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- November 24, Sunday.—Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost. St. John of the Cross, Confessor.
- „ 25, Monday.—St. Catherine, Virgin and Martyr.
- „ 26, Tuesday.—St. Sylvester, Abbot.
- „ 27, Wednesday.—St. Virgil, Bishop and Confessor.
- „ 28, Thursday.—St. Gregory III., Pope and Confessor.
- „ 29, Friday.—St. Gelasius, Pope and Confessor.
- „ 30, Saturday.—St. Andrew, Apostle.

St. John of the Cross, Confessor.

St. John was a Spaniard. He received his surname from his special devotion to the Passion of Christ. He was associated with St. Teresa in reforming the Carmelite Order, of which he was a member. At the time of his death, in 1591, St. John was in his fiftieth year.

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St. Gelasius, Pope and Confessor.

Of this holy pontiff a contemporary states: 'He was famous through the whole world for his learning and the sanctity of his life.' In 494 he published, for the information of the faithful, an authentic list of the divinely inspired books of the Old and New Testament. He died in 496.

St. Andrew, Apostle.

St. Andrew was brother to St. Peter, and the first of the Apostles to follow Christ. After the Ascension he preached the Gospel in Scythia, and afterwards in Greece, where he was crucified for the Faith. He is honored as the patron of Scotland.

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They lead at length to Eternity.
The pattern we may not understand:
God holds the shuttle in His hand.

— Ave Maria.

Inquire of the young people: they know everything.

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we know them only when they are gone.

Self-respect is one of the best sentiments we can have when evil entices, but our respect for ourselves must be based upon the value God sets upon our souls.

Twelve things to remember: (1) The value of time, (2) the success of perseverance, (3) the pleasure of working, (4) the dignity of simplicity, (5) the worth of character, (6) the power of kindness, (7) the influence of example, (8) the obligation of duty, (9) the wisdom of economy, (10) the virtue of patience, (11) the improvement of talent, (12) the joy of originating.

The closest possible study of the life of Christ will not reveal one single instance of His having measured any work in pounds and pence, but the New Testament is replete with instances of His having lauded gifts and deeds which were backed by love or the fullness of capability. And the fact that men and times have changed does not warrant us in expecting any change in the standard set by the Master.

It is very difficult thoroughly to understand the difference between indolence and reserve of strength, between apathy and severity, between palsy and patience, but there is all the difference in the world, and nearly as many men are ruined by inconsiderate exertion as by idleness itself. To do as much as you can healthily and happily each day, in a well-determined direction, with a view to far-off results, and with present enjoyment of one's work, is the only proper, the only essentially profitable way.—Ruskin.

The Storyteller

A HAPPY CHANCE

A hot sun poured pitilessly down upon the gaily-decorated streets, on the long red line of soldiers on guard, on the densely-packed mass of people standing within the military lines on either side, a good-humored if impatient Dublin crowd. Long festoons of roses hung from lamp-post to lamp-post, gaily caparisoned Venetian masts stood at intervals along the streets, flags of all colors and sizes drooped from the windows of the houses. All was life and color, bustle and excitement, for it was the occasion of the State entry into Dublin of King Edward and his Queen.

On the topmost doorstep of a handsome city mansion stood a young girl, waiting with the rest to see the pageant go by. In a quiet corner beside her, resting in a folding chair, sat a little boy of eight or nine, watching the whole busy scene with interested eyes, whose unnatural brightness was increased twofold by the hectic spots of color beneath them.

The girl herself was young and slender, 'more than common tall,' with something about the willowy figure and her slightly hollowed cheeks which gave one the impression that she, too, had outgrown her strength. She looked at the boy now with an anxious air, as though doubting her own wisdom in having brought him so far and into such a crowd.

'I'm all right, Mab,' he said with a bright smile, in answer to her looks of tender inquiry. 'I'm jolly comfortable here. But, I say, it's your turn now to have a rest,' making an attempt to rise.

'Don't get up, Brendan,' his sister said, with gentle decision. 'Don't you know I'd be quite doubled up if I attempted to sit in that seat? Can you see anything?'

'Oh, yes,' cheerfully. 'I suppose they'll soon be here?'

'I hope so. You'll hear the cheers beginning afar off as soon as they come in sight.'

A slight commotion in the crowd below her now distracted the girl's attention. Amidst a great deal of jostling and shoving, and some half-suppressed exclamations of annoyance, a little old lady pushed her way, or rather found herself pushed through the crowd. She clutched at the railings of the steps beside her as a drowning man will catch at a straw, and finding a sure footing on the lowest of Mabel's flight of steps, seemed determined not to budge an inch further from this safe harbor of refuge into which she had drifted.

Mabel from her own high vantage point looked down at the newcomer with a certain feeling of compassion. She was a little woman, white-haired, very feeble, very old; utterly out of place in this thoughtless crowd without someone to protect and fight a way for her.

As Mabel watched her still clinging feebly to the railings, she saw how the old woman's breath came and went in quick gasps. Her bonnet was all askew, the pretty little bobs of white curls which hung beneath it at each side of her face were tossed and dishevelled. All at once the bright color which illuminated the withered old cheeks faded into paleness. Her eyes closed; for a moment it seemed as though the old lady were about to faint. With a little cry of alarm, Mabel pushed her way down and put her arms supportingly about the old woman.

'Thank you, my dear,' the latter said, opening her eyes after a moment. 'It is nothing. I'll be all right presently.'

'There's a seat up here,' Mabel told her. 'If you could come up to it you would be better.'

Two or three pairs of willing hands were outstretched to help, and the old lady found herself half led, half lifted into the quiet corner which by silent consent on the part of the bystanders had been reserved for the delicate-looking boy.

'Thank you again, my dear,' the old woman reiterated, as Brendan quickly vacated his seat in her favor. 'You are very good.'

She sank gratefully into the folding-chair.

'Don't talk too much yet,' Mabel said gently. 'Would you like some grapes? I had brought some for my brother, who is not very strong.'

'Ah, yes, poor boy!' shaking her head. 'He looks too thin. What do you give him? Milk, meat, eggs, cod liver oil? He needs all these things and plenty of fresh air. You should take him to the country, my dear.'

'Unfortunately,' Mabel said, with a pitiful smile, 'that is just what I am unable to do. My business keeps me in town.'

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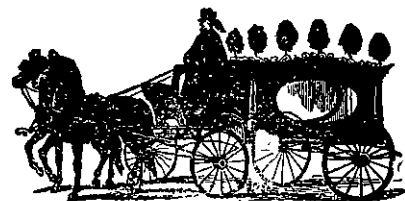
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'There is no one else. Both our parents are dead.'

'Poor children!' the old lady said tenderly. 'Ah, well, God is good. I once had a delicate boy of my own. But he grew up so sturdy and independent of me that sometimes I am almost wicked enough to wish he had remained delicate. For now, nothing will do him but to travel the world over and leave his poor old mother desolate and alone. Isn't it cruel. Well, what a foolish old woman I was to get myself lost in this crowd! I wanted to get to my friend, Lady M'Donnell's—I live in the country, my dear—and when we came a certain distance into the city my carriage would not be allowed any further. So, as I was determined to see their Majesties come in, I tried to make my way through the crowd on foot, and of course it nearly killed me. But what is this, child? Lift the boy up! Can he see?'

The King and Queen were coming. A great wave of human voices swept up along the crowded lines.

The girl lifted her brother high in her arms that he might have a better view. The old lady had leapt to her feet, and stood straining her neck to catch sight of the royalties.

'Well, well, what a marvellous woman!' she was saying. 'Not a day older, I do declare, than when we saw her at Puncnestown, I and my dear Edward, how long ago! Ah, my dear, time has not dealt so tenderly with all of us.'

Mabel saw that the old woman's eyes were filled with something suspiciously like tears as she waved with enthusiasm a tiny lace handkerchief in the air. In another few minutes the last of the carriages had passed; the pageant was over for to-day.

'It was a great deal too short,' the boy said, in tones of disappointment, as his sister, with a sigh of relief, set him again on the ground.

'Ah, well, wasn't it worth seeing, after all, Master Dissatisfied?' the old lady said sharply. 'But now, my dears, I must be going on. My friend's house is not many doors away. What is your name, child? And do you live in this square?'

'Oh, no,' Mabel answered. 'We live at 23 C—street,' mentioning the name of a well-known thoroughfare in a decaying part of the city, 'once a favorite place of residence with the old aristocracy, but now given over to the undisputed possession of tenement dwellers and cheap lodging-house keepers. My name is Mabel Plunkett. Brendan is my brother's name.'

'Plunkett!' the old lady repeated softly, a shade of tenderness creeping over her face. 'I once had some very dear friends of that name, but they are gone long since to the land of shadows. Perhaps I may come to see you some day, my dear.'

Mabel murmured her thanks, somewhat shyly and awkwardly, it is true, being indeed embarrassed by the high honor threatened to be conferred on her. What would this finely-dressed old lady, who talked with such ease of her carriage and her titled friends, think of their own poor abode on the dingy top floor of a second-rate lodging-house? Kindly and gracious as was the old lady's manner, the girl hoped devoutly that she would forget her intention. But she need not have been afraid. Week after week went by, and still there was no sign of the strange old lady coming to see them.

Mabel and her brother were wretchedly poor. The orphan children of a physician whose practice had lain in a poor part of London, and who himself, owing to long ill-health, had died in poverty, they found themselves at his death practically thrown on their own resources. That was to say, Mabel's resources, for Brendan could not be anything save a drain on her purse.

With part of the inconsiderable sum realised by the sale of their furniture she and her brother had migrated to Dublin, where, as it was the city of her father's birth, the lonely girl felt she might be more at home. But it did not seem to make much difference; her father's friends seemed to have forgotten his existence and that of his family—at least no one sought to find them out.

Luckily, the girl had musical talents, which, though there was little chance now of being able to develop them, gave hope at least of enabling her to make a living by teaching the piano. An advertisement inserted in the papers had brought her two or three pupils, who in turn recommended her to others of their friends.

During the months of winter and spring she had been fairly successful in making ends meet, but now that summer had come, most of her pupils had gone

to the country or the seaside; the one or two that remained hardly sufficed to keep them in bread and butter alone. And then there were so many things to be thought of—the rent of their two little rooms, now long overdue; clothes for Brendan and herself, medicine and delicacies for the boy, whose little strength seemed to fail him more than ever in those attics under the roof since the hot days of summer arrived.

Only yesterday the landlady had told her in no uncertain tones that if she did not pay the rent by the end of the week they would have to leave. Mabel had a wild idea of disguising herself somehow and setting out to sing for pence in the streets. The idea did not appeal to her, though there was little that she would not have done to bring back the roses to Brendan's pale cheeks, to see his worn, shrunken little limbs covered with firm, healthy flesh once more.

If there was even anything that she could sell. But there was nothing; no jewels, no plate, nothing worth selling except that little gold locket belonging to her mother, set with diamonds and pearls, with the miniature of her dear father inside—her father not as she knew him, bent, gray-headed and broken, but young and handsome, with smiling eyes and a brave and confident air. Ah, no; she could not part with that—and yet if Brennie were to die!—

The boy was inexpressibly dear to her. What kind of a world would it be without Brennie? A vision flashed across her mind of a little wooden coffin being slowly carried down the long, dark stairs and out into the sunshine and down the noisy street, to be laid in a lonely pauper's grave. With a half-stifled sob of anguish she threw herself down beside the boy and enfolded him in a passionate, motherly embrace.

'What's the matter, Cis?' he asked in surprise, laying aside the illustrated boy's paper in the reading of which he had been thus rudely disturbed.

'Nothing, darling.' She had always been careful to hide her troubles from him. 'I was only thinking of something that might happen.'

'Just like a girl!—Fancy anybody crying over something that might happen! You were crying, Cis—your eyelashes are wet. Hello! what's up with her now?'

'Her' had reference not to his sister, but to Mrs. Mulrooney, their landlady, whose surly and disrespectful behaviour latterly had not been entirely lost on the boy, and whose well-known rap was now heard at the door of the room.

'Come in,' Mabel said in loud tones, jumping up hastily and brushing away a tear.

The door opened, and, to her astonishment, Mabel caught sight of her landlady's countenance, smilingly obsequious and refreshingly guiltless of a frown as she ushered a daintily-dressed old lady into the apartment, announcing the visitor's name in mincing tones as 'Mrs. Browne Cooper.' To Mabel's surprise, she saw it was none other than the same old lady whom they had met on the day of the royal entry.

'Why, my dear children, what a dreadful height you are! I'm quite out of breath,' gladly sinking into the chair which Brennie brought forward. 'No, not a bit good of me, child,' as Mabel ventured to thank her for coming. 'I ought to have found you out long ago; but I was busy, and other things put you out of my mind.'

Her keen eyes travelled round the apartment, refreshingly neat and tidy, for all its barrenness and poverty, then rested inquiringly on Mabel's face. Perhaps she, too, saw that the girl's eyelashes were wet, for she turned towards Brennie as though to find in him an answer to a question suddenly arisen.

'Well, what's the matter with you, young sir? What about getting off to the country for a month or two, eh?'

Mabel looked at her doubtfully. Could it be possible that this kind old lady herself meant to help them?

'What have you been doing to yourselves? Tell me what you had for your breakfast this morning?'

'Tea and bread and marmalade,' Mabel answered, forgetting to be offended by the old lady's brusqueness.

'And what will you have for your dinner?'

The girl hesitated. 'Tea and bread and marmalade again, I suppose; and tea and bread and marmalade, or bread without the marmalade, for your supper later. Is that it? Don't deceive me, child; I know.'

Mabel nodded silently, feeling all at once that she wanted to throw herself at the feet of this kind if inquisitive old body, and by telling her all her troubles lift half the weight of them off her own young heart.

'I thought so. Well, well, we must change all that. Have you any money in the house? What is that you've got in your hand, child? Ah, a locket I

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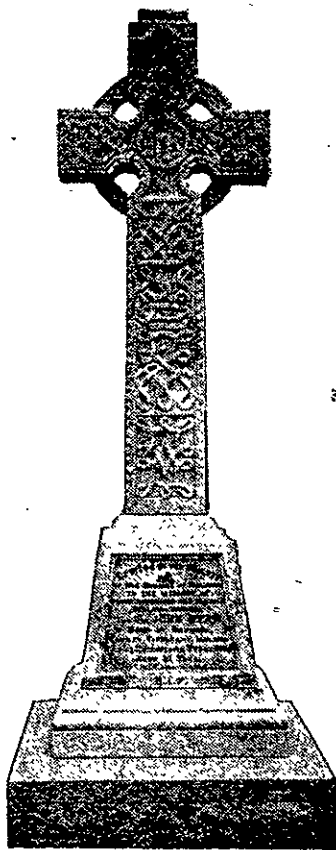
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see, and a pretty one, my dear. That old-fashioned bit of enamel is beautiful. Whom have you in it? Your sweetheart? May I look?' She glanced at the girl with bright, questioning eyes.

'It is my father,' Mabel said.

The old lady snapped open the locket, then gave a cry of surprise that was almost pain.

'Your father, child? Was Roderick James Plunkett your father?'

'That was papa's name,' Mabel answered, wondering much how her visitor should know it.

The old lady was silent, looking from the face in the locket back to Mabel and the boy with eyes that were dimmed with tears.

'My child,' she said then, 'your father and I were very dear friends a long time ago. We did hope, both of us, to be something more than friends some day, but it was willed otherwise. Roderick Plunkett was a poor country doctor, and I was an heiress, the only child of my parents, who wished a wealthier match for me. We drifted apart—he to earn a living in London, and I, weakly, into a marriage which, though it gave me riches, a good husband, and a dear son, yet never brought me the heart happiness I had dreamt of. Poor Roddy! What a happy chance it was that brought me here! I never heard that your father was married, child. He must have married late in life.'

'I believe he did,' Mabel assented. 'He was not very successful at his profession, but he had bad health—heart trouble it was—for nearly as long as I remember.'

'My dear, he would have been successful if I had married him,' with an air of conviction. 'I broke his heart. I broke his heart. Poor Roddy, poor Roddy,' she went on in a dreamy, sorrowful way, till at last she seemed to remember where she was.

'Now, children,' she said, 'you must come with me at once; my carriage is at the door.'

'But—' Mabel began.

'There are no "buts." I am going out straight to my country home, and a little fresh air will do neither of you any harm. What do you owe this woman down-stairs?'

Mrs. Browne-Cooper was a close student of human nature, and had shrewdly gathered from the landlady's first manner that her lodgers on the topmost floor were not just now in her best graces. It was useless for Mabel to protest or prevaricate. She would pay the landlady's bill, and they should go with her.

'My dear, I am "she who must be obeyed,"' this self-willed old lady said with a smile. 'Long ago in my youth I lost the best happiness of my life by being weak-willed and too easily led, but I have atoned for it ever since. Now I make up my mind to have what I want, and I generally get it, too.'

Mabel, not ill-pleased to have to obey this beneficent tyrant, now packed up their few personal belongings, and, having paid, by her visitor's orders, the landlady's bill out of her visitor's money, a few minutes later she and Brennie were seated comfortably in Mrs. Browne-Cooper's landau and driving rapidly away from the scene of so many unhappy hours.

It was quite a long drive to Killardyce, Mrs. Browne-Cooper's country residence, which, as Brennie remarked, to that lady's evident pleasure, might better have been called 'Paradise' instead. Such woods, and fields, and lakes, with gardens and orchards, terraces and greenhouses, flowers and sunshine and running rivers—everything that was sweetest and loveliest in the whole glad world!

'Why, my dears, it is just dinner time,' the old lady said, as the carriage swept round the corner of a big, old-fashioned mansion and stopped before the imposing front entrance. 'And this is my son, child,' she went on, as a tall, sunburnt young man came forward and helped his mother to alight. 'I did not tell you, did I, that my wanderer had returned? This is Miss Mabel Plunkett, Gerald, and her brother Brendan, the children of an old and very dear friend. I have persuaded them to come—much against their will, indeed—to stay a few weeks with us here.'

The young man lifted a pair of very pleasant, kindly brown eyes to Mabel's blue ones.

'You are welcome to Killardyce,' he said simply. And looking into those honest eyes of his, Mabel felt at once that they two would be friends.

The month has lengthened into two or three, and still there is little sign of Mabel Plunkett returning to her weary routine of musical tuitions. The girl has wound herself quietly around the heart of her benefactress, who treats her as a dear daughter for whose love she had always been lonely.

Little Brendan every day grows stronger; the color has come back to his wan cheeks. The household at Killardyce is a singularly happy one, and since 'the

wanderer' seems at last to have found a pleasant and safe anchorage in Mabel's tender heart, there is now little likelihood that his mother will again be bereft of him.—The 'Catholic Fireside.'

The Late Lord Brampton

In his 'Reminiscences' the late Lord Brampton gives the following account of his conversion to the Catholic Faith:—

'Cardinal Manning was a real good friend to me,' he says, 'and I often spent an hour with him on a Sunday morning or afternoon discussing general topics. At my request, when I had no thought of being converted to his Church, he marked in a book of prayers which he gave me several of his own selections, which I have carefully preserved; but I can truly say he never uttered one word, or made the least attempt to convert me. He left me to my own free, uncontrolled, and uncontrollable action. My reception into the Church was purely of my own free choice and will, and according to the exercise of my judgment. I thought for myself, and acted for myself, or I should not have acted at all. I have always been, and am, satisfied that I was right.'

'It was Cardinal Vaughan who received me into the Church after the death of my dear friend Cardinal Manning, which was a great shock to me. It was announced on the very morning of my hearing of the death of an illustrious Prince, whom I revered and loved, his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence. This also gave me a great shock.'

'As to Cardinal Manning, his extreme good sense and toleration were my admiration at all times, and I shall venerate his memory as long as I live. His kindness was unbounded.'

'When the late Cardinal Vaughan was showing Lady Brampton and myself over that beautiful structure, the new Cathedral, I thought I should like to erect a memorial chapel, and made a proposal to that effect. My offer being accepted, I resolved to build it, after consultation with Lady Brampton, and to dedicate it to St. Gregory and St. Augustine. The style of decoration adopted is Byzantine. The walls are embellished with many and various beautiful marbles. The eastern side has a representation of Pope Gregory sending St. Augustine with his followers to preach the Gospel in England. Another scene is St. Augustine's reception by King Ethelbert and Queen Bertha in the Isle of Thanet. The panels of the retables contain pictures of St. Gregory and St. Augustine, with their four contemporaries, St. Paulinus, St. Justus (Bishop of Rochester), St. Laurentius, and St. Melitus (Bishop of London). On the north are figures of St. Edmund, St. Osbold, and the Venerable Bede; whilst opposite are St. Wilfred, St. Cuthbert, and St. Benedict. On the west are St. John the Baptist and St. Augustine, and below these figures of women pouring water from pitchers, symbolical of the River Jordan. Under the arch of this side are most artistically designed panels containing the names of the four rivers of Paradise. The floor is inlaid, and the windows, which are of opalescent glass, throw over the structure a soft white light, admitting of the perfect harmony of colors which everywhere adorn this very beautiful chapel.'

ACETYLENE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY.—

In his report to Gov. Douglas, Lieut.-Gen. Miles states that the recent army manoeuvres at Westfield, Mass., were a pronounced success. Besides detailing many facts regarding the manoeuvres, the report makes mention of the system of communication by heliograph and acetylene lanterns for facilitating army movements. Some of the marches assumed the form of night attacks, and it was under these circumstances that the use of acetylene was employed to so great advantage. The efficiency of the light in army equipments is found in the intensity and steadiness of the flame and the ease with which carbide is transported and applied. Those seeking information re Acetylene will do well to consult the N.Z. Acetylene Gas Lighting Co., 32 Octagon, Dunedin.

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Current Topics

Te Whiti

After life's fitful fever, Te Whiti, the noted Maori chief and 'prophet' of Parihaka, sleeps. He passed out on last Monday. He has been more or less prominently before the public of New Zealand ever since the land troubles of 1870; when he led the local native movement for the ejection of the white settlers, ploughed up their grass-fields, and made the prophecy that even still appeals to the big brown man's heart—that the Pakeha would be driven into the sea, and Ao-tea-roa—the Land of the Long White Cloud—would once more revert to the Maori. Fortunately, there was no bloodshed during the several land troubles that Te Whiti headed. His powerlessness under repeated arrest made his 'mana' pale, his followers lost much of their confidence in him, and the land troubles ceased in time. Yet, to the end, Te Whiti remained a sinister influence among the pagan Maori of the west coast of the North Island. His passing may open to them the door of a better and brighter future.

A Protest

The cackle of geese once saved Rome. And the comically serious organisation of fat-witted 'patriots' known as the Independent Order of Americans have set themselves the task of saving the United States from the dire consequences of having the new gold coinage graced with the beautiful face of a sweet Irish Catholic maiden, Mary Cunningham. At their annual convention in Harrisburg a few weeks ago, the Independent Order sent a protest to the United States Government against the stamping of the face of the young Irish girl upon the gold coin designed by the great sculptor, Mr. St. Gaudens. Racial and religious passion is usually fiercely in earnest. Its strong hate is like a corroding acid, that eats up, not alone sweet charity, but the sense of wit and humor, as well as the other gentle things of social intercourse. This will in part account for the fact that the grotesque humor of the protest seems never to have struck the Independents. The remainder of the explanation will be found in the romance, 'Dennis Hegarty's Wife', in which Thackeray, writing of lackwits of the Independent Order type, says that the born fool can no more see his folly than he can see his own ears. Yet, in the case under consideration, the ears seem to be conspicuously long.

The Catholic Claims

Father Poland (says the 'S.H. Review') puts the case of the Catholic schools and their supporters in the following way: 'If there was a city shoe tax that supported a city shoe shop, that turned out shoes for city taxpayers—two pairs of shoes a year, gratis; and if the city shoe shop should turn out nothing but number tens year after year, and your number was eleven, what would you do for shoes? Would you hobble about in tens? Or would you, even after being forced to pay your shoe tax, go and pay a second price for a pair that would fit you? We think you would do the latter. That is just what the Catholics are doing for an education. They pay the education tax, but the education they get is not good enough for them. So they pay a second price to have what is good enough for them. The price they pay, and do not profit by, goes to diminish the expenses of those who are satisfied with the common education. And yet we hear some of these people whose school bills the Catholics are helping to pay, we hear them abusing the Catholics as the great enemies of education. If a man paid your shoe bill as well as his own, would you say that he hated shoes?'

Mendel's Laws

Now, more perhaps than ever, is he a benefactor of our race who teaches the world how to grow two

grains of wheat—or their equivalent—where only one grew before. A few days ago, the 'Ashburton Guardian', dealing with the improvements in wheats, stated that 'by the careful application of the recently discovered Mendelian laws, a number of new varieties have been produced and have been fixed'. In the next following issue of the 'Guardian', the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell had the following illuminating comment, which will be perused with interest by our readers: 'Judged by present day standards, Mendel's discoveries are not of recent date. Gregor Johann Mendel was an Augustinian monk, and conducted the experiments from which he deduced the laws named after him, in the Koenigenkloster monastery, at Althurn, in Upper Austria, from the year 1853 to 1868. He published his discoveries and formulated his theory in a paper read on February 8, 1865, before the Brunn Society of Naturalists, Father Mendel at that time occupying the dual position of president of that Society and Abbot of the Koenigenkloster monastery. Mendel's laws have only begun to attract attention since 1900, when they were rediscovered by De Vries, Correns, and Tschermak, working independently. Perhaps it is not generally known to your readers that Mendel's theory is the absolute contradictory of Darwin's, and that the acceptance of Mendel's by scientific men means the rejection of the Darwinian theory.'

Sabbatarians

The Rev. Dr. Newman Hall was once holidaying in Scotland. One Sunday he was proceeding to preach in a church in Edinburgh, and, happening to pass St. Giles's (Protestant) Cathedral, he stepped just inside the west door and took a glance at the beautiful interior. The beadle, gorgeously upholstered in his Sunday array, promptly pounced upon him. 'It is shameful', said the official, 'that a clergyman should set the example of breaking the Sabbath by going round to see the churches of the city'. Dr. Hall 'worked off' his indignation in a letter to the press, which concluded as follows: 'I have since been told that this pious guardian of the Sabbath received three-pence for every visitor to St. Giles's on week-days!' A far better, though somewhat unreasoning type of the rigid Sabbatarian was the aged dame who was deeply scandalised at seeing the late Queen Victoria driving to church from Balmoral on a Sunday. 'But', objected a loyal subject in defence, 'did not the Lord and His Apostles pluck ears of wheat on the Sabbath day?' 'Aweel, they did', admitted the stern old dame, 'but I think nae better o' em for that.'

There is, indeed, abundant need for protest against the wholesale desecration of the Sunday by people who, like the giddy merry-makers of San Francisco in the days of Artemus Ward, 'remembered the Sabbath-day, to keep it jolly'. But little good is, after all, effected by confusing the Christian Sunday with the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday). And, strangely enough, some of the worst forms of desecration of the Lord's Day of the New Dispensation are serenely perpetrated by rigid Sabbatarians. Violent political harangues, frantic electioneering appeals to sectarian passion, and the scandals of typical Orange sermons, are, we ween, far greater outrages on the sanctity of the Lord's Day than kicking a football or drawing a flounder from salt water or a speckled trout from fresh. This was the substance of an article which the Melbourne 'Argus' recently published in reply to a protest by the Presbyterian Moderator and others against a concert and collection on Hospital Sunday, which realised £250 for the Melbourne Hospital. 'Last Sunday', says the article in conclusion, 'a brass band played on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, and collections for the hospitals were received. A year or two ago brass bands were playing in city churches, and inflammatory political speeches were being delivered—speeches infinitely more disturbing to devotion than an elephant with a collection-box.'

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Those Convent 'Scandals'

'A nickname', says Isaac Disraeli, 'a man may chance to wear out; but a system of calumny, pursued by a faction, may descend even to posterity'. Such a 'system of calumny' has been 'pursued by a faction' of late in northern Italy, as their first line of attack upon the religious Orders there. Happily, circumstances have, thus far, prevented their slanders descending to posterity. The action of the courts, and the course of official investigation, have proved—for the moment at least, a serious set-back to the anticlerical faction. In our last issue we referred to the alleged 'scandals' at Varazze and elsewhere, which the 'Weekly Press' dished up to its readers in language that was 'frequent and free', without so much as a hint regarding the official exposures which had dynamited them long before. A further query on the Varazze 'scandal' moves us to remark that the imaginative youth who concocted the horrible stories against a companion in the Salesian College there, was (says the Boston 'Pilot') declared by anticlerical doctors to be a degenerate of the most pronounced type. Even the 'Giornale d'Italia', which at first took him up, clapped him on a pedestal, and accepted his blackguardly tales as true, has found it desirable to revise its first impressions and to admit that the youthful degenerate 'had sinister aid in his evil work'. The 'Giornale d'Italia' adds: 'Leaving it, therefore, to science to establish the nature and the entity of the phenomenon of this boy who has turned half Italy upside down, we note that anybody who wishes to find a written source for this monstrous product has but to remember the ludicrous pages of that perverse and infamous writer, Leo Taxil, a liar always, whether he combated Catholicism, or whether he was attacking Freemasonry in the same vituperative way after he became its enemy.'

The justification of the slandered religious in northern Italy came in at the rate of a mile a minute. But will the exposures of the Varazze and Milan 'scandals' close the anticlerical steam-factories where such calumnies are generally concocted and exploited? By no means. With a few verbal alterations, we might apply to them the words that Newman wrote, in his 'Christ Upon the Waters', regarding Reformed calumniators of the Church: 'There is a demand for such fabrications, and there is a consequent supply. Our antiquity, our vastness, our strangeness, our successes, our unmovableness, all require a solution; and the impostor is hailed as a prophet, who will extemporise against us some tale of blood, and the orator as an evangelist, who points to some real scandal of the Church, dead and gone, man or measure, as the pattern fact of Catholicism.'

'Fear not to lie, 'twill seem a lucky hit;
Shrink not from blasphemy, 'twill pass for wit'.

Such would seem to be the motto of the more bitter kind of banded haters of religion in Italy and France. And in the matter of credulity of anti-convent tales of portentous wickedness, there seem to be, even in this twentieth century, a few journals in English-speaking countries that have the ready and indiscriminate appetite of the adjutant-bird—or of the renowned goat of Harlem.

Celibacy

According to Max O'Rell, 'it requires an ounce of courage to get married, and a ton of it to remain married'. Homer, Plato, Virgil, Horace, Alexander the Great, Hannibal, and many other great lights of the world (adds he), died bachelors. 'Socrates', adds Max, 'was an exception, but his wife killed him before

the cup of hemlock did,' and 'Byron tried matrimony, but was not more successful than Moliere'. Max has much advice to give on the subject, but he has not been able to improve on that of St. Paul. And the Apostle of the Gentiles, while exalting the married state, makes the virginal state (for those who are called to it) the better one, and the more suited to the Christian ministry.

The 'Ave Maria' does not attach 'any particular importance to non-Catholic approval of Catholic doctrine or discipline'. Yet it confesses to 'a certain interest in the statement of the grounds upon which such approval is based'. For this reason it reproduces the following extract from a paper on 'Clerical Celibacy and Reunion' contributed to the Anglican 'Lamp':—

'The Catholic Church is inspired by the Spirit of all wisdom. And in requiring her priests to be all celibates, she does it, not only because it is the higher state, but because that state creates a certain psychological attitude to the priest which is necessary to the effective accomplishment of the work of the Church. The conjugal state, on the other hand, in addition to its hampering responsibilities, brings about a confusion of mind which, more or less, unfits the man to sympathise with the sacerdotal life and to enter perfectly into its spiritual responsibilities. Compare the religious influence of the Church of England before the reformation with her influence now. Will any Catholic' (Anglican) 'undertake to say that the Church of England to-day, with only a fraction of the English-speaking people attached to her communion, is the spiritual power she was when all her clergy were unmarried and unreservedly devoted to the exercise of their priesthood? No doubt her married ministry has produced many great men from among the children they have begotten according to the flesh. But, oh, at what a price! Where is the flock that was given thee by Pope Gregory the Great—thy beautiful flock of the English race? Alas! it is scattered among a thousand heretical sects, which have sprung up because of the neglect of thy married priests, who fed themselves and their families and fed not their flocks'.

THE CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

MEMOIRS OF THE EARLY DAYS

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(Continued from last week.)

AUCKLAND.

An Opportune Proclamation.

No account of the annoyances to which the missionaries at Hokianga were subjected in those days would be at all complete which ignored the part that was taken to suppress them by Baron de Thierry. This gentleman, a French Protestant, who had received a large part of his education at Cambridge University, and had served with distinction in the Portuguese Army, owned about 40,000 acres in the neighborhood, which he had purchased from some native chiefs for thirty-six axes; he was therefore entitled to some consideration from his co-religionists. With the authority of a small potentate, he issued a proclamation calling upon the persecutors of the Bishop to desist in their efforts to drive him and his clergy from the island, and calling upon them as 'Christian men to pause before they hurry into acts which must inevitably lead to bloodshed.' The 'proclamation' went on to say: 'The Baron de Thierry is by religion anti-Catholic, and it is far from his object to plead for any particular faith; he pleads for all faiths and for all classes and conditions of men, and more especially does he entreat the white residents to pause and consider the great responsibility which they assume by leading New Zealanders into acts which they are taught to believe they may commit with impunity as an independent people, but which will end in conflicts which every honest man must deplore.' Notwithstanding this appeal, no sooner had the French corvette left the New Zealand waters than the persecution of the missionaries became as active as ever. A meeting of the natives was convened to devise means of getting rid of the Frenchmen without bloodshed. But the Catholic chiefs and natives, of whom by this time there was a considerable number, convened a meeting also, at which it was re-

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solved that at all hazards they would protect the Bishop and fight for him if necessary. There was, however, no occasion, as they disbanded without coming to any decision. So serious was the outlook that for two days and nights the Catholic and friendly natives—for the heathens were all friendly—remained camped around the mission station in order to protect it. An old chief went into the Bishop's residence in the early part of the proceedings and told him to fear nothing; that before a blow of a mere could reach him they should all be stretched dead around his house.

The conviction soon forced itself on Bishop Pompallier that Hokianga possessed few advantages as a central station for his mission. Apart from any consideration of the irritating annoyances to which he was subjected, the place had other drawbacks. It was out of the direct track of commerce, and was seldom visited by ships trading from European ports, thus rendering his communications with his own country precarious and uncertain; therefore, soon after the departure of 'La Heroine,' he busied himself in establishing a place of central administration at Kororareka, now called Russell, at the Bay of Islands. Many of the native chiefs of that place expressed a desire to embrace the Catholic faith, and urged him strongly to establish a mission station in their country, but to his intense regret he could not comply with their requests, for he had neither priests nor money. All around him the harvest lay ripe for the sickle, but the reapers were not there. On his way out to this country he had established a mission at Wallis and one at Futuna, which had exhausted, or very nearly exhausted, his resources. Stranded in New Zealand, if it may be said, with but one priest and a depleted exchequer, among a savage people, he was faced with innumerable difficulties. The Protestant denominations had three mission schooners plying in New Zealand waters; he had not a single boat. They had two printing presses, and were being continually supplied with their special literature from London; he and his priest had to write out everything themselves for their catechumens, having no printed books in the language.

For several reasons it would be imprudent, and perhaps useless also, to solicit assistance from those around him. So for the twelve months or more of his stay at Hokianga he suffered many privations. He was unable to visit the stations of Wallis and Futuna, as he had promised, or even to extend his labors in New Zealand. He was consoled, however, by the large number of converts. Whenever a vessel came up the Hokianga River crowds of natives might be seen on its banks anxiously looking out for the priests who, the Bishop had promised them, would soon arrive from Europe, and shortly afterwards these same people might be heard reproaching him for not having kept his word with them. 'Alas!' he pathetically writes in his diary, 'in the deserted position I was in I was forced to limit all my labors to the teaching of the people of Hokianga.'

Settling to Work.

In October, 1838, about eight months after his arrival in the country, Bishop Pompallier went, at the earnest and repeated solicitations of a number of chiefs on the Kaipara River, to lay the foundations of the Church in that district, leaving Father Servant at Hokianga. For several months previously those chiefs had been sending their sons down to the mission station to entreat the Bishop to come and visit them. The chiefs were anxious to hear what the Catholic Bishop had to say, so he decided to visit them. In October, as previously stated, several natives and three white people accompanied him up the river to his destination. On his arrival he was met and welcomed by a large number of natives and whites, who looked upon his visit as an omen of great promise for the future of the district. The Bishop took up his quarters in the house of an Irish Catholic, who had several children awaiting instructions in the Faith and Baptism. He had by this time mastered the language of the country, and was able to preach to the Maori in his own tongue. After having explained the principal mysteries of the Faith and the ceremonies of the Church, the whole tribe, consisting of about 500, expressed a desire to become Catholics at once. On the second day after his arrival he celebrated Mass in presence of this large number of people, who all seemed to be delighted and edified by the ceremony. On the day of his departure many of the chiefs and their followers accompanied him in canoes down the river for a distance of twelve leagues, and on their leave-taking begged of him to come back to them soon.

The great drawback to the Catholic mission in the North Island from its very inception to the last was its want of

priests, in the first place, and, secondly, its want of funds. From the very start the Bishop's efforts to spread the Faith among the natives were paralysed by these causes. Everywhere around him he saw men willing, nay anxious, to be instructed in the doctrines of the Church, earnestly entreating him to come himself or send them priests, presenting him with land for church purposes, and sending their children to him to be baptised.

On June 16, 1839, three priests (Marists) and three catechists arrived from Lyons at the Bay of Islands in the little schooner 'La Reine de Paix.' These priests (Fathers Baty, Epallu, and Petit) brought out funds, with which the Bishop was able to build and furnish a house for himself at Kororareka, where he finally fixed his residence, making it the headquarters of the Apostolic Vicariate, under the patronage of SS. Peter and Paul. Father Baty was sent to Hokianga to learn the language and assist at the mission, and the others remained at the Bay, for the work was breaking down the Bishop's health. Shortly after having taken up his residence there he had over 450 natives inscribed on his lists who wished to become Catholics. Not even in Ireland in the days of St. Patrick was such a desire exhibited by the people to embrace the True Faith as was shown by the Maoris.

About this time a native woman, the widow of a chief, lay dangerously ill, and was given over by the doctor, so the Bishop's aid was sought by her friends to cure her. Coming to her house he prayed over her, and she at once recovered her health sufficiently to sit up in bed. At the end of eight days she was quite well. A child of twelve years on the point of death was one day brought to him by its parents, and, as in the previous case, after a short prayer the child recovered. In three days it was perfectly well. Several similar cases might be recorded. A daughter of Rewa, the great chief of Kororareka, was one day seized with a sudden and dangerous illness, from which there seemed to be no hope of her recovery. In the deepest distress the old chief sought Dr Pompallier, and holding his daughter's almost lifeless body across his knees begged the Bishop to restore her to him. A tangi was already being arranged, for her friends looked upon the girl as being dead. The Bishop advised the mourners to cease weeping, and taking the almost lifeless arm of the girl he made with it the sign of the Cross over her face and shoulders. He then, with some of the Christians around him, knelt down and recited the 'Credo,' the 'Pater Noster,' and the 'Ave Maria,' and immediately the girl opened her eyes and regained consciousness. Before the day was over she was quite well.

In January, 1840, the chiefs of the Tauranga tribes, in the Bay of Plenty, pressed him to come to visit them, and about the same time the natives of Whangaroa offered to set apart a portion of land for a church and cemetery and a priest's house. Fathers Epallu and Petit were sent to establish a mission at the latter place, and some time afterwards the Bishop himself paid a visit to the former in company with one priest (Father Viard) and a native neophyte, who had been baptised under the name of Romano.

(To be continued.)

The Papal Secretary of State

The recent attacks by Socialists at Castalgandolfo on the Papal Secretary of State, His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, direct attention to the office which he so worthily fills and to the duties and responsibilities appertaining to it.

The Papal Secretaryship of State, as now constituted, was created in the 15th century, and came into being as the result of the change of politico-religious situation arising from various schisms. Previously the government of the Church had been theological or canonical, political negotiations being practically unknown, since the Holy See only commanded and affirmed, and never discussed. The growth of the Papal States naturally gave rise to political exigencies requiring the creation of a new office. The importance of the great post, which really entailed all the energies and attention of the occupant, won for its holder the title of Cardinale Padrone, or Master-Cardinal, a prestige which still attaches to it. He is above every other Cardinal in official importance and dignity.

How necessary is it that the Vatican should have its Prime Minister can be seen when one considers that the following countries have their special representatives at the Court of the Sovereign Pontiff:—Austria, Spain, Prussia, Bavaria, Portugal, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Hayti, San Domingo, and Monaco.

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On her part the Church has her diplomatic representatives in Austria, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Bavaria, Holland, and Brazil, with delegates apostolic for Ecuador, Bavaria, Peru, San Domingo, Hayti, and Venezuela. Russia has also an official representative at Rome.

Twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, the Cardinal-Secretary receives in turn the ambassadors and special envoys. This is the Secretary's first function, his second being the conducting of a voluminous mass of correspondence with the nuncios and internuncios, the dealing with their reports, and despatching instructions for their guidance. Diplomatic dinners are of rare occurrence at the Vatican, only taking place on the occasion of the holding of Consistories. Etiquette forbids the Pope being present at them, the duty of entertaining guests being left to the Secretary of State, his deputy.

Every morning the Cardinal-Secretary is received by His Holiness, when the 'situation' as regards the Church is discussed, the Pope having been previously supplied with all the latest newspaper despatches affecting the political or religious condition of the world. On leaving the Pope, usually at 9 o'clock in the morning, a day of hard work begins for the Secretary, the strenuousness of which is not surpassed in the Cabinet of any Prime Minister or Sovereign in the world. Under his orders are a score of ecclesiastical secretaries, to whom the Secretary of State dictates or sketches the nature of instructions in certain difficulties. This done, a series of propositions have to be prepared for presentation on the next day to the Pontiff, since nothing is done without his orders or instructions.

As the Angelus rings, the Cardinal-Secretary leaves his cabinet in order to receive his guests in the reception halls set aside for his particular use. Here may be seen people of distinction from all countries of the world. In the case of Cardinal Merry del Val, the peculiar fascination he exercises over people makes him the most-visited man in the Eternal City. It is no uncommon sight to see the following company at his receptions:—An English duke, not a Catholic; a New York newspaper man, belonging to a non-sectarian journal; the chief of an Irish Jesuit College; an Irish parish priest; a sporting English squire; the Austrian Ambassador to Italy; a member of the House of Commons; a Chicago millionaire, with a couple of Harvard sons; an officer in the English Horse Guards; a Spanish bishop; a missionary from Africa—surely as interesting a collection of human beings as any host could desire. At his 'business' receptions he has need (says a French writer) of more mental agility than is given to most of the sons of men. He cannot plead that anything is outside his province, since he is acting for the Pope, in whose province for adjudication everything lies.

In many ways the Cardinal-Secretary must be a mental gymnast, and it is universally admitted that the present dignity is equal to all demands on his tact, patience, and capacity for giving his suppliants satisfaction.

The department of the Papal Secretariat is divided into two sections—that of the secretaryship proper, precis writers, confidential scribes, deputies for the Cardinal-Secretary; and that of 'Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs,' a body of prelates specially enjoined to watch the whole political drama of the world day by day, and to report upon such events as they think impinge upon the province of the Church. It is in these administrative bureaux that all distinguished prelates of the Church begin their careers.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 16.

His Grace the Archbishop returned on Thursday from a visit to Blenheim in connection with the death of his brother.

Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., has been absent on a visit to Palmerston North, where he is engaged on a collection in aid of the Cathedral fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen McArdle have returned from an extended tour in Europe and America. Mr. Eugene McArdle, who accompanied them Home, remained in America to complete his dental studies.

Mr. T. J. Bourke, son of Mr. James Bourke, the well known resident of Kilbirnie, returned on Thursday from a visit to Ireland. Mr. Bourke reports having had a very pleasant sojourn in the Old Country.

While writing of the alterations to the Home a fortnight ago I mentioned that Messrs Campbell and Bourke had the work in hand. This was incorrect. The work is being done by Mr. J. Moffat, with Mr. Waterhouse as superintendent; Mr. J. Swan is the architect.

A Triduum in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be begun at the Sacred Heart Basilica to-morrow morning. Solemn High Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Father Moloney, assisted by the Rev. Father McCarthy as deacon, Rev. Father Bowden as subdeacon, and Rev. Father O'Reilly as master of ceremonies. The special sermon on Sunday evening will be preached by Rev. Father Ainsworth, on Monday by Rev. Father McCarthy, and on Tuesday by Rev. Father Moloney.

The death occurred at her residence, Percival street, last week, of Mrs. Wheelan, relict of the late James Wheelan, of Christchurch. The deceased lady came to Canterbury with her husband from County Tipperary, Ireland; and was resident in Christchurch over forty years, where she was well known and highly respected. She leaves two sons and two daughters, one of the latter being the wife of Mr. Kelly, of the Public Works Department, Nelson.—R.I.P.

All sections and creeds seem to vie with one another in their desire to aid Mother Aubert. The latest workers at the gravel-carrying were the boys from Wellington College who, under the direction of the Principal (Mr. J. P. Firth), worked like Trojans. Mr. Firth himself showed a splendid example of tireless energy by shouldering load after load. On leaving he handed a cheque to the Rev. Mother in aid of the work. A pleasing feature of the operations is the manner in which ladies and gentlemen are assisting in the work during any spare time they may have. Large numbers are going out to the Home this afternoon to lend assistance. Among them will be a strong body of Corporation employees.

The pulpit erected by the priests of the archdiocese to the memory of the late Very Rev. Father Lewis, S.M., V.G., in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Hill street, will be blessed and dedicated by his Grace the Archbishop at the 9 o'clock Mass to-morrow. The pulpit was designed by Mr. John S. Swan, architect, and erected under his supervision by Messrs. Hickmott Bros., of Christchurch. The base is a semi-octagon with pilasters and panels, all of Oamaru stone except the inscription panel, which is of white marble with the following lettering: 'In memoriam. The Very Rev. Father Lewis, S.M., V.G., June 27, 1907. Erected by the priests of the archdiocese.' The upper part of the pulpit is corbelled out over the base, the four sides being formed of stone arches with stone pilasters and marble angle pilasters. The arch moulds, caps of columns, and capping are carved in good taste. The pulpit is approached by five stone steps with panelled spandrells, and the balustrade is formed of wrought iron standards and ornamental work with cedar handrails. The fitting as finished is a beautiful piece of work and is quite an ornament to the church and a credit to all concerned. The cost of the pulpit was about £100.

With much regret I record the death of Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, who was found dead in Gisborne a few days ago. The deceased gentleman was well known throughout the Dominion as a contributor to the press, and as a popular and successful insurance canvasser. For 22 years he served with the A.M.P. Society, and then joined the Government Insurance Department, in the service of which he was acting at the time of his death. He possessed literary ability of a high order, and often contributed to the colonial press under the nom de plume of 'Dunboy.' Wellington Catholics will well remember the fine article he wrote in connection with the gambling controversy in the local press some time back. The deceased had been suffering from a weak heart for a considerable period, and this no doubt was the cause of death. The verdict of the post mortem held at Gisborne was that death was due to natural causes. The deceased was born in 1849 at Richmond, Nelson. He leaves a widow, five daughters, and three sons, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt. Two of the sons, Messrs. Frank and James O'Sullivan, are members of the firm of O'Sullivan and Co., of this city. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, this morning by the Rev. Father Herring. The interment is to take place at Karori.—R.I.P.

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Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

November 14.

Mrs. A. E. Kitchen, an esteemed member of St. Mary's congregation, has been elected a vice-president of the Wanganui Ladies' Swimming Club.

The Wanganui Spiral Pipe Company has secured the contract for the six miles of piping required for the new Christchurch water supply reticulation.

The St. Mary's Dramatic Club produced 'The Octoroon' on Saturday, November 9, in the Opera House before an appreciative audience. The piece was splendidly staged and played, and was a decided improvement on the previous productions.

Wanganui, like Palmerston, had glorious weather for the Show on Wednesday and Thursday, when there was a record attendance. The live stock and home industries sections were well represented, but there was a total absence of agricultural implements, which was regretted by the bulk of the farmers present.

On Sunday the collection in aid of the funds for the erection of the Cathedral at Wellington was taken up at all the Masses at St. Mary's (Wanganui) and St. Joseph's (Aramoho) churches. The Rev. Father Treacy made a fervent appeal on behalf of the Cathedral funds. At Vespers at St. Mary's he preached an eloquent sermon on devotion to the souls in purgatory.

On Tuesday, 12th inst., a social gathering was held in the St. Mary's Club rooms, when there was a fair number present. The ladies' prizes in the euche tournament were secured by Mrs. Lloyd and Miss Moreney (Hastings), and the gentlemen's by Rev. Father Molloy and Mr. Chas. Spillane. The Very Rev. Dean Grogan, Rev. Father Treacy, and Rev. Father Molloy were present during the evening. The ladies' committee (Mesdames Neylon, Woods, Lloyd, Benefield, and Grogan) provided an excellent supper. Mr. F. D. Gaffaney acted as secretary in place of Rev. Father Mahony, who was at Stratford. The members of St. Mary's Club also assisted materially in making the function a success. The proceeds will form the nucleus of a fund for a children's picnic at New Year's time.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 16.

After a preparatory retreat by the Rev. Father Peoples, and instruction by the Sisters of the Missions, the children attending the Sacred Heart Church, Addington, made their First Communion on last Sunday morning, and were afterwards entertained at breakfast by the ladies of the congregation in the adjoining schoolroom. There was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the afternoon at which the young first communicants and older children renewed their baptismal vows. The Rev. Father Peoples officiated at the various ceremonies of the day.

Miss Vera de la Cour, A.T.C.L., and Miss Mabel Thomas, A.T.C.L. (pianoforte), who have become Associates of Trinity College, London, by passing an examination in the 'art of teaching,' held in July last, were prepared for this examination by the Sisters of Mercy, Collegiate High School, Colombo street, Christchurch. Miss May Gabriel O'Connor, A.T.C.L. (pianoforte), and Miss Elizabeth Brick, A.T.C.L. (pianoforte), who have also become Associates of Trinity College, London, were prepared for the examination by the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, Lower High street, Christchurch.

Important benefactions of a public character are made under the will of the late Mr. Allan McLean, who died on Tuesday. The deceased left property valued at something over half a million pounds, and about one-third of this sum is to be devoted to making provision for women who are in need. The Holly Lea property is to become the endowment of a home for indigent gentlewomen and their young children.

Holly Lea is a palatial residence on a magnificent property with extensive frontages to Manchester street and Colombo street, Christchurch, adjoining St. Mary's Church property. The will makes special provision for the selection of women whose education and upbringing will make them congenial companions in an institution intended solely for 'gentlewomen.' The home will be controlled by a Board. The balance of the money making up the one-third of the estate may be used by the Board to provide for needy women and their children under the age of ten years. The Board which is to administer the two institutions is to consist of Bi-

shop Julius, Bishop Grimes, the minister of St. Andrew's Church, the minister of the Durham street Methodist Church, the senior Stipendiary Magistrate, the Mayor of Christchurch, the chairman of the Selwyn County Council, the chairman of the North Canterbury Hospital Board, the chairman of the Canterbury College Board of Governors, two of the trustees under the will (Messrs. H. Cotterill and B. N. Molineaux), and two women to be appointed by the other members of the Board. The balance of the estate is left to relatives and friends.

There is a class of people whose chief object in life appears to be in an endeavor to create misunderstanding. Te Oranga Home, a State institution for incorrigible girls, is the object of considerable public attention at the present time, and from there to Mount Magdala is but a short cry, and of course no opportunity (in some people's minds) should be lost in bringing this institution into the conflict. Such an attempt was made on Saturday, which brought the following prompt reply to the 'Lyttelton Times':—The authorities of Mount Magdala, referring to a letter which was published in Saturday's issue, state that Mrs. Cunningham has been entirely misinformed as to the methods of punishment practised at the Home. Flogging is not resorted to on any account, corporal punishment being opposed to the Sisters' methods of training and reformation, and hair-cutting as a penalty for misbehaviour of any kind is unheard of in the establishment. Sometimes it may be desirable, for obvious reasons, to keep the hair of young children cut short, and occasionally older inmates may ask to have their hair removed as an indication of their devotion to a better life, but the sacrifice is never made compulsory. Mount Magdala is always open to visitors at reasonable hours, and the authorities are glad for the public to make themselves acquainted with its work and methods.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

November 13.

There was a large attendance at the St. Columba Club rooms last Monday evening, the occasion being the oratorical competition. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. A gold medal, presented by the executive of the club, together with a handsome diploma presented by the executive of the Federated Clubs of New Zealand, were offered to the competitor who took first place, whilst a silver medal with gold centre presented by a wellwisher of the club was offered as second prize. The following were the competitors and their subjects:—Mr. J. Roche ('Christopher Columbus'), Mr. A. Fraser ('Michael Davitt'), Mr. W. Duffy ('Charles Gavan Duffy'), Mr. P. Smyth ('St. Columba'), Mr. T. Heffernan ('R. J. Seddon'), Mr. T. Barry ('President Roosevelt'). The judges awarded the last-named competitor the first prize. His manner, style, and delivery were pleasing, animated, and convincing. He promises to become the champion orator of the club. The judges awarded the second prize to Mr. T. Heffernan. All agreed that this was one of the most entertaining evenings ever spent at the club.

A smoke concert was held in the St. Columba Club rooms last Wednesday evening to wind up the session of 1907. The members and their friends attended in large numbers. The president (Mr. W. Duffy) occupied the chair. The following toast list was gone through:—'The Pope and King,' Mr. W. Duffy; 'The Dominion of New Zealand,' Mr. E. Casey; 'Sports and pastimes,' Mr. D. Butler; 'St. Columba Club,' Mr. B. J. Phillips; 'Kindred clubs,' Mr. R. C. Heffernan; 'N.Z. Parliament,' Mr. Wm. Bade; 'The ladies,' Mr. T. O'Donnell; 'The Press,' Mr. J. Meade. Several songs and recitations were given, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The St. Columba Club held their annual picnic on the King's Birthday. The place selected was the pretty little country township of Ahaura. The members and their friends attended in large numbers, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The thanks of the club are due to Mr. John Kennedy, who gave the use of his paddock for the occasion, and did all in his power to make the picnic a success. The grounds, situated on the banks of the Ahaura River, proved an ideal spot for a picnic.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 18.

A sad death occurred on the 5th inst. when there passed away after a very short illness, Mrs. O. Ryan, of

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Eskbank, St. Andrews. The deceased lady was in her 47th year, and was a native of Woodenbridge, County Wicklow, a short distance from the Vale of Avoca. She was a prominent Catholic in the St. Andrews parish, and was ever ready to forward anything that aimed at the advancement of the Church, or the help of the distressed. She leaves a sorrowing husband, seven sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 17.

An interesting debate, 'Is trial by jury the best means of administering justice?' was held at the rooms of the Oamaru Catholic Club on Thursday last. The Rev. Father O'Neill occupied the chair, and the speakers were as follow—Affirmative, Messrs. Mulvihill (leader), Jas. Griffith, and Thos. Corcoran; negative, Messrs. J. Wallace (leader), F. Cooney, E. Curran, and Rev. Father O'Neill. There was a fair attendance of members. On the question being put to the meeting, the verdict was given unanimously to the negative side. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Father O'Neill for presiding.

Our worthy president (Mr. J. Cagney), sen. left last week for a trip to Rotorua. The Catholic Club, as well as many friends, wish him a pleasant holiday and trust his health will be benefited by the change.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 15.

A bazaar to last a week will be opened in St. Bonaventura's Hall, Painell, next Monday. The proceeds are to be devoted to the local church and convent funds.

Some clerical changes have taken place here. Rev. Father Molloy has been transferred from the Sacred Heart parish, Ponsonby, to the charge of Coromandel, Rev. Father Lynch from Coromandel to Kihikihi, Rev. Father Tormey from Kihikihi to Ponsonby. The parishioners of Ponsonby intend making a presentation to Father Molloy before he leaves.

To-day is the eleventh anniversary of the consecration of his Lordship Dr. Lenihan. The progress made by the diocese under his Lordship has lately been chronicled in the 'Tablet.' It is a record which shows wise administration, constant thought and attention, and a whole-hearted desire to keep pace with the ever-growing manifold necessities of a diocese widely scattered, and consequently not too easy to govern. The work accomplished by Dr. Lenihan will remain as a monument to his zeal.

Mr. W. J. Napier, who recently returned from a tour of the Old World, gave an interesting lecture on Ireland at the Hibernian Hall last Monday night, in aid of the funds of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association. There were present Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Furlong, and Cahill. The Rev. Brother George, president of the Association, presided, and there was a good attendance. Mr. Napier first dealt with the sights worth seeing in the Emerald Isle. Beautiful views were shown on a screen. Mr. Napier said that on landing on Irish soil the first thing that impressed and thrilled him was the grandeur of bygone ages expressed in the monuments and historic scenes in which the land abounds. He was pained to find how indifferent the Irishman at home was to commercial progress. Business was run on easy-going lines all over the country, in marked contrast to the energy of the Irish in America and in Australasia. This he thought was due largely to the seclusion of the race in the Old Land, where none of the outside nations entered into the daily life of the people, whose one ambition was Home Rule. Home Rule, he felt sure, was not far distant, but in the meantime he thought that the people should bestir themselves and help to build up trade. The County Councils might also do more, according to their powers, notably in the direction of providing free libraries, which were at present conspicuous only by their absence. Another reason of Ireland's backwardness was to be found in the fact that she was now passing through a transition stage, and the people were in doubt as to what the ultimate outcome would be. Formerly the priests were the directors and guides of the people in all matters of public interest, when the masses were illiterate. Now the old order of priests

was passing away, and the rising generation of laity, being better educated and more enlightened than the old people, were beginning to take matters in their own hands, and act on their own initiative, so that the guidance of the priest in regard to public matters, so indispensable in the old days, was now no longer required. The people themselves were in doubt as to the outcome of the change, but all hoped that it would be to the advantage of Ireland. The Sinn Féin movement was good on the whole, but some of the means they proposed to advance Ireland were absurd. For instance, they wanted to make Gaelic the universal language in the land, to the exclusion of English. Anyone could see what that would mean. The English language was almost universal, and to exclude it would simply mean that Ireland would have no industries and no commerce, for the people would be alone in the Atlantic, with no outside communication. The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his address, on the motion of the Rev. Father Holbrook.

The annual meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was held in the club rooms last Tuesday night. The Rev. Brother George, president, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance. The report of the executive stated that there were 93 financial members on the roll. The various branches of the club had been carried on fairly successfully, and the cricket and tennis clubs were in a flourishing condition. The receipts amounted to £165 1s 6d, and after paying all incidental expenses, there was a small credit balance to carry forward to the next year. The report was adopted. Mr. J. J. Furlong was elected vice-president, Mr. J. McKenna secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. C. Thorne and W. Kemble auditors. It was decided to spend the sum of £50 on furnishing the rooms, Messrs. P. J. Grace, F. Carrington, and A. Thorne being appointed a committee with power to act.

An exhibition and sale of fancy work and paintings in aid of St. Leo's Convent was opened in St. Leo's Hall, Devonport, yesterday afternoon, and continued in the evening. The hall had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and presented a picturesque appearance. The stalls were heavily laden with many useful and ornamental articles, among them being some very fine fancy work and excellent paintings, the work of the Sisters. The articles exhibited by the children were exceedingly well finished, reflecting credit on both the children and the Sisters. The various stallholders were attired in pretty costumes. Excellent business was done in the evening. The stallholders were as follow:—Fancy work—Mesdames A. Goldwater, Mathias, O'Brien, Dandridge, Coffey, Misses Eva Cogan, I. Dandridge, Amanda Cogan, and K. Wynyard. Dolls—Mrs. Boylan, Misses Boylan, and Hardley. Lollies—Misses M. Forward, D. Lane, McCallum, F. Forward. Flowers—Misses Nitts and Fogarty, assisted by Misses K. Boag, Smith, Carson, Dandridge, D. O'Leary, D. Pagna, and Johnston. Pincushions—Mesdames Dandridge, Wrigley, Miss Ball, assisted by Misses Coyne, U. Barbell, Sinclair, Wrigley. Refreshments—Mrs. Costello, Misses Lynch, Bannan, Myrtle Dunn, Boylan, G. Ewington, and L. Forward. A number of competitions were held, and resulted as follows:—Doll-dressing, Miss K. Boag; pincushion, Miss Irene Hardley; writing, Miss I. Dandridge; drawing, Leslie Carson; painting, Miss Irene Hardley; map-drawing, Miss K. Boylan. For fancy work (assorted) first prizes were secured by Misses Lena McCallum, K. Boag, Myrtle Dunn, and G. Wrigley.

Hawera

(From our own correspondent.)

The Sisters of the Convent have decided to hold their annual concert on December 18.

Last Sunday the members of the local Hibernian Society received Holy Communion in a body.

We are shortly to lose another much-respected resident from our parish in the person of Mr. T. O'Neill. He and his family have been in Hawera for some years, and have always taken a prominent interest in Church work, and they will be much missed by a very large circle of friends.

It has been decided to hold a bazaar in February next, and matters are well forward. Stallholders have been appointed and there is every promise of a successful issue. Mr. and Mrs. McCulman are arranging a euchre party for the purpose of procuring some tables and chairs for use at such functions.

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The Forty Hours' Adoration was attended by very large numbers. The occasional preachers were:—Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Very Rev. Father Power and Rev. Fathers Treacy, Mahony and O'Dwyer. Father Duffy was also in attendance. As an outcome of this year's celebration, a branch of the Eucharistic League, which promises to be very successful, is being started in the parish. The parish priest who is making a house-to-house-canvass in the interests of the League, informs me that he has already enrolled sixty members, and has had so far only one refusal.

Napier

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

On Sunday, there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the last Mass until Vespers. Sixty-nine children made their First Communion in St. Patrick's Church at the seven o'clock Mass, and afterwards had breakfast in the Foresters' Hall, and were waited on by their parents and friends. They assembled again in the Church in the afternoon for Adoration, and were present in the evening for Benediction, and the renewal of baptismal vows. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place, in which the confraternities of the children of Mary, and the children who made their First Communion took part. The Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Meane, preached an eloquent sermon on the baptismal vows. Between sixty and seventy children, who were trained by Mr. O'Connor, sang the music of the first Mass.

Empire Carnival at Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 18.

The Empire Carnival, which the ladies of the parish have been working so energetically for under the direction of Rev. Father Tubman during the past two years, was opened before a crowded house in the Drill Hall last Monday night. The larger hall had been turned into a perfect fairyland for the occasion, a large space being left in the centre of the building for Signor Borzoni's great display called the Empire Carnival. This title gives its color to the whole bazaar, and the stalls and their managers and assistants are named as follow:—

'England and Australia,' under the care of Mesdames Mahoney and O'Meehan, and Miss Ward. 'Ireland and New Zealand'—Mesdames G. Fitzgerald, Aldred, Power, and J. G. Venning. 'Canada and Africa'—Miss Byrne, and Mesdames O'Connor, Sullivan, Dennehy, and Miss Knight. 'Flower and Fruit Stall'



MR. CRAIGIE

Mayor of Timaru, who Opened the Empire Carnival.

—Mrs. Mangos and Miss Byrne. Several side-shows were in charge of Mr. M. Schaaf, Miss Archer, and others. These stands are all on the main floor. Upstairs is to be found Mrs. McGrath and her army of willing assistants, in whose hands the refreshment part of the carnival promises to be an undoubted success.

Punctually at 8 o'clock Rev. Father Tubman introduced the Mayor (Mr. Craigie), and asked him to open the carnival.



REV. FATHER TUBMAN, S.M.
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His Worship the Mayor expressed the pleasure he felt at being asked to perform such a pleasing ceremony. He had been told that the ladies had been working for the carnival for the past two or three years, and when he had seen the collection of beautiful and costly goods that night he was quite prepared to accept that statement. Signor Borzoni, he considered, had worked wonders with the young people, and the training they had received in deportment would never be lost. Church building when done in Timaru always commanded his fullest sympathy, and he sincerely hoped that the net result would run into four figures. He wished the carnival every success, and it gave him great pleasure to declare it open. His Worship on concluding was loudly applauded and presented by a little girl with a beautiful basket of white flowers.

The programme put on by Signor Borzoni was the best spectacular display that has ever been seen in Timaru. It started with a meeting of the Empire, a study in colors by 64 performers, then there followed songs and dances, the production terminating with a grand march and tableaux, illustrating the triumphal progress of the Empire. Among those present were Very Rev. Dean Regnault, and Rev. Fathers Goggan, Kerley, and the local clergy. The bazaar will close on next Saturday evening, and up to the present the results have been very gratifying to all concerned. The committee of management, consisting of the Rev. Father Tubman (president), Mr. T. Lynch (manager), and Mr. N. Mangos (secretary), should be particularly pleased with the smooth working of their arrangements.

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Wellington, November 18.—The High Commissioner's cablegram, dated London, November 16, reads thus:—

Mutton.—Market quiet, but steady. Stocks of New Zealand light, and firmly held in few hands. River Plate mutton is in large supply, and being strongly pushed for sale. Canterbury mutton, 3½d; North Island, 3½d.

Lamb.—There is good demand for all lamb considering the lateness of the season. Canterbury and other than Canterbury, 5½d.

Beef.—Market dull, and supplies of River Plate heavy. Hindquarters, 3½d; forequarters, 2½d.

Butter.—Market firm, and demand good in anticipation of small arrivals for some time, although buyers are holding back, expecting prices to go lower. Choicest New Zealand, 118s; Australian, 117s; Argentine, 117s; Danish, 122s; Siberian, 110s.

Cheese.—Market quiet, with less demand. Canadian manufactures average 62s per cwt.

Hemp.—Market quiet and prices irregular, as the demand is principally speculative. New Zealand good, fair, on the spot, is quoted at £30; fair, in the same position, £28 10s (both nominal—nothing offering here). January-March shipments are quoted at good fair grade, £28 10s; fair, £27; fair current Manila, £29 10s.

Invercargill. Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter, (farm), 7d; separator, 8d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 0½d. Eggs, 10d per dozen. Cheese, 7d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £5 10s to £6. Flour, £14 10s to £15 10s. Oatmeal, £17 10s to £18s. Bran, £5 15s. Pollard, £6 10s. Retail—Farm butter, 9d; separator, 10d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 2d. Eggs, 1s. Bacon, 10d. Bran, 6s 9d. Pollard, 11s. Chaff, 3s 3d. Oatmeal, 50lb, 10s; 25lb, 5s 3d. Flour, 200lb, 31s; 100lb, 17s; 50lb, 8s 6d.; 25lb, 4s 3d.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. The attendance of buyers was fair, but competition was not spirited, and in consequence several lots, chiefly oats, had to be passed in. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The quantity coming forward is extremely limited, but in the absence of anything like a steady demand for export the stocks on hand in stores are sufficient to supply requirements. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s; good to best feed, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; inferior to medium, 3s 6d to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—A very limited business is being done in this market, and sales are confined for the most part to lots of fowl wheat for local use. In milling quality there is practically no business passing. Quotations: Prime milling (nominally), 6s 1d to 6s 2d; medium and whole fowl wheat, 5s 10d to 5s 11d; broken and damaged, 5s 3d to 5s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—For some time consignments have been pouring into this market, and as there has been absolutely no opportunity of effecting sales, stocks have accumulated to a considerable extent. The season is now so far advanced that holders are not disposed to take the risk of consignments keeping in sound condition, and in consequence a fair quantity was submitted to-day for absolute sale. Indifferent and unsound lines were neglected, but freshly picked lots in sound condition realised £2 5s to £2 10s; fair to good, £2 to £2 2s 6d per ton.

Chaff.—Moderate supplies are coming forward, and all bright heavy oaten sheaf chaff has a ready sale on arrival. Medium and inferior sorts, although saleable, have not the same demand. Quotations: Best oaten, sheaf, £6 7s 6d to £6 12s 6d; choice, to £6 15s; medium to good, £5 15s to £6 5s; light and discolored, £5 to £5 10s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Oaten is in moderate supply, and sells at £2 15s to £3. Wheatens are scarce, and has good inquiry at £2 7s 6d to £2 10s per ton (pressed).

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

Oats.—There is very little coming forward, but owing to the high prices the demand is limited, and quantities in store are sufficient to supply requirements. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s; good to best feed, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; inferior to medium, 3s 6d to 3s 9d per bushel (ex store, sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little business being done in wheat locally. Quotations (nominal): Prime milling, 6s 1d to 6s 2d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 5s 10d to 5s 11d; broken and damaged, 5s 3d to 5s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Bright heavy oaten sheaf is readily sold ex truck; medium and inferior sorts are not eagerly inquired after. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £6 7s 6d to £6 12s 6d; extra, to £6 15s; medium to good, £5 15s to £6 5s; light, £5 to £5 10s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Potatoes are unsaleable. The market has declined fully 30s per ton on last week's quotations. Prime Derwents, to £2 10s per ton; good Up-to-dates, £2 5s to £2 10s; fair to medium, £2 to £2 2s 6d.

Pressed Straw.—Oaten, £2 15s to £3; wheaten, £2 7s 6d to £2 10s per ton.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—The first fortnightly sale was held yesterday. Prime wintors were sold at up to 22½d; good, 17d to 18½d; medium, to 14d; mixed skins sold up to 15½d; early wintors, 10½d to 13d; autumns, 9d to 12d; summers, 7d to 8½d; small, to 6d; blacks, to 15d; horse hair, to 18½d.

Sheepskins.—We submitted a large catalogue to-day, but bidding was not brisk and prices were mostly the same as were ruling last week. Best halfbreds sold from 9d to 9½d; medium to good, 7½d to 8½d; best crossbred, 7d to 7½d; medium to good, 6d to 7d; merino good, 7d to 7½d; inferior, 6d to 6½d. Poor skins were dull of sale.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale on the 14th inst., when we submitted a small catalogue. Competition was very dull, and prices were again lower by ½d to ¾d than at our last sale. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 5½d to 6d; good heavy, 5d to 5½d; medium, 4½d to 5½d; light weight, 4d to 4½d; staggy and inferior, 2½d to 3½d; good heavy cow hides, 4½d to 4½d; medium, 4d to 4½d; light weights, 4d to 4½d; inferior, 2½d to 3½d; yearlings, 2d to 2½d; calfskins, 2d to 6½d; horse hides, 5s 9d to 9s 6d each.

Tallow and Fat.—The demand still continues good, and prices rule about the same as last report.

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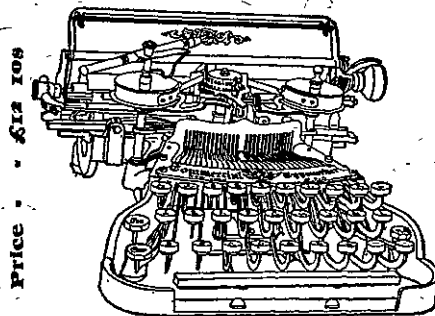
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At St. Patrick's Church on November 5, (says the 'Lake County Press') a pleasing ceremony took place. The occasion was one of more than passing interest to the district's people, as both the bride and bridegroom were well-known, and decidedly popular. The contracting couple were Mr. J. J. McBride, eldest son of Mr. E. McBride, Frankton, and Miss Cotter, fourth daughter of Mr. Richard Cotter, Arrowtown. The church was beautifully decorated for the happy event. Large numbers of people attended the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. In the course of a short address, Father O'Donnell referred in eulogistic terms to the many sterling qualities of Mr. and Mrs. M'Bride, and the parents of the happy couple. As the bridal party left the church the Wedding March was played by Miss M'Entyre. Mr. A. M'Bride acted as best man, and Mr. Grant (Queenstown) as groomsman. The bridesmaids were Miss A. Cotter (sister of the bride) and Miss Monica M'Bride (sister of the bridegroom). The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in an empire gown of cream silk voile, beautifully trimmed with cream net and silk, cream chiffon hat with pink roses. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a lovely gold curb bangle, and to the bridesmaids a diamond and ruby ring. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bride's parents. A large marquee was erected for this purpose. Needless to say, the arrangements were perfect. Happy speeches were made, and many congratulations and hearty good wishes bestowed on the newly-wedded pair. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. M'Bride left for Queenstown, en route for Dunedin, Christchurch, and Wellington. The wedding presents were numerous and costly.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

November 10.

The Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G., preached at the Masses and Vespers to-day on behalf of the Cathedral building fund.

The King's Birthday was not observed in town yesterday, but will be generally held as a close holiday on Monday, when the second annual military tournament will be held on the grounds of the A. and P. Association.

The Dominion bazaar was brought to a close on Monday last. Mr. Mathew Kennedy, on behalf of Rev. Father Costello, in a few well-chosen words thanked the stall-holders and their assistants and the public generally for their assistance and support in this most successful bazaar, which he now declared closed. The results are not yet available, but it is expected the net amount will be about £700. Taking into consideration that four other bazaars and sales of work for other local institutions had immediately preceded it, its success is highly satisfactory.

It will be somewhat of a surprise to the parishioners to hear of the coming departure of Mr. Laurence Hanlon and family from our midst. The departure of Mr. Hanlon is a serious loss to the parish, and his place will be hard to fill. He has always taken a very deep interest in parish work, and his ringing of St. Patrick's chimes on Sundays was a treat to hear. I understand Mr. Hanlon leaves for Wellington at the end of the month, and we wish him and his family all prosperity in his new sphere.

November 17.

The Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G., in the course of his sermon to-day, paid a high compliment to the 'Tablet' and the good work it was doing, and said that as a Catholic paper it was second to none in the Australasian colonies. Speaking of its representative (Mr. Moriarty), now in the parish, he said he would be very sorry if the donations promised for the Cathedral funds made any difference to the financial success of that gentleman's visit.

The president (Mr. A. H. Casey) of the Wellington Catholic Club and several of its members paid a visit to the local club on the King's Birthday and were entertained by its members. The 'Tablet's' travelling representative was one of the invited guests, and came in for his share of the compliments paid during the evening.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting held in the Municipal Hall on Tuesday last, convened by Mr. Morris

Cohen, it was unanimously decided to produce the oratorio 'Elijah' in aid of the local hospital as early as possible in the new year. A strong committee of local gentlemen, representing all the various choirs and musical societies in the borough, was then formed, Messrs. Tomlinson and Dallow being elected both on finance and musical selection committees for the Catholic section of the community. It was considered there would be a difficulty in obtaining some 250 voices in the district, and with Mr. Cohen as conductor and the Palmerston North orchestra its success is assured.

The following are the results of the recent examinations of pupils at the convent in connection with the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music:—L.A.B. (diploma of Licentiate of Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London)—Olive M. Stace, Higher division—Lizzie Wilson, 108; Violet Kendall, 104. Lower division—Vera Graham, 107. Elementary division—Winifred Ryan, 122; Florence Lister, 121; Doris Ashley, 116; Mary Peach, 115; Kathleen Hood, 108. Primary division—Dorothy Dalrymple, 115; Erice Fairbrother, 114; Ina McDonald, 111.

Miss Vera de la Cour, A.T.C.L., and Miss Mabel Thomas, A.T.C.L., who became associates by passing in the art of teaching last July, were prepared for this examination by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch. The Practical examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music were conducted by Mr. Richard Cummings in the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street, last Monday. The following is the list of successful candidates:—Intermediate, Local Centre—Annie Snowball (pianoforte), 116; Lillian Burrow (violin), 107. Higher school—Hannah Ryan (pianoforte), 119; Florence McDonald (pianoforte), 110; Grace Haughey (pianoforte), 100. Lower school—Christina Cooper (pianoforte), 126; Gladys Harding, 125; Mary Cecilia Goggan, 123; Doris Blank, 120; Isa Brodie, 118; Mary Cecilia Roche, 109; Gladys Penny, 104. Primary:—Selina Marie Innley (pianoforte), 134, (distinction); Cassie Loughton (pianoforte), 130, (distinction); Herbert Power, (violin), 132, (distinction).

The proprietors of the 'Colonist', Nelson, have issued a jubilee souvenir pamphlet, in which the events of the past fifty years, especially as they relate to the province, are dealt with. The 'Colonist' was started in 1857 to oppose (as stated in the preface) one of the gravest menaces that can threaten the future of any young and struggling country—the unreasonable aggregation of land by a few. The 'Colonist' has ever had as its prime mission the advancement by all the means at the disposal of a well-conducted newspaper, of the interests of the province of Nelson. Its policy has never been trammelled by considerations of pounds, shillings, and pence; it has had a higher objective than merely the improvement of personal fortunes of its proprietors. The 'Colonist' is a fair impartial and a respectably conducted journal, and free from the bitterness of party and religious prejudices, and as such, it is to be congratulated on its jubilee, and deserves the support of all fair-minded persons in the community.

'I have just been properly taken in,' said Brown. 'I saw an advertisement of rooms for the summer "with a splendid view over a beautiful garden" complete with statuary.' I took these rooms, and it turned out to be a cemetery.'

The readiest and surest way to get rid of censure is to correct ourselves.—Demosthenes.

Owing to building operations which are to be commenced early next year, Messrs. A. and T. Inglis, Dunedin, are under the necessity of reducing their stock by a great clearance sale, which commences on the 27th inst. As it is necessary to make room for the contractors, the goods will be disposed at prices which cannot fail to effect a speedy clearance...

We are asked to draw the attention of our readers to a notification appearing in another column, that the great half-yearly Stand Out Tea cash prize distribution takes place on the 15th December. Competitors are therefore advised to post their coupons to the proprietors, Messrs. R. Wilson and Co., Dunedin, prior to that date, otherwise they will have to hold the coupons over till the June distribution...

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Will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, the 4th day of January, 1908 and will end on the morning of Thursday, the 9th January.

The Retreat will be Preached by the Rev. W. Gwynn, S.J.

Ladies making the Retreat lodge in the Convent during those Four Days

MARRIAGES

HARMEY-RODRIGUES.—On October 30, 1907, at the Cathedral, Barbadoes street, Christchurch, by the Rev. Father Peoples, James Lewis Harmey, of Wellsford, Auckland, son of T. L. Harmey, Timaru, to Adelaide Virginia, youngest daughter of the late Antonia Rodrigues, Akaroa.

DEATH

BOND.—On November 2, at her mother's residence, 27-Leith street, Dunedin, Daisy Mildred Marie, youngest daughter of Margaret and the late William Bond; aged 17 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

J. Mc.—The name of the 'Ulster Herald' does not appear in the latest published list of Irish papers that we have been able to consult.

BALFOUR.—With reference to the French 'scandals' you speak of, we dealt with the whole campaign of calumny from time to time, giving many instances of the methods of the campaigners. As regards the specific case referred to by you, we are not in a position at this moment to speak quite positively, but our recollection of the affair is that it was a 'put-up job' of the customary type. Even if the story, as told, were true, it would only prove that there is a Judas now, as in the days of Our Lord. No Catholic truth or Catholic principle is affected by the crime of an individual adherent. If only those who are themselves without sin threw the first stone, if common sense were a little less uncommon, and if better arguments could be advanced against us, you would more seldom hear an alleged scandal here and there being advanced as the typical fact of Catholic life. Catholic newspapers, too, do not follow the evil example set by some non-Catholic religious journals, and snuffle around among the street-sweepings of gossip for tit-bits of salacious calumny or gossip to serve up to their readers. If we did, we should not have to resort to the arts of the fabricator. But 'aquila non pascitur muscis'—the eagle does not feed on blow-flies.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

Send news **WHILE IT IS FRESH.** State reports will not be inserted.

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

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

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1907.

THE BETTER WAY

WE have before us the report of the Bible-in-schools Committee that was presented last week at the Presbyterian General Assembly in Wellington. The report itself, and the discussion which it evoked, make, on the whole, pleasant reading. The Committee still cling to the idea of having the Protestant version of the Bible, or the Protestant version of the Bible 'with note and comment', or 'a suitable text-book' drawn up by a Protestant commission, read or taught at the public expense, as part of the State curriculum of education. For those who cannot realise their ideal, it is sometimes both good sense and good policy to idealise their real. And this is, in substance, the wise resolve that has been taken by our Presbyterian friends. In both report and discussion we have at last been happily spared the empty bluff about the 'overwhelming majorities' that were so long averred to stand enthusiastic around the platform of the various and often dissonant Bible-in-schools organisations. Such a claim may have served the same purpose as whistling served the yokel passing through the Haunted Hollow—to keep waning courage up. But it impressed few, deceived none, and moved the ridicule of many. The facts of the situation are now at length being squarely and manfully faced. The Committee frankly recognise 'the failure of all past attempts to have the Education Act so altered as to allow of the Bible being read within school hours'. And the general tone of the gathering seemed (so far as the newspaper report goes) to indicate a sense of the hopelessness of sectarianising the State schools in the present state of public feeling.

The truth underlying the fable of the lark and her young has at length found an application in the report of the Bible-in-schools Committee. 'Let us', it says, 'employ to the full extent of our power the facilities already accorded by the Act for the religious instruction of our children'. 'In the present state of public opinion', said one speaker, 'this was the proper system to develop'. And the Assembly unanimously adopted a deliverance which runs in part as follows:—

'Record our appreciation of the efforts of those ministers of various denominations who are trying to supply, at least in part, what is lacking in our educational system. . . and urge upon all ministers of the Assembly to take this whole matter into their serious consideration, and, where possible, establish classes for Bible-reading on the lines suggested in the report. Also, instruct the committee to issue a circular on the subject, the same to be considered in Presbyteries and Kirk sessions at an early date.'

'Good is never done', says Newman, 'except at the expense of those who do it'. And it is pleasant to read, in the Committee's report, the evidence that the beginnings of sacrifice and of serious effort are at length being made to impart some measure of religious instruction to the children in the public schools. Up to three years ago (according to the report) there were only thirty-five classes for religious instruction in the public schools under the aegis of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand. It must be confessed to be rather a poor showing for a large and wealthy organisation; but efforts in this direction seem to have been crippled by the throwing of all surplus energy into a political campaign to force State employees to take up the church work which the clergy had abdicated. And thus the precious years passed, and the body of the Bible-in-schools were satisfied to ...

'Live the life of going to do,
And die with nothing done'...

The realisation of the hopelessness of capturing the public schools for sectarian purposes has, however, had these good results: that during the past two or three years, twenty-two additional classes have been formed for the imparting of religious instruction outside working hours in the public schools; during the present year, fifty-three classes; while seventeen others are in course of formation; and the aggregate attendance is 9506. The half-hour or so per week devoted to these classes, and the lack of the religious atmosphere so essential to successful work, represent a small thing indeed compared with what Catholics have done for the cause of religious education in New Zealand. But it is a beginning. And if—as we hope—it gathers in force and volume as it goes, it may yet move others out of their lethargy, and emerge in conditions favorable to the settlement of the education problem on equitable and permanent lines.

Notes

'As a Classic'

The Rev. P. B. Fraser (Lovell's Flat) at the Presbyterian General Assembly in Wellington last week said that 'the Assembly would not put the Bible on the level of pagan authorities by asking for its introduction as a classic, and not as a religious work. The suggestion', he added, 'was either a subterfuge to deceive Parliament, or a subterfuge to deceive the Christian people of New Zealand.'

Nailed Again

'Hudibras' tells how

'Some have been beaten, till they know
What wood a cudgel's of by th' blow;
Some kicked, until they can feel whether
A shoe be Spanish or neat's leather.'

From long experience, Catholics can almost tell 'what wood a cudgel's of by the blow.' In other words, they can pretty well name the factory, or 'combine' of factories, at which a particular calumny against their faith or practice has been shaped or manufactured, almost as well as if it bore a proper trademark. It is, for instance, easy enough to trace the probable origin of a statement that appeared recently in the *Christchurch (Daily) Press* to the effect that 'throughout the whole of Italy there is not one rescue home for unfortunate girls.' This is the sort of story that we are familiarised with in certain missionary reports from Italy. It is one of the 'tilts at Rome' which evoked the honest wrath of the veteran Protestant missionary, Dr. Needham Cust, and which are far too often allowed to spot the reports—that are also the appeals—of money-raising organisations operating

in Catholic lands. Some deplorable instances of this class of sanctified 'snake-yarn' have been dealt with by us from time to time in the columns of the secular press, and of the non-Catholic religious press, of New Zealand, as well as in the editorial pages of this paper.

The statement quoted above in regard to Italy was taken to task by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes in the columns of the *Christchurch Press* during the past week. His Lordship said in part: 'As this assertion is wholly at variance with facts, I beg to be allowed to say that I myself lately visited two excellent "Rescue Homes" in Rome conducted by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, the same Order whose Sisters are doing such noble work at Mount Magdala. I can also vouch for the fact that one or more similar "Homes" are to be found in nearly all the large, and in some of the smaller, cities of Italy. I have seen those in Florence, Milan, Turin, Naples, and Pompeii. I am sure, sir, that you would not knowingly countenance the propagation of an untruthful assertion, nor wish it to go forth unchallenged.'

Petty Persecution

Our co-religionists in Victoria are fighting a battle against a peculiarly mean form of petty persecution. It all arises out of a one-sided and unjust application of the law for the compulsory registration of teachers. By a curious freak of administrative folly—or bigotry—a higher qualification is required for teachers in Catholic parochial schools than for teachers in State schools. The *Melbourne Tribune* of November 9 tells how 'comparatively few of the two hundred students in the State Continuation School, after two years' study, passed the examination (1906) for either the Junior Public or Second Class State Certificate'. Yet 'notwithstanding the failure of the great majority of these students, they were appointed to teach in the State schools', after having passed 'a much inferior test called an exit examination'. Our Melbourne contemporary goes on to say:—

'We do not say those students who failed to pass the higher examination should not have been appointed; probably they are quite qualified to act as junior teachers, and may eventually attain the highest qualifications. But this is the fact which matters: They would not be allowed under the Registration Board's Regulations to teach in a Catholic school. The State is glad to get them. We would not be allowed to employ them. We recommend that this fact be remembered and well-digested, and that it be made as public as possible. Here is the most admirable summary of the Catholic claim:—

"In the name of justice and fair play, we ask to be allowed the common right of every teacher in this State—namely, to use, as an alternative, the programme of the State Education Department in the training and examination of our teachers. In other words, we ask that no person who would be qualified to teach in a State school shall be debarred from teaching in any of our Primary or Sub-Primary Parochial schools."

The probability of a similar registration law finding its way in time upon our statute-book gives New Zealand Catholics a more than fraternal interest in the struggle that our kith and kin of the faith are making for even justice in Victoria. They are probably fighting our battle, in advance, as well as their own.

A Great Social Force

In a work ('Heredity and Selection in Sociology'), recently published in London, Mr. Chatterton-Hill gives a fresh emphasis to the generally admitted fact that the Catholic Church affords greater security against suicide than any form of creed that looks for its principles and teachings to the great religious revolution of the sixteenth century. And he appeals to the official returns of suicide in many lands in support of his contention. The same persistent phenomenon has struck Mulhall and numerous other eminent authorities on statistical science. Here is a passage worth quoting from the same work:—

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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

comb. Miss Foy was also presented by the children of Mary Society with a manicure set and a very nice purse, and by the children's choir, of which she has been organist for the past six years, with a folding writing blotter. General regret was expressed at her departure with the hope that good health and prosperity would attend the recipient.

Hastings

(From our own correspondent.)

November 11.

An oratorical competition will be held by the Young Men's Club on Thursday evening next, under the auspices of the Federated Catholic Clubs. The parishioners have been invited to attend.

A very successful euchre party was held in St. Patrick's schoolroom on Friday evening last, in which one hundred and fifty persons took part. The prizes were won by Mrs. P. Duigan and Miss Lynn. After these were presented by Mr. Dennett, supper was handed round, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to concert items, all of which were encored. Songs were contributed by Misses Hickey, T. Vickers, and L. Blake, Messrs J. B. O'Sullivan and F. Vickers, while recitations were given by Messrs. Gallagher and W. Farrelly. Miss Ruby Shatt'ly presided at the piano. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present, thanks to the efforts of the secretary, Mr. J. Hennessey. The proceeds of the party will be devoted to the extension of the choir gallery in the Sacred Heart Church, to make room for the new pipe organ.

Stratford

(From our own correspondent.)

The Rev. Father Treacy has been on a visit to Wanganui in connection with the collection for the Cathedral fund. The Rev. Father Mahoney has been officiating here in the meantime.

Mr. Patrick O'Connor has just returned from the Old Land but, I am sorry to say, his health is not improved. He enjoyed his visit, although he found many changes since his last visit some thirteen years ago.

As giving some idea of the change in the farming community of this district, I am informed that during the past year there have been 124 changes of property in three ridings of the Stratford County.

Rangiora

From a private communication we learn that the Rev. Father Hyland, of Rangiora, will soon be back among his people. He has had a varied and interesting trip, which has greatly benefited his shattered health. He left Rangiora on July 14, and a fortnight later (July 28) was at Nukualofa (Tonga Islands). After a few days' stay in that tropical paradise, he proceeded to Apia and Levuka; thence to Suva and Sydney which he reached on August 18. In New South Wales, he visited Annandale (August 25), made a short stay at Medlow Baths in the Blue Mountains, visited Lochinvar, Narrabri, and Armidale. He then proceeded to Queensland, and made a stay at Warwick, Brisbane, and other places and then returned to Sydney on October 20, travelling by Murwillumbah and Grafton. He returned about the end of October to Auckland from Sydney and journeyed by Rotorua and Waiotapu to Pipiriki, which place he reached on November 11, on his way homeward. Father Hyland's many warm friends among the clergy and laity will be greatly pleased to learn of the restoration of health which has come to him through his much-needed rest and change.

Christchurch Catholic Club

(From an occasional correspondent.)

November 15.

As anticipated, there was a very large attendance at the club rooms on Thursday evening last to witness a musical and dramatic entertainment. The stage was beautifully decorated. The programme was divided into two parts, the first consisting of a concert to which the following contributed: Miss Aileen Mahon, and Messrs. Schwartz, J. Martin, and Master A. McDonald. The second part consisted of a farce, entitled, 'My Lord in Liverv.' The various parts were excellently sustained by Miss Bessie Fanning, Misses I. and K. McDonald, and Messrs. D. Chamoin, F. McDonald, A. B. Young, and Master Frank O'Brien. Mr. Frank McDonald acted as stage manager.

Interprovincial

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kennedy, who have been on a visit to the United Kingdom, arrived in Fremantle last week. They are expected to arrive in Wellington about the middle of next week.

Recent statistics show that fully 70 per cent. of the Dominion wool is now sold here instead of being as formerly, sent Home for sale. Buyers now come to the spot, and in shipping direct to their firms save a lot of London charges.

A disastrous fire occurred at Christchurch on Wednesday morning of last week, which resulted in the total destruction of the handsome three-storey warehouses and offices of the Kaiapoi Woollen Company. The loss is set down at £80,000.

The new presbytery at Ashburton now presents a finished and imposing appearance, and is one of the handsomest buildings of the kind in New Zealand. The grounds are being rapidly levelled and are being laid out with excellent taste.

Speaking at the reception to Sir James Mills, at Dunedin, the President of the Agricultural Society said it was over twenty-five years since wheat was sold at the ruling quotation of to-day. All the available wheat was barely sufficient to meet requirements between now and the season's crop.

Work has been started on the new church in Waimate, and the concrete foundations are being rapidly put in. The old church looks very well in its new site, where it stands on numerous substantial blocks of sandstone. In the process of removal, the church suffered not at all, the work being done with skill and care.

We have received copies of the 'Young Dominion' a daily publication issued in connection with the Empire Carnival at Timaru. The issue of a daily eight-page paper was an ambitious undertaking, and we are pleased to state that those responsible for bringing it out, have been very successful. It has all the features of a daily journal, whilst its news items from near and far, have at least the merit of being crisp and original.

An old West Coaster named Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, who was known as 'Seddon's schoolmaster' (says the 'Kumara Times'), died at the Kumara Hospital recently. Deceased was 68 years of age, and had been in New Zealand over 40 years. In the early days he worked in a store for the late Mr. Seddon, and being well read and a very intelligent man he 'coached' Mr. Seddon.

Amended regulations gazetted last week provide that not more than three persons in one family shall be eligible for appointment to the Post and Telegraph Department. Females between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five years are eligible as cadettes in the non-clerical division, and women up to forty years may be appointed if they have previously served a continuous period of two years. Not more than one daughter in a family is to be eligible for appointment as a telephone exchange cadette. Married women are not eligible, and females must resign when they marry.

A return presented to Parliament shows that there are 687 registered medical practitioners in the Dominion, as compared with 506 in 1901. They are distributed as follows:—Auckland, 88; Wellington, 85; Christchurch, 53; Dunedin, 63. Outside the cities the numbers are:—Auckland, 162; Taranaki, 30; Hawke's Bay, 33; Wellington, 169; Marlborough, 10; Nelson, 23; Westland, 12; Canterbury, 111; Otago, 137. It is stated in a note that the figures for the cities may be inaccurate, as medical men state their addresses when registering, but seldom alter them when commencing practice. The figures do not include 83 doctors who were found in 1906 to have left New Zealand, 52 whose addresses were unknown, and 79 who were returned as 'out of New Zealand.' There are 149 medical students, 507 registered nurses, and 522 hospital nurses. Registered midwives are located as follows:—Auckland city, 92; Wellington city, 92; Christchurch, 25; Dunedin, 35; Auckland province, 229; Taranaki, 25; Hawke's Bay, 31; Wellington province, 203; Marlborough, nil; Nelson, 13; Westland, 34; Canterbury, 51; Otago, 139; total, 725.

The annual retreat for ladies at the Sacred Heart Convent, Timaru, commences on January 4, and ends on the 9th. The retreat will be preached by the Rev. W. Gwynn S.J.

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Irish News

ARMAGH—The Cathedral Chapter

His Eminence Cardinal Logue has appointed the Rev. James Grimes, P.P., Portadown, to be a Canon of the Armagh Cathedral Chapter.

CORK—Only a few Cases

The Recorder of Cork, Sir John Chute Neligan, in opening the business of the Cork Borough Sessions on October 1, congratulated the Grand Jury on the small number of cases to go before them.

Sale of an Estate

The tenants on the Middleton portion of the estate of Sir Arthur de Capel Brooke, Bart., have completed negotiations with their landlord for the purchase of their holdings. The terms agreed on were:—2½ years' purchase on first term rents, and 23 years' purchase on second term rents, with interest to be paid by the tenants at the rate of 3½ per cent. on the purchase money pending completion of the sale by the Estates Commissioners.

Wireless Telegraph Station

A wireless telegraph station is to be placed on Corkbeg Island, about eleven miles from Middleton, and not far from the mouth of Cork Harbor.

DERRY—Consecration of the Bishop

The ceremony of the consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. M'Hugh as Bishop of Derry took place on Sunday, September 29, in St. Eugene's Cathedral. It was seventeen years ago since a similar ceremony marked the opening of the episcopate of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, who died in February of this year. His successor, who was ordained some 25 years ago, was born in the parish of Termonamongan, and opened his missionary career as a curate in Inishowen. He was subsequently transferred to St. Columb's College as Professor, and, with an interval as curate, he returned to the college as president. For ten years he presided over the destinies of the college, which he advanced to the front rank of educational institutions in the country. Two and a half years ago he was appointed parish priest of Strabane, where he labored with characteristic zeal for the interests of the people. The news of his appointment to the See of Derry was received with feelings of the liveliest satisfaction throughout the diocese of which he has now assumed spiritual charge. His Eminence Cardinal Logue was the consecrating prelate, and the occasional sermon was preached by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell.

Cardinal Logue on Socialism

In replying to an address from the people of Derry on the occasion of the consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. McHugh, his Eminence Cardinal Logue referred to the spread of socialistic ideas in England and the Continent. His Eminence said:—Our people should keep their eyes open, and take care that they do not, by any influence whatsoever, be induced to make common cause with those people who, either now or at some future time, will be the bitterest enemies of holy religion, and of Christianity in general. We can judge them, I think, fairly enough from their colleagues, the Communists of the Continent, and judging them by that test they are a very dangerous commodity here in Ireland or in any of these kingdoms. I mention these matters because I fear from something I see—something that has occurred—that our people, especially in England, are being dragged into the idea that in voting for those professed Communists they are promoting Home Rule. I do not believe it is promoting the cause of Home Rule; and, even if I knew it was, I say I would sacrifice Home Rule sooner than sacrifice the Faith of St. Patrick and the Catholic spirit that has always been the brightest gem in the crown of Ireland.

DOWN—A Memorial

There has just been erected in the burial ground attached to St. Patrick's Memorial Church, Downpatrick, a handsome memorial of Castlewellsan granite to the late Very Rev. P. O'Kane, P.P., V.F., who had charge of the parish of Down for over half a century.

DUBLIN—University College

The authorities of University College, Stephen's Green, Dublin, have had completed for them a number of new lecture rooms. This addition to the college buildings is the outcome of a suggestion by Father Finlay, S.J.

Proposed Presentation

The friends of Mr. Lennox, the newly-appointed Professor of English Literature in the Catholic University, Washington, U.S.A., have decided to make him a presentation on the eve of his departure for his new sphere of labor.

KERRY—Drowning Fatality

A sad boating disaster occurred on September 30 on the Lower Lake, Killarney, some distance from Darby's Garden, involving the loss of three lives—two boatmen and a lady tourist. It appears that a party consisting of Mr. Hodgson, a tourist, a lady, and two boatmen named Michael Gleeson and James Fenton, were out trout fishing. They visited Glenna, and were returning, and after passing Darby's Garden they decided to stop fishing. While the lines were being pulled in Mr. Hodgson states that Fenton stood up in the boat, which immediately overbalanced, and all four were thrown into the water. Gleeson disappeared at once, but Fenton struggled to catch the boat, and Mr. Hodgson held him for some time, but ultimately he went down. Mr. Hodgson endeavored to save the lady, but failed to do so.

Unprecedented Exodus

An unprecedentedly large number of emigrants left the Castleisland, Brosna, Scartaglin, and other East Kerry districts recently en route for America. The exodus this year from those districts has been enormous, and its effects were being very materially felt, especially by the farmers, who, in several instances, were unable to get the necessary labor for work on the land.

LIMERICK—The Peace and Order of the City

At the opening of the Limerick City Quarter Sessions on October 1, Judge Adams congratulated the Grand Jury on the peace, order, and quiet that prevailed.

A Trade Mark

Limerick Corporation has decided to permit the use of the city arms as a trade-mark for the local manufacturers of Limerick lace. Application has been made to the Patents Office, trades mark section, but the applicants were referred to the Limerick Corporation as the authority to grant the permission in question, with power to have it registered as a trade mark. The Corporation has decided that the permission should also be granted to their local manufacturers.

LOUTH—The Judge's Congratulations

His Honor County Court Judge Kisby opened the Dundalk Quarter Sessions on September 30, and, addressing the Grand Jury, said he was glad to observe there was very little criminal business to be transacted. It was a pleasant thing to be able to say to the jury that the criminal business in the country had during his experience, extending over 21 years, fallen off in a most remarkable degree.

ROSCOMMON—Absence of Crime

His Honor County Court Judge Wakely opened the Roscommon Quarter Sessions on September 30. The Grand Jury having been sworn, his Honor congratulated the jury on the fact that there were only two ordinary bills to go before them.

SLIGO—A New Diocesan College

The Rev. P. J. O'Grady and the Rev. M. Connolly, Ballaghaderreen, have gone so America at the request of the Bishop of Achonry with the object of collecting funds for the erection of a new diocesan college.

TIPPERARY—Dedication of Church

The parochial church, Templemore, County Tipperary, for the completion of which credit is due to Very Rev. Canon Meagher, P.P., was dedicated on Sunday, September 27.

WATERFORD—The Ashtown 'Outrage'

The editor of 'Answers' (London) and Lord Ashtown are not at present playing in the same backyard. Soon after the explosion at Glennaheiry Lodge an article dealing with the 'outrage' appeared in 'Answers.' The editor's statement, which is supported by an affidavit from the representative of the paper who interviewed Lord Ashtown, is that the article was dictated by his Lordship at the Euston Hotel, that he was told the article was for publication in that journal, and that he gave his signature to be appended to it. Lord Ashtown, in reply, says that he has no recollection of ever having given his signature to any one except to a representative of the 'Daily Mail,' that till after the article had appeared in 'Answers' he did not know there was such a publication, but that he

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had since been informed that 'Answers' is under the same management as the 'Daily Mail.' Manifestly there is a fault of memory on one side or the other. The interviewer affirms on oath that Lord Ashtown was informed when dictating the article that it was intended for publication in 'Answers,' and that he gave his signature to be placed beneath it; and Lord Ashtown has sworn that he did nothing of the kind. It is difficult to imagine that he forgot the incident, because he is no novice in press matters, being the editor of a periodical called 'Grievances from Ireland,' which is circulated in England.

WEXFORD—Proposed Memorial

Nearly £1000 have been subscribed for a memorial to the late Venerable Archdeacon Furlong, P.P., Gorey, which will take the shape of schools for the boys and girls of the parish, whose welfare he ever had at heart.

GENERAL

The King of Portugal

The King of Portugal has expressed his intention of offering a prize at next year's Oireachtas for an Irish marching tune. King Carlos has been interested in Irish affairs by his Excellency The O'Neill of Lisbon, who has for years past been a generous friend of the Irish language, and who is the King's secretary. The particular shape which the King's interest takes is due to Dr. W. H. Grattan Flood, whom, by the way, Gaels have been congratulating on the degree 'honoris causa' recently conferred upon him by the Royal University.

Seeing Ireland

The 'Daily News' refers rather sarcastically to an enterprising party of one hundred Londoners who have undertaken to go to Ireland, 'do' Killarney, and return to Cockneydom within forty-eight hours. 'Still,' says our contemporary, 'the experiment serves to show how near to London the Kerry Lakes are brought. The man who has a fortnight to spare can now spend more than twelve days between Killarney, Glengarriff, and Dingle Bay, and in visiting Blackwater, Parnassilla, Derrynane, and a few other of the Beauties of Kerry.' Our London contemporary (remarks the 'Irish Weekly') ignores the most serious possibility of this forty-eight hours' 'there-and-back' trip. What about the newspaper articles—perhaps whole books—on all Irish affairs which may be expected from many of the scurrying 'explorers' when they have finished their adventurous journey? There is not a man amongst them who will not hold himself better equipped to write about Ireland—or to govern it—than 99 per cent. of his countrymen when he returns home, and very justly, too.

The Commonwealth and Home Rule

The London 'Times' of September 21 published a letter from Mr. Richard A. Crouch, dated Parliament House, Melbourne, August 7, criticising a letter published in the 'Times' last May, from a number of members of a body called the Protestant Electors' Committee, which was written to show inter alia that the resolutions of both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament in favor of Home Rule for Ireland were not representative of Australian public opinion. Mr. Crouch says:—The universal Australian support of Home Rule flows from the democratic instincts of its people, and from its sympathies with all developments of Imperial unity. With us the Home Ruler is the true Imperialist and loyalist, because his efforts are directed to the attainment in Ireland of local contentment and its consequent Imperial loyalty and stability. Referring directly to the resolution passed in favor of Home Rule, Mr. Crouch says:—The motion was carried not only in the Senate, but in the House of Representatives by a majority of 39 to 27 out of a total membership of 75. Of the 39 who voted for it, only five were Roman Catholics, and only two of these Irish-born. The majority included the Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) and twelve Ministers or ex-Ministers of the Commonwealth. The minority at the succeeding election used every effort to raise sectarian feeling, and tried in every way to make Home Rule an election issue. The self-appointed Protestant Electors' Committee advertised daily the names of those who had voted for Home Rule. With what result? That out of the 39 who had voted for Home Rule, including as they did two members who were appointed to the High Court Bench and did not seek re-election, 31 were again returned by the constituencies at the general election last December. Of the 27 members who voted against Home Rule, 17 only were returned to the new Parliament. Mr. Crouch adds that he himself, as a Protestant and a Home Ruler, was returned by the largest majority he had ever received.

People We Hear About

A world's record was broken on September 7 at the Jamestown Exposition by John J. Flanagan, of New York, who hurled the 56lb weight 38ft 8in, beating his own record by an eighth of an inch.

The British Government has decided to give Mr. Bryce, the Ambassador to the United States, a salary of £10,000 a year. This is the same as that paid to Mr. Roosevelt as President of the United States. The previous salary of the British Ambassador at Washington was £7,800. Mr. Bryce also gets an installation allowance of £2,000. The following list shows the salaries of the remaining British Ambassadors:—Paris, Sir Francis L. Bertie, £9,000; Vienna, Sir Edward Goschen, £8,000; Berlin, Sir F. C. Lascelles, £8,000; Constantinople, Sir Nicholas O'Connor, £8,000; St. Petersburg, Sir A. Nicholson, £7,800; Rome, Sir E. H. Egerton, £7,800; Madrid, Sir M. W. de Bunsen, £5,500; Tokio, Sir Claude Macdonald, £5,000.

Sunday, September 22, was the birthday of Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey, and it is a remarkable fact that this potentate, who is said to live in daily fear of the assassin's knife, is one of the longest lived monarchs in Europe, and has reigned for a longer period than any of his predecessors for nearly 250 years. King Oscar of Sweden is thirteen years older than the 'Commander of the Faithful,' the Emperor of Austria can give him twelve years, King Leopold of Belgium only seven, while King Charles of Roumania and Prince Nicholas of Montenegro are respectively three years and one year older than His Majesty. Five Kings of Europe and four foreign potentates have a longer record on the throne. The Emperor Francis Joseph has now reigned for fifty-nine years, King George of Greece for forty-four years, Prince Nicholas of Montenegro for forty-seven, King Leopold for forty-two, and King Oscar of Sweden (over that part of his dominions which remains to him) for thirty-five years. Abroad the Sultan's superiors are the Mikado of Japan, who has forty years of rule; the Emperor of China, with thirty-two years; and the King of Siam and the Rajah of Sarawak, each of whom has thirty-nine years to his credit.

Among the Birthday honors was that of a knighthood conferred on Mr. Charles Santley, the distinguished Catholic singer. Sir Charles Santley is perhaps the greatest singer that England has produced. He was not only a great singer, but a great artist, and has done more than any other English singer to raise the national standard. He is now in his seventy-third year, and has been more than half a century before the British public. On May 1 he celebrated the golden jubilee of his first public appearance. The occasion was celebrated by a benefit concert at the Albert Hall, London, at which Madame Albani, Madame Suzanne Adams, Madame Clara Butt, Madame Ada Crossley, Miss Fanny Davies, Mr. Edouard de Reszke, Herr Kreisler, Mr. Coates, Mr. Ben Davies, Mr. Kennerley Rumford, and Mr. W. H. Squire appeared. On that day Mr. F. J. Harford gave notice in the Liverpool City Council of a motion to confer the freedom of his native city on Mr. Santley. As a result of the concert the veteran baritone was handed a cheque for £2,000. Sir Charles Santley visited New Zealand in 1890 and sang in the principal centres, taking part in oratorio at the Dunedin Exhibition.

The success of the turbine engine for steamers makes it of interest to recall some facts about the family of the inventor, as narrated by a correspondent of the Boston 'Pilot':—Charles Algernon Parsons, the inventor of the Parsons turbine engine, is the son of the Earl of Rosse, who some years ago built on his estate in Parsonstown, Kings County, Ire., an observatory in which he placed a telescope at a cost of over £20,000. This Earl of Rosse was a member of many scientific societies in Ireland. But perhaps of all the relations the connection of Sir Lawrence Parsons, his grandfather, who was a member of Parliament, and sat in the Irish Parliament at various times for Dublin University and for King County, in the last years of that Parliament, is of most interest to readers of the 'Pilot.' Theobald Wolfe Tone, in his memoirs, tells us that his first instructor in Irish national principles was Sir Lawrence Parsons, whom he (Wolfe Tone) considered the most honorable member in the Irish Parliament. Sir Lawrence Parsons, in his actions and work for Ireland, came as near to being a United Irishman as could a man who was not one. And Irishmen are proud to honor his memory as being the man who sought the best interest of Ireland.

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The Ship's Bridge

Few mere landmen ever come to know the bridge of an ocean liner well. When you are so fortunate as to be invited to one (says a writer in 'St. Nicholas'), you are led up a narrow flight of steps from the deck to the bridge, and thence to the pilot house.

The bridge in fair weather will be found to be a very quiet retreat. At this height you no longer feel the deep throbbing of the engines, while the busy decks seem to have been left far below.

There are seldom more than two persons on duty here. One, an officer, paces quietly back and forth across the bridge; the other, a seaman, stands with his hand on the wheel intently watching the binnacle, in which is suspended the compass. No conversation is allowed, and scarcely an unnecessary word is spoken.

The bridge may be sixty feet or more in length, probably five feet or more in width, and with a considerable open space at the sides of the wheelhouse. At sea the front and sides of the bridge are likely to be built up with canvas to protect the officers from the force of the wind.

A row of telegraph signals and a series of speaking tubes are grouped at the centre; at either end is a broad, low seat.

The wheelhouse, at the centre of the bridge, is a heavy structure of polished wood. On entering it a landsman is awed by the complicated machinery on every hand. His attention is first attracted to the wheel, or wheels, for often there are two or more of them, one directly in line with the other.

The first of these is an insignificant-looking affair, perhaps a foot or so in diameter, which seems out of all proportion to the work it must accomplish. Directly in front of it stands the ship's compass, while back of it are massed the levers which transform the slightest motion of the wheel into the force which guides the ship.

All the great steamers are steered nowadays by the aid of steam or electricity. In the old days half a dozen men at times would struggle with the wheel in high seas, and sailors have been killed by the rapid revolving of the projecting spoke handles. The modern steering gear makes it possible to guide these great ships with the slightest pressure.

The rudder, weighing many tons, is perhaps 500 feet astern, yet with a touch of the polished wheel the great 700-foot ship will swing from side to side with almost the delicacy of a compass needle. The wheel that the steersman operates merely governs the steering engine, which in turn moves the great rudder.

The work of steering a great ship, even with the aid of all this machinery, is much more delicate than one would imagine. The larger and faster the ship the greater is the difficulty.

It is not enough to hold the wheel in the same position to keep the ship on her course, for the wind and waves and the currents of the ocean tend constantly to knock the ship off her course. The great wall of steel (for the hull may be 700 feet long and 60 feet high) offers a broad target for the wind and waves. If you could watch the binnacle, especially in bad weather, you would see the needle of the compass constantly shifting from side to side, which means that the great steel prow is not going forward in a perfectly straight line.

All the machinery which may be set in motion in case of danger is centred on the bridge, and so perfectly has it been arranged that the entire vessel could be controlled, if the necessity should arise, by means of a series of levers and push buttons. There are a surprising variety of barometers, thermometers, thermostats, wind and rain gauges, and other less familiar-looking instruments.

The danger of fire at sea is anticipated by a thermostat connected with a frame, like a hotel indicator. There are thermometers in every part of the ship electrically connected with this box, which are constantly on guard.

If a fire should start in any part of the great ship, the temperature would of course rise, and the fact would instantly be announced in the wheelhouse by the ringing of a bell, while a red light would flash at the same time in one of the squares of the indicator. The man at the wheel could tell at a glance the exact point of danger.

The wheelhouse is also the telephone central of the ship, and it would be only the work of a moment to have men at the point of danger.

The modern ships are divided into many different compartments by many partitions, each carrying heavy steel doors. A series of levers will be pointed out to you in the wheelhouse by which these great doors may be closed in any part of the ship at an instant's notice.

These steel compartments are so strong that in case of collision or of fire one or more of them might be filled with water, and yet the rest of the ship would be unharmed. Should a fire be discovered, an entire compartment might be flooded in a few seconds.

There is a series of squares in another indicator corresponding to every one of these steel doors throughout the ship. In case of danger it is possible to close all of these doors at the same instant by touching a single lever on the bridge. And should any door fail to close, a red light would instantly appear in one of the little squares to tell just where the trouble lay.

Still another safety device which may be watched from the bridge is the indicator connected with the submarine wireless system which gives warning of the approach of another ship. This invention, but lately added to the great ships, consists of a delicate instrument so connected with wires beneath the water that the presence of a large body of iron or steel, even at a considerable distance, is instantly recorded. There is, besides, of course, the regular wireless for sending and receiving signals over hundreds of miles of water.

The bridge is especially impressive at night, when the great ship is asleep. The wheelhouse is completely dark, except for the covered lamps in the binnacle. From time to time the captain enters the house, asks a few questions in a quiet conversational tone, perhaps gives some order.

The marvellous machinery which lines the walls stands silent guard. The bridge is quiet except for the curious singing note of the wind in the rigging and the sharp crack of the halyards against the masts, and endlessly the deep pulsing of the engines. Outside the lights at the masthead swing from side to side, marking off the roll of the ship in great arcs against the sky.

If you are so fortunate as to stay until midnight, you will see perhaps the most curious sight of the twenty-four hours, when the ship's officer changes the time. The clock which sets the time for the life of the ship is put back about an hour if the vessel be sailing west, or an hour ahead if it be pointed east, and the sleeping hundreds beneath will wake up in the morning to find their timepieces all wrong.

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CANADA—Death of a Jesuit

The death took place at Montreal, Canada, on September 3, of Rev. John Alexander Somerled Macdonald, S.J. He was the son of Roderick Charles Macdonald, lieutenant-colonel of the Castle of Tioram Regiment of Highlanders, chief of the Highland Society of Nova Scotia. The deceased Jesuit was consequently (says the 'Glasgow Observer') the grandson of Colonel John Macdonald, representative of the Glenaladale branch of the great Clanranalds who disposed of his estates in Scotland and emigrated to Prince Edward Islands, with his dependents, in 1773. Father Macdonald's mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander Ranaldson Macdonell, 18th chief of Glengarry. Born in Bermuda in 1840, he was raised to the priesthood in 1872 in Baltimore, by the Bishop of Wilmington, and exercised the ministry during the past thirty-five years in Montreal and other Canadian Jesuit missions. In 1901 he was recalled to Montreal to attend the spiritual wants of the parish of the Immaculate Conception. It was there he was stationed when the last summons came suddenly, but it did not find him unprepared.

CHINA—More Boxer Trouble

A press message from Shanghai states that an outbreak of Boxerism is reported from Nankanghsien, in the south of the province of Kiangsi. Several Chinese converts and an Italian priest have been murdered in the village of Tawooli. The mission station of the Lazarist Fathers at Kanchowfu has been burnt. The missionaries escaped to Kianfu, and telegraphed for assistance.

ENGLAND—The Cardinal Manning Centenary

The Cardinal Manning centenary is to be celebrated with great pomp and circumstance in London next year. On the day appointed commemoration services will be celebrated simultaneously in all the London churches. It is proposed that at the time, in addition to a great demonstration in the Albert Hall, a great outdoor meeting should be held in Hyde Park in order to give co-operative and trade union societies, temperance and other bodies, public opportunity of testifying their respect for the great prelate who had the interest of the workers so much at heart.

The Revision of the Vulgate

Abbot Gasquet, who has just been appointed chairman of the committee for the revision of the Vulgate (says the 'Catholic Weekly'), is in the very first rank of English historical writers, and English Catholics are very proud to be able to point to him as a member of their body. He is a Londoner by birth, and is in his sixty-second year. He has been connected with the illustrious Benedictine Order ever since his sixteenth year, during which he entered Downside College. And the Order recognised his remarkable abilities from the very beginning. So early as his thirty-second year, in 1878, he was elected Prior of Downside. He held that office till 1885, and during his tenure of it Downside College made gigantic strides. Through his perception of the needs of the day and his indomitable energy and perseverance, the college became recognised, both in and outside the Catholic body, as an educational institution that was second to none in the country. His health eventually gave way—in 1885—under his strenuous labors, and he had, under medical command, to retire from the college. It has become abundantly evident since that Downside's loss was England's, even Europe's gain, and all English Catholics would say to-day, in reference to the breakdown of health in 1885, 'Felix culpa.' Abbot Gasquet has, of course, met with high appreciation outside his Order, and even outside the Catholic body. His late Holiness Pope Leo XIII. nominated him a member of the Commission on Anglican Orders, and recognised his abilities in other ways. He is an honorary member of the Athenaeum Club, a fact which shows in the very best way possible how highly he is esteemed in the world of scholars.

ITALY—Social Work

The Catholic workmen of Italy (writes a Rome correspondent), following the example of their co-religionists in France, have initiated a social congress which is to be held yearly for seven days and during which lectures are to be delivered to the laboring classes. These gatherings have for object the closer union of the Catholic organisations. The leaders of the Catholics have realised that in a country like Italy, besides unity in a religious sense, the Catholics have to be

organised in order that each and every one of the many economic problems may be solved in an advantageous manner to them. These lectures were delivered this year at Pistoia and were well attended. Cardinal Maffi, Archbishop of Pisa, who presided over the gatherings, made the opening speech, which was cordially received. It is believed that this meeting of Catholic labor leaders will bear good fruit throughout Italy. One of the principal speakers was Professor Toniolo, of the University of Pisa. In reply to a letter of homage sent by Cardinal Maffi the Pope wrote an autograph answer in which he expressed his gratification at the success of the congress, praised the initiative that had been taken, and said he hoped it might prove beneficial to Catholics at large.

JAPAN—A Serious Loss

Some weeks ago it was reported that the city of Hakodate, Japan, had been devastated by a terrible fire. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith has received from Monsignor Berlioz, Bishop of Hakodate, a few complementary details to the short message that brought us news of the sad event. This conflagration is a repetition of the fire of 1879 that laid waste half of the city, which then had a population of 40,000. Before the recent calamity the city numbered 100,000 inhabitants; 70,000 of these unfortunate people now have no shelter but the fastnesses of the mountains. All the principal buildings have been destroyed and all the Catholic institutions are in ruins. The church (built thirty years ago at the close of the last persecution), the mission house, the Bishop's residence, the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Paul, the orphanage, the founding asylum, and the school that accommodated 300 pupils, all were a prey to the flames. Two missionaries, twenty Sisters, more than a hundred orphans, and about 700 Christians are now destitute and homeless. Their only hope is that their brethren throughout the world will be moved by Christian charity to succor their distress.

ROME—The Holy Father's Jubilee

In an audience which he granted recently to the Archbishop of Corfu the Holy Father, as he had already done on several occasions, expressed the desire that the celebration of his jubilee should have a strictly religious character.

SWITZERLAND—Church Progress

Very interesting statistics as to the progress of the Catholic faith in Switzerland have just been published in one of the Catholic papers of that country. At the beginning of the nineteenth century the Catholics of the Helvetic Republic numbered little more than 400,000. Their number to-day is 1,400,000—that is to say, the augmentation in a century has been a million, or at the rate of 10,000 a year. Dr. Buomberger, who has made this enumeration, attributes the increase largely to immigration from the neighboring French departments, from Alsace-Lorraine, and from Italy. He adds the interesting detail that the number of births in Catholic families is much larger than in Protestant ones. The diocese which seems to possess the most intense religious life is that of Lausanne-Geneva. Fribourg, as most people know, is a town with a youthful and brilliant Catholic University, a marvellous centre of intellectual culture and of faith. In general, in all the provinces of the Swiss Confederation there is a veritable overflowing of all kinds of Catholic works, which have drawn to them the attention and the sympathies of the Protestants themselves.

UNITED STATES—Catholic Schools in New York

There are now in Greater New York 149 free elementary schools and three free high schools. In 1906 the attendance was 93,000. Incomplete returns show that this year there is a large increase. It is believed that now 100,000 pupils are registered.

Works of Charity

The solemn blessing and formal opening of ten large new buildings in one afternoon is an event (says the New York 'Catholic News') that marks an epoch in the history of charitable and philanthropic work in this country. The ceremony was performed on last Sunday, September 8, by Archbishop Farley, at Mount Loretto, Staten Island, the country home of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin. The ten new buildings have been built at a cost of £110,000, exclusive of furnishing. There are six dormitories, school, large dining hall, engine room, boiler room, etc. On the opposite side of the parade ground are to be erected ten other buildings, including six more dormitories, a school, administration building, convent for the Sisters, and residence for the priests. The work of these buildings will be started in the near future.

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A New Order

An event that is destined to go down in history, and which is of especial interest to the Lithuanian people of the United States, took place on August 29, in the chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Scranton, Pa., when Right Rev. J. W. Shanahan, D.D., Bishop of Harrisburg, laid the foundation of the new Order of St. Casimir by receiving the vows of the young ladies who are the first members. Bishop Shanahan having laid the needs of the Lithuanian people in regard to the religious education of their children before the College of the Propaganda in Rome, after careful deliberation the necessary permission was accorded to him to go on with the work, and the result was the founding of the Order of St. Casimir.

A New Use for Peat

There have been so many proposals to utilise peat, as a fuel, a motor power, and in various other ways, that any new idea in connection with its economic or commercial use is rather discounted by the failures in the past. Most of the proposals never got beyond the experimental stage. Some of them never reached that far, and except as a fuel in those places where coal is dear and difficult to get, and peat close at hand and cheap, the vast deposits of peat have lain practically useless. Lately it has been turned into paper, a coarse brown but rather brittle paper, useful for packing purposes, and when treated with antiseptic fluids as a capital under-carpet to preserve a better article on top. But in all these uses, the quantity used up, except in the case of fuel, have been almost infinitesimal in comparison with the enormous areas under peat-bog in Ireland. A new use for the enormous peat bogs is now, however, on the tapis, (says the 'Freeman's Journal') and one that promises not only to be easily carried out, but to be profitable, more especially if it can be carried on as the promoters of the new industry believe it can; one that will mean profit to the owners of peat, bogs, and give much employment in the production of an article, which, now that motors have come to stay, is daily increasing in consumption.

The new products to be obtained from peat are alcohol—a coarse spirit fit for motoring purposes—sulphate of ammonia, one of the best of fertilizers; and wood naphtha or methyl spirit, which is the very article at present most required to denaturalize the pure alcohol when used duty free, and which at present is much more costly than the cheap alcohol itself. The present attempt to use up peat for making motor-spirit has got beyond the experimental stage, as companies are being formed in Ireland, England, and Scotland to work the patents, which, if they carry out the promises made, will mean a very profitable industry for the promoters. Experiments have been made by the great chemist, Sir William Ramsey, with Irish peat, and has been proved that a good motor alcohol spirit of a high strength can be produced and sold at a huge profit for three pence per gallon. A dry ton of peat will produce thirty-six gallons of alcohol, besides a goodly proportion of the other by-products mentioned above the process being extremely simple. No very elaborate machinery will be required. Only sulphuric acid and carbonate of lime will require to be brought to the bogside, in addition to the machinery for distilling, and the peat itself will be fuel to the still to be used. It is calculated the by-products, ammonia, gypsum, tar, and paraffin will much more than pay expenses of producing the alcohol which motorists, now that petrol is becoming dearer and scarcer, are certain to use in increasing quantities in the future, as, after all, motoring, now in its infancy, will, no doubt, develop largely as the cars are reduced in price, which is only a matter of time.

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By 'Maureen'

As to Prunes.

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Lime in the Eyes.

If quicklime gets in the eyes, bathe them at once in a saturated solution of sugar, stirring the sugar into cold water until it will dissolve no more.

Don't Use Kerosene.

Some housekeepers, and good ones, too, use kerosene for furniture polish. This is not a good plan. It will pay at first, but its continued use will injure the grain. It will pay to get a good furniture polish, but if this is not possible, linseed oil may be used. It is a good preservative. Apply with a soft woollen cloth and polish until no stain is left.

Germes and Dust.

It is believed that the germes of tuberculosis are carried very frequently in dust, so a French physician advocates careful washing of hands, lips, moustache, and face before sitting down to meals. Cleanliness is always a good hygienic measure.

Lime-Water.

Lime-water is strengthening, and will remove acidities. For indigestion, where there is much sourness of the stomach, it is highly beneficial. Mixed with an equal quantity of milk, it is an admirable remedy for the bowel complaints of children. Milk disguises the taste of lime-water without injuring its virtues. The dose is from half an ounce to half a pint, once or twice a day.

To Keep Buttermilk Fresh.

While visiting at a farmhouse not long ago (writes a correspondent of an exchange) I observed that my friend always had nice fresh buttermilk to use, and I was consumed with curiosity until I found out how she did it. Having but little milk at this time, the churnings came several days apart, therefore every drop of the buttermilk was conscientiously poured into a large earthen pitcher and to it was added a pint or more of cold water. Whenever she wanted any of the milks he simply poured off the water which always remains at the top, and afterwards she again covered the remainder with cold water. And the biscuits that she made! And the shortcakes! They were delicious even without the honey which made them still more delectable.

Drinking Helps Nature.

The human system requires a large quantity of fluids, and if you dislike to drink water, make it a habit to eat plenty of ripe, juicy fruits. Exercise out of doors will make you thirsty, and then you will crave good cold water, for there is nothing that quite takes its place. Children and animals live more normal lives than do men and women, and they drink a great deal of water. Many a girl suffering from an ugly, blotched, unhealthy complexion could cure the trouble completely by eating fruit, drinking water, and taking a quick beauty bath every morning. The idea is to stimulate the body in its natural work of sending away poisonous substances. Bathe the face every night with warm water, using a complexion brush, and pure soap, rinsing, drying, and applying a good cream.

After Eating Fruit.

After eating very acidulated fruits like lemons, oranges, and grapes, the teeth should be carefully cleansed. Grapes, especially, leave upon the teeth a deposit of tartar which is very injurious. Apples, the cheapest and commonest of native fruit, are not particularly harmful to the teeth and are excellent for the digestion. A firm tooth brush is always to be preferred to a soft one.

Maureen

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That the old Egyptians were clever is undoubted, and as far as can be traced the first automatic machine ever invented was a water-raising device known as the 'noria.' It consisted of a great wheel some twenty-five feet in diameter, having pots or jars hinged on trunnions at intervals of perhaps two or three feet around its periphery. The lower part was immersed in a stream, which turned it on the same principle as a watermill wheel. As the jars went down they were filled, and, being carried up, at a point near the top, they were tipped, turning on the trunnions and emptying the water into a trough, which carried it away.

Lasting Qualities of Wood.

Some interesting experiments have been made to ascertain which wood lasts the longest. It was found that birch and aspen decayed in three years, maple and red beech in five years, and elm and ash in seven years. Oak, Scottish fir, and Weymouth pine decayed to the depth of half an inch in seven years; larch and juniper were uninjured at the end of seven years. In situations so free from moisture that they may be practically called dry, the durability of timber is unlimited. The roof of Westminster Hall is more than four hundred and fifty years old.

Water in Grinding.

Why is water used on a grindstone in sharpening a knife? That is one of the questions asked on the porch of a summer hotel recently, and, although several well-informed men and women were in the little gathering, the only one who could answer it satisfactorily was a fifteen-year-old schoolboy. Here is the explanation he gave: The object in using water is to secure a better contact of the blade with the stone, so that the entire edge of the blade may be smoothly sharpened. The application of water not only fills the little spaces between the particles of stone, but it softens them and thus makes a smoother surface. If a dry stone were used, the edge of the blade would be rough, for the friction would be unequal.

Which Boiled First?

There is as much difference in boys as will be found in men, some being quick to observe the importance of common things, and others paying no attention whatever to anything they meet from day to day. Alfred Brown is the name of a boy living in Brooklyn, according to the 'Eagle.' He is interested in natural science, but cares very little for stories and poetry. He is what may be termed an original, practical boy, and is constantly on the lookout for 'points,' as he terms it. While he is an ardent student of electricity, having invented many machines and appliances for his own special use, he devotes much of his time to studying watches, clocks, engines, printing presses, and other useful articles. He is not satisfied simply to read about the wonders to be found in ordinary things, but he is experimenting at odd times to get practical evidence. Not long ago his mother bought a new kettle for the cook, and instantly he went to the kitchen.

'Well, well,' said Mary, 'now what be ye wanting, Master Alfred?'

'I have something to tell you,' he replied.

'About what?'

'About that kettle. If you are in a hurry, you'd better use the old one.'

'Go along with ye!' said Mary, laughingly.

'Well, let us see,' said Alfred. 'Fill the old one and the new one with water, and put them on the stove at the same time. If the water in the old one doesn't begin to boil first I will give you a box of candy.'

To gratify the boy Mary followed Alfred's instructions, and to her amazement and chagrin the water in the old kettle began to boil much quicker than that in the new one.

'It beats all,' said Mary. 'Now, why is that?'

'That's very simple,' said Alfred. 'It is because the old kettle is covered with soot, which not only keeps the heat in, but absorbs it quickly from the fire. It takes a new kettle of water longer to get hot because the bottom is clean and bright. Polished metal does not absorb heat, but reflects or throws it off. I read about it one night, and proved it the next day when you were out.'

Intercolonial

The Victorian Savings Bank is the largest institution in the Commonwealth, the deposits being £13,000,000, representing 500,000 accounts.

At the championship meeting of the Ballarat centre of the Victorian Athletic Association, held at Ballarat on November 1, the schools' championship was won by St. Patrick's College.

The Rev. Mother Stanislaus Nolan, who has been in charge of the Brigidine Convent, Beechworth, died on November 2 at the age of sixty-two, after a lingering illness extending over three years. Deceased was exceedingly popular with all denominations.

Pauline Gill, formerly a pupil of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sydney, has obtained first place in the Intermediate Examination, middle grade, just held in Ireland. She has also obtained honors in French, German, Spanish, chemistry, and English literature.

A very successful entertainment in aid of the fund being raised for the benefit of Mrs. Kevin I. O'Doherty, 'Eva' of the 'Nation,' was given in the Palace Theatre, Sydney, on November 2. Among the performers were Mr. Andrew Mack and Miss Marie Narelle.

The initial step in the celebrations of the golden jubilee of St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, conducted by the Sisters of Charity, was taken on November 4, when Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the presence of a large number of the clergy and a representative gathering of the laity. His Eminence Cardinal Moran presided at the throne, and also preached.

Miss Amy Castles will not appear in grand opera in Cologne (Germany) during the autumn, as she had formerly arranged. A cable message explains that she has been engaged to sing at Monte Carlo in February. Miss Castles sings this month at St. Petersburg, Dresden, and Vienna, and then returns to London to take up the Harrison tour concerts.

Among the many charitable institutions dotting Victoria under Catholic auspices (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the 'Freeman's Journal') there is none which commands more regard than that of St. Aidan's Orphanage, situated on the finest site around the Golden City of Bendigo. It was erected at a cost of £10,000 from the Dr. Backhaus estate, and the citizens provide in part the maintenance. Recently a successful garden fete was held for this purpose, and about £500 was realised.

Once more the Catholics of the archdiocese are called upon to mourn the death of a good priest (says the Brisbane 'Age'). The list of those venerated men who have worked industriously and unselfishly for the good of the Church and her people in Queensland for many years of laborious life, and who have been called to their reward within recent years, has a sadly numerous total. Another has been added to the mournful reckoning. The Rev. Patrick Bailey, administrator of the Stanthorpe parish, died at St. Bridget's presbytery, Red Hill, on October 29.

The Rev. Fathers Gibbons, Keenan, McMahon, who arrived by the 'Ophir' on October 30 (says the 'Advocate'), have been temporarily appointed by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne as assistant priests at South Yarra, West Melbourne, and Northcote respectively. The following changes in the location of priests have also been made:—For some time past the Rev. J. J. Egan has been in very indifferent health, and the doctors have recommended a change from the severe strain of a difficult mission like Mansfield. In consequence, he has been changed to St. Mary's, Williamstown. The Rev. J. J. Cusack has been transferred from Williamstown to St. Mary's, St. Kilda East; and the Rev. J. Barry, of St. Kilda East, has been appointed to Mansfield.

The death occurred on Sunday, November 3, at Melbourne of the Rev. Father P. O'Flinn, S.J., the oldest priest in Victoria, in his 86th year. Father O'Flinn was a native of County Down, Ireland. He entered the Society of Jesus in middle life, prior to which he had been a prosperous merchant in Castletown, County Down. He made his novitiate in Dublin in 1869, being then in his 48th year. He had thus spent 38 years in the religious life. The first field of his missionary toil was San Francisco, where he spent seven years. So much did he endear himself to all classes of citizens there that even up to his last illness letters were received from his former parishioners of the Californian capital, enquiring after his health.

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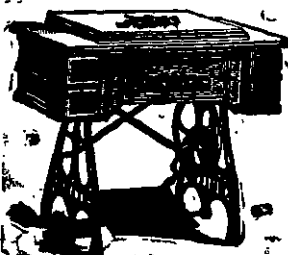
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'Come, let us go together,'
Said the raindrop to the beam,
'For I can give the moisture
And you the sunny gleam.'
So they both went together
And cheered a drooping flower;
They made it bright and fragrant
And sweet for many an hour.

'Come, let us go together,'
Said the kind word to the smile,
'For we can cheer up some sad heart
And make it blessed awhile.'
So they sought out some weary one
And said, 'We've come to stay,'
And sadness, like a winged thing,
Ere long was far away.

ELINOR'S MEMORY

Girls, did you ever think how easy it is for us to remember the things we care a great deal about, the little pleasures, the good times, even when they are still in the future? But how often we show a strange lapse of memory when entrusted with some little task that, because it is to be done for our dearest and best, should be a pleasure. Have you ever stopped to think of the real reason?

Father had to get his own supper the evening mother was invited to visit an old friend, because Elinor forgot to come home. He had been working hard all day, and expected to see a cheery dining-room and the evening meal ready for him. Instead, the house was deserted. His strong young daughter had stopped on the corner to chat with a school friend, and was at last induced to go home with her.

It was seven o'clock, when Elinor remembered her mother's parting injunction, 'Now, daughter, have everything ready for father's supper, because I shall not be home until late. I'm going to let you take my place at the table to-night.'

Elinor had been proud and happy at the time, but now she almost ran home, remembering with chagrin that the supper hour must be past. A good many times of late she had forgotten to come home promptly, but it hadn't mattered so much when mother was there to do things.

'I was dreadfully ashamed, mother,' she said two hours later, 'when I saw father sitting there all alone, but I forgot.'

Mrs. Martin looked sober. 'You didn't forget to go after the book Dora promised you last evening or to meet the committee to plan for the picnic. There is one thing that you must remember, daughter, "A loving heart will make a thoughtful head."'

APPLY BY LETTER

This is what happened to seventy-five responses to an advertisement for an office boy, writes a contributor to the 'Youth's Companion.' The man who advertised was a New York city banker. He thought he could select the boy needed in his office by examining the written applications and the references given. When the seventy-five answers came, he first tossed the twenty postal cards unread into the waste-basket. 'This job,' he said, 'is worth more than a postal card to the boy who gets it.'

Of the fifty-five remaining letters, twelve had evidently been hurriedly scribbled in the office of the newspaper which printed the advertisement. All twelve followed the postals into the basket. There remained forty-three.

The first test to which these were put was that of penmanship. Eighteen were disqualified on that score. The remarks of the banker as he rejected the eighteen were illuminating.

'An office boy must write a plain, easily readable hand. Only a genius can adopt bad penmanship as a mark of his individuality.'

Faulty spelling barred ten more of the applicants. 'Business men,' said the banker, 'must adhere to the kind of spelling found in dictionaries. They cannot countenance or promote reforms, much needed as they may be, in their business correspondence.'

Four letters were not considered because the writers had worded them like telegrams. One of these said: 'Just saw your ad. Offer my services. Am eighteen. Can call to-morrow.' He was not invited to call, for although economy is a virtue worth practising, it is misplaced when applied to words in an application for a position. Such a note is discourteous.

The advertisement called for two references. In only three letters which passed the other tests had this requirement been remembered, so the selection narrowed itself down to these.

Of the three writers, only one showed that he understood something of typewriting. He had been graduated from the grammar school, had taken up commercial work in an evening school, and had rented a typewriting machine, so as to fit himself for office work. This boy received a notice to appear at the banker's office.

THE SUB-AGENT

Seated before a little table in the dim light shed by a smoky kerosene lamp was the fortune-teller, deftly shuffling the cards and muttering uncanny incantations to herself. To this scene entered Mrs. Ingold.

She was amply repaid. After learning many things of her past life that surprised her—though she could not doubt that they were true if the cards read that way—she was led to a land of enchantment, where distant and obliging relatives, of whom she had never heard, departed this life leaving to her enormous fortunes.

But suddenly her dream was rudely disturbed by the discovery of a 'dark cloud which menaces your handsome son.'

'But,' said Mrs. Ingold in surprise, 'I have no son—all girls!'

'Ah!' resumed the fortune-teller calmly, 'I see; it is your husband. The cloud descends and envelops him. Madam, your husband will have a very serious illness within the year. Is his life insured?'

'No,' whimpered Mrs. Ingold; 'I don't know any agent.'

'Never fear,' said the other as she turned up the king of hearts, 'one will come to you to-day, and I advise you to listen to him and follow his counsel.'

As the thoroughly alarmed woman departed, the fortune-teller opened the door and yelled down the back stairs: 'Jake, follow that woman; she wants to get her husband insured.'

MAKE CHILDREN HAPPY

We have all seen children who have had no childhood. The fun-loving element has been crushed out of them. They have been repressed and forbidden to do this and that so long that they have lost the faculty of having a good time. We see these little old men and women everywhere. Children should be kept children just as long as possible. What has responsibility, seriousness, or sadness to do with childhood? We always feel indignant, as well as sad, when we see evidences of maturity, over-seriousness, care, or anxiety in a child's face, for we know some one has sinned somewhere. The little ones should be kept strangers to anxious care, reflective thoughts, and subjective moods. Their lives should be kept light, bright, buoyant, cheerful, full of sunshine, joy, and gladness. They should be encouraged to laugh and to play and to romp to their heart's content. The serious side of life will come only too quickly, do what we may to prolong childhood. One of the most unfortunate things I know of is the home that is not illuminated by at least one cheerful, bright, sunny young face, that does not ring with the persistent laughter and merry voice of a child. No man or woman is perfectly normal who is distressed or vexed by the playing of children. There was something wrong in your bringing up if it annoys you to see children romping, playing, and having a good time.

WASTED ELOQUENCE

A North Island draper's assistant was showing a lady some parasols. The assistant has a good command of language and knows how to expatiate on the good qualities and shows the best point of goods. As he picked up a parasol from the lot on the counter and opened it, he struck an attitude of admiration, and holding it up so that the best light would be had, said: 'Now, there; isn't it lovely! Look at that silk. Particularly observe the quality, the finish, the general effect. Feel it. Pass your hand over it. No nonsense about that parasol, is there?' he said, as he handed

it over to the lady; 'ain't it a beauty?' 'Yes,' said the lady; 'that's my old one—I just laid it down here.'

ONE ON THE SEXTON

Alexander Graham Bell, whose experiments promise to give him as wonderful a success with the flying machine as he had with the telephone, at a dinner in Washington told this story:

Many years ago an aged friend of mine visited a church in Maine one Sunday morning. As soon as the sermon began my friend, who was very deaf, took from his pocket an ear trumpet in two parts and proceeded to screw the parts together.

While he was engaged in this work he noticed that the sexton, from his seat near the pulpit, kept frowning and shaking his head at him.

Finally, just as my friend got his trumpet joined and made as if to put it to his ear, the sexton hastened to him and whispered fiercely:

'Ye can't play that here. If ye do I'll put ye out.'

A BLOW TO HER PRIDE

Mrs. Anna Shaw, president of the American Woman Suffrage Association, said in an address in Chicago:—

'An excellent cure for false pride is a little college settlement work. I know a Philadelphia woman. She is proud because her great-grandfather, a carpenter, happened to own land that is now worth millions. In her haughty way she did some settlement work during Lent. There was an old woman whom she visited every few days. She carried the old woman jellies, tea, olives, and such-like luxuries. And she was secretly pleased with the attention she attracted as she passed up and down the narrow, squalid street.

"Your neighbors stare at me a good deal," she said complacently one morning.

"I'll be bound for that," said the old woman.

"I suppose they are very inquisitive, eh?"

"They certainly are, the busybodies," the old woman grumbled.

"No doubt they question you about me a good deal?"

"Indeed they do, mum."

The visitor smiled again.

"And what do you tell them?" she asked sweetly.

"Oh," said the old woman, "I just say yer me dressmaker, and let it go at that."

ODDS AND ENDS

'My friend,' said the philosopher, 'you should try to be content with what you have.'

'I am,' said the man who had been grumbling; 'it is what I ain't got that I am dissatisfied about.'

'Has it occurred to you,' asked the lawyer, 'that it was possible for my client's automobile to pass over you without injuring you in the slightest?'

'Well, no,' replied the damaged witness, slowly; 'it didn't strike me quite that way.'

FAMILY FUN

Here is an ingenious trick, and one which is bound to furnish much entertainment at an evening party. Let one of the company take a knife, and say that in a few minutes he will make water flow out of its handle. This, of course, will be impossible unless the person who is going to perform the trick has contrived to hide a small moistened sponge behind his ear. This being done, let him grasp the handle of the knife and press it in such a manner that the spectators will think he is really trying to get water out of it. While he is thus engaged his hand will naturally move, and he can gradually bring it close to his ear. He must then utter a few cabalistic, otherwise nonsensical phrases, after which he must ask one of the spectators to help him by drawing three crosses with his finger on his elbow. This request will naturally surprise everyone, and, as no one will immediately comply with it, the magician will have ample time to draw the tiny sponge from behind his ear and place it firmly between his forefinger and middle finger. All he has to do now is to hold the knife over a plate, for at once drops of water will begin to fall from it.

All Sorts

Does any one know where the dead of night is buried?

It's all well enough to ask advice, but occasionally a man makes the mistake of following it.

Wisdom is knowing how ignorant we are and keeping the knowledge to ourselves.

There's one redeeming feature about sea-sickness: it makes the victim forget all his other troubles.

'Don't gamble,' said Uncle Eben, 'unless you kin afford to lose. An' if you's got enough so's you kin afford to lose, dar ain' no sense in playin' foh mo'.'

'Did you say, "Thank you," when the lady gave you a piece of cake?'

'Yes, ma; but it didn't do any good. She didn't give me another piece.'

According to conservative estimates the United States contains 12,000,000 to 13,000,000 inhabitants of German blood. The census of 1900 gives 2,666,900 as born in Germany, and over 7,500,000 whose parents were born there.

The 'Lusitania' is called after a spot of Europe now almost forgotten. The Emperor Augustus divided the whole Iberian Peninsula—which the soldiers of Wellington simply knew as the 'Peninsula'—into three provinces, one of them being Lusitania, corresponding almost exactly with the present kingdom of Portugal.

M.P.'s and officials of the House of Commons are gratuitously supplied with snuff, £200 a year being set apart for its purchase. The snuffbox is kept at the entrance to the House, and all are free to replenish their private stores. Formerly snuff was described in the estimates as such, but to ward off the objection aroused by improving habits the charge of £200 was mixed up or covered in the Estimates as 'lamp oil.'

The skeleton of a man six feet five inches in height, found in a stone coffin in Norfolk, has revived interest in giants of the past. There is a skeleton 8 feet 6 inches high in the museum of Trinity College, Dublin, and the skeleton of another giant over 8 feet high in the museum at Bonn, Germany. O'Byrne, who measured 8 feet 4 inches, died at the age of 22, and Magrath, who measured 7 feet 8 inches, a protegee of the famous Bishop Berkeley, died at the age of 20.

Here are some amusing statistics which are given by a veteran German actor at the close of a pamphlet containing an account of his career:—'I have played in ninety-eight cities,' he says, 'on 3868 evenings, in 371 plays and in 455 different roles. On the stage I have been married 1721 times and I have died 1120 times. I have been stabbed to death 61 times, killed by a gun or pistol 51 times, drowned 22 times, poisoned 166 times, clubbed to death 86 times, ruptured a blood vessel 192 times, beheaded 31 times, assassinated 109 times, and hanged 33 times. Finally I have committed suicide 314 times, and I have died a natural death 55 times.'

Prof. Brander Matthews, the spelling reform advocate, was ridiculing at Columbia College high-sounding names for commonplace things—tensorial parlor for barber-shop, funeral-director for undertaker, and so on. 'Two charwomen were talking the other day,' he said. "'What's your son Billy doin' now, Mrs. Smith?'" asked the first. "He's on the stage," the other answered. "'Drivin' a stage, do you mean?'" "Drivin' a stage? Nonsense! Willie is an actor. He's a light comedian." "A light comedian? What part does he play?" "He plays a silent part behind a black curtain with his mouth to a hole forinst a candle, and when Alkali Ike shoots at the candle Willie blows it out."

A naturalist in Colorado claims to have discovered a species of fish which lives and flourishes in a hot spring in a remote part of that country. How these creatures manage to exist in water almost hot enough to boil them is a mystery. The fish are described as being a light red color, about three inches long. They are shaped somewhat like a pike, with large mouth and bright prominent eyes. They move very slowly, having none of the swiftness and activity of ordinary fishes, which is perhaps hardly to be wondered at. The naturalist had great difficulty in securing specimens. Hook and line were useless, as the fish were indifferent to bait, however tempting. Finally a small net was procured, and two of the fish captured. The spring is well known to the Indians of the locality, who regard its waters as curative and hold the fish in superstitious awe, believing that from them the water derives the healing qualities.

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