

The most representative form of Christianity is incontestably the Church of Rome. Exercising universal dominion, having behind her twenty centuries of glorious traditions, possessing a degree of cohesion and integration wholly unknown to the Protestant sects, the Catholic Church exercises, on the minds of those who sincerely believe in her dogmas, an influence which can only be estimated by those who have known her from within.

Further on in the same work, the author flays the inconsistent champions of freethought in France, who 'oppress and persecute all those who venture to disagree with them'. His general conclusion runs as follows: 'The only organisation capable of constituting a spiritual organisation of idealistic and supra-rational principles adequate to the needs of Western civilisation, is the Catholic Church'.

'A New Life'

'A new life', says the Paris correspondent of the Dublin 'Freeman', 'is growing even here in Paris. As a result, Cardinal Richard has had to establish nineteen new parishes in this city. At some of the Masses in the city, the churches, numerous and huge as they are, cannot accommodate the worshippers. Many visitors have noticed and commented on the paucity of men attending Mass as compared with women, and drawn unwarranted deductions therefrom. But they have not attended the five o'clock Mass in the morning. That Mass is entirely for men—women are excluded—and it is packed to the church door and beyond it! So much has the religious spirit in Paris developed that one cure, a man of large private means, is erecting, in the Rue Malakoff, not very far from the parish church, a new one for the accommodation of his people.'

In another direction, the official campaign against religion in and out of the schools is producing its natural and calculable results. The Paris correspondent of the 'Birmingham Daily Post' (quoted by the 'Catholic Times') states that the law-abiding citizens of the Republic are seriously concerned at the torrent of young ruffianism which is spreading terror in all directions. He points out that during the last six months 133 murders and attempts at murder have been recorded in Paris alone, as well as 31 murders and attempts at murder of police agents. In the light of these and other crimes, he doubts (says our Liverpool contemporary) whether the Government Bill for the suppression of capital punishment will be passed.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., and the Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., are engaged this week in giving missions in the outlying portions of the Invercargill parish. Next week they open missions in the Riverton and Winton parochial districts.

The annual entertainment in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin, takes place in His Majesty's Theatre on the evenings of December 2, 3, and 4. The entertainment will consist of the musical comedy, 'Hans the Boatman,' which is now in active rehearsal.

The mission by the Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R. and Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, has been eminently successful, the attendance, especially at the evening services, taxing the holding capacity of the church. The mission will be brought to a close on Sunday evening.

The first examination of the local centre, held under the auspices of the Trinity College of Music, London, was conducted by Mr. C. Edwards, L.Mus., T.C.L., in the Oddfellows' Hall, Gore, on Thursday, the 14th inst. The four pupils presented by the Sisters of Mercy were successful. The following are the results—Junior honors—Maggie Lynch, 90. Junior pass—Delia Carmody, 75. Preparatory division—Dolly Holland, 98; Maggie O'Kane, 92.

The mission conducted at St. Joseph's Cathedral by the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., and the Rev.

Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., has been most successful. The Masses have been well attended, and the Cathedral has been crowded at the evening devotions. On Sunday at the 7.30 o'clock Mass close on 200 members of the Catholic Men's Club and the St. Vincent de Paul Society approached the Holy Table in addition to large numbers of the general congregation. The mission will be brought to a close on Sunday evening. On Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock Mass a mission will be opened in the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley.

On Tuesday the Rev. Father Geary, late of South Dunedin, who has for some twelve months past been in indifferent health, left by the 'Mokoia' for his native diocese of Waterford. He joins the 'Rimutaka' at Wellington. He was seen off by a number of the clergy and lay friends. On Monday evening a number of the parishioners met at the presbytery, South Dunedin, for the purpose of presenting the Rev. Father Geary with a tangible token of their esteem, on the eve of his departure for the Old Country. Rev. Father Geary had been close on two years assistant priest in South Dunedin, during which time he had, by his genial and pleasant manner, won the good-will of the parishioners. Mr. J. J. Marlow, who acted as spokesman, in a few well-chosen words paid a tribute of praise to Father Geary for his work in the parish during the short time he was residing amongst them, wished him a pleasant voyage, and then on behalf of a number of friends and well-wishers presented him with a purse of sovereigns. The Rev. Father Howard, who presided, also referred to Rev. Father Geary's zeal in the discharge of the duties of his sacred office, and of his genial and gentlemanly qualities. The Rev. Father Geary thanked Father Howard and Mr. Marlow for their kind remarks, and the donors for the presentation. On the same day Father Geary was entertained at a farewell dinner at the residence of his friend and former college-companion, Rev. Father Hearn, Port Chalmers. A number of priests were also present as guests. On Tuesday, prior to his departure for Europe, Father Geary was presented with a fine gold albert chain by a number of his clerical friends.

Thames

Prior to his departure from the Thames, Mr. J. M. Foy was presented with a purse of sovereigns from his many friends. The Mayor (Mr. A. Burns) presided, and the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly was also present.

Mr. Burns, previous to handing the purse to Mr. Foy, referred to Mr. Foy's long association with the Thames, the public offices he had held, and the many services he had rendered to his fellow citizens. He said as long as he could remember he had always associated Mr. Foy's name as one of the most useful members of the community, and a model citizen. He joined with those who regretted that Mr. Foy was leaving the Thames, but trusted that the change of residence would be for the benefit of that gentleman and his family. He felt sure in saying, so he but echoed the sentiments of the people of the Thames. On behalf of the subscribers and the public, he wished Mr. Foy good health, long life, and prosperity.

Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly referred to his long acquaintance with Mr. Foy, extending over fifty years, and his knowledge of that gentleman in every relation of life. Especially would he miss Mr. Foy's services as a church officer, for all his life Mr. Foy had taken a leading part in the work of the parish, and better still had he exemplified by his life and character, and as a father and a citizen, the teachings of the Church.

Mr. McCullough, Mr. Potts, Mr. A. Bruce, Mr. Milnes, Mr. Douglas and others, also spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. Foy and expressed their regret at his departure from Thames.

Mr. Foy returning thanks for the kind remarks of the Mayor, Monsignor O'Reilly, and others who had spoken said it was difficult for him to find words to express his feelings. He appreciated to the full, the kind expressions of esteem and felt that he had scarcely earned the compliments paid him. He felt extremely gratified, that his small services to the community were so valued. He regretted as much as any one, the severance from his friends, but could assure them that the memory of the years passed on the Thames would never be forgotten by him.

The members of St. Francis' Church choir were entertained at Miss Murphy's on the evening of November 11, when they presented Miss Trissie Foy, who is leaving Thames, with a handsome silver hair brush and