or in the young and non-flying stage in which (on account of their movements) they are in many places called 'hoppers'-a term which is not to be confounded with 'grasshoppers'. Here are some of the methods referred to: Scarifying the egginfested ground to a depth of two or three inches; 'ringing' a' mob' of sheep round and round over it, with the aid of dogs; spraying the non-flying creatures with insecticides dissolved in hot water; burning them with straw, brushwood, etc.; crushing them with rollers, chain-liarrows, and brush-harrows; beating them with bushes, branches, and corn-bags; treating them to kerosene emulsions, soap solutions, Quibell's compound, etc. Both the 'fledgelings' and the 'old birds' used to congregate together (presumably for warmth) in the late afternoons; and in the small hours of the morning great masses of them would be together, sluggish and benumbed with cold. This was the time to lay for them with best results. It is, indeed, all things considered, a happy circumstance that the locust plague is only an occasional incident, and not a standing institution, in the life of the Australian farmer, pastoralist, and gardener.

The Catholic bazaar at Gisborne, which brought to a close on October 29, realised £800.

At the Trinity College musical examinations held recently in Wellington the gold medal awarded by the local centre for highest marks in intermediate grade pianoforte was gained by Miss Ethel M. Williams. At a former examination Miss Williams, who is a student at St. Francis Xavier's Academy, Seatoun, gained the Martha Meyers Memorial Medal in the junior grade.

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The Masses at St. Joseph's Cathedral on the feast of All Saints were very well attended, and large numbers approached the Holy Table.

On Sunday, the first Sunday in the month, there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from High Mass until Vespers. There was a very large congregation present in the evening, when the Very Rev. Father Clune preached.

Rev. Father Creagh, C.SS.R., is this week conducting a successful mission in Port Chalmers. Father Lowham, C.SS.R., conducted short missions during the week in Seacliu, Waitati, and St. Leonards. A fortnight's mission in South Dunedin begins on next Sun-

The Rev. Father Campbell, C.SS.R., brought The Rev. Father Campbell, C.SS.R., brought to a close the mission at the Bluff on Sunday morning. On Tuesday of last week Rev. Father Hunt, C.SS.R., opened a children's mission at Invercargill, which was concluded on Sunday last. On Sunday at the eleven o'clock Mass the Rev. Fathers flunt and Campbell opened a mission for grown people in Invercargill, which will be continued during this and next week.

three weeks' mission by the Redemptorist Fathers A three weeks' mission by the Redemptorist Fathers was opened on Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Cathedral. High Mass was celebrated at 11. o'clock by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, Rev. Father Cleary being deacon, Rev. Father McDermolt subdeacon, and Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The occasional sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.SS.R., who took for his text the words, 'Thy Master is come and calleth for thee (St. John xi, 28). The Very Rev. Father Clune is assisted by the Rev. Father McDermott. C.SS.R. McDermott, C.SS.R.

At the practical music examination held at St. Dominic's College by Mr. C. Edwards, L.L.C.L., the following candidates were successful:—Higher examinations: Doris Grant Dall, A.T.C.L. (vocalist); Violet Fraser, A.T.C.L. (vocalist); Ethel Wood, A.T.C.L. (pianist); Jeanie Millar, certificated pianist. Senior grade: D. Millar, honors, 93; M. Gawne, honors, 88; P. M'llroy, honors, 90; pass; D. Martin, 65. Intermediate grade, A. Wallis, honors, 94; M. Paton, honors, 93 (singing); A. Heffernan, honors, 87 (singing); M. Cunningham, honors, 88; pass, F. Lane, 69. Junior grade: R. Wakelin, honors, 89; K. Wallis, honors, 85; M. Laffey, honors, 81; K. Sullivan, pass, 79; L. Nolan, pass, 73; M. Leslie, pass, 68; E. Dick, pass, 61. Preparatory grade: M. Wilson, pass, 91; M. Coughlan, 89; F. Millar, 79 (violin); L. Shiel, 79 (violin).

The St. Joseph's Ladies' Club gave an invitation progressive euchre party in the club rooms on Wednesday evening of last week, as a wind-up of the season. There was a large attendance, and much interest was evinced in the games of euchre played. After the successful winners had 'heen presented with the prizes, the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., on behalf of the members, presented Misses Staunton (president) and Purton (secretary) with silver perfume bottles as a slight recognition of the services rendered to the club slight recognition of the services rendered to the club during the season, and as a mark of esteem in which they are held by the members. The Rev. Father, during the season, and as a mark of esteem in which they are held by the members. The Rev. Father, concluding, hoped the club would long continue to have the services of such enthusiastic officers. Messrs Miles and Corcoran responded suitably on behalf of the recipients respectively. During the evening vocal items were pleasingly rendered by Misses Davis, L. Bryant, Brady, and Messrs. T. Hughes and H. Miles. Mr. P. Carolin also gave some interesting records on his phonograph. Miss Hughes assisted at the piano. After supper had been handed round Mr. Miles, on behalf of those present, thanked the Ladies' Club for the enjoyable evening they had spent, and in doing so urged upon all the ladies present, if not already members, to become members, and thus help to make the St. Joseph's Ladies' Club an even more successful institution than it is at present.

A notice with reference to the train arrangements in connection with the King's Birthday appears in another part of this issue....

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#### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 1.

The annual mortuary service is to be held next Sunday afternoon in Symonds street Cemetery. His ,Lord-ship the Bishop will preside.

His Lordship the Bishop last Sunday evening said that he had noticed in the local press within the last few days a controversy on the Creation, and reference was also made to cremation. He would take an early opportunity of explaining the doctrine and attitude of the Church upon both of these subjects.

The Onehunga Catholic Men's Club held its social last Friday evening. There was an excellent attendance, including representatives from the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Club, and Newton Men's Club of Auckland. Miss Leahy won the lady's prize (a parasol), and Mr. Carrington the gentleman's prize (a pipe and

A very successful euchre party was held last Wednesday evening in the Royal Albert Hall in aid of the Cathedral building fund. The attendance was very good. The Bishop and Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Murphy, and Farthing were present in the early part of the evening. Mr. Thos. Holbrook, general secretary, assisted materially in making the function the success it undoubtedly was. undoubtedly was.

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Last Sunday evening at the Cathedral the choir, under Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, Tendered in really excellent style several items from the 'Creation.' Each number bore ample testimony of careful study and preparation by the choir and its industrious conductor, all of whom merit the highest encomiums. A word of praise is also due to the organist, Mr. Harry Hiscocks. While the soloists acquitted themselves admirably, a special meed of praise is due to Miss Annie Lorrigan, who sang the difficult passages in 'On mighty wings' very artistically, and to Mr. John Fuller for his fine rendering of 'In native worth.' The items given were as follow:—Recit. and chorus, 'In the beginning; bass solo, 'Now Heaven in fullest glory shone,' Mr. J. Lonergan; solo and chorus, 'The mary'llous work,' Mrs. Kean; recit., 'In splendor bright,' Mr. T. Guscott; chorus, 'The heavens are telling,'; recit., 'And God said, let the waters,' and air, 'On mighty wings,' Miss Annie Lorrigan; recit., 'And God created man,' and air, 'In native worth,' Mr. John Fuller; duet, 'By Thee we bless,' and chorus, 'For ever blessed be His power,' Miss Coleta Lorrigan and Mr. T. Guscott; finale, 'Halleluja chorus'; offertorium, 'Cujus' Animam' (Rossini)' Mr. John Fuller: At the close his Lordship the Bishop addressed the congregation, and alluded to the excellent performance of the great work of the 'Creation' to which they had all just listened. He heartily conbratulated and thanked the choir. His Lordship then devoted his attention to the finance of the parish, and said that the debt, all told, amounted to £8000. If the amount raised in the next few years was in proportion to that raised in the past two years the debt would soon be wiped out. He pointed out that the scheme of collection now about to be put in force an opportunity would be afforded everybody to contribute to the reduction of the debt. It was not fair that the burden should f

#### Onehunga

(From an occasional correspondent.)

October 30.

The first annual meeting of the Catholic Men's Club was held in the club room last night when there was a large attendance of members, The Rev. Father Mahoney president, occupied the chair, and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large attendance, which indicated the interest taken in the club by its members. The year had, he was pleased to say, been in every respect most successful. The report submitted to the executive stated that the club was founded twelve months ago with a membership of thirty, while at the present time there were seventy on the roll. In February of this year, the club was honored by, a visit from the Irish Envoys, Messrs. Devlin and Donovan, who warmly supported the institution, and their presence amongst the members materially assisted in the membership being increased. In August last, the club's patron, Rt. Rev. Dr. Lenihan, was entertained and presented with a

painting of the late Monsignor Paul. The thanks of the club were due to the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, Dr. Scott, Messrs. O'Donahue, B.A., and Kenny, as well as at here, to be between and weekling miner the relations. others, for lectures and readings given during the winter months. The club room had been enlarged by twenty-five feet, and a billiard table erected therein. In addition the club's appointments consisted of bagatelle table, and gymnasium while amusements were also promoted by chess etc.

The treasurer submitted a statement of accounts which showed the club to be in a sound financial position. The receipts were £40, while the disbursements amounted to £30, leaving a credit balance of £10. with which to commence the new year. The balance sheet and report were adopted. The billiard table accounts were submitted by the manager, and showed that the table was erected in February at a total cost of £120, and in the short space of nine months £93 had been paid, leaving a debit balance of £27 only. This statement was received with loud applause.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President Rev. Father Mahoney; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. J. Wilson, W. J. Perkin, and H. L. Davies; secretary, Mr. L. Shaldrick; treasurer, Rev. Father Mahoney, executive committee, Messrs. J. Oates, F. Morris, A. Patten, M. Foley, J. McGuire, K. Bay, W. Wade, M. Hogan, L. Drager and P. Drew; auditors, Messrs. A. Patten and J. McGuire; custodian, Mr. L. Shaldrick; librarian, Mr. H. L. Davies.

The Rev. president announced that at a very early date, the club-intended laying down a tennis court for the ladies who, during the past season, had materially assisted in the success of the club. Subsequently a small committee was appointed to proceed with the work, and arrangements were made to have it in playing order in January. Votes of thanks to the outgoing officers and the chairman, terminated a successful meetofficers and the chairman, terminated a successful meet-

#### Wrey's Bush

(From our travelling correspondent.)

A farewell social, organised by the people of the district as a send-off to Mr. and Mrs. P. Halloran, who are leaving Wrey's Bush for Invercargill, was held at Mr. Halloran's homestead on Monday night. Mr. Thos. Power occupied the chair, and there was a very large and representative gathering of the settlers. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honored, Mr. Power, on behalf of the residents of the district, presented Mrs. Halloran with a gold brooch, and handed to Mr. Halloran a well-filled purse of sovereigns and a handsome meerschaum pipe. In a charactrict, presented Mrs. Halloran with a gold brooch, and handed to Mr. Halloran a well-filled purse of sovereigns and a handsome meerschaum pipe. In a characteristic and hearty speech Mr. Power recounted the good qualities that had endeared Mr. and Mrs. Halloran to all who had come in contact with them, and declared, amid enthusiasm, that they would be long remembered in the place as being the best of neighbors and the most loyal and faithful of friends. Speeches were also made by Messrs. P. McAnelly, M. Devany, M. Egon (Wairio), Jas. Egan (Wrey's Bush), W. Doogan, J. Forde, jun. (Wairio)' and E. Sheehan (Opio).

Mr. Halforan feelingly returned thanks for the splendid present and for the good wishes that had been so cordially expressed on every hand. Mrs. Halforan and himself would never forget the people of Wrey's Bush and all their kindness. A capital musical programme was then gone through, songs being contributed by Mrs. Edmund Prendergast (Bayswater), Thos. Egan (Wairio), W. Egan (Wrey's Bush), M. McMenamin, A. Valli, W. Egan (Wairio), O'Kane, Thos. Power, F. Geary, and C. Church. Messrs. Egan Bros. (Wrey's Bush) supplied instrumental music. The affair was in every way a great success, and was a fitting tribute to a family who are held in universal respect and esteem throughout the district.

#### Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

The Dominion Bazaar was opened in the Zealandia Hall on Monday evening by Mr. W. T. Wood, M.H.i., in the presence of a large audience, and will be brought in the presence of a large audience, and will be brought to a close to-morrow evening. Its success up to the present has fulfilled all expectations; being well patronised. Among the visitors were his Grace Archbishop Redwood; Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, and many of the clergy of the archdiocese. Ine following is the list of stall-holders:—'Awarua'—Mrs. M. J. Kennedy, assisted by Misses Kennedy, Hodgins (2), Gibbs (2). Wellington '-Mrs. D. Burke and Miss O'Reilly, assisted by Miss Bradley and others. 'West Coast'-Mrs. J. I. Fake, assisted by Mrs. Hill, and Misses Tuohy, Fallas, etc. 'Puti-Puti' (lower stall)—Miss Scanlon, assisted by Mesdames Scanlon, Devine, T. Rodgers, and Miss Wood. 'Produce stall'—Mesdames Hickey and McWilliam, assisted by Misses Hickey (2). Bournville' (sweet stall)—Wisses Aisher and Greaney, assisted by Miss Casey. Mrs. Oakley's stall, in which the lady was assisted by Misses Oakley (2) Mrs. Duflou, and others. 'Marlborough'—Mrs. Waddy, assisted by Miss Waddy, and Mesdames Broad, Grant, and Sim. 'Palmerston'—Mrs. Hood, assisted by Mesdames Craven, and Misses Reid, Hood, and others. 'Bay of Plenty' (refreshments)—Miss Aramburn and the Children of Mary. Besides the stalls there were many other attractions.

A feature of the bazaar which attracted a good deal of attention each evening was the performance of Miss Beere's pupils in a number of character dances in fancy costumes. The Borough Band played items each evening. Nothing got up in the parish of late years has met with such whole-hearted support from one and all, and its success reflected great credit on the committee and stall holders alike, but more especially on the indefatigable secretary, Mr. W. Ryan, and his assistants, Messrs. E. Butler and C. McGrath.

Fis Grace Archbishop Redwood preached at the 11 o'clock Mass this morning on devotion to the holy souls in purgatory, and also again at Vespers.

Palmerston Show and carnival week has once more come and gone, and will be remembered this year for its almost unbroken record of fine weather throughout, save for a heavy shower as the people were leaving the ground on the last day. Each day has been a record in itself for attendance, culminating in a huge crowd of 25,000 on the people's day.

#### Rotorua

(From our own correspondent.)

It is intended to hold a bazaar and sale of work in aid of the church funds in February next. A strong committee of ladies are energetically at work making preparations.

Two of our local priests, Rev. Fathers Wientjes and Schoonhof, have been laid up with influenza, the former having to take a complete rest in Auckland. The Sisters of St. Joseph were also sufferers from the epidemic at the same time, necessitating the closing of the school for a day or two.

It is pleasing to note that the recent examination, It is pleasing to note that the recent examination, held at the convent school by Mr. Grierson, proved highly satisfactory. Of a total of eighty pupils on the rolls, sixty-five were presented, of which number only one failed. This is very creditable, as more than half of the children attending the school are native children. Since the establishment of the school in Rotorua, some four years ago, the number on the roll has more than four years ago, the number on the roll has more than doubled, which speaks volumes for the good work done by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

#### Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

The Very Rev. Father Clune, who had been conducting missions in the county townships, left for the south on Friday.

At the evening devotions at St. Patrick's Basilica on Friday last, the Rev. Father McDermott preached a short sermon on devotion to the Sacred Heart, and at the close initiated a large number of young people into the Sacred Heart Society.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday evening. The first part of the programme consisted of a debate on the question, 'Should dancing be encouraged?' Mr. J. Wallace presided, and the speakers on the affirmative side were Messrs. Jas. Griffiths (leader), M. Hannon, J. Molloy, and T. Ford, while the supporters of the negative were Messrs. F. Mulvihill, F. Cooney, Wm. Griffiths, and E. Curran. A splendid debate resulted. The chairman awarded the victory to the speakers on the negative side. At the conclusion of the debate a 'question box' was instituted, and each member present was called upon to answer the question drawn sent was called upon to answer the question drawn by him. This proved an admirable way of bringing out young speakers, and some really clever replies were delivered. The club has lost, through removal to Wellington, a popular and useful member in Mr. H. Cartwright wright.

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# Irish News

#### DOWN-A Link with the Past

The presence of Mrs John Martin at the great Nationalist demonstration at Warrenpoint the other day, and her kindly response to the enthusiasm of the vast concourse of people who desired to see her, by coming to the front of the platform and bowing her acknowledgments, constitute a touching incident in Irish National politics. Mrs John Martin was the junior by many years of her husband, whom she had known all her life. Her marriage to Mr John Martin did not take place till after his return from exile. It is now almost forgotten that John Martin and Mrs Martin's famous brother, John Mitchel, who in life were associated together in such thrilling and historic episodes, in death were not divided. John Martin was borne away in March, 1875, dying, from the funeral of John Mitchel in Newry, and expired a few days afterwards in the house in which John Mitchel had breathed his last.

#### DUBLIN—The O'Connell Crypt

After years of patient effort, and the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, the Dublin Cemeteries Committee have at length concluded the decoration and embellishment of the O'Connell crypt. For several years the exudations from the walls retarded the decoration of the Liberator's last resting-place. How to get rid of this obstacle remained for long a perplexing and unsolved problem. The labors of the Committee, under the advice of eminent architects and engineers, were eventually crowned with success, and the work has now been completed in a highly artistic manner.

#### Death of a Well-known Writer

The news of the death of Mr Michael T. Duggan, which sad event took place after a very brief illness, will be received with deep regret by many Catholics (writes a Dublin correspondent). Mr Duggan, who held a responsible position in the office of the Board of National Education, Ireland, where he served for many years, was a gentleman of wide culture, and had acquired a widespread reputation for the extent and solidity of his knowledge. He ranked as a linguist of a very high order, and as a litterateur whose pen was always at the service of the Catholic Church his writings were greatly appreciated and admired. The questions of primary and university education in Ireland were from time to time treated by him with marked ability in his contributions to the current literature on those subjects; and his 'Life of the Venerable Oliver Plunket,' published by the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland, has been read with the greatest interest throughout the country. Readers of the 'New Ireland Review,' to which he frequently contributed, and in which his writings always obtained an honored place, will long remember his exceedingly able and interesting articles, in which he completely refuted the previously-accepted theories of Lord Macaulay as to the authorship of the 'Letters of Junius'; but his most scathing criticism was reserved for those who advocated interference with the right of the parent to regulate the religious education of the child committed by God to his care.

#### KERRY—Potato Disease

An Irish exchange states that in consequence of the wet and inclement weather which prevailed during August and September in the East Kerry districts the potato disease had appeared in several localities.

#### KERRY-A Challenge

Mr Lindsay Talbot-Crosbie, Ardfert Abbey, Co. Kerry, writes to the 'Daily Graphic' as follows: —In your issue of September 3 you say that England might, for her own peace and quiet, be willing to rid herself of Irish troubles by allowing Irishmen to manage their own affairs, but that she would not be prepared to abandon the loyal minority in Ireland to be subjected to a Roman Catholic ascendency. As one of the 'loyal minority' I can assure you we do not in any way share your apprehensions, and, if this is the only barrier to the fulfilment of Irish national aspirations, it may at once be swept aside. We are tired of being exploited by Orange lodges and the Tory Press for their own political objects; and, so far from the scattered Protestants of the South and West living under civil or religious disabilities, I challenge the production of a single case in which a Protestant has, on account of his religion, suffered either in purse or pocket from the action of his Catholic neighbors.

## KILKENNY-From Cabman to Baronet

The death of Sir George Meredith, recently recorded as having taken place at South Great George's street, Dublin, recalls the fact that deceased, as plain George Meredith, was a native of Athy, in which he lived for some time before his death, when supporting, and ultimately substantiating, a claim to a baronetcy and an estate in Kilkenny worth £200 a year. Sir George, as a young man, left home and went to sea as an ordinary seaman. He subsequently emigrated to Australia, where he alternately filled the roles of cabman and policeman. He ultimately settled down at Hobart. He was twice married, and leaves three children by his first wife.

#### LEITRIM—Serious Fire

In the early hours of September 16 a fire broke out in the extensive business establishment of Mr. J. J. Lynch, Carrick-on-Shannon. It was with considerable difficulty that Mr Lynch and Mrs Lynch and the other occupants of the house were aroused. There was intense excitement when it was observed that they had no means of escape from the flames, which were eating into the building. Blankets were at once procured, and Mrs Lynch, with great presence of mind, jumped from the third storey into one, which was held by four men. Mr Lynch immediately followed, and when he landed on the blanket, by some unaccountable accident it gave way, but he luckily escaped with some injuries about the head and face. The other occupants closely followed, and escaped without injury. The premises were totally destroyed.

#### LIMERICK—Mungret College

The celebration of the silver jubilee of Mungret College, Limerick, drew together a large number of past students and friends of this fine educational institution. They were entertained to luncheon by the Fathers of the Community. To the Rev. W. Ronan, S.J., and the Very Rev. T. V. Nolan, S.J., the present rector, to whose efforts much of the success of the College is due, well-deserved tributes of praise were given by the guests.

## LONGFORD—A Sturdy Nationalist

The 'Westminster Gazette,' speaking of Mr J. P. Farrell, M.P., who was arrested recently on a charge of cattle driving, says that he lost no time in giving the House of Commons the benefit of his views once he became a member :- 'Mr J. P. Farrell, M.P., who was returned for trial in Ireland in connection with what has come to be known as cattle driving, was not long in the House of Commons before he made his voice heard. He was returned to Parliament at a bye-election in 1895, and he took his seat on a day when the Irish Estimates were under discussion. Within an hour after taking the oath he was on his feet, calmly delivering a strong speech on the administration of Dublin Castle. Before that sitting had closed he had spoken three times.' Mr Farrell is a newspaper man, and went to jail for the cause so far back as 1889. Previously he sat for Cavan, but when Mr Justin M'Carthy left the House of Commons, and a vacancy occurred in Longford, Mr Farrell came along and got the seat. During the Parnell split he stood as the candidate of the Party for Kilkenny City against Mr Patrick O'Brien, who remained a Parnellite. Mr O'Brien beat him by only fourteen votes.

## ROSCOMMON-The Other Way About

It is proverbial (remarks the 'Catholic Times' that persons who wrong others always imagine they are aggrieved at the hands of those whom they have injured. In Ireland the Episcopalian Protestants long lorded it over the Catholics, treating them as inferior beings. Latter-day legislation has impaired their ascendency, but they are still a favored body, receiving a vastly disproportionate share of the offices and public appointments at the disposal of the Government. Yet Dr Elliott, the Protestant Bishop of Kilmore, accuses the Irish people of in-He is in alarm for the Protestant minority, fearing tolerance. that they will suffer endless afflictions because of their creed. Considering the representation they have in the Government of the country, it is pretty clear that they do not fare badly. The Lord Lieutenant is and must be a Protestant. Of the thirty or forty gentlemen who are in waiting on him and are maintained at the public expense about nine-tenths are of the same religious belief. So is the Chief Secretary, and about five out of every six employed in his office are likewise Protestants. Under the Local Government Board the proportion of Protestants to Catholics is about thirty-four to thirteen, the salaries of the Protestants amounting to £22,225, as compared with £7,500 given to Catholics. These facts and figures lead to the conclusion that if the Irish Protestant suffers hardships they are of a roseate and not of a dismal bue.

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## SLIGO-The Freedom of the City

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## WATERFORD—A Distinguished Visitor

The Right Rev. Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, spent a short holiday during September in Waterford as the guest of the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr Sheehan.

## WEXFORD-An Appointment

Rev. Mother Gertrude, who has been many years Superioress of the Loreto Convent, Enniscorthy, has been appointed Assistant Mother-General of the Order in Ireland. She is succeeded in Enniscorthy by Rev. Mother Ignatius.

#### GENERAL

#### Commercial Probity

On December 1 last (remarks the London 'Daily News') the sum of £375,000 was due from Irish tenants in respect of the repayment to the Government of instalments owing on the purchase of their holdings. In March last all that sum had been paid in except £1,059. We do not think any people could be furnished with a better certificate for commercial probity.

#### Catholic Secondary Schools

A fact of no small interest (remarks the 'Freeman's Journal') is to be called from the results of the Intermediate examinations. Not so many years ago the Catholic secondary schools of Ireland were thought unable to compete with the Protestant rivals in mathematical studies. It was explained in various ways. pure-bred Gael, it was said, is not mathematically inclined; he is imaginative, romantic, fancy-free, and not to be curbed by the rigorous discipline of figures. The Gaels of the south, however, and particularly those of them who are in the hands of the Christian Brothers, are now carrying off the mathematical trophies from the erstwhile champions of the north. Side by side with this interesting fact is another not less attractivenamely, that the classics are bringing prizes to the legitimate homes of classical studies, the Irish diocesan seminaries. The Protestant schools were won't to take off the most coveted distinctions in Greek and Latin, as well as in mathematics, but it is so no longer. And the sad reflection remains that these Catholic youths who are showing such capacity in all branches of erudition are still without a university to complete their survey of the realms of learning.

## Success of Catholic Schools

Few things (writes a Dublin correspondent) excite such widespread interest in Ireland as the Annual Intermediate Examina-The results are always awaited with anxiety by the general public, as well as by the teachers and their pupils. On September 12 the official list of exhibitioners, prize winners, and medallists was issued. The number of exhibitions have been reduced by fully one-third as compared with last year's list. This parsimony destroys the career of many a student whose only hope of attaining to the top of the educational ladder lies in winning distinctions enough to enable him to continue his studies. Blackrock College, Co. Dublin, heads the list as far as exhibitions go, having won no less than nine, three of which are in the senior grade. The Academical Institution, Belfast, also won nine exhibitions, but only one of these is in the senior grade. Rockwell College won eight exhibitions, and Clongowes Wood College eight also. The latter takes the first place in all Ireland for the number of awards, having gained no less than forty-four. Loreto College for Girls, Wexford, obtained seven exhibitions, St. Louis', Monaghan, five, and Loreto College, Stephen's Green, Dublin, three, a very creditable record for these institutions. Unmistakable evidence of the splendid education imparted by the Christian Brothers is to be found in the list published by the Intermediate Commissioners. Cork school belongs the honor of having won sixteen exhibitions, by far the highest awarded any school or college in Ireland. Thirty-nine distinctions were also awarded to this institution, placing it next to Clongowes in that respect. The O'Connell Schools, North Richmond street, won thirty-eight distinctions, or only one less than the sister school at Cork. Synge Street Schools, Dublin, also did remarkably well, and so did the James Street Institution, Enniscorthy. The Youghal, Kilrush, Omagh, Newry, Tralee, Clonnel, Belfast, Thurles, Dundalk, Naas, Ennis, Mitchelstown, Glasnevin, Kilkenny, Tip-Waterford, Mullingar, Maryborough, Dingle, and Armagh Christian Brothers' Schools have well held their own and shown what a boon they are to the districts where they are laboring in the cause of education.

# People We Hear About

Count George Noble Plunkett, who has been appointed to the Directorship of the Museum of Science and Art in Dublin, in the gift of Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., as In Dublin, in the gift of Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., as vice-president of the Board of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, is highly trained in art and an enthusiastic scholar and student. He had a brilliant career in Trinity College, Dublin. He is a great traveller, and has visited all the art centres in Europe. He is also a prolific author and writer on art and other subjects. Count Plunkett is a Nationalist in politics, and in his younger Plunkett is a Nationalist in politics, and in his younger days was a devoted admirer of Mr. Isaac Butt, the Irish Nationalist leader. He is a fervent Catholic, and something of a poet.

The Earl of Granard, the Catholic peer who has just been appointed Master of the Horse, in succession to the been appointed Master of the Horse, in succession to the Earl of Sefton, remains at the age thirty-three, a bachelor. He succeeded his father in 1889, and became the proprietor of over 20,000 Irish acres. As a captain of the Scots Guards, he went through the South African war, and he was A.D.C. to Earl Cadogan as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Lord Granard's Irish earldom, which is a barony of the United Kingdom, is an old one, going back to 1684; but the family boasted a barony long before them. Sir Alexander de Forbes, who married a grand-daughter of the Scotch King, Robert III., was created Lord Forbes by King James II. of Scotland, in 1448.

The death is reported of Viscount Gormanston, the fourteenth holder of the title, and premier Viscount of Ireland. The deceased nobleman, who was seventy years of age, served through the Indian Mutiny, and had been Governor of the Leeward Islands, British Guiana, and Tasmania. He was a J.P. for Connties Meath, Cavan, and Dublin. He was twice married, his first wife (who died in 1875) having been a daughter of the first Lord Bellew. By his second wife, Georgina, daughter of Peter Connellan, of Coolmore, County Kilkenny, he had three sons and a daughter of whom his eldest son, Mr. Jenico Edward Joseph Preston, is his heir. The family seat is Gormanston Castle, Balbriggan, County Meath. The late Lord Gormanston was a very devout and earnest Catholic, and while Governor of Tasmania, from 1893 to 1900, he considered it a very special privilege to be permitted to serve Mass.

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Though it would perhaps be too much to say that King Edward is the best linguist among European rulers there is certainly no more perfect master of German, among the crowned heads than the King, whose German is far more idiomatic, than that of the majority of educated Germans living abroad. It is true the King's father was of German birth, and German was as much talked as English at the British Court in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign; but one imagines that few sons of German fathers, living in England all their life would 'keep up' their German as King Edward has done. That the King is an almost equally good French linguist, goes almost without saying. Perhaps the next best linguist to the King, among those sitting upon European thrones, is the Kaiser, whose French is extraordinarily pure and idiomatic, and who also speaks excellent English, although he has never been able to rid himself of a strong German accent. King Edward is the best linguist among European rulers himself of a strong German accent.

'Healy is up!' When the magic words go round, there is a swift hurrying into the Chamber, (says the London 'Tribune') for nobody can afford to miss the piquant Tim. Somebody will writhe before he finishes His vitriolic wit never slumbers, and he is restless outside a fight. A short stoutish man, black-bearded and spectacled, with the tongue of a wasp and the wit of an Irishman, he commands an apprehensive and fascinated attention from all quarters of the House. Woe beated attention from all quarters of the House. Woe be-tide the interrupter. He is scathed with a retort which tide the interrupter. He is scathed with a retort which makes him unaffectedly sorry that he spoke, and irritable because of the proneness of the House of Commons to laughter. Mr. Healy is a happy outcast. Owing allegiance to nobody, bitingly critical to the failings of political leaders, extremely well-informed as to the intrigues of parties in which he takes a detached interest, and believing that it is no good speaking unless you can make somethody remember that you spoke, his words lash like a whip, and his satire corrodes like a bitter acid. The only man, with whom he never crossed swords, was Chamberlain. They had too much respect for each other's power of thrust. power of thrust.

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# THE ASHTOWN 'OUTRAGE'

# OLICE OFFICER'S SENSATIONAL REPORT

About the middle of August we were informed by cable that a bomb had been exploded at Lord Ashtown's shooting lodge at Glenaheiry, Waterford, where the owner had arrived the previous day. The following embellishments were also added to the cabled item for the edification of colonial readers, although there is not a word about a 'ladder' and 'sacks saturated with paraffin,' etc., in the police report of the explosion :-- 'Sacks saturated in paraffin were hurled after the explosion into the drawing room. A ladder, which was too short to reach Lord Ashtown's window, was found below in a shattered condition.' Since then a good deal of attention has been given to the matter both in Parliament and in the public Press. The Irish Parliamentary Party have repeatedly asked for a searching inquiry into the mysterious circumstances surrounding the 'outrage,' but, for some unaccountable reason, the Government have declined to accede to their request. Lord Ashtown made a claim, and has been granted compensation for malicious injury to property. At the inquiry into the claim for compensation Captain Lloyd, a Government expert on explosives, said he considered the window and shutters were open when the bomb exploded. Our Home exchanges by the last mail publish the following sensational report on the alleged outrage by District Inspector Preston :-

'Cappoquin, September 11, 1907.

'About 1.35 a.m. on August 14 last a bomb was exploded at Lord Ashtown's shooting lodge at Glenaheiry, doing considerable damage. Sergeant Patrick Rielly visited the scene within an hour of the occurrence, and his report regarding what he found has already been furnished :-

At the time of the outrage I was on duty in County Antrim, and, though I was wired to return at once by the Inspector-General, I did not arrive on the scene until August 17. In the interim Mr Jennings, C.I., Mr Rogers, C.I., and Mr Tweedy, D.I., had visited the scene. In accordance with my instructions I took and am still in entire charge of the case. arrived at Glenaheiry Lodge I caused everything to be replaced exactly as found by the police who were early on the scene; though, indeed, with the exception of those articles which it was necessary to take possession of, the whole place appeared undisturbed. I was informed by the local police that the explosion had been caused by a metal bomb, and I was shown by them a number of pieces of metal, which I examined. I found that these pieces of metal formed portions of what had been an oval pot, measuring  $16 \times 12 \times 10$  inches. It appeared to have had a metal lid, in which five circular holes had been bored, as if to admit the fuse. All the pieces were marked with exploded powder, and there were powder marks on the ceiling of the drawing room and on the woodwork of portions of the unmovable structure of the window facing the door. Amongst the debris was found an iron band, about 1½in wide and ½in thick, and recently worked. This appeared to have been passed under the pot, and up both the sides rather more than flush with the lid. The ends of this band were threaded to receive nuts, but the upper portions of the threads had been blown off. A flat metal plate, about 1½in wide, was also found. It was slightly bent, and had four holes bored in it, as if intended to fit on the threaded three-sided band. Two nuts, with the missing portions of the threads attached, were also found. It was apparent that the lid of the pot had been secured in position by these articles.

'I observed that the lower half of the window at which the explosion occurred was open almost to its full extent. was informed, when I inquired, that it was found in that position after the explosion, and it was stated that it had been blown into such position.

A Searching Inquiry

led me to form the conclusions that (1) the bomb had been placed on the outside window sill of that window of the drawing room which faces the door, and that at the time of the explosion (2) this window was wide open; (3) the shutters were open and unbarred, and (4) the drawing room door was wide open. I was given to understand that on the night of the explosion the house was occupied by Lord Ashtown, James Graham (gamekeeper), Mrs Graham, her two young children, and Alice Cudd (Mrs Graham's sister). I questioned Graham on August 17, and subsequently on the 19th and 21st, with reference to the closing of the doors and windows on the night of

August 13. He stated that while Lord Ashtown was at dinner, between 8 p.m. and 8.30 p.m., he went into the drawing room and shut all the windows, and shut and barred all the shutters. Alice Cudd stated on the 17th, and again on August 19, that on the night of the explosion, after Lord Ashtown had gone to bed, about 9.30, she went into the drawing room and put out the lights. She was certain the shutters were then shut, and that she shut the door when she came out.

'I reported these matters to the Inspector-General, and I asked that an expert in explosives from the Home Office should be sent. On August 21 Captain Lloyd, from the Home Office,

visited the scene, and

He Corroborated the Conclusions

to which I had come. Sergeant Read, R.I.C., photographer,

took photographs of the window on the same date.

'The pot used had peculiar "lugs" or "ears" for hanging it upon the "hangers" over the fire. One portion of the pot had one of those "lugs" attached intact. This portion was shown on August 28 to Mrs Lizzie Williamson, widow of the former gamekeeper, and who had resided at Glenaheiry Lodge for many years up to about twelve months ago. She stated that when she left Glenaheiry there was a similar pot, with similar "lugs," lying in the pump house there, in which pot whitewash used to be kept. On receipt of this statement I caused a number of portions of the bomb to be analysed, with the result that traces of lime were found on both sides of the portions submitted to the analyst. No such pot can be found about Glenaheiry now:

'Near the scene of the explosion were found what appeared to have once formed the handle of a "hand" barrow and two small loops of cord. By these loops it would have been possible to sling the pot upon the pole. On August 19 I saw Edward Allen, foreman carpenter at Lord Ashtown's sawmills at Ballymacarbery. He stated he made a hand barrow for Lord Ashtown about four years ago, and that he last saw that barrow in the summer of 1906. Since the explosion he says he has

Searched for the Barrow,

because James Ormond told him it was missing, and he could not find it. He called at the barracks to see the handle found by the police, and he said it was like the handle he made, as it was made out of larch paling. The police had been unable to trace this barrow. Graham told me that on the night of August 15 he locked up in separate houses his own dogs and the strangedogs which Lord Ashtown had brought with him. He gave as his reason that he did not want his dogs to be fighting with the strange dogs. I asked him what was the necessity of locking up both lots of dogs. He replied that he did not know, but that he had locked them up the previous night also. A few small particles of blasting powder were discovered in one of the sacks found at the scene of the explosion. Graham stated to me that when he came downstairs after the explosion he found all doors and windows intact except for the damage done by the explosion. I carefully examined the house for signs of a forcible entry having been effected, and found no trace.'

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# The Catholic World

#### AFRICA--- A Martyr

News has been received in Rome of the martyrdom of Father Pollet, a Catholic missionary in the Congo. From Hanka he was making a journey when the natives, who were excited against the whites, fell upon him and stabbed him to death.

## CANADA-Gaelic Mission

Letters from Rev. Father Campbell, S.J. (writes a Glasgow correspondent), continue to delight the Catholics here. Of the 80,000 Catholics in the diocese of Antigonish, 45,000 are Highland exiles or their descendants, 20,000 are French, and 15,000 Irish. There are sixty Gaelic-speaking priests, of whom the doyen is Bishop Cameron, who bears his four score years wonderfully, and who has frequently visited the Braes of Lochaber, where his people dwelt. A wonderful old man he is, who has himself seen Popes Gregory XVI., Pius IX., Leo XIII., and Pius X. Besides the sixty priests, there are about fifty Gaelicspeaking nuns in the diocese, who are chiefly engaged in the schools. Father Campbell concludes one of his letters to the Fathers of St. Joseph's with the request that his kindest regards be given 'to everybody in Glasgow.' It is interesting, by the way, to find that papers of all kinds throughout Nova Scotia are full of Father Campbell's mission, and the Protestant as well as the Catholic Press teem with expressions of amazement at the remarkable effect of his visit.

## ENGLAND-For the Mission Field

Fifteen priests of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society were to leave Mill Hill for various fields of duty on September 24.

#### Mission to Hop-pickers

The Bishop of Southwark visited on Sunday, September 15, several of the largest hop-growing parishes of Mid-Kent. At Yalding, near Maidstone, where nearly 20,000 pickers were employed, the Bishop said Mass at a rude altar composed of a few plain boards erected in a small marquee. The service was attended by nearly a thousand hoppers, among whom were many children.

## The King and the Abbot

The King, relaxing for once his rule of taking all meals in his own apartments whilst undergoing the cure at Marienbad, dined one evening as guest of one of the greatest and most interesting princes of the Catholic Church, in the person of the Abbot Gilbert von Helmer. The King's host lives in the monastery of Tapel, seven miles from Marienbad, and in addition to his proprietary rights over the beautiful park lands around the 200-year-old monastery is owner of every inch of land in and around Marienbad. Thus he meets the King not only as one of the heads of a great Order, but as a reigning prince might welcome a friendly sovereign. The Abbot derives his personal revenue from the ground rents of Marienbad and from the springs. The Abbot is a tall, dignified figure, with powerful, clean-shaven face and expressive eyes. He spoke to an interviewer of his visit to Windsor Castle some months ago, when he was received by the King and Queen, and presented with the Victorian Order.

## Bishop Riddell's Death

The sudden death of the Bishop of Northampton has deprived the English Hierarchy of a member who united good judgment and tact with a large administrative capacity. form reflected the manliness of his character. When twentyseven years ago he was consecrated Bishop of the See by the late Bishop Cornthwaite, of Leeds, a Catholic writer stated in the Press that Northampton was the largest and the poorest Catholic diocese in England. The courageous prelate never whined or repined amidst difficulties. His missionary experience at Hull and Scarborough taught him that hard work is the secret of success in the sphere of religion as well as in the world, and as a bishop he was unsparing of himself. Thus it was that the little flock ruled by his predecessors, Dr Wareing and Dr Amherst, more than doubled its numbers during his episcopate, increasing from six to fourteen thousand. Though scattered over more than half a dozen counties, they were cared for by the bishop with as much solicitude as if his diocese were confined to a small area, and means were secured for the multiplication of churches, schools, and religious institutions. In the improved condition of the diocese Dr Riddell has left a fine memorial of his zeal.

## FRANCE-Atheistic Campaign

M. Paul Meunier, a French deputy, was asked recently to give an address to the children of a canton in the Aube who had just received their certificate of studies. His speech may be thus summarised: 'Boys and girls, amuse yourselves; procure yourselves pleasure by every possible means. Do not listen to the teaching of the men in black, who are only kill-joys.' mayor, under similar circumstances, told his small hearers that if they would only disregard what the clergy taught them, they would find life a valley of roses. Life, he said, had no sorrows except those caused by the teaching of religion. In the same canton, a.rural postman was pressed by the mayor to send his children to the lay school, and asked why he did not. 'I have a serious reason,' replied the poor man, in a voice firm but troubled, for he already saw himself on the pavement with his six small children. 'A serious reason, indeed, and what can that be?' inquired the mayor. 'It is that I do not wish my children to be brought up as brutes! And now, sir, dismiss me if you wish.'

#### **Expelled Nuns**

Telegraphing from Brest, a correspondent of the 'Daily Chronicle' says:—The Ursuline nuns, whose convents at Quintperle and Carhaix have been closed by order of the Government, are about to establish themselves at Beaconfield, near Plymouth. There they will carry on a girls' school, with the assistance of two English professors.

## Death of a Mother-General

Rev. Mother La Croix Binet, Mother-General of the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul, died on September 4 at Chartres in her seventy-sixth year. She had been Mother-General for many years. Owing to the persecution and the expulsion of many hundreds of the members of her Congregation her health broke down some time ago.

## SCOTLAND-Jubilee Celebration at Rutherglen

About the middle of September, at the residence of the Very Rev. Canon Toner, the Presbytery, Rutherglen, nine clergy of the Scottish missions met to celebrate together the silver jubilee of their sacerdotal ordination. They were: The Right Rev. Mgr. Fraser, Rector of the Scots College, Rome; Very Rev. Canon Toner, Rutherglen; Very Rev. Canon Chisholm, Argyll; Very Rev. Canon Collins, Ayr; Rev. George W. Ritchie, Shieldmuir; Rev. D. A. M'Pherson, Chapelhall (late of Motherwell); Rev. William Shaw, Linwood; Rev. David Macdonald, Kirkwall, Orkney; and Rev. Duncan MacQueen, Inverness. High Mass was celebrated at St. Columkille's Church in the morning, His Grace the Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh assisting. On the following morning, by special permission of the Holy Father, a Pontifical Requiem Mass was offered for the four deceased members who, with the jubilarians, had been classfellows at Blairs College, where the present Archbishop was one of their professors. The following telegram was despatched to Cardinal Merry del Val, at Castel Gandolfo: 'Nine Scotch priests assembled for Mass of Thanksgiving for silver jubilee with Archbishop Smith, once their pro-Thank the Holy Father for his special blessing, and with profound devotion pray God to preserve him long."

## SPAIN—The King at Lourdes

The following details of the visit made to Lourdes lately by the young rulers of Spain are given in the 'Journal de la Grotte' :- At the foot of the choir of the basilica the King knelt on the Epistle side, while the Queen knelt in the benches on the Gospel side. His Catholic Majesty then prayed a considerable time, with his arms outstretched in the form of a cross, as is the custom for pious pilgrims at the Grotto. The Bishop of Tarbes asked permission of the King to offer to H.M. Queen Victoria two gold medals of Our Lady of Lourdes, one for Her Gracious Majesty, the other for their infant, the Prince of the Asturias. The bishop had had the honor two years ago of presenting one to the King. At this offer the countenance of the young Sovereign became radiant, and after amiably acquiescing in the wish of the prelate, His Majesty added: 'I always wear one myself'; and it is a fact that the pious monarch is never without his medal of Our Lady of Lourdes. The King, who had visited the sanctuaries before, showed the greatest pleasure in himself pointing out to the young Queen the different features of the shrine,

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#### UNITED STATES—The Poet-Priest of the South

Quite a considerable sum has been subscribed for the erection of a public monument in Mobile, Alabama, to Father Ryan, the poet-priest of the South.

#### GENERAL

#### The Sultan and Religious Liberty

Mgr. Rahmani, Patriarch of the Syrian Catholics, is paying a visit to Paris, and has been interviewed by a representative of the 'Eclair.' He states that the Turkish Government grants entire freedom of worship to the Catholics. In the different towns lists of the members of each Christian denominations are towns lists of the memoers of each Christian denominations are published every year and presented to the Turkish authorities, who take measures to verify them. When they are found to be exact, permission is given for the building of churches or the establishment of schools. Catholic processions are allowed in some places, and the clergy take part in funeral processions, the cross being borne in front.

#### A Prelate from China

Among the prelates who attended the recent great Eucharistic Congress at Metz was the Bishop of Shan-Tung, China. His Lordship was a conspicuous figure at that notable assembly, inasmuch as he was clad in Chinese costume. Over his Chinese raiment he wore a Bishop's pontificals. The Bishop addressed the Congress in German with a pronounced Lorraine accent, as he was a native of Lorraine. He has been in China / since 18/6.

## Achievements of Young Men

Last week we were informed by cable that Mr. Edison had perfected a compact electric storage battery of almost unlimited capacity, cheapening and revolutionising transport. He declares that horses are destined to disappear from the streets excepting for pleasure. He adds that everyone owning a horse will soon be able to afford an automobile. And a few days prior to that it was reported that Mr. Marconi had successfully established. on a commercial basis. wiresuccessfully established, on a commercial basis, wireless telegraphy between Ireland and Canada. Both of these scientists became distinguished at an early age. Edison was only 32 when he invented the incandescent light, and Marconi was only 20 when he began to experiment with wireless telegraphy, and had not reached his twenty-fifth year when he succeeded in sending a message across the English Channel. At 28 he established a trial system of wireless telegraphic communication across the Atlantic.

Many other inventions and discoveries are due to comparatively speaking, young men. Sir Humphrey Davy was 36 or 37 when he invented the safety lamp. Fairbanks patented the Fairbanks scales when 39 Huygens invented the pendulum clock when 27, and Hoe the lightning printing press when 37. Morton was but 27 when he gave ether for a surgical operation in the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Koch was 39 when he discovered the bacillus of tuberculosis.

Morse was 41 when he designed an electric telegraph. Sprague was but 30 years of age when he introduced the overhead trolley on the road in Richmond, Va. Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin when 27, and Elias Howe the sewing machine at 26.

James Watts was but 25 years old when he constructed a model high-pressure steam engine, and was 33 when he took out a patent on his separate condenser for steam engines. It should be borne in mind, however, that Watt's inventions in connection with the Newcomen engine constitute his claim for distinction; Newcomen, rather than Watt is, therefore, ended to the credit of inventing the steam engine. Stephenson was 33 when his travelling locomotive appeared. Fulton was 38 when he invented the steamboat, and 42 when his boat went from New York to Albany on the Hudson River. Alexander Graham Bell was 29 when the telephone appeared. the telephone appeared.

Some of the greatest musical composers produced their best works at an early age. Mozart died when he was 35. Beethoven gave the world his second symphony when in his 32nd year. Verdi did a good part of his work as a young man. Balfe produced 'The Bohemian Girl' when 35, and Flotow was the same age when he gave us 'Martha.' Wagner was but 29 when 'Henzi' was produced, 30 at the birth of 'The Flying Dutchman,' and 32 when 'Tannhauser' was first performed, and 37 when he gave us 'Lohengrin.' 'Der hing des Nibelungen' came later. Mendelssohn was but 35 when he went to England for the purpose of rendering the 'Elijah,' which was then produced for the first time.

# Domestic

' Maureen'

#### Clean Mother-of-Pearl.

To clean mother-of-pearl, wash it with powdered whiting and cold water. Hot water and soap must not be used on any account, for they would destroy the soft brilliancy which is the chief beauty of this shell.

#### Coffee and Tea Stains

To remove coffee and tea stains from white flannel and all sorts of woollen materials apply a mixture of yolk of egg and glycerine. This may afterwards be yolk of egg and glycerine. washed out with warm water.

#### Creases in Velvet

The creases can be taken out of velvet and the pile raised by drawing it across a hot iron on which a wet cloth has been spread. If there are pin-marks over which the pile refuses to rise, brush it up with a stiff brush and steam it, repeating the operation several times.

## 'Sliced raw Onions

These kept constantly in a sick room where there are eruptive diseases may not be very pleasant, but they are an excellent preventive against cantagion. The slices are an excellent preventive against cantagion. The slices will be soon discolored, grow quite dark, and should then be at once destroyed and replaced by fresh slices.

#### Household Hints

Wrinkled silks may be made to look almost as fresh as when new, by sponging the surface with a weak solution of gum arabic and by pressing on the wrong side with a moderate hot iron.

A scratch made on white paint by striking matches can be removed with lemon juice and warm water.

If an oil stove gives off a disagreeable odor add five or six tablespoonfuls of red vinegar to a gallon of the oil.

To whiten clothes that have become very yellow soak the clothes in buttermilk, allowing them to remain in the milk for several hours. Wash with soap in tepid water, and rinse in cold water.

Soap should be cut in pieces as soon as it is brought in, so that it may grow hard, thus saving a full third in the consumption.

## Hints to Nervous Women

There are so many things a neurasthenic woman can do which will mitigate the severity of her symptoms, and perhaps, if the disease is slight, she may recover without the intervention of her physician (says Dr. Hammond in 'Harper's'). In the first place, the original trouble, worry or anxiety, which was responsible for her nervous breakdown, must be done away with, or, if this is impossible, she must school herself not to care, or else remove herself to new scenes and surroundings where her mind will not be harassed Peace of mind will do more to restore shattered nerves than almost anything else. The next thing is to make the bodily health as good as it can be made under the existing circumstances and surroundings. Sleep and rest are absolutely essential to recovery, and the sufferer should do all she can to secure both. Narcotics, to produce sleep, are not to thought of. They do not cire anything, and their continual use can only be productive of harm. Sometimes a warm foot-bath before bed, or eating a slice of bread and butter, or drinking a glass of milk will bring sleep to the tired eyes. If however these means are inadequate, it is better to consult a physician. Normal sleep, and plenty of it, must be secured before recovery becomes possible.

To Clean a Coat Collar

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Nothing looks worse than a greasy edge to a coat collar, and nothing makes a coat look shabbier. To remove spots or marks of that description, take equal parts of soft soap and fuller's earth, well mixed and beaten together, with a little spirits of turpentine; make it into a ball, and when required for use, either dip it in hot water or moisten the part of the garment to be cleansed rub the ball in, and then let it dry, afterwards wiping over quickly with a cloth dipped in hot water, until all the soap is removed, dry the collar throughly with a clean cloth.

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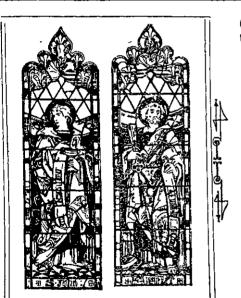
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# Science Siftings

By 'Volt'

The Rice Paper Tree

The rice paper tree, one of the most interesting of the entire flora of China, has recently been successfully experimented with, in Florida, where it now flourishes with other sub-tropical and Oriental species of trees and shrubs. When first transplanted in American soil the experimenters expressed doubts of its hardness, fearing that it would be unable to stand the winters. All these fears have vanished however and it is now the univerfears have vanished, however, and it is now the universal opinion that it is as well adapted to the climate of sal opinion that it is as well adapted to the climate of that country, as to that of the famed Flowery Kingdom. It is a small tree, growing to a height of less than fifteen feet, and with a trunk or stem from three to five inches in diameter. Its canes, which vary in color according to season, are large, soft and downy, the form somewhat resembling that noticed in those of the castor bean plant. The celebrated rice paper, the product of this queer tree, is formed of thin slices of the pith, which is taken from the body of the tree in beautiful cylinders several inches in length. The Chinese workmen apply the blade of a sharp straight knife to these cylinders, and, turning them round, either by rude machinery or by hand, dexterously pare the pith from the circumference to centre. This operation makes a roll of extra quality paper, the scroll being of equal thickness throughout. After a cylinder has thus been pared, it is unrolled and weights are placed upon it, until the surface is rendered smooth throughout its entire length. It is altogether probable that if rice paper making becomes an industry in the United States, those primitive modes will all be done away with. will all be done away with.

The Tides of the Ocean

Of all the operations of nature in the whole world (says an exchange), there are none more regular in their courses than the tides of the ocean. So perfect is their action and so constant are they in their ebb and flow that the big maritime governments are able to figure out the height of each and every tide for every day and night more than a very independent. night more than a year in advance for any part of the

night more than a year in advance for any part of the earth's surface.

In most places the tides run about four to the twenty-four hours, two being flood, when the water sweeps in from the sea, and makes what is known as high water, and two being ebb, when it sweeps back to the ocean, leaving low water.

Each of these tides lasts about six hours—that is, for five hours or more, the waters are on the move, rushing in or out, and they cease for a time, standing quite still in some places.

Sometimes a tide will run flood on the surface while

Sometimes a tide will run flood on the surface while it is running ebb below near the bottom. Places where this happens, are always likely to make danger spots for the mariner.

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In the majority of places the tides rise and fall only a few feet, but on shores where the banks are very steep, falling off abruptly into deep water, it often happens that the tide, when it rises, comes in so fast that it pours through all narrow openings in cascade-like torrents, making such things as the famous 'bores' which may be seen in places like the Bay of Fundy.

In other places, again, there will be more or less than four tides in the twenty-four hours. Furthermore, there are localities where hardly any tidal action at all can be observed. All these peculiarities have been studied, and are taken into account nowdays by the observers, who make up the tidal tables.

The First Iron Bridge

The first Iron Bridge

The first iron bridge ever erected in the world, and which is in constant use at the present time, spans a little river in the country of Salop, on the railroad leading from Shrewsbury to Worcester, England. It was built in the year 1778, and is exactly 90 feet in length. The total amount of iron used in the construction, was 378 tons. Stephenson, the great engineer, in writing concerning it, said, 'When we consider the fact that the casting of iron was at that time in its infancy, we are convinced that unblushing audacity alone, could conceive and carry into execution, such an undertaking.

The largest structure on the earth when compared with the size of the builders is the ant hill of Africa. Some of these mounds have been observed 15ft high and 9ft in diameter. If a human habitation were constructed on the same scale it would be more than seven miles high.

# Intercolonial

The combined ages of seven members of the Queensland Legislative Council is 524 years.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, his Lordship Bishop Higgins opened a new church at Dimboola, in the Horsham. mission.

An exchange states, that one member of the New South Wales Assembly, filled twenty-four pages of 'Hansard' with his speech on the Address-in-Reply.

Mr. Daniel O'Connor has returned to Sydney, (says the 'Catholic Press'), after an absence of two years and a half, in the United States and Europe. He is full of reminiscences of the great people he met. In Rome he had an audience with the Holy Father,

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of a new convent at Gulgong, took place on Sunday, Oct. 13, the ceremony being performed by his Lordship Bishop Dunne. The subscriptions promised and paid at the ceremony, amounted to £400.

On Sunday evening, Oct, 13, Sister Mary Alphonsus died in St. Joseph's Convent, Mount-street, North Sydney, after a lingering illness of many months' duration. This Sister was a native of Dublin, but had passed the greater part of her life in Austialia, spending 34 years in the convent.

The ceremony of blessing and laying the foundation stone of a new church at Bemboka, was performed by his Grace Archbishop Kelly, on Oct. 6. The new Church will cost about £1000. The collection at the ceremony amounted to over £400.

In the presence of a very large assemblage on Sunday, Oct. 20, at Nathalia, his Lordship the Bishop of Sandhurst, Right Rev. Dr. Reville, O.S.A., laid the foundation stone of the new presbytery. The sum of £700 was received in cash and promises.

The contract price of the new convent at Camperdown, in the diocese of Ballarat, the foundation stone of which, was laid by his Lordship Bishop Higgins, on Sunday, Oct. 13, is £1386. The subscriptions at the ceremony amounted to £350. There was £222 in hand, and the promises totalled £312.

His Grace the most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney, opened and blessed St. Patrick's school-hall, Bega, on Sunday, Oct. 20, in the presence of a large number of residents of the town and district. The hall is of brick, and cost about £700. The Rev. J. Gunning, P.P., announced that the church debt amounted to £720. The sum of £206 was handed in at the close of the meeting towards the building fund. His Grace delivered an address on Education livered an address on Education.

Miss Marie Narelle is now fully restored to health, and after giving concerts in various parts of New South Wales, she will leave for England, with the intention of making a tour of the United Kingdom. Miss Narelle will probably sing in London at the Irish National concert on St. Patrick's Day. Her tour of the United Kingdom will extend into August, when she will leave for America, where her stay will be, so far as can be judged at present indefinite judged at present, indefinite.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, on Sunday, Oct. 20, opened the home for blind children, and the additions to St. Anne's Orphanage, Liverpool. He blessed the foundation stone about 12 months ago. At present there are 78 children in the institution, which is solely for females. With the additions the Sisters of Charity hope to accommodate mora orphans and to care for shout to accommodate more orphans, and to care for about thirty blind. The work of ministration to the blind has been taken up by the nuns, at the suggestion of his Eminence the Cardinal.

A commencement was made on Oct. 21. (says the 'Advocate') with the erection at Elsternwick, between the Rosstown railway, and the Brighton line, towards Garden Vale Sation, of the second college for Catholics priests in Australia; the first being that at Manly, Sydney, The Elsternwick edifice is to be called the Richard O'Neill College, as the funds for its construction are being provided by Miss O'Neill, out of the estate of her deceased father. The site is elevated, commanding a fine view of the Bay, and the College itself, judging by the plans, will be a great ornament to the landscape. The architecture is Romanesque, a blending of some of the best points of the Gothic and most of the modern styles executed in red brick, with cement ornamentation.

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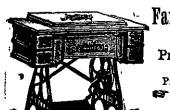
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#### TWO SIDES OF IT

There was a girl who always said
Her fate was very hard,
For from the thing she wanted most
She always was debarred.
There somehow was a cloudy spot
Always within her sky;
Nothing was ever just aright,
She used to say, and sigh.

And yet her sister, strange to say,
Whose lot was just the same,
Found something pleasant for herself
In every day that came.
Of course, things went awry sometimes,
For just a little while;
But "nothing ever stayed wrong,'
She used to say, and smile.

So one girl sighed, the other smiled
Through all their lives together;
It did not come from luck or fate,
From clear or cloudy weather—
The reason lay within their hearts,
And colored all outside;
For one would hope and one would mope,
And so they smiled and sighed.

-Exchange.

#### THE LONESOME DOG

A good, kind dog found himself all alone in the world. He was hungry and thirsty and lonesome, and thought he would see if he could improve his fortunes.

As he trotted along through the streets of a town he smelled a fine smell.

'That means something for me at last,' he thought, and traced the smell to a meat shop. The door was shut, but he waited patiently until someone went in, and he followed close behind.

A most excellent smell! He nosed along up close to the counter. With grateful heart he waited for his share. It fell, and he snapped it up. No sooner had he done so than the butcher saw him, and the butcher's boy and two customers, and they all shouted at him and jumped at him and hustled him out of the shop, bereft of his meat and ashamed.

'My sakes!' he said to himself, as he ran down the street,

'My sakes!' he said to himself, as he ran down the street, tail between his legs; 'I have learned one lesson—never to go

into a place that smells as good as that again!

When he could run no more, panting with the heat, and with his tongue hanging out of his mouth, he looked for a place to rest. He had reached a house with green grass, and with vines on the porch, and with a soft, damp-looking flower bed, full of bright flowers, in front of the vines. There was no fence.

'It is quite free,' thought the tired dog, 'and I am glad of a place to rest.' So he went over to the flower bed, turned around and around on the cool soil until he had crowded out for himself a comfortable resting place among the plants.

'Oh, how good this is,' he thought, as he panted for breath.

'How kind these people must be!'

He was just dozing off, when he heard a scream above him. 'Peter! quick! quick! an awful dog! right in the flower bed! Drive him away!'

Move as quick as he could, the dog could not get away before he had been pelted with all sorts of things and had been called all sorts of names, which hurt him almost as much as the missiles.

He ran as far as he could without stopping, but he was so intolerably thirsty he kept looking for a place to drink. There seemed to be no water in all that town. As he lagged slowly along one street he reached a latticed kitchen porch. The porch door stood open. He knew there was water on that porch. The open door invited him. 'These people know how it feels to perish of thirst,' he thought; 'they have left their door open.'

Up the stairs he crept; he could see the pail of fresh water; he was just about to bury his nose in the pail and drink his fill, when the kitchen door slammed back and a broom descended on his head, and he was ordered off in no uncertain tones. With his head aching from the blow, and thirstier than ever, he ran slowly along.

'There is no place for me,' he thought, wearily, 'nor any

food, nor any drink. I do not understand it.'

He ran by more houses with vines, and flower beds, and green lawns, and no fences, but he did not venture in. A pretty child sat on some steps and called: 'Here, doggie; here, doggie!'

How he would like to be called that way! He turned his head imploringly.

'Here, doggie—good, pretty, kind doggie! Come to Roxie.'

The dog hesitated; could the child mean him? Was it a boy? Some children were boys and some were girls. But he couldn't tell this one. Some boys were named John and Tom and David, and some girls were named Daisy and Lulu and Sally, but he didn't know Roxie.

'Come, doggie,' urged Roxie; 'come. I'll give you a drink—a nice, long, cool drink,' and Roxie led the way encouragingly to the shady side of the house. There was a large crock. 'This is for the birds,' explained Roxie, 'and now I'll fill it up for you,' and Roxie turned in a stream from the hose.

The thirsty dog drank and drank; never did water taste so good. He raised his grateful eyes and wagged his tail.

'Oh, you good dog,' smiled Roxie; 'be my dog. I'll bring you something to eat in a minute. I'll be awful fast. Now stay right—there'—impressively.

The dog scarcely knew what to do, but while he was still undecided Roxie came back with a pan of scraps.

'These are my very cwn bones,' said Roxie. 'I've been praying for a dog for two days, and I've saved all my bones and scraps; now eat 'em!'

The dog ate in a half-famished way—such good scraps!

'What are you doing, Roxie?' called a voice from an upper room.

'Feedin' my dog. Pretty good dog, too.'

Roxie's mother hurried down, afraid she would find a mangy, sore-eyed dog; but instead she found a gentle creature, with a silky coat and beautiful eyes.

'Very well, Roxie,' was the relieved answer. 'We may as well settle this thing right now. If we find the dog belongs to anyone else we can give it back.'

'He doesn't,' was the positive reply.

'Well, we'll play that way. We'll put the rest of the afternoon on the dog. We will scrub him and comb him and brush him and fix him a sleeping place, and we will telephone right down to papa to bring up a collar. What name do you want?'

'Theodore,' promptly.

'Why, Roxie! 'Theodore isn't a dog's name!'

'It's this dog's name,' in a final tone.

And the lonesome dog wagged his tail happily.

#### WHAT MAKES HAPPINESS

A 'ittle thought will show you how vastly your own happiness depends on how other people bear themselves towards you. The looks and tones at your breakfast table, the conduct of your fellow-workers or employers, the faithful or unreliable men you deal with, what people say to you on the street, the way your cook and housemaid do their work, the letters you get, the friends or foes you meet, these things make up very much of the pleasure or misery of your day. Turn the idea around and remember that just so much are you adding to the pleasure or misery of other people's days. And this is the half of the matter which you can control. Whether any particular day shall bring to you more of happiness or of suffering is largely beyond your power to determine. Whether each day of your life shall give happiness or suffering to others rests with yourself.

## THE ORIGINAL ASS

One of the last stopping-places of the London and Weymouth coach was at a Dorset village (writes a correspondent of 'P.T.O.), whose principal hostelry was known as 'The Ass's Head.' So good were the refreshments, so obliging the host, and so reasonable the charges, that the inn did a thriving trade, and was well spoken of throughout the district. In one of George III.'s visits to Weymouth the Royal party stayed at this inn and had lunch. This was very gratifying to the loyal host, who immediately took down the original signboard and erected a full-length painting of the King in its place. Henceforth the inn should be known as

'The Royal George.' The proprietor of the rival hostelry in the village purchased the Ass's Head for a few shillings, and had it placed over the door of his house. Now it so happened that the coachman and guard of the Weymouth coach had been changed on the day this alteration of the signboards took place, and they were both strangers to the district; but their instructions had been to stop at 'The Ass's Head,' and, seeing the sign on the rival house, they pulled up there. This much annoyed the original owner, who, foreseeing that his pocket might suffer for his loyalty, had immediately nailed to the bottom of the painting of King George a board with these words in large letters: 'This is the original Ass!'

#### SEEKING INFORMATION

The capacity of the average small boy for asking questions is practically unlimited, but it is doubtful whether more searching inquiries have ever been made by a boy than those propounded by a youngster to his father, who had taken him for a steamer trip.

Here is a partial list :-

'Is that water down there any wetter than the water in the Atlantic Ocean?'

'What makes the water wet?'

'How many could be drowned in water as deep as that?'

'Is that big man with the gold buttons on his coat the father of all those men who do whatever he tells them to?'

'Where do all these soapsuds behind the boat come from?'

'Could a train go as fast on the water as this boat?'

## ODDS AND ENDS

'Well, Tommy, how are you getting along at school?'

'Fine. I've got so I can write my own excuses now.'

Bruges, having just opened a new harbor called Zutrugge, and connected with the quaint old Flemish city by a canal seven miles long and 26ft deep, has again become a port of the first rank.

Little Elsie was crying as if in pain.

'What is the matter, dear?' queried her grandmother. 'Did you meet with an accident?'

'N-no, grandma!' sobbed Elsie; 'it w-wasn't an accident! M-mamma did it on p-purpose.'

A certain nobleman well known to society, while one day strolling round his stables, came across his coachman's little boy on a seat, playing with his toys. After talking to the youngster a short time, he said: 'Well, my little man, do you know who I am?' 'Oh, yes,' replied the boy; 'you're the man who rides in my father's carriage!'

## FAMILY FUN

Trick with Handkerchief and Coin .- All that is necessary to have in order to perform this trick are a handkerchief, a sixpence, and a piece of soap. With a knife cut off a piece of soap about a quarter of an inch in diameter, and stick this piece of scap on the hem of the handkerchief in one corner. coin in the centre of the handkerchief, which must lie flat on the table. Take the corner which has the scap on it and fold it over, placing it gently on the coin; now fold the other corners over, placing each corner on the coin. The corner that has the soap on it is the one to your right. When the corners are folded the handkerchief will be in the form of a diamond, with one of the points toward the performer. Place the thumb and forefinger of each hand at the point of the diamond nearest to you. Pick it up, letting the four corners fall apart, at the same time sliding the right hand to the corner where the sixpence is. Shake the handkerchief and show that the coin has disappeared.

Sparks from a Lamp Chimney.—From a piece of tinfoil cut a strip about \$\frac{2}{2}\$ in in width. Gum it round the middle of a lamp chimney. Cut another strip about \$\frac{1}{2}\$ in wide and gum it from one end of the glass to within \$\frac{1}{2}\$ in of the broad band. Dry your apparatus. Then wrap a silk handkerchief round a brush, and rub the handkerchief backwards and forwards inside the chimney. In a dark room, bright sparks will be seen to pass between the pieces of tinfoil. The harder you rub, the brighter and bigger the sparks.

# All Sorts

The population of Greater London numbers 7,217,939. At the census in 1901 the population of London (the area administered by the London County Council) was 4,536,541.

First Boy: 'Did you really win three prizes at school?' Second ditto: 'Yes; and one was for my excellence of memory.' 'How did you win the others?' 'The others?' I forget what they were for.'

An Irish sailor fell from a lower part of the rigging on the first lieutenant, carrying him to the deck.

'Where did you come from, you rascal?' said the lieutenant, as soon as he gained his feet.

'From the North of Ireland, your honor.'

Magistrate (to prisoner): You say that you took the ham because you are out of work, and your family are starving. And yet I understand that you have four dogs about the house?

Prisoner: Yes; but I wouldn't ask my family to eat dogs, yer Wusship.

Visitor (dining at hotel) to waiter: I say, waiter, what's this in this plate?

Waiter: It's bean soup, sir.

Visitor: Yes, I know it has been soup once, but what is it now?

Waiter vanishes.

There is a good election story in a recently-published autobiography. It relates to a London contest. 'We had one prominent supporter,' says the author, 'in the 1885 election—a working man whose father was a Radical. Our man voted in due course, and afterwards came to me in the committee room, and said, hoarsely: "The guv'nor won't vote to-day." I said: "How is that?" "Well, you see, sir, he has only got one pair of boots, and I pawned them afore he was up."'

'Excuse me,' said the old lady with eyeglasses, in the Christchurch Museum, 'but haven't you got any more figures in marble?'

'Those are all, madam,' replied the polite attendant. 'Is there any particular one you are looking for?'

'Yes; I wanted to see the statue of limitations my husband was talking about.'

The House of Commons is governed by a great many 'unwritten laws.' No member, for instance, may read a newspaper while sitting in his place. Nor may a member use a newspaper to prove something said or done outside of the House other than something that has relation to a debate, or has arisen out of an act or deed in the Chamber. It is forbidden for a member to address the House with his head covered, but if he challenge the ruling of the Speaker he must do so seated, and wearing his hat. At prayers, members turn their backs upon the chaplain. It is also forbidden for a member to eat or drink while in the active discharge of his legislative duties.

That the days of romantic windfalls are not over is proved by the recent report that a lady clerk in Washington is £1,800,000 richer by the death of a great-uncle, on whom she had never set eyes. For example, George Stratford, a New York policeman, was said to have inherited £8,000,000 on the death of an uncle; Michael M'Donald, a caretaker, of Great Harwood, near Blackburn, shared with a brother the fortune of a millionaire uncle; a young Russian named Gopvic, a tram conductor, succeeded to an estate worth £200,000; four Bristol artisans found themselves heirs to £250,000, the estate of a wealthy uncle of Brooklyn; and a German maid-of-all-work suddenly found herself a millionairess. A German dentist awoke one morning to learn that a Californian relative had left him £1,500,000.

In view of the present unrest in India, the following details as to the literary and journalistic development of India during 1905-6 will be of interest. The number of registered presses increased from 1,966 to 2,330, and the number of newspapers from 674 to 747, other periodical publications increasing from 510 to 793. These are remarkable figures, indicating a surprising growth of the demand for reading matter which it will not be correct to describe as literature. The unrest probably had a good deal to do with the increase in the number of papers. More satisfactory on the whole is the increased output of books, both English and vernacular, which last term covers some fifty languages. Madras comes third in the list of provinces arranged according to the number of papers published in them with 123 journals, Bombay being first with 163, and Bengal, rather unexpectedly, last with only 102 papers.

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