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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- December 1, Sunday.—First Sunday in Advent.
 " 2, Monday.—St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr
 " 3, Tuesday.—St. Francis Xavier, Confessor.
 " 4, Wednesday.—St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop Confessor, and Doctor.
 " 5, Thursday.—St. Martin, Pope and Martyr.
 " 6, Friday.—St. Nicholas, Bishop, and Confessor.
 " 7, Saturday.—St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

First Sunday in Advent

Advent is a time of prayer and penance, which the Church has appointed to dispose her children for the worthy celebration of the birth of our Saviour. During Advent we ought to prepare ourselves to receive the Son of God, quitting the bosom of His Father in order to become man, and converse with us. We ought daily to steal a little time from our affairs, that we may meditate on the following questions:—Who comes? Why does He come? What shall be the fruit of His coming? Let all our desires call on Him with the just, and the Prophets of the Old Testament who longed for Him so much; and to open a way for Him into our hearts, let us purify ourselves by confession, fasting and Communion.

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 And, as it glides away,
 Oh! help me well to make it,
 A good and holy day.

AT NIGHT.

Good-night, my Guardian Angel!
 The day has sped away;
 Well spent or ill, its story
 Is written down for aye.

And now, of God's kind providence,
 Thou image pure and bright!
 Watch o'er me while I'm sleeping—
 My angel dear, good-night!

—Rev. Mathew Russell, S.J.

Unworked brains make for prematurely old faces.

One tear of the heart over the Passion of Our Blessed Lord! How much fire of Purgatory has it the power to quench.—Faber.

The most precious thing we have next to grace, is time, and we owe an account of our time as we owe an account of our grace.

The Storyteller

THE PROFESSOR AND THE TIGER

Bravery, doctor (said my friend, the third officer) isn't such a simple thing as you think it. One man is brave in one way, and another in a different one. Often enough, that which is called bravery is nothing more than custom. You would not go up on the fore-royal-yard in half a gale to reef sale, would you? Not you! You'd be afraid. Well, you might think me a brave man because I would. But, then, I'd be afraid to cut a chap's leg off, and you wouldn't.

That was what old Captain Hoskins, whom I used to sail with, could never understand. If a man was a bit nervous about the sea, he used to look down on him as all sorts of a coward. But there came a day when he learned better.

It happened when I was with him in a three-masted sailing ship called the 'Arrow.' We lay at Singapore, alongside the Tanjong Pagan Wharf, loading with general cargo for Liverpool. The principal object in that cargo—or at least the one we took most notice of—was a tiger that we were shipping for London. It lay in a strong cage of wood and iron, with a door in the front through which it could be fed. It was a fine big brute, and every time it stretched itself you could see the muscles slipping over its sides, and the big, wicked-looking claws peeping out of the pads of its feet in a way that made you very thankful for the bars.

We had a passenger or two. One of them was a young girl who went by the name of Hilda Sandford. She had been a governess in the family of one of our agents out there, but the climate hadn't suited her, and she had to go home. She was coming with us instead of by the steamer because she got her passage for nothing, and she wasn't too well off. Directly the old man set eyes on her trim figure and the wealth of golden brown hair about her head he was struck all of a heap, so to speak, and I could see that he was promising himself a mighty pleasant voyage.

The other passenger was a strange, little, dried-up man, who wore gold pince-nez and kept peering about the ship in a most uncomfortable way. He gave his name as Mr. Hay—Professor Hay, he called himself, though we didn't find out what he professed until later. Of course, the tiger had its attendant, but he berthed forward.

An hour or two before we started this Mr. Hay came up to the old man and began asking him a lot of questions.

'Captain,' he said nervously, 'I hope we shall have a quiet passage.'

'I don't see why we shouldn't,' said Hoskins, genially.

Mr. Hay looked up at the sky.

'There seems to be a good deal of wind about,' he said.

'Pretty fair,' said Hoskins. 'That's what's going to take us home. Not being a steamer, we can't do without it.'

'You're sure it's safe?' asked Hay.

'Safe!' says the old man, getting on his high horse; 'safe! I'm sailing this ship.'

The little man smiled apologetically.

'You will excuse me, captain,' he said; 'I did not mean any offence. The fact is, I am constitutionally nervous on ship-board. It is a feeling that I have never been able to overcome.'

The old man looked at him with a sort of good-natured contempt.

'You've no call to be alarmed,' he said; 'we'll take you to England safe enough.'

Mr. Hay smiled again and walked off into the waist, where we had fixed up the tiger's cage. It seemed to have a sort of attraction for him, for he stood before it for at least a quarter of an hour. Hoskins looked after him, and then turned to Miss Sandford, who was sitting near.

'Nice sort of chap to have on a ship,' he said. 'A man like that ought to stick to dry land.'

'Well, you know, I have a fellow-feeling for him, captain,' she answered; 'I am afraid of the sea myself.'

'Ah,' he said, 'but you're a woman, you see. A bit of fear is all right in a woman. It's natural to them. But with a man it's different. A man ought to be afraid of nothing.'

'And are you afraid of nothing, captain?' she asked.

'Not I,' said Hoskins. 'You can have the biggest

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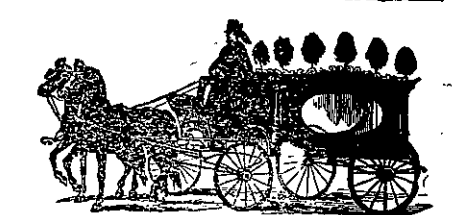
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storm ever hatched by the China seas and I'll thank you for it. It brings out all the good in a man.'

'It must be nice to be brave,' she exclaimed.

'Oh, it's all right when you're used to it,' said Hoskins, modestly. 'A brave man and a pretty woman are two of the finest sights in creation. They ought always to be together.'

There was something in his tone that made her blush. And though she said she agreed with him, she took the first opportunity of clearing off to another part of the deck.

Shortly afterwards we put to sea. For the next few days we had the best of weather and everything went smoothly. I had my time pretty well taken up with my work, but for all that I could see one or two things that set me thinking. The first was that the old man was making himself uncommonly attentive to Miss Sandford. The second was that this Mr. Hay, in a quiet and timid sort of way, was thinking a good deal of her too. Hoskins saw quickly enough that he had a rival, but as he had started off with a healthy contempt for him he didn't disturb himself over and above much. For my part, I thought the girl fancied Hay rather than Hoskins; and though she couldn't avoid the old man, and could not help listening to his sea yarns, I could see her eyes turning forward toward the waist, where Hay was putting in his time looking at the tiger.

One afternoon the skipper was sitting beside Miss Sandford on the poop-deck, when Hay came up the companion and made his way toward them.

'There's something I want to tell you, captain,' he said. 'It's getting on my mind and making me quite uncomfortable. That man whose business it is to look after the tiger isn't doing his work properly. The animal isn't getting enough food. It is developing a savage nature. And yesterday when I went to see the man about it I found that he was intoxicated. I really think you should interfere.'

Of course the old man should have interfered. But he didn't like being told his duty by the little professor, especially when the girl was about. So he just sneered.

'I suppose you're afraid of the beast escaping?' he said.

'I should certainly regard it as unfortunate,' the little man replied. 'You see, a drunken man might be careless about the fastenings. I must really insist about your speaking to him.'

'He's not one of my crew,' said Hoskins. 'I have enough to do to look after them. If any of them get drunk, they'll hear of it. But the chap is a passenger, even if he is only a steerage one. He can do what he likes with his spare time. If you're so darned frightened about the beast you'd better look to the fastenings yourself.'

'Excuse me,' said the professor stiffly, 'that is not my business. The animal does not belong to me. I have done what I believe to be my duty. I can say no more.'

He turned away without even a glance at the girl. 'That man,' said Hoskins, looking after him, 'is frightened of his own shadow. Let me give you a bit of fatherly advice, Miss Sandford. When you are looking for a man to marry, never select a coward. A girl like you wants someone who will protect her in times of danger; some one she can rely on and look up to.'

'I'm not thinking of getting married,' she said, shyly. 'But when I do, I'll bear your advice in mind, captain.'

'That's it,' said Hoskins. 'Think over it carefully. And as for getting married, I'd be glad if you'd think over that too.'

She started like a frightened horse.

'Oh, captain!' she said. 'I don't understand. What do you mean?'

'You do understand,' he said tenderly, drawing his chair a bit nearer to her. 'Miss Sandford! Hilda! Haven't you a word for a poor old seaman who worships the very ground you tread on? Think over it. None but the brave deserve the fair, you know.'

'You mustn't speak like this,' she exclaimed, rising as though she was distressed. 'You are older than I am. And I don't know that you are a brave man. I have only your word for it. Please don't speak to me about this again.'

The old man saw that he had gone a little bit too far.

'Wait!' he said; 'don't be frightened. I promise not to say a word until we reach England. Before we get there, if we have a bit of rough weather, I'll show you the sort of man I am. I should love a bit of danger for your sake.'

The next few days he went about whistling for a

wind, as though he wanted to send us all to Davy Jones' locker. I believe he would have been glad of a typhoon just to show his seamanship and his contempt for danger. As for his seamanship, no one ever questioned it; and as for his contempt for danger, he was to get his chance all right, though not quite in the way he expected.

It was about a week after his conversation with the girl that it came. Hilda was sitting on the poop-deck reading a book. The old man was marching up and down with a quarter-deck trot, casting glances at her, thinking how pretty she was, when suddenly he let off a howl that would have frightened an elephant and sprang into the port mizzen rigging. I wasn't far off him at the time, and I looked at him, wondering whether he had gone mad. Then I saw what he had seen, and I went up the starboard mizzen shrouds as quickly as he had gone up the port ones. The girl raised her head and looked up at Hoskins, and he gaped down at her and tried to shout. But for some time he could only make faces.

'Look! look!' he yelled at last. 'Come up the rigging! The tiger is loose!'

She sprang to her feet and looked about her. Not four yards away from her the tiger was playing with a coil of rope. It was paying no sort of attention to her at the moment, but she felt that it might take it into its head to spring at her any minute. As she stood she was cornered between the stern of the ship and the cabin door. There was nothing to be done but to climb up the rigging. She tried, but the first step was too high, and she could not manage it. And when she realised that I thought she was going to faint.

Hoskins was just going down to give her a hand, but at that moment the tiger looked up and saw him, and gave a kind of roar. The old man stuck where he was then, and sort of shivered all over like a jelly in a gale. As for the girl, she went white all over, and gave herself up for lost. And then—out of the cabin came Professor Hay.

He just took one look round and saw the tiger. Then he picked up a broom that some one who had been washing the decks had left leaning against the deck-house, and pushed at the tiger with it, looking it straight between the eyes. I'd heard of the power of the human eye before, but I had never believed it until that afternoon. He kept walking forward, pushing the beast gently before him right into the waist and back into its cage. When he had it safely fastened in, he came again, looking not the least bit excited or worried, and put the broom carefully back into its place. The girl was looking hard at him, and her eyes were shining, but he didn't seem to be aware of it. Hoskins had come down and was looking a trifle ashamed of himself. He hadn't known it was so easy to push tigers back into their cages with a broom, or he might have had a try at it. After a bit he spoke up.

'That was a fine bit of work, sir,' he said. 'If I hadn't seen it I couldn't have believed it.'

'Oh, it's nothing,' said the professor. 'It's my business. I tame wild animals.'

After that he seemed to dismiss the whole subject from his mind and went down into the cabin. But I saw him later in the evening talking to that girl, and he must have had something important to say to her, for when the old man met her next morning and began making excuses for himself she cut him short.

'Captain,' she said, 'do you remember advising me to marry a brave man?'

'I do,' said Hoskins, a bit puzzled.

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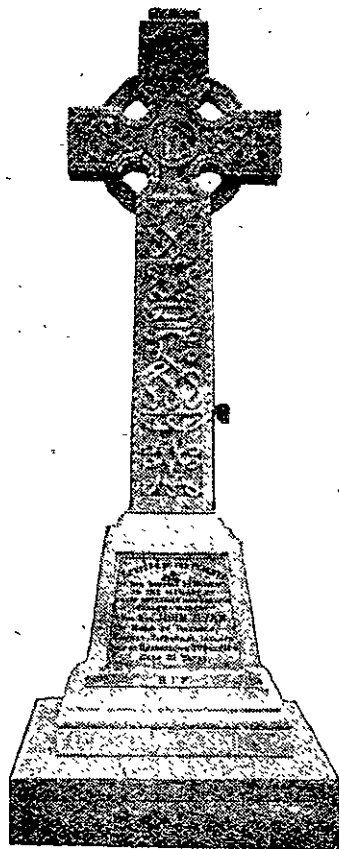
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Mrs. Donnellan was a pleasant-faced woman, who though well past middle age, in her bright eyes and fresh complexion—the result of long years of early hours and a busy, happy life largely spent in the open, amongst her calves and poultry, her bees and flowers and vegetables—still bore traces of the youthful beauty which had caught Tom Donnellan's heart thirty short years ago and held it captive ever since. She felt herself to be a very lucky woman, and thanked God every day in her heart and on her knees for her pleasant home, her good husband, her five tall, strapping sons, and the little blue-eyed daughter that had been the last and best of heaven's gifts to them. And yet, despite all their prosperity and comfort, she had one great care, one great sorrow which, though she seldom spoke of it—and then only to little Eily and to Patrick, her eldest and wisest boy—kept constantly gnawing at the heart of her happiness.

Little Eily Donnellan was the one great treasure of her parents' lives. Coming as she did, the long-wished-for girl, at a long interval after her five big brothers, she seemed to Mrs. Donnellan to have been sent as a special gift from God in answer to her prayers. Tom Donnellan had not prayed for her, had not known, indeed, the need of a daughter. Yet her coming had made all the difference to him, and as he strode home from his work in the evening, the sight of the dainty little maiden who came down the shady boroen, fringed with ferns and primroses and violets and a myriad wild flowers, running with glad outstretched arms to meet him, seemed to her loving father's eyes a vision almost too sweet and beautiful to be real. But this was Mrs. Donnellan's sorrow: her husband, such a good and tender husband, the loving father of her children, and himself the child of pious Catholic parents, was yet that pitiful thing, an unbeliever.

Unfortunately for himself this man, born and reared on kindly Irish soil, had felt in his youth 'the curse of the wandering foot.' Discontented with his surroundings, he had left Ireland while yet in his teens, and had travelled through England and America, where, through increasing neglect of his religious duties and constant intercourse with men of little or no belief, he came at last to forget the faith of his fathers, and to look on the tenets of the old religion as the merest rank superstition. Tired of his wanderings, and finding little peace or contentment wherever he went, he returned at length to the country of his birth and bought a comfortable farm with the savings of his years abroad. And when the gentle Eileen Hennessy, an old neighbor's daughter, whom he remembered as a little flaxen-haired girl ten years his junior before he went away, consented after a swift wooing to become his bride, Tom Donnellan felt that indeed he had all the heaven he wanted.

Owing to his industry and practical use of up-to-date lessons in farming acquired abroad, things prospered with him from the beginning. Yet he never 'darkened a church door,' never went to Mass or the Sacraments, never knelt down morning or evening to thank God for His mercies, or to ask Him for a blessing or forgiveness. Even his going to chapel to be married by a Catholic priest had been more or less of a concession to the conventions, granted all the more readily since he knew that Eily could not otherwise become his wife. He never interfered with her religious beliefs; yet he disliked finding her on her knees, and expressed once or twice an irritable wish that she and the boys would get their praying done while he was out of sight and hearing. As the boys grew up, he even sometimes thought himself weakly good-natured in allowing them to accompany their mother to Mass.

But with Eily it was different. Religion, he argued, was meant for women; and what, after all, would they be without it? Of his many good qualities—and not his worst enemy could deny that Tom Donnellan was a good man, brave, honest, pure living, industrious, kindly though strict with those about him—not the least lovable was a great reverence towards women, a loving tenderness for children and all things weak and helpless. The little girl who of all his children was nearest and dearest to his heart, seemed at times an angel-vision too fair and lovely for any earthly home. And now as he farmed his broad acres and tended his cattle with increasing care, he put fresh heart into his work because of his Eily, for whom more than any of the others the fruits of his labor must henceforth be laid by.

The little girl grew up slender and beautiful, with winsome happy ways made none the less cheerful and bright because of a very real piety and a strong sense of duty inculcated by her mother's teachings. Mrs. Donnellan had a great devotion to the Holy Rosary,

and whilst all the boys and their sister were yet young, had made it a custom that they and she should every morning recite the Rosary for a special intention, which intention, she and Eily alone knew, was that God might bring back the heart of the husband and father once more to Himself. Lest the hearing of it should annoy or inconvenience him in any way, they always took care to get this devotion over while the father was yet out in the fields. Sometimes he caught the whisper of the murmuring voices as he passed by the parlor window, and the sound latterly, since Eily had grown so dear to him, filled him somehow with a new sense of loneliness.

When Eily was about fifteen, a great sorrow, the keenest he had ever known, came into Tom Donnellan's life. The child was suddenly stricken ill; some strain or hurt, contracted they could not tell how, affected her side and kept her in bed week after week, month after month. That happened to be a very warm summer, and the great heat and the close confinement to her room weakened and wasted the frail young body, till at last she seemed the merest shadow of herself. With anxious, miserable forebodings, her father watched her from day to day. There was the taint of consumption in his own family; his sister Mary, when about Eily's age, had faded out of life just in the same way that his dear little girl seemed now likely to do.

During those weeks when he was not at Eily's bedside, he wandered about the fields like one half-dazed with sorrow and fear. The farm, his yet unfilled haggard, his prize, cattle, his thoroughbred horse and foal, all had ceased to interest him. Where was the use of anything if Eily were to go?

With a stifled groan of agony he stole to the door of her room, feeling a sudden fresh stab of pain as the murmuring voices, rising and falling in prayer within, sank into silence at the sound of his knock. His wife got up from her knees as he entered, the pale face of his little girl seemed filled with a sudden confusion and alarm. Stung with a new sense of self-reproach, he flung himself on his knees at the bedside, taking the two little hands, reluctant for once to meet his, into his own. Around the thin white fingers the beads of her Rosary were twined, in her soft moist little palm a slender silver crucifix lay hidden. With a pitiful, heart-broken cry he let his head drop, covering hands, crucifix, and all with tender, remorseful kisses.

'Go on, go on, my pet!' he said at last. 'You must not stop your prayers for me. Let me say them with you, child—if I only remember how!'

A strange look of happiness came into the young face, lying so white on its pillows, flushing it to a delicate wild-rose color.

'That will be beautiful, father,' she said. 'Shall I begin it again? Mother and I were only at the first mystery.'

He nodded assent, and she began. As he listened to the sweet girlish voice, ringing with a new sound of joy and happiness, and dwelt with a mind as collected as might be on each wonderful mystery, repeating the 'Paters' and 'Aves' unforgotten of his youth, the whole joy and peace, the purity and tender solace of the religion he had cast aside came back as if borne on angel wings, and settled down on his soul.

That was but the first of many Rosaries which Eily's father offered up for his child's restoration to health. Every night from that onwards the entire family gathered round the sick girl's bed and said the Rosary in unison. In every beautiful mystery there was something to appeal to the man's always kindly nature.

As if in answer to his prayers, helped doubtless by her own, and the ardent joy which her father's new dispositions gave her, Eily's health improved from that day forward with wonderful rapidity. Very soon she was able to go, first driving, then walking proudly by her father's side, to Mass or Confession to the little chapel.

Tom Donnellan is now the most earnest and exemplary of Father Dunphy's flock, while his daughter is as healthy and blooming a specimen of young Irish maidenhood as may be found in any three parishes. All this Mrs. Donnellan puts down to one thing only, the wonderful power and efficacy of the Rosary. There is little fear, either, that the pious custom will ever be allowed to lapse in their house, for sometimes when Eily out of roguishness pretends to be forgetting all about it, her father will delight her by asking, with a half-reproachful glance, as he lays aside his book or newspaper:

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Current Topics

Catholic Schools

An important amendment, says last Monday's 'Evening Star' (Dunedin), 'has just been made in the Education Act, whereby children attending Catholic and Maori schools will come under the compulsory clause. The truant inspector at Wellington, Mr. J. Dineen, reporting on this subject at the meeting of his Education Board on Thursday last, stated that the change would be welcomed by teachers in those schools, as well as by himself, for his inability to take action in the past had resulted in poor attendance. In several instances parents after receiving warnings from the truant inspector had transferred their children from the public schools to Catholic schools, and had thus been able to break the compulsory clause with impunity.'

'Faked' Maori Relics

Of the 'faking' of Old Masters, old curios, Greek, Roman, and Egyptian antiquities, there is no end. And now the process has come home to our own door in New Zealand. Some one has remarked that, to be deftly swindled, is not wholly without its joy. There is thus some modicum of compensation for the many who are 'taken in' by false Maori relics, some of which, shown to us a few days ago, would almost deceive even the elect. The 'New Zealand Times' states that the art and craft of producing spurious Maori relics and curios is apparently on the increase. In an interview with a collector and vendor, our Wellington contemporary's representative learned that there is 'a large trade both in Birmingham and Germany in tikis, meres, and other sham Maori "relics." Allegedly genuine tikis, of which an immense number are sold, are made of specially-blown green glass, and those ornaments and weapons made of bone are copied with great exactness by the skilled tradesmen of the places named. It is alleged that the bones are duly buried to give them the appearance of age. Many of these curios are imported from the Old Land to New Zealand, where they find a ready sale among tourists, who, of course, desire to show their friends some relic which has historical associations. It is asserted that many curio dealers in New Zealand refuse to inform the public as to the genuineness or otherwise of these articles. At present gun-locks alleged to have been found on Maori battlefields and having every appearance of age are being manufactured in the Homeland and are selling readily. Tickets bearing a time-worn appearance are attached, and the antiquarian has to be particularly acute to distinguish between the real and the "fake."'

She does not Lose

The life of the toughest man or boy or hobbled-hoy is so frail and sensitive that a child may drive it out with the ball-end of a knoberry, the edge of a lancet, or the point of a needle. But of quite different stuff and texture is the vitality of the Church of God. No might of fleets and armies, no poison of ancient or modern errors, no force known to man, and not even the gates of hell and the powers of darkness, can destroy the God-given life that, fortified by the Holy Spirit, is to endure 'even to the end of the world'. To adopt another figure of speech; the barque of St. Peter is self-righting, uncapsizable, and unsinkable—a true life-boat in the spiritual sense. And its capacity for 'keeping serenely right-side-up and sailing gaily on, after the hardest buffeting of wind and wave, has many a time exercised the minds of observant non-Catholics. This, in a recent issue of the London 'Daily Mail', Mr. George Sampson says regarding the Papacy:

'The history of most contests with that strange priest-empire seems to point the moral that ultimate victory rests with the side whose real weapons are

not gross guns and bayonets, though it has often availed itself of such worldly advantages. Its strength lies otherwise; and be it emperor or statesman or individual that finds something to challenge and attack in many-sided Rome, the end is ever the same—the world seems to win, but the Church does not lose; and the worldly combatant goes, after all, to Canossa.'

Catholics can never raise the cry: 'The Church in danger!' The winds may blow, and the billows may rise, and the Lord may seem to sleep. But in His good time he has ever—as He did on the Sea of Galilee long ago—commanded the winds and the waves, and after the storm came the calm.

Self-protective Water-drinking

'Mr. Dooley' spoke well when he said: 'Whiskey ain't food'. He declined to class it with lobster salad. 'It has its place', said he, 'but its place is not in a man's head. The minyit a man relies on it f'r a crutch, he loses th' use iv his legs'; and although it may be 'a livin' f'r some orators, it's th' death iv bookkeepers'. The horse, in Aesop's fable, sought and obtained the aid of man against his enemy the stag. But the upshot of the brief alliance was this: the horse became and remained the slave of his human ally. In like manner, the man who invokes the aid of King Alcohol against the onsets of such enemies as illness, affliction, lassitude, or ennui, too often finds himself, in the long run or the short, the bondman of his former ally, with an intellect dimmed, a heart corrupted, and a will enslaved. The strenuous as well as the simple life discards its adventitious and too often treacherous and dearly bought aid. Thus, the American business man has, perforce, to abandon 'fomented and sperichus liquids,' as Artemus Ward calls them. Mr. John Foster Frazer, the observant author of 'America at Work', was forcibly struck by the abstemiousness of business men in the matter of alcohol. 'I have', says he, 'lunched in a room with a hundred of the leading business men of New York, and I have not seen a glass of beer among the lot; water was the only beverage used. A man who took alcohol in the middle of the day would be looked upon with as much suspicion as a bank manager in England would be who was always to be found in a state of fuddle.' A friend once remarked to the author: 'Yes, there has been a wonderful change in this respect during the past ten years. The strain of business is at times simply terrific; the head must be kept cool and clear, and, consequently, he has no use for drink. In such bitter, ruthless competition—not only Americans against the world, but Americans against each other—we have to be water drinkers in sheer self-protection.'

We commend to our young men, and to all whom it may concern, this lesson regarding the potent but alluring liquid drug that (as the Genial Showman puts it) 'tears so many people's innards to peaces, and makes their noses blossom like the lobster.'

Te Whiti

More things passed out of Maori life last week than the spirit of Te Whiti, the pagan chief and 'prophet' of Parihaka. And this was realised long before the last post was called. At the great tangi or funeral feast and funeral lament, says a Press Association message in last Tuesday's daily papers,

'The majority of the speakers advised the Maori to bow to the inevitable. The dream of Maori nationhood had gone. The page of Maori history conceived by Te Whiti, that the Maori should be a separate, self-contained, and self-governing people; had closed with the passing of their chief. There has now been an awakening, and the old order must give place to the new.'

Even in the method of Te Whiti's passing, and in the ceremonies with which he was consigned to mother-earth, there was a marked departure from the customs of the old days on which his mind's eye loved to dwell.

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'Now, now, be one with the wide Light, the Sun!
With Night and Darkness, O be one, be one!'

The old-time wailing was heard around the dead, the funeral songs, the speeches, the funeral meats, the long delay of interment, the buried mats and other treasures. But no longer did the chief mourners hack themselves with shells or with pieces of sharp obsidian (volcanic glass). No slaves were despatched to attend to the vanished chief in the Land of Night; no birds were sacrificed to the gods; the dead was buried reclining in a coffin, in Pakeha fashion, and not, as of old, in a sitting posture, with garlands around his temples, albatross feathers in his gathered hair, and his face smeared with red ochre and oil. Many of the other old funeral ceremonies were likewise omitted. And the passing of Te Whiti seems to be the passing of the last flicker of the old Maori order and the beginning of the new.

Another 'Referendum'

Some people learn, as some people joke, with difficulty. The Bible-in-schools people in Victoria have, one way or another, been taught lessons enough to fill a barn. But they have not learned them—yet. The voice of the electors, for instance, went in a solid majority against them on a plebiscite, and at the last general elections scarcely a candidate who gave the Scripture Campaign Council's programme prominence upon his policy was 'illicated' to a place in a Legislature of the State. The 'rout of the sectarians' was complete. But they have not yet read what the electors have writ so large across the State. We wear no crape and weep no tears over the defunct Bible-in-schools movement in New Zealand. But we lay this wreath upon its grave: that it was generally marked by a restraint and a temperateness of utterance to which the allied movements beyond the water are strangers. Moreover, many of our Bible-in-schools clergy have had the saving sense—although it was long a-coming—to face the facts of the situation and to gird up their loins to impart to the school-children of their various faiths the sectarian religious or biblical instruction which (as they now realise) public opinion will not permit State officials to bestow at the cost of the State funds. For this relief, much thanks. But no such saving sense has come to those who are bent on sectarianising the public schools in Victoria. They are still, as ever, fog-horns in political controversy, sluggards in the religious instruction of the children of their divers faiths in the public schools, and indecently eager to abdiccate, in favor of lay State officials, one of the elementary duties of the Christian ministry.

A fresh and stormy effort on their part to submit a false issue to a plebiscite (which they erroneously term a referendum) has drawn from the Archbishop of Melbourne the following clear nutshell statement of the Catholic position:—

1. We are entirely opposed to a Referendum on a religious and conscientious question.
2. If there be a Referendum, its object should be, in the first place, to ascertain whether the people desire any change in the present free, secular, and compulsory system of State education.
3. If the people manifest by their votes such a desire, it will then be time enough to determine the amount and character of religious instruction to be given in State Schools.
4. Such instruction should be given only to the children of parents who desire it, and express their agreement in writing. This form was accepted by your deputations before the last Referendum.
5. In no case should that volume of 439 pages of Scripture extracts, taken from the Protestant version of the Bible, almost exclusively Protestant hymns and Pro-

testant forms of prayer, which exclude those to which Catholic children are accustomed, be put into the hands of State School Teachers to be taught "like any other lesson."

6. If this be done, the State Schools will become, to all intents and purposes, Protestant schools, and in justice Catholic schools should receive a State subsidy.

In his story of 'The Man with the Plums', Douglas Jerrold prints an angry discussion between Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Ochre as to the proper color for painting the sign of the Unicorn Inn. Mr. Benjamin hotly maintained that unicorns were 'grey, or mottled grey'—or 'pink with spots of yellow'. Ochre, the sign-painter, insisted on painting the unicorn 'true to nature'—'the color of life, the only color', namely 'a bright white, with a dash of sky-blue'—for that was the color of the King of Indy's unicorns. The controversial temperature rose very high, and each might have shivered the other's timbers, had not the village school-master happened to come that way. 'What!' exclaimed he sarcastically, 'quarrelling about the color of a unicorn!' And then he reminded them that they would do well to get their unicorn before they disputed about the color of the creature. Parables, like metaphors, do not stand on all fours. But we may say that the 'referendum' folk in Victoria, like those of 1904 in New Zealand, forgot to secure their unicorn. In other words, in the form of reference which they urged, they conveniently ignored the fundamental issue: 'Is the State school system of public instruction to remain secular, as at present? Yes, or No?' They quietly assumed that this question had been already put to the electors, and answered in the affirmative. And before an amused and sarcastic majority of the public they raised a guileful clamor over a form of reference which asked the elector merely to determine what color the unicorn should be painted—what was to be the particular hue or complexion of the Protestant religious instruction that was to be imparted by public officials in the public schools at the public expense. The memorial quoted above injects some sense into those clamorous unicorn discussions.

A Catholic News Agency

It was Robert Louis Stevenson who, in a moment of indignation, volleyed at the daily press the hot-shot epithet which described it as 'the mouth of a sewer, where lying is professed as from a university chair'. The indictment was far too sweeping—it requires to be discounted in the same way as some of the fierce generalisations that issued from the point of Carlyle's pen on his 'livery' days. But we have full many a time and oft had occasion to point out the extent to which the channels of newspaper intelligence have been captured by agencies hostile to our faith, and the hopeless—we might say scandalous—unreliability of a great deal of the Catholic 'news' that reaches these countries from various countries, but especially from Italy and France.

The absence of such cable-news monopolies as exist in Australia and New Zealand has left the United States better served than are we in these countries in the matter of transoceanic intelligence. Yet even American Catholics feel the want of better treatment in this respect. The organ of the Catholic Extension Society has been pleading for an association of Catholic editors to combat the evil of 'faked' or 'adapted' cable-news. Which moves the 'Catholic Columbian' to write in part as follows:—

'Take the matter of Catholic foreign news, for instance. The Catholic press of this country is largely, if not entirely, at the mercy of the secular press for this class of news, and the unreliability of the secular press dispatches, particularly those supplied by the European Continental press agencies and special correspondence bureaux, when dealing with Catholic topics, is notorious. A combination between the Catholic editors of the country for a correspondence bureau say in

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Rome, Paris, and other centres of Catholic news, would, we believe, be productive of great good both to the Catholic publications receiving such service and to the cause of Catholicity in general. While we do not wish to speak disparagingly of the Roman and other European correspondence which appears from time to time in some of our Catholic contemporaries, we must say that we believe it could be greatly improved in the manner indicated, and, through co-operation, at a comparatively small expense. Its benefit to the publications by adding valuable news features to their columns, and to the Church generally by correcting false impressions created through misleading and faked "news" in the columns of the secular press, can hardly be estimated.

At one period—some five years ago—the International Catholic Truth Society (Brooklyn) developed along lines, which, if pursued, would have served all the purposes of a Catholic Press Association for the English-speaking world. But the effort seems to have been a very short-lived one. At any rate, so far as our experience goes, even the most pressing inquiries to it during the past few years in regard to current slanders have failed to elicit even an acknowledgment, even though we are a subscriber to the funds of the Society. Curiously enough, we received, through the courtesy of a Protestant clergyman, full and detailed information regarding a matter which was right under the eyes of the Society's headquarters, but for which we had appealed to the Society in vain. We have been for many years advocating the formation of a Catholic news agency for Australasia. And we still hold that an active, well-equipped, and well-organised agency of the kind—working by cable and by letter, and, if possible, with the secular press associations—would be the best means of mending, perhaps even of ending, the frequent misrepresentations of our faith, its persons, and its institutions, that have so long characterised the "news" sent to these countries by European—and especially by Continental—cable agencies. It is easy—and cheap—to patch this old grief with proverbs. Hard words may indeed "break no bones". But the frequent ding-dong of misrepresentation intensifies or prolongs anti-Catholic prejudice; it even misleads some of our own spiritual household, and pits their faith with unanswered doubts or rankling difficulties—occasionally, perhaps, undermines it with the beginnings of disbelief. There is great need and ample scope for the operations of a Catholic news agency in the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand

THE CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

MEMOIRS OF THE EARLY DAYS

(Contributed.)

(Continued from last week.)

AUCKLAND.

The Treaty of Waitangi.

On June 19, 1839, a proclamation was issued by the British Government extending the boundaries of New South Wales so as to include certain portions of New Zealand, and in about a month afterwards Captain Hobson, of the Royal Navy, was made Lieutenant-Governor 'of any territory which is or may be acquired in that country by Her Majesty.' The newly appointed Governor arrived in the Bay of Islands on January 29, 1840, and immediately issued an invitation to the British residents to meet him next day at the church, so that he may read to them her Majesty's commission. It may be said here that Captain Hobson had been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of a country which at that time had not been acquired by the Crown, and therefore did not belong to England, which fact would, from a legal point of view, render his Commission worthless. In less than a week after his arrival in the country he convened a meeting of the natives to lay his plans before them, and to discuss the question of the Sovereignty of the Island and of ceding their rights to the Queen of England absolutely and without reservation. The Conference was held at a spot

where the river Waitangi (weeping water) falls into the sea, and the natives remarked to each other that the circumstance boded no good to them. At noon, on February 5, Captain Hobson, accompanied by a number of missionaries, French and English, European residents, and the officers of H.M.S. 'Herald,' which then lay in the harbor, ascended a large platform, which had been prepared for the occasion. The scene must have been an imposing one, and was, no doubt, meant to impress the savage mind with the importance of the pakeha and his wonderful achievements in the way of dress. The Governor read the 'Treaty,' which, sentence after sentence, was translated into Maori by Mr. Henry Williams, a naval officer who had been for some years in the country. Whether such a document could be faithfully translated into a language that had no words to express many of its terms, is a question which has been often raised. Such expressions as confederation, pre-emption, alienate sovereignty, etc., would of course be utterly incomprehensible to men who had no equivalent terms in their language, and who did not then know what a treaty meant. Even the name given to their country was a sort of puzzle to people who had, from time immemorial, known it as Ao-tea-roa, 'the long white cloud.'

After the reading of the Treaty the natives were requested to speak their minds upon it, whereupon some twenty or thirty of their number addressed the meeting. Of these it is said that five or six were opposed to it. Ultimately, however, it was signed by forty-six out of the 500 or more who were present.

In recording this incident in his book, 'The Long White Cloud,' the Hon. W. P. Reeves, our present High Commissioner, says:—'The French Bishop Pompallier appeared in full canonicals, and it was found that chiefs under his influence had been well coached to oppose the new departure. Behind the scenes, too, that worst of all beachcombers, Jacky Marmon, secretly made all the mischief he could' (chap. x., p. 179). As it would break the thread of this narrative to refute the part of this statement referring to the Bishop here, I shall return to it again.

A few days after the meeting at Waitangi Captain Hobson went to Hokianga to meet the natives there, and acquaint them with the object of his mission. By this time the interest in the Treaty had increased to such an extent that no less than 3,000 natives, of whom between 400 and 500 were chiefs of various ranks, had collected in response to Captain Hobson's invitation. The proceedings were initiated and conducted on similar lines to those at Waitangi, and the manner of his reception by the chiefs will be best understood from his own words. In a despatch to Sir George Gipps, telling him of this gathering, he says:—'At the appointed time of meeting I was mortified to observe a great disinclination on the part of the chiefs to assemble. After some delay, however, they began to collect, and at last the different tribes marched up in procession, taking their seats somewhat in the same order as was observed at Waitangi. Still I could not fail to observe that an unfavorable spirit prevailed amongst them. The business of the day began as at Waitangi, the Rev. Mr. Hobbs, of the Wesleyan Mission, acting as interpreter. . . . On this occasion all their best orators were against me, and every argument they could devise was used to defeat my object. . . . Towards the close of the day one of the chiefs, Papa Haika, made some observations that were so distinctly of English origin that I called on him to speak his own sentiments like a man, and not to allow others who were self-interested to prompt him, upon which he fairly admitted the fact, and called upon the European who had advised him to come forward and tell the Governor what he had told him. . . . The chiefs Rewa and Thakara, who are followers of the Catholic Bishop, were the principal opposers, and their arguments were such as convinced me they had been prompted.'

It will help us materially to get rid of the fog that has been hanging for the last sixty-seven years around the statements of Captain Hobson if we turn to those of Bishop Pompallier himself. His Lordship is so explicit on the subject, and rebuts the charges so clearly, that his words deserve quoting at length:—'All the natives in the country,' he says in his diary, 'were astounded both at the arrival of a strange Governor and at the strange reports that were flying about. The day after his arrival the Maori chiefs received printed letters from Captain Hobson, inviting them to meet at a place in the bay called Waitangi, where a Treaty was to be read to them in their own language, and then signed by them. Many of the Catholic chiefs came to consult me, above all the great Rewa. They asked me what was to be done under the circumstances in which their country was placed, and whether they ought or not to sign. I answered them that these were political matters which were outside my province; I was only in this country to pasture souls in

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the Word of God, and to direct them in faith, morality, and the Catholic discipline, to confer the sacraments of salvation on persons of whatsoever nationality who should have recourse to my ministry in the proper dispositions, and that there ended my divine mission. It was for them to determine what they might desire to do with their national sovereignty—whether to keep it or to transfer it to a foreign nation; they were therefore at liberty to sign or not to sign the Treaty which was going to be put before them; that for myself and my clergy we were prepared to exercise our ministry of salvation for those who signed in the same manner as for those who did not sign. In a word, we were to instruct them in the faith whether they continued New Zealanders or became English. . . . While the speeches were being made (at the meeting) on behalf of Captain Hobson and of the chiefs of the Maori tribes, I remained silent; I had nothing to say; they were simply about political matters. One question, however, interested me deeply. It was that of religious freedom, about which no one in any way seemed to trouble themselves. Before the last meeting broke up, I addressed Captain Hobson, begging him to make known to all the people the principles of European civilisation which obtain in Great Britain, and which guarantee free and equal protection to the Catholic as to every other religion in New Zealand. My demand was immediately acceded to by the captain, who made a formal notification of it to all the assembled people, to the great satisfaction of all the Catholic chiefs and tribes, who triumphed in the fact of my presence and at the speedy compliance with the few words I had spoken. As to the political Treaty, was it or was it not understood by the natives? That is a difficult question to solve. But the Catholic religion gained instead of losing its dignity and its influence over the minds of the people.' Thus far Bishop Pompallier.

If we now retrace our steps and review the evidence, or the want of evidence, on which Captain Hobson bases his charge against Bishop Pompallier, we shall see that it rests upon the most unstable of foundations—mere suspicion. Taking it for granted that because two out of the number of natives who refused to sign the Treaty were Catholics, he jumps at the conclusion that they, as the Hon. Mr Reeves so finely puts it, 'had been well coached to oppose the new departure.' This is begging the question with a vengeance, and one cannot help thinking that, in the case of the captain at least, the wish must have been father to the thought, and that since an explanation was necessary this would be the most plausible, as it apparently was the readiest to hand. Why it was that the Methodist missionaries of Hokianga were not also charged with having 'coached' the natives of that place who refused to sign the Treaty, although they had been over eight years in their hands, is one of those things which perhaps the Hon. Mr Reeves might be able to explain, for neither he nor Captain Hobson has aught to say about it. Even 'that worst of beachcombers, Jacky Marmon,' who, according to Mr Reeves, worked behind the scenes, and made all the mischief he could, and who, for all we know to the contrary, may have got hold of Rewa and Thakara and 'coached' them—even he, Jacky, comes in for no word of censure from the captain. As has already been pointed out, when describing the attitude of the natives at the Hokianga meeting to the Governor of New South Wales, he distinctly states that all their best orators were against him, and that every argument they could devise was used to defeat his object. Yet although those orators, or most of them, were Wesleyans, he has no word of blame for their missionaries. Rewa and Thakara, who refused to sign at Waitangi, were men of large experience in the ways of the pakeha. Around them everywhere their lands were in the possession of speculators, land jobbers, and the missionaries, so that if Rewa and Thakara and some others refused to sign away the trifling portion of their country that still remained to them there is nothing to wonder at in the fact.

The Bishop is precise and explicit in his statements concerning this matter, and until we have something stronger than the mere assumptions of Captain Hobson we must accept them as truth.

Before I leave this subject there is one other statement in Mr Reeves's book to which I should like to refer. 'Wesleyan missionaries,' he tells us, 'following in the footsteps of Marsden's pioneers, established themselves in 1822. . . . It took ten years to make one convert, and up to 1830 the baptisms were very few' (p. 116).

'The Long White Cloud' has been widely read both in this colony and at Home. When a second edition is called for, as it is almost sure to be, perhaps Mr Reeves may see his way to eliminate the objectionable passage about Bishop Pompallier, which certainly disfigures his book.

More or Less Retrospective.

When Bishop Pompallier arrived at Kororareka, he tells us that among the seventy or more white people who lived there he found only one Catholic. This proportion, small as it was, has not been kept up, for to-day, among a population of about 500, there are but three Catholics. The church which he built there on a section given to him by Captain Hobson was accidentally destroyed a few years ago by a half-witted Maori boy, who set fire to the ti-tree scrub and the gorse by which it was surrounded. Not a trace of the building remains, and the gorse and the scrub are again fighting for the mastery of the section. Indeed, the soil of Kororareka (now Russell) must be specially suited to the growth of these two shrubs, for all the hills around the place and many of the flats are thickly covered with them. The township still bears evidences of its former wealth and importance, for here and there amongst a miserable array of wooden shanties may be seen an occasional tall dwelling, that even now in its tottering old age tells of its former greatness. The principal street—if it may be called a street—is a parade along the beach by the water's edge, and one of the best-kept houses on this parade is that which formerly belonged to the Bishop. In bold brass letters imbedded in the gate is the word 'Pompallier,' the name by which the house is known, and up the avenue and along the front fence are thick hedges of flowering shrubs some twelve feet high that bespeak the love of its original owner for the flowers and shrubs of his native country. The property has changed hands several times since the Bishop left it. Its first owners after his time were Catholics, and so far respected his private chapel as not to interfere with it. The present owner, however, is a non-Catholic, and among other alterations effected on the building he has converted the little chapel into an outhouse. Everywhere about Russell one is reminded of those early French missionaries. Flowering plants and shrubs may be seen growing in profusion all over the place, and huge willows, offering the shelter of their graceful pendant branches to pakeha and Maori alike. The original flowering plants were brought out by the missionaries from France, and the willows were cuttings taken from that which grew over the tomb of Napoleon at St. Helena, where they called on their way out. An old Maori with whom I once got into conversation while at Russell told me that he was twelve years old when Bishop Pompallier arrived in the colony. His father and mother and all his family became Catholics, as well as all the other people round about the bay he came from. He himself was, of course, reared up a Catholic, and in those days always went to his duty. 'And where do you go now?' I said to him. Pointing towards the English church close by, he said: 'Sometimes Anglican, sometimes Methodist, sometimes preacher—all same.'

From all I could see of the Maoris up North, and I made it my business to talk to many of them, all the Christianity they now possess is merely a veneer, which might be washed off them with a wisp of straw. Since the Catholic missionaries left them they have been falling back upon their own resources, and working up theories, more or less romantic.

Looking back upon the ground covered by this cursory and disjointed narrative, it must strike every reader of these notes with surprise when he reflects on the eagerness with which, from the very beginning, the Catholic missionaries were received by the Maoris. Not only were they not repulsed—their services were absolutely sought for by whole tribes which had resisted every effort of the Protestant missionaries to convert them. Ten years, so the Hon. Mr Reeves tells us in 'The Long White Cloud,' it took the Wesleyans to make one convert, while Bishop Pompallier tells us in his diary that the heads of several of the tribes on the Kaipara had more than once sent down their sons in canoes a distance of twenty-five leagues begging of him to come and visit them. In the face of misrepresentation and calumny, that were as virulent as they were senseless, and in the absence of those adventitious aids which are so essential to the successful evangelisation of a rude people, Bishop Pompallier and his missionaries overcame every obstacle.

(To be continued.)

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 23.

The Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., returned on Thursday from Palmerston North.

On Monday next, the annual sports gathering of St. Patrick's College will be held at the Basin Reserve.

The Catholic Literary Society held an impromptu speech competition on Monday evening. About half a dozen members competed, Mr. J. J. Devine officiating as judge. First place was awarded to Mr. Louis Reichel. The Rev. Father Kimbell presented Mr. Reichel with Mr. Fitzgibbon's gold medal for the best election speech and also, on behalf of the Federal Executive, handed to Mr. C. Pfaff, a diploma of merit for his win in the oratorical competition.

On Saturday this worship the Mayor and the Corporation officers and employees did good service in connection with the sand-shifting operations for Mother Aubert at Island Bay. Mrs. Hislop and a band of ladies also rendered valuable aid. About thirty tons of material were shifted during the afternoon. To-day the University students and the Trades and Labor Council are boiling hard to keep things going.

On Wednesday afternoon the St. Patrick's College Cadets met, those from Wellington College in a military exercises competition. The judges were Colonel Bauchop, Sergeant Major Dovey, and Colonel Sergeant Davis. The contest resulted in a win for St. Patrick's by 87 points to 76. Captain H. Seymour had charge of the victors. The two previous contests were won by Wellington College, and this year the boys from St. Patrick's were determined to make a bold bid for the honors.

I regret to record the death, last Tuesday in this city of Mr. Patrick Doyle, brother-in-law of M. P. W. Conboy. Deceased was a native of Carlow, whence he came to the colonies about twenty-four years ago. He had been ailing for some time, and his death was not unexpected. He died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church, being frequently attended by the parish clergy and the Sisters of Mercy. The interment took place at Karori on Thursday. The Rev. Father Bowden officiated at the grave-side.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

November '21.

The Wanganui Garrison Band gave a most enjoyable concert on Sunday afternoon to the inmates of the Hospital, there being a large attendance of the public.

I must congratulate Mrs. J. Dempsey on being the champion in the Home Industries Section for cooking, making jam, etc., at the recent Wanganui Show.

It is with regret that I record the death of Mr. Michael Crowley at the Wanganui Hospital on the 17th inst. The interment took place in the local cemetery on Tuesday.—R.I.P.

The Rev. Father Treacy completed his task of collecting funds for the Wellington Cathedral last Sunday. The result of his mission may be considered fairly successful, about £60 being collected.

Mr. McNeale, of Rangiwahia, has kindly consented to give a lecture on the Irish race and nationality in the St. Mary's Catholic Club rooms on Friday, November 29, when it is expected that there will be a large attendance of members and their friends.

The euchre match between St. Mary's Club and the Irish Rifles eventuated on Monday evening at Hodson's Rooms, and resulted in favor of the club by a small majority. Euchre was followed by supper, after which a pleasant hour was spent in song, story, etc. The Rifles intend returning the challenge at an early date.

In his annual report on the Wanganui Hospital the Inspector-General says: 'The Hospital is a well-managed institution of modern type. The resident surgeon (Dr. Fergus) and matron (Miss McKenny) are very keen to make improvements. The latter seems a particularly capable woman.' Miss McKenny is an esteemed member of St. Mary's congregation.

Blenheim

The inaugural ceremony in connection with the opening of the recently established Catholic Club (says the 'Marlborough Herald') was held on Wednesday evening, November 20, in the Catholic Hall and new club rooms in Maxwell Road. It took the form of a social and conversazione, and was very largely attended. The large number present was an indication of the great interest taken in this new institution, which is designed to promote the social, mental, and moral welfare of the men of the Catholic denomination. Many similar clubs are being successfully carried on in New Zealand, and the Blenheim Club has been established under very favorable auspices. Already the membership totals over 100, and a complete suite of club rooms have been provided, the previous building being enlarged by the addition of a spacious billiard room, fitted with a first-class new table. Reading and social rooms are also provided, and a library is being established, towards which the committee would be glad to receive donations of suitable books. The club rooms adjoin the Catholic Hall, and will therefore be very convenient when social functions are in progress.

In connection with the formal opening the Rev. Father Holley, in a few introductory remarks, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see such a large attendance. He introduced his Worship the Mayor (Mr. A. McCallum), who had kindly consented to assist at the opening.

The Mayor said he was pleased to be present and took it as an honor to be invited to such an important ceremony. He recognised that the establishment of such clubs as these was an advance in civilisation. He would not detain them by making a long speech, and had great pleasure in declaring the Blenheim Catholic Club open. He wished the members and promoters every success.

The Rev. Father Holley called upon the member for the district to make a few remarks.

The Hon. C. H. Mills was received with applause. He was glad to be invited to such a function, which showed the advancement of the district. In much larger towns he had visited they could not boast of such pretentious buildings for club purposes. He was more than pleased to be present because he saw many old faces and also many new ones. He was always pleased and willing, as the representative of the district, to attend such social functions, no matter what denomination organised them. He had been looking round and saw many evidences of great prosperity, and he was convinced that the prosperity had come to stay—at least, he hoped so. He concluded by expressing a hope that the club would succeed and prosper.

The billiard room was formally opened with a match between the Mayor and Mr. Mills, the former winning, after a pleasant contest, by a few points.

The hall was nicely decorated with flags and evergreens and presented an attractive appearance. A ladies' committee supplied refreshments in their usually efficient manner. Songs were given by Mrs. Hale, Misses Higgins and Morrison, and Messrs. Bryant, Holcroft, and Father Holley; and a duet by Mr. Bryant and Miss Higgins. Miss McCabe played the accompaniments during the evening.

Kaikoura

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The beautiful devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced here on last Sunday, November 17, and closed on Tuesday after the 9 o'clock Mass. After Mass on Sunday there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the grounds and around the church of the Sacred Heart. The bright regalia of the Children of Mary was a striking feature, forming a pleasing contrast to the sombre costume of the Sisters and the white cottas of the altar boys. The weather was most favorable, the clear rays of the sun glinting down on the different hues, and rendering the scene very picturesque. It was the finest procession yet witnessed at Kaikoura.

On this occasion, according to instructions, the Triduum of his Holiness was blended, as far as possible, with the Forty Hours. The magnificent prayer to Our Eucharistic and Hidden God was recited each time at Benediction, forming a solemn feature in itself, as coming from the heart of Pius X. In compliance with the prescriptions of the Pope and in accordance with the usage at the Forty Hours, there were ser-

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mons on the Blessed Sacrament during the Triduum. One was at Mass, dealing with preparation for a worthy and fruitful Communion; another in the evening respecting the mysterious presence of Our Lord under the Eucharistic veil; and the third on Holy Mass on Monday evening. Considering that the Sacred Heart Church is situated in the heart of the country, the attendance of worshippers during the Triduum was very satisfactory. The Sisters of the Mission and the school children rendered most valuable and devoted aid in watching, as did also the Children of Mary.

At the close of the celebrations on Tuesday there was a goodly congregation, which took part in the procession, this time within the church. All through the choir attended faithfully at the services, sometimes at much inconvenience, Miss Kate Harnett being the efficient organist. Mother Columba displayed her usual artistic taste and skill in the beautiful decorations of the High Altar. This brief description would be very incomplete without adding another feature, one of real value and significance. The confessional was well attended on Sunday night and again on Monday night after Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. During the Forty Hours nearly sixty Communion were made, though the general Communion on the first Friday was only a fortnight ago. The rich indulgences offered and the ardent desire of the Holy Father for frequent Communion in the Church were reasons cogent enough to produce so happy a result. Most certainly the Triduum was fruitful of spiritual good, and there is a hope that it may influence erring souls to come and drink at the fountain of living waters. We have it on the infallible word of Jesus Christ that there is no spiritual life in carnal man. He must repent. He must allow the Precious Blood to wash his soul in the Sacrament of Penance. The Old Adam must be discarded. Grace must be sought and won through the infinite merits and mercies of the New Adam. The divine oracle must be received and heeded: 'Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you.' Woe to him who, despising this solemn warning, refuses the 'bread of life,' the manna from heaven, the 'flesh indeed and the blood indeed' of Him, Who declares Himself: 'The Way, the Truth, and the Life.' The Holy Father has nothing more at heart than that the Christians of the hour appreciate Holy Communion, the greatest gift of God to man, even as did the early Christians, who refreshed and sanctified their souls by the daily participation of the divine Eucharist. Thus does he seek to bring back and establish all things in Christ. Wonderful and worthy of all praise is the reigning Sovereign Pontiff! How blessed the modern world for the wisdom, the zeal, and the holiness of its Popes!

DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

November 25.

In his collecting mission in aid of the Cathedral fund, the Rev. Father O'Connell was at Little River, in the Akaroa parochial district, on Sunday last. He is to be at Akaroa on next Sunday, and will afterwards visit the Lincoln parish.

His Lordship the Bishop has had an attack of the prevailing influenza epidemic, through which he has been confined to his room during the past two weeks. Although somewhat recovered, absolute rest is essential, and some little time must necessarily elapse before his Lordship may resume his ordinary duties.

At the recent examinations held by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music the following candidates of the convent schools passed successfully:—Harp (Intermediate)—Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions—Annie Riordan. Sisters of Mercy, Lyttelton—Pianoforte (Elementary)—Maud M. Blackler. Primary—Essie Blogg, Lulu Han-nay, Kathleen Haydon. Sisters of Notre Dame—des Missions—Pianoforte (Elementary)—Mary and Rosa McCormack. Primary—Teresa Mannion (distinction), Eily Stewart (distinction), Eily Murphy, Maggie Daly, Mollie O'Malley, Amy Prosser, Olive Prosser. Harp—Elementary—Sarah Anson.

The Antarctic exploring vessel, 'Nimrod,' from which Lieut. Shackleton intends making a dash for the South Pole, arrived at Lyttelton on Saturday. The 'Nimrod' is smaller than any of the vessels engaged in Capt. Scott's expedition a few years ago, but is very strongly built to resist the pack-ice, and thoroughly equipped for the work in which she is to be engaged. Whilst here she will refit in preparation for departure in January. The Manchurian ponies, which are to take a prominent part in the land journey of exploration, arrived some

time ago, and are located on Quail Island awaiting shipment to the scene of operations.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

November 25.

Owing to the warm weather the crops in the surrounding district are ripening very quickly. Some of them will be fit to cut in about three weeks' time.

During the week the children of the Sacred Heart High School and the parish school journeyed to Temuka to hold their annual picnic. The weather being fine, the children had a splendid outing.

A very pleasant time was spent at the last meeting of the Catholic Club, the programme consisting of a parliamentary election contest. Mr. F. K. Cooper represented the Opposition, and Mr. S. Madden the Government. Other members also expressed their views.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

November 20.

The St. Columba cricket team made a good start in the championship last Saturday, when they met and defeated the Cobden team by an innings and thirty runs.

Messrs. Thomas Keowen and John Heffernan, who had been on a six months' holiday to Ireland, returned home last week.

I regret to have to record the death of Mr. Edmond Power, South Beach, which sad event occurred last Thursday morning. The deceased was a native of Waterford, and was in his 68th year. The deceased came to this district from Otago forty years ago, and had resided here ever since. He leaves a widow, three sons, and four daughters to mourn the loss of a model husband and father—a man who was always noted for his sterling worth and honesty of purpose. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended, friends coming from all parts of the district to pay their last tribute of respect. The Very Rev. Dean Carew officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Ross

(From our own correspondent.)

November 15.

Our quiet little township, I am pleased to say, is on the eve of a revival, and likely to come into prominence soon, when our railway is completed and the Ross Gold Mining Co. starts operations, which we hope will be in twelve months' time at the latest.

The Rev. Father O'Connor is away on his southern trip, which usually extends over a month. Given fine weather, we hope to see him back next week. During his absence the Rev. Father Creed celebrated Mass.

It is pleasing to note that the recent school examination, held at the convent by Mr. Norton, proved highly satisfactory, and reflects the greatest credit on the Sisters of Mercy, whose pupils have all passed with credit. The annual concert in aid of St. Patrick's Convent school took place the day after the examination, and was also a great success. The programme was as follows:—Pianoforte duet, Misses M. Wilson and M. Pedrazzi; song, 'Mona,' Mr. Etheredge; pianoforte duet, Misses C. Cruikshank and N. Moye; action song, 'The little cooks,' convent pupils; instrumental duet (violin and piano), Miss J. Sharkey and Mr. Robertson; comic song, Mr. J. Maloney; vocal duet, 'Whisper and I shall hear,' Miss A. and Mr. F. Healy; pianoforte solo, Miss Patrick; song, 'Where the silvery Colorado wends its way,' Miss A. Healy; Japanese fan action-song, convent pupils; vocal quintette, 'Oh who would o'er the downs,' Messdames Bruce and Evans, Miss Wilson, Messrs. Bruce and Mansell; instrumental duet (violin and piano), 'Forget-me-not,' Miss J. Sharkey and Mr. Robertson; comic song, Mr. Maloney; duet, 'I heard a voice in the tranquil,' by Misses E. and J. Sharkey, brought the musical part of the programme to a close. 'Ernscliff Hall,' a drama in three acts by the convent pupils, brought a most enjoyable entertainment to an end. Mr. J. Grimmond kindly acted as stage manager, and the accompanists were Misses Sharkey, Healy, Pedrazzi, and Knowles.

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were successful. One of the candidates, Miss M. Sullivan, gained within twelve months honors in the practical and theoretical examinations in the Senior division (Trinity College), and honors in the Advanced Grade, Local Centre (R.A.M.). She is only fourteen years of age, and has received the whole of her musical training at the convent. The following is the list:—Professional—Aileen Daly, A.T.C.L. Senior grade—May Sullivan (violin), 68. Intermediate—Mary O'Flaherty (piano), 80 (honors); Maud Rooney (piano), 77. Junior—Maggie O'Flaherty (piano), 86 (honors); Nellie O'Connor (violin), 62. Preparatory—Mary Devaney (piano), 100; Kathleen Gieseking (piano), 100; Marie Jones (piano), 96; Emma Shroder (singing), 70.

At the examination conducted by Mr. R. Cummings in connection with the Associated Board, the only pupil presented by the convent was Una Sullivan for Advanced Grade, Local Centre (piano), and she secured 136 marks, thereby gaining honors.

Results of Musical Knowledge, held in June:—Senior division—Una Sullivan, 82 (honors); May Sullivan, 74; May Moloney, 64. Intermediate—Bertha Harrop, 90 (honors); Maud Rooney, 74. Junior—Maggie O'Flaherty, 95 (honors); Myra Davis, 86 (honors); Nellie Hannam, 85 (honors); Mary Devaney, 74; Marie Jones, 65. Preparatory—Katie Mitchell, 100; Willie Jones, 99; Kathleen Gieseking, 96; Kathleen Kortegast, 95; Verdi Sargison, 95; Remenyi Sargison, 95; Eileen Rugg, 84; Willie Martini, 81; Mary Kidd, 69; Thomas Stopforth, 61.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 22.

To-day the jubilee celebration of the Sisters of Mercy in Auckland is being celebrated at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby.

The Onehunga Catholic Men's Club some time ago tendered a complimentary euchre party and social to its lady friends, and last Wednesday evening the latter returned the compliment by giving a similar entertainment to the club. It was a great success, the club rooms being full. Rev. Father Mahoney was present. After the euchre party a nice supper was served. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Rev. Father Lynch, who has been transferred from Coromandel to Kihikahi, was on the eve of his departure from the former place, entertained at a conversation, at which, an address and purse of sovereigns were presented to him. Members of other denominations attended to mark the high esteem in which they held Father Lynch. The address was read by Mr. J. B. Rockliff. Mr. T. W. Rhodes also spoke, and eulogised the good work done in the district by Father Lynch, who had endeared himself to them all, and they parted with him with the very deepest regret. The Rev. Father Lynch feelingly replied, and thanked the people for their great and constant kindness to him since he had been with them. He would never forget them. A nice musical programme was provided during the evening.

Rev. Fathers McCormack and Sullivan, of Maitland diocese, arrived here last Sunday by the 'Victoria' from Sydney. They are on a holiday tour through the Dominion. Both of them, being old Thurles College students, were delighted to find in Auckland two priests from the same seminary—Rev. Fathers Furlong and Tormey. They left yesterday for the Thames. From there they journey to Paeroa to visit the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, thence to Rotorua, and then down the Wanganui River to Wellington. Father McCormack goes to the West Coast, where his sister, Mrs. O'Rourke, and his brother, Mr. W. McCormack, reside at Grantly. They expect to be absent three months from Maitland. It is fourteen years since Father McCormack was in Auckland.

Last Friday evening the concert given in honor of the eleventh anniversary of the consecration of his Lordship the Bishop was a great success. His Lordship and a large number of the clergy were present, and a large and appreciative audience. The hall was nicely decorated. The feature of the entertainment was the singing of the orphan children. Their performance certainly ranked very high, and spoke volumes for the attention bestowed upon them by the good Sisters of Mercy. The following was the programme:—Part song, 'Oh hail us ye free,' the orphans; cello solo, Herr Blitz; song, 'Il baccio,' Madame Cassier; 'Halleluiahs' chorus ('The Messiah'), St. Patrick's Choir (conducted by Mr. P. F. Hiscocks); song, 'The swallows,' Miss Alda Ralph; solo and chorus, 'A dolly and her coach,'

the orphans; song, 'My queen,' Mr. John Fuller; part song, 'I would that my love,' the orphans; musical monologue, 'The poet,' Mr. Harry Herbert; grand scene and aria, 'Miserere' ('Il Trovatore'), Miss Annie Lorrigan, Mr. John Fuller, and St. Patrick's Choir (conductor Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, organist Mr. H. Hiscocks); solo and chorus, 'To the woods,' part song, 'Good night, farewell,' the orphans. Mrs. MacAndrew, Mrs. Ralph, and Mr. Harry Hiscocks were the accompanists. Mr. Thomas Holbrook, the energetic secretary, is deserving of commendation for the efficient manner in which he carried out his numerous duties.

NEW HEADFORD

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

On Tuesday evening, November 19, the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, New Headford, celebrated the 25th anniversary of its opening in the schoolroom at New Headford, when there was a very large attendance, including visitors from other branches. Bro. M. F. Ryan (president) occupied the chair, and the Rev. Father O'Connell (chaplain of the Christchurch branch) and Rev. Father Mahony (Leeston) were present. An apology was received for the absence through illness of the Rev. Father Richards (chaplain of the branch). After justice had been done to the good things provided a lengthy toast list was proceeded with. That of 'The Pope and King' was proposed by the chairman.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, in an eloquent speech, proposed the toast of the 'H.A.C.B. Society,' dwelling on the good work it was doing, and making an earnest plea for more general support for it from Catholic men, especially the young men.

Bros. Doolan, Dennehy, and Power (Christchurch) replied in appropriate speeches.

Bro. Sellars (Christchurch) proposed 'The New Headford branch,' which he said had a very creditable record, and then gave some interesting particulars regarding the early history of the Society in the Dominion. He informed the gathering that he had been appointed District Deputy for Canterbury, an announcement which was received with applause. The New Headford branch had been most fortunate, he said, in having at all times competent and energetic officers, and, in passing, he mentioned the assistance given to the branch since its foundation by the Ryan family—five members of which were present on that occasion.

Bro. M. F. Ryan, in replying, said the branch was formed on Sunday, November 19, 1882, with a membership of 21. The speaker and Bro. Lloyd were the only original members who were living. Bro. Lloyd had journeyed from Kaiapoi to be present at the gathering. The present membership of the branch was 30, and they had paid away in sick pay during the quarter of a century upwards of £357. The funds on hand and invested amounted to £276 odd.

Bro. McVeigh gave an interesting history of the branch and its members, and eulogised the tact and ability of the president.

Bro. Doherty proposed 'Our Chaplains,' and spoke at some length of the good work done by them.

The Rev. Father Mahony (Leeston), suitably replied. 'The visiting brethren' was proposed by the president, and responded to by Bro. N. Slattery (Leeston); 'The oldest members' by Bro. McVeigh, and responded so by Bros. Lloyd and Ryan. Both of these members gave some very interesting reminiscences of the founding of the branch and of its early days.

A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of 'Auld lang syne.' During the evening songs were given by the Rev. Fathers Mahony and O'Connell, and Bros. Dennehy, J. Ryan, Healy (Ashburton), Mr. Wilson, and others.

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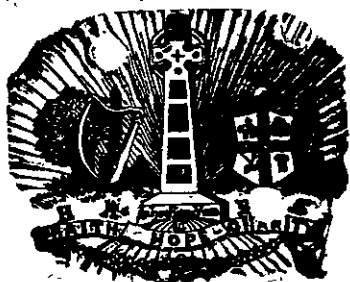
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The mutton market is quiet. Holders are firm, and there is a better demand for mutton for forward delivery, with general confidence in the maintenance of present prices. Quotations: Canterbury mutton, 3½d; North Island, 3½d.

Lamb.—The market is a shade weaker and the demand is falling off. Canterbury lamb, 5½d; other than Canterbury, 5½d.

The beef market is quiet and rather steadier. Hind-quarters, 3½d; forequarters, 2½d.

The butter market shows an improved demand. Good inquiry is expected until Christmas. Choicest New Zealand butter, 118s per cwt; Australian, 117s; Argentine, 118s; Danish, 122s; Siberian, 110s.

Cheese.—The market is quiet, with a tendency in favor of buyers. Canadian manufacture, 62s per cwt.

The cocksfoot seed market is quiet. Holders are firm. Light stocks are on hand, and there is no pressure to sell. Bright, clean, 17lb seed, £75 per ton.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We submitted a full catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. There was only a limited competition for any of the lines on offer, and in consequence the bulk of the offering was withdrawn for private sale. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—During the past week holders have been more disposed to offer their stocks of good to prime feed lines, but in the absence of any demand for export sales have not been readily effected, and any business done is at slightly reduced values. Prime milling, 3s 11d; good to best feed, 3s 8d to 3s 10d; inferior to medium, 3s 6d to 3s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Local stocks are much reduced, and in milling quality only small lots are offering. Millers are not disposed to operate at present quotations, and the bulk of the local business is confined to sales of fowl wheat, chiefly for local consumption. Quotations: Prime milling, 6s to 6s 1d; medium, 5s 10d to 5s 11d; whole fowl wheat, 5s 8d to 5s 10d; broken and damaged, 5s to 5s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is heavily supplied, although within the past week consignments have slackened considerably. At our sale we submitted a large selection. Medium and inferior quality had no demand, as anything but prime are not in request. Good, sound, Up-to-dates realised £2 to £2 5s (a few choice to £2 10s); medium, £1 15s to £1 17s 6d; Prime Derwents have some inquiry, and are saleable at £2 5s to £2 15s, but for those in doubtful condition there is little demand. During the past week a considerable quantity has been cleared, and, as the sale of these will materially reduce the quantity available, it is hoped that an

upward move will become apparent in the near future.

Chaff.—The quantity coming forward is sufficient to supply requirements, and except for prime lots late values are barely maintained. Good to prime oaten sheaf is in fair demand at £6 5s to £6 10s; medium to fair, £5 10s to £6 per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Quotations: Oaten, 55s; wheaten, 47s 6d to 50s per ton (pressed).

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We had only a medium entry of horses forward for last Saturday's sale. There was a fair attendance of the public, and a moderate amount of business was transacted. The demand for really first-class young draught geldings, suitable for town work, is good. Spring-van and spring-cart-horses and good useful reliable buggy horses are also wanted, and prices for these classes continue good. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £50; extra good do (prize-winners), at from £50 to £55; superior young draught mares, at from £50 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £15 to £20; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; light hacks, £8 to £13; extra good hacks and harness horses, £13 to £25; weedy and aged do, £5 to £7.

WEDDING BELLS

GILFEDDER—HORAN.

An interesting wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Invercargill, on November 11. The contracting parties were Mr. P. J. Giffedder and Miss Mary Ann (Minnie) Horan, children of two old and respected residents of Southland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Delany. The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. P. Giffedder, Kennington, and brother of Judge Giffedder, of the Native Land Court. The bride is eldest daughter of Mr. T. Horan. The bride, who was attended by Miss Giffedder (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Maggie Horan (sister), was given away by her father. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. J. Giffedder (brother). The bride was beautifully attired. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bride's parents in Bowmont street, and was attended by the friends of both families. The usual toasts were duly honored. The presents were numerous and costly, testifying in the most convincing manner to the esteem and respect in which the bride is held by her numerous friends. The breakfast over, the happy pair, accompanied by a large party, drove to the railway station, and took their departure for the north on their honeymoon trip.

HEARN—FISHER.

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, New Plymouth, on October 22, by Rev. Father McManus, when Mr. Martin Thomas Hearn, only son of the late Mr. Nicholas Hearn, of 'Buenos Ayres,' Waverley, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Annie Beaumont Fisher, second daughter of Mr. William Fisher, Clifton Downs, Waitara. The bride, who looked charming, was attired in white silk, and wore the usual veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ivy Fisher, and Miss Catherine Hearn (sister of the bridegroom). Mr. J. Condon (cousin of bridegroom) acted as best man, and Mr. Thomas Fisher (brother of bride) was groomsmen. As the happy couple left the church Miss Josephine Moore played the 'Wedding March.' The church was nicely decorated by Mrs. Clark. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where the wedding breakfast was held. After the usual toasts were duly honored, the happy couple left on their honeymoon trip to Christchurch and Dunedin.

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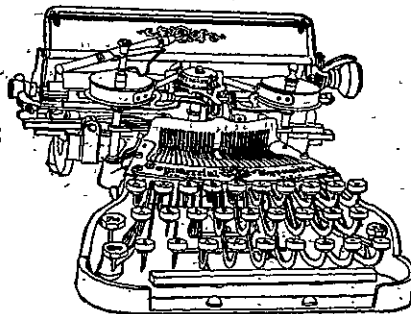
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Presentation to Father Molloy, Ponsonby

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

The impending departure of the Rev. Father Molloy from the Sacred Heart parish, Ponsonby, has caused widespread regret amongst those with whom, and for whom he has labored so zealously since his arrival from Ireland about eighteen months ago. A meeting of the parishioners was held after last Mass on Sunday, to bid him farewell—a meeting which, by reason of the numbers present, and the intensity of regret shown, will long remain memorable amongst parochial meetings in Auckland.

Rev. Father Williams occupied the chair, with Rev. Father Molloy on his right, and amongst others present were Messrs. D. Flynn, Maguire, Casey, Brown, Gleeson, J. F. O'Brien, Fitzpatrick, P. and W. Darby, Prince, Simpson, Lowry, Mulawey, McVeigh, and Wright.

Rev. Father Williams briefly opened the proceedings, and said that his Lordship the Bishop had expressed his regret at being unable to attend owing to a previous important engagement. He then called upon Mr. D. Flynn to read the address on behalf of the parishioners.

Mr. Flynn then read an address, expressive of the feelings, reverence, and esteem in which Father Molloy was held by the parishioners, and their regret at his departure and good wishes for his future. Mr. Flynn then expressed his personal regret, and said that during his time amongst them Father Molloy had made a remarkably deep impression on all by his unassuming but untiring zeal, and his anxiety for the spiritual welfare of his people, rich and poor. Particularly was Father Molloy respected and beloved by the young men of the parish, and it was amongst them the results of his zeal and personality were most apparent. Father Molloy was now going, amid their sincere regrets, to take charge of a country parish, and in his new sphere of labor his old parishioners wished him every blessing and success.

Mr. Maurice Casey then presented Father Molloy with a purse of fifty-five sovereigns, on behalf of the people of the parish, and said that while it was a small material token of their respect for him the true token would be the lasting efficacy in their lives of his spiritual ministrations during the last eighteen months.

Messrs. Bryant and Lowry and W. Darby also spoke. Rev. Father Molloy, in reply, said it was nearly two years since he left his home in Ireland a newly ordained priest to take up his work in Auckland. He could assure them that that day of parting from home and friends alone could compare with his feelings to-day. He felt his parting from the people of Ponsonby intensely, for nothing could exceed the kindness, the generous sympathy, the consolation he had had during his stay amongst them. Their gift came to him as a sacred thing, for he knew it was the outcome of their love; but while from his heart he thanked them he assured them that they had surprised him beyond anything in his life. It was only one week since he knew of the impending change, and this, as far as time went, impromptu meeting, with the magnificent present they gave him, filled him with deep feelings of gratitude and also with encouragement. It made him feel certain that his work amongst them, if it could beget such a splendid present and such a sympathetic meeting, would surely be crowned by the good God with the final blessing of permanency. The welfare of the people of Ponsonby was very dear to him. His parting word to them was—be good, continue in goodness—that alone was the best and most consoling thing they could do for him.

A retreat for ladies will begin at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Island Bay, Wellington, on January 13. The retreat will be preached by the Rev. Father Kelly, S.J.

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OBITUARY

MR. McCULLOUGH, WAIMATE.

On Tuesday of last week a serious accident occurred to Mr. McCullough, of Quamby (says the 'Waimate Advertiser'). Whilst proceeding to his home from town his horse bolted, and he was thrown out of the trap on to a large pile of boulders. He was taken to the house unconscious, and Dr. Barclay at once telephoned for. On his arrival with Dean Regnault about an hour after it was found that there was a very bad fracture of the skull, several ribs broken, and both knees injured. On Thursday Mr. McCullough succumbed to his injuries, his condition from the first being hopeless. His funeral took place on Saturday. A large gathering assembled for the Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Church, the Rev. Father Tymons being the celebrant, the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay (Oamaru) and Very Rev. Dean Regnault assisting in the sanctuary. The funeral left St. Patrick's Church for the cemetery in the afternoon, the remains being followed by a large concourse of people from all round the district. Dean Regnault officiated at the grave, assisted by Monsignor Mackay and Father Tymons.—R.I.P.

MR. W. H. LUNDON, WAIMATE.

The funeral of the late Mr. W. H. London took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst. (says the 'Waimate Advertiser'), a large number of friends following the sad procession to the grave. For the many years Mr. London was resident in this district he was identified with the cause of labor; he was a ready speaker and clear thinker. It was ever his aim to put forward the claims of the working man to a fair share of this world's goods; and of its prosperity and in his capacity as an official of the shearers' and workers' unions he persistently brought such claims before the Government. At the grave Very Rev. Dean Regnault made feeling references to the great qualities of the deceased, and the sacrifices he had made for the sake of his fellow-workers, and asked those present in return to pray for the repose of his soul.—R.I.P.

Interprovincial

The Parliamentary session was brought to a close on Monday.

The Invercargill Catholic Club closed the session for the current year with an oratorical competition. Five competed, the winner being Mr. J. Sims.

A few evenings ago Constable Edwards, of Port Chalmers, was presented at the Dunedin Police Station with a marble clock, bearing the following inscription: 'Mr. Edwards from the Dunedin police on the occasion of his marriage.'

A portion, consisting of 3829 acres of the well-known Springfield Estate, near Ashburton, was sold by auction in blocks on Saturday for a total of £82,990 10s—an average of £21 11s 10s per acre. The sale was the best held there for many years, the bidding being exceedingly brisk.

A return showing the receipts and expenditure of the recent Exhibition from the 27th of May, 1905, to the 31st of October, 1907, was presented to Parliament on Saturday. The total expenditure was £239,970, and the actual loss made good by the Government was £87,617.

The khaki-colored slouch-hat of the postman, born of the jingoism of eight years ago, is doomed (says the 'Dominion'), and not before its time, as it never was a neat type of head-gear for an official. The Postmaster-General has practically decided upon the adoption of the postman's shako as worn by the letter-carriers in the British service. This is a well-shaped shako, somewhat akin to those worn by the local police, made of dark blue cloth, on a stiff shape, and having the straight, glazed peak in front and the 'drop' behind. Each shako will be braided with black ribbon piped with red, and will bear the brass letters 'P.O.' in front.

JOHN, MICHAEL, AND MARY HOARE (OR HORE).

THE Executors of the Will of Maurice Hoare (or Hore), late of Ballarat (deceased), wish to communicate with the legatees described therein as John, Michael and Mary Hoare, of Laureton Diggings, New Zealand. Information about them is requested by PEARSON & MANN, Solicitors, Lydiard street, Ballarat, Victoria.

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MARRIAGES

CAHILL—CLARK.—On October 16. at St. Joseph's
Cathedral, Dunedin, by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, Thomas
Henry, third son of Mr. P. Cahill, Cromwell, to Freda,
eldest daughter of the late Archibald Clark, Roxburgh.

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

GILFEDDER—HORAN.—On November 11, 1907, by
the Rev. Father Delany, Peter Joseph, youngest son of
Mr. P. Giltedder, Kennington, to Mary Ann (Minnie),
eldest daughter of Mr. T. Horan, teacher.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

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

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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 28, 1907.

THE GAMING LAW



HE lady in Butler's poetical romance

'Heard old cunning stagers
Say fools for arguments use wagers'.

The wagering or gaming instinct is deep-
seated in human nature. And though in
itself and under due restrictions it is no
violation of natural or divine law, the widespread abuse
of it in our time constitutes a moral and social prob-
lem of great and pressing difficulty. Our Parliament
faced the problem in the dying days of the recent ses-
sion. It was a big task to undertake at such a time.
But inspiration was found, as to one grave part of the
difficulty, in the drastic measures which have success-
fully coped with gambling dens beyond the Tasman Sea.
The Australian Acts were a lamp to the feet of our
legislators. And the measure which issued from their

high-pressure deliberations was, as the Attorney-General explained, 'a plain-working compromise between the three distinct camps in evidence on the gambling question—namely, the totalisator camp, the bookmakers' camp, and the Puritan camp'. The debates on the subject were, in effect, legislative specimens of the triangular duel in 'Midshipman Easy'.

The new measure is thus—and by the necessities of the case—a compromise. As such, it will fail to meet with the full approval of any of the three hostile sections. But, on the whole it is an acceptable measure, in so far as it cuts off some of the worst excrescences that have grown upon the gaming instinct among us. The measure, however, displays some of the defects of over-haste—a few inconsistencies, sundry failures of co-ordination in some of its minor provisions. But these will, no doubt, stand so revealed in the working that they will probably be legislated out of it in the near future. In the meantime, street and tote-shop betting are slain by the amended Act; gaming houses are closed; newspapers in New Zealand may no longer publish 'tips' regarding horse-races, nor 'any information, advice, or suggestion as to the probable result of any race', nor even, as an item of news, report the dividends paid on any race by the totalisator; on premises registered as a factory no person may make, or offer to make, any bet or wager regarding any horse-race or other sports defined by the Act; and the whole measure proceeds on the sound principle of quarantining wagering on horses to those present at races. If it succeeds in this, the new measure will render an important service to the Dominion. The giving of a legal status to the bookmaker is a provision which may, in easily conceivable circumstances, tend to intensify the evils of gambling within the restricted area of the race-course. A great deal depends upon the interpretation and the working of this provision of the Act. On the whole, the Act is a commendable effort to grapple with a problem of menacing urgency. To all our readers, in fine, we commend in this matter, the example of the popular actor, William Terriss, as recorded in his biography by Arthur J. Smythe—to back only the 'little filly called Common Sense, ridden by Tommy Let-it-alone'.

Notes

Brer Rabbit

In European folklore and fable, the fox is the great emblem of cunning. But in Uncle Remus's plantation stories, Brer Rabbit outwits Brer Fox at every turn. The negro, says Joel Chandler Harris, 'selects as his hero the weakest and most harmless of all animals, and brings him out victorious in contests with the bear, the wolf, and the fox. It is not virtue that triumphs, but helplessness; it is not malice, but mischievousness.' There is a singular pathos in this characteristic of negro folklore. In Australia and New Zealand, Brer Rabbit has scored over more powerful enemies than the bear, the wolf, and the fox. Cased in a triple armor of passive resistance, burrowing habits, and (best of them all) marvellous fecundity, he has defied shotgun, the most potent poisons, and the microbes of the Pasteur Institute. This last was the toughest tussle of all, and Australia looked on while burrowing rodent and armies of deadly microbes struggled for the mastery. But the umpire has awarded the belt to the rabbit. So much we learn from a Sydney cable message in last Saturday's daily papers. It runs as follows:—

Dr. Tidswill, who, as the representative of the Federal and State Governments, watched the experiments with the Danyasz virus for rabbit extermination, has presented his report. He finds that the efficiency of the virus as a destroyer of rabbits has not been demonstrated, and that although the microbe might be made

to infect certain small animals, there is no reason to apprehend any danger from its practical use. He points out that a similar, or at least indistinguishable, virus has been known for years, and its natural behaviour on the main land has not been sufficient to keep rabbits in check, and no results have come out of the experiments to indicate that the virus could be artificially manipulated with greater efficiency. There need be no apprehension of danger to human beings from its use, while the risk to other animals is remote.

Brer Man has been worsted, as well as Brer B'ar and Brer Wolf and Brer Fox. But Brer Man may yet find among his growing microscopic menagerie a microbe with a more potent virus, yet sufficiently safe, to let loose in the big warrens of Australia and New Zealand. And then Brer Rabbit must look once more to his armor.

Tourist Traffic

Johnson did not tour till late in life—when his heart was too crusty and his mind too hardened by insular notions to learn the tolerance that travel teaches. And so to the end of his days he never overcame his dislike of foreigners, whom he catalogued *holus-bolus* as 'fools'. The immense facilities of travel nowadays are highly calculated to break down the race prejudice that seems to set its strongest grip on insular peoples. And in the end, the tourist, with his puttees and his knickerbockers and his slung kodak, may unconsciously be playing a contributing part in the international peace of the future. In the meantime he is, even in New Zealand, an asset that increases steadily in value year by year. According to Commendatore Bodio, the tourist traffic is worth about £40,000 a day to Italy. Several years ago it was estimated that the tourists to the Riviera enriched these charming Mediterranean winter resorts to the tune of some £12,000,000 annually, while some £5,000,000 were distributed by summer visitors among the hotels and boarding-houses of Switzerland, 'the playground of Europe'. Switzerland had in 1899 (the year of the latest available report) 3167 hotels and boarding-houses, with an invested capital of £22,000,000. And in the same year 2,559,000 arrivals were registered at the hotels, etc., representing an influx of some 300,000 to 400,000 individual tourists, of whom 34 per cent. were estimated to be Germans, 20 per cent. Swiss, 17 per cent. English, 11 per cent. French, and 18 per cent. of various other nationalities. We in New Zealand are far out on the rim of the world. But the unique character of our scenic attractions, and the reputation of our tight little islands as a sportsman's paradise, are drawing to our shores an increasing stream of visitors from afar, that bids fair to make New Zealand the playground of the Southern Hemisphere, as Switzerland is of the Northern.

Those Wall Charts

The Wellington Education Board has accepted (so the papers say) a number of wall charts of the Ten Commandments, to be hung up in the State schools within their jurisdiction. Are the members of the Board aware that the translation of the Ten Commandments referred to is taken from a sectarian version of the Holy Scriptures? Are they aware of the controversies—sometimes, unfortunately, deplorably bitter on the non-Catholic side—that have whirled and eddied and even still sometimes circle, around the division and the wording of the Ten Commandments? The new biblical charts are of course, intended, not merely to fill so much wall space, but to be read, at least casually, by the pupils during school hours. If not, what are they for? How does this square with the legalised secular character of the system during working time? And can the Board see any difference in principle between placarding a part of the Protestant version of the Bible on the school walls, in large print, during school hours, and placing a part, or the whole, of the same sectarian version of the Inspired Record as a reading-book in the hands of the pupils? And how will Jewish parents rel-

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ish this new departure and all that it may logically lead to? If the Board proposes to cover one bit of wall of the public schools with a Protestant version of one part of the Bible during school time, why not adorn another wall with a standing Catholic version of another part of the Bible—say selected portions of the sixth chapter of St. John, or of the seventh chapter of the first epistle to the Corinthians? And if these things are done for one creed or set of creeds, why may not agnostic or atheist parents demand equal treatment for their views of religion, since they are called upon to contribute to the support of the State school system? Is the Wellington Board prepared for this? And if not, why not? 'Fair play all around,' their agnostic or atheist memorialists could plead: 'if the system is to be professedly neutral, then let it be so; if it is to be ever so little sectarian in favor of one set of tax-payers then let it be equally so for all the rest—no more, but yet no less.'

St. Paul stood by 'the sound form of words.' Forms of words—prayers, hymns, articles of religion, particular turns given to translations of doctrinal or devotional Scripture texts—are intimately associated with forms of faith. Thus, a particular wording of the Ten Commandments and of the Lord's Prayer has come to be, in effect, as much a profession (or rather manifestation) of Protestant faith as the trite formula which expresses belief in the Real Absence or rejects the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome. And if the forms—whether biblical or non-biblical—of one faith are to be placed large during school hours upon the walls of the public schools, why not the forms of another? Why not, for instance, the Crucifix, or pictures of the sweet Maid whom Wordsworth styles 'our tainted nature's solitary boast'? We know that the introduction of such things would raise little hurricanes of feeling. As a matter of fact, the gift of a beautiful copy of a famous painting of the Mother and Child was a few years ago rejected by the management of a Board school in England on the plea that it was a sectarian emblem. But if one set of forms having a sectarian association is in place during working hours in the public schools, how can the others be out of place? It is a poor principle that will not work both ways. We have said this a few times before. We should rejoice exceedingly to see every non-Catholic child in New Zealand brought up during school-time in the knowledge and love of God's holy law. But—until some satisfactory settlement of the question is affected—we do not care to see sectarianism introduced into the public schools during working hours, whether in large doses or in small, whether brought in openly by the front door or smuggled down the chimney. If our school system is to remain secular, during school hours, let it be so in fact; if not, let it be frankly altered. And nobody will welcome a fair and equitable change more than Catholics, who have made such great and long-sustained sacrifices because of their keen sense of the evils of intellectual without religious training of youth.

DIocese of DUNEDIN

In addition to the usual Masses on Sunday at St. Joseph's Cathedral there will, for the future, be one at 6.30 o'clock.

His Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday afternoon at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, to close on one hundred candidates, a number of whom were adults. Prior to the ceremony a sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R. After Confirmation his Lordship administered the temperance pledge to the children. Confirmation will be administered in Ranfurly on next Sunday, in Ophir on December 8, and at St. Joseph's Cathedral on December 15. His Lordship will make a visitation of Ophir and Ranfurly during next week.

On Tuesday evening the members of St. Joseph's Harrier Club were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson

at their residence. A pleasant evening was spent, and, after justice had been done to the good things provided, Mr. W. Rodgers tendered the thanks of the members of the club to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson for the evening's entertainment, and referred in eulogistic terms to the unflinching interest Mrs. Jackson had taken in the welfare of the club since its inception. The members looked on Mrs. Jackson as their best friend, and her assistance, often given at great personal inconvenience, had contributed in no small degree to the success of the many invitation runs that had been given to the other clubs in Dunedin. Mr. Jos. Swanson, replying on behalf of Mrs. Jackson, said she was only too pleased to help on the club as far as lay in her power, and promised in the future the services of which they had made such kindly mention.

The charming musical comedy, 'Hans the Boatman,' is to be produced at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in aid of the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin. As this is the only appeal made on behalf of the institution during the year, it is sure to be generously supported by all admirers of the noble work the Sisters of Mercy are doing in the cause of humanity by tending and caring for these waifs and strays. This will be the fifth annual appeal, the net results of the previous four being £104, £111, £140, and £180 17s. 6d. The committee, anxious to keep pace with this progress, is putting on the comedy in a manner to surpass all previous efforts. Mr. Percy James having charge of the cast and Mr. J. J. Marlow the business arrangements is a guarantee that both departments will be well looked after.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard East, who have been residents of Dunedin for the past 31 years, celebrated their golden wedding at their residence, Frederick street, on Saturday afternoon. A large number of friends and relatives were present on the occasion, and were hospitably entertained by the aged couple. Children, grandchildren, and a great-grandchild were included among the relatives. Telegrams of congratulation were received from England, the Commonwealth, and several parts of New Zealand, and a large number of golden presents were received. During the afternoon Mr. J. A. X. Reidie toasted the health of the host and hostess. Dr. G. M. East, of Great Barrier, a son of Mr. and Mrs. East, replied on behalf of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. East were married in Geelong, Victoria, on November 23, 1857. Mr. East was for 21 years an Imperial soldier, and served through the Maori war, and was a member of the 40th Regiment.

The three weeks' mission, conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers in St. Joseph's Cathedral, was brought to a close on Sunday. The closing services for the women were in the afternoon, when there was a very large congregation. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Creagh. In the evening the Cathedral was filled with men, when the Very Rev. Father Clune preached. The Very Rev. preacher at the conclusion expressed his pleasure at the success of the mission, congratulated the congregation on their regular attendance, thanked his Lordship the Bishop for giving the Redemptorist Fathers an opportunity of conducting the mission, the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and the other clergy for their aid, and all who had in any way assisted. The ceremonies concluded with the Papal Blessing and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday morning a mission was opened in the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley, by the Very Rev. Father Clune. The mission is being conducted by the Rev. Fathers McDermott and Lowham. The Very Rev. Father Clune and Rev. Father Creagh left for the north on Monday. Very Rev. Father Clune proceeded to Wellington, and the Rev. Father Creagh to Reefton, where he opened a mission on Wednesday. The missions in the Winton and Riverton parishes are conducted by the Rev. Fathers Hunt and Campbell.

Invercargill

The following is a list of the candidates presented by St. Catherine's Dominican College at the practical music examinations held in Invercargill by Mr. C. Edwards, L.T.C.L., (all the pupils presented passed):—Senior grade—Honors (pianoforte)—Kathleen Collins, 82, recommended for higher exams.; Millie Hamilton, 68 (pass). Intermediate grade (honors)—Colleen Evans, 90, silver medallist in local centre; May Hannan, 85; May Ford, 83; Ruby Smyth, 78 (pass). Junior grade—Pass, Vera Bews, 75; Maggie Rodgers, 67. Preparatory grade—May O'Byrne, 94; Dorothy Hamilton, 94; Irene Bews, 92; Mardie Stretell, 73; May Moloney, 68.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 25.

Our 45th A. and P. Annual Show has come and gone, and the town is quiet once more. On People's Day about 10,000 were present on the new show grounds, and the exhibition was voted an all-round excellent one.

Owing to numerous counter attractions the programme for last Friday at the Oamaru Catholic Club was cancelled. The club purpose holding a progressive euchre and fancy dress party on the evening of the 29th inst. As this will be the final euchre party of the present session a large attendance is expected.

The practical music examinations under the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. were held in Oamaru on Thursday last, Mr. R. Cummings being the examiner. The following are the results:—Lower division (pianoforte)—Margaret Twomey (Dominican nuns), 130 (distinction). Elementary division (pianoforte)—Doris Potter, 124; Aggie Pringle, 118; Jane Pringle, 111; Rita Falconer, 111; and Eva Miller, 103 (all pupils of the Dominican nuns). Primary division (pianoforte)—M. Whillans (Miss Cartwright), 137 (distinction); Dolly Kelly (Dominican nuns), 136 (distinction); Greta Cooney (Dominican nuns), 131 (distinction); Elsie Fleming (Dominican nuns), 121; K. O'Donnell (singing) (Dominican nuns), 101.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

November 24.

The pupils of the convent purpose holding their annual concert on December 12.

The Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Meaneer, preached at both the 11 o'clock Mass and at Vespers to-day to large congregations.

As regards the reference to the 'Elijah,' to be put on shortly for the Hospital funds, by an error it was made to appear that there would be a difficulty in obtaining some 250 voices, whereas it should have read no difficulty in obtaining same, and at our first meeting of selection committee we had no less than 150 names to go through, and have some 60 more for to-morrow night's meeting.

The remaining prizes held over from the Dominion Bazaar were disposed of at the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday last, in the presence of Messrs. E. O. Hurley and R. Edwards and a large audience. At the conclusion of the proceedings Rev. Father Bowe, on behalf of the committee, presented the secretary, Mr. W. Ryan, with a silver-mounted umbrella suitably inscribed, as a token of the esteem in which he is held.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon, who are leaving the parish to reside in Wellington, were presented by the Rev. Father Costello with a silver tea and coffee service on behalf of the members of St. Patrick's parish. Eulogistic references were made by Father Costello and Messrs. W. Devine, W. Ryan, and M. J. Kennedy to the many excellent qualities of Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon, and much regret was expressed at their departure. Mr. Hanlon, in responding, expressed the hope that he would return to Palmerston in the course of a few years.

The Catholic Men's Club held an oratorical competition in the Zealandia Hall on Monday last. Mr. M. J. Kennedy occupied the chair, there being a fair attendance. The competitors and their subjects were Messrs. P. Power ('Robert Emmet'), F. Kennedy ('Daniel O'Connell'), L. Hanlon ('George Washington'), A. J. Richard ('Michael Davitt'). The judges, Dr. O'Brien, and Messrs. W. F. O'Donnell, Moriarty, and A. L. Westmoreland, found it a hard task to place the speakers, the oratory being of a higher order than anything yet attempted by the club. Mr. L. Hanlon was awarded first place, with the narrow margin of one point from Mr. F. Kennedy, who got second. The winner will be presented with a handsome diploma of merit by the Executive of the Federated Catholic Clubs.

Kerrytown

The schoolroom at Kerrytown was crowded on Thursday night of last week on the occasion of the annual concert in aid of the Catholic schools (says the 'Temuka Leader'). The following was the programme—Part 1—Duet (pianoforte), Misses A. and C. Coughlan; action song, junior girls; duet (pianoforte), Misses Myrtle Petrie and Lucy Brosnan; comedietta (junior

boys), 'Blind Obedience,' in which the characters were sustained by Masters Michael Brosnan, Gilbert Tozer, Robert Brosnan, Maurice Brosnan, William Coffey, Thomas Fitzgerald, E. Tozer, C. Scannell, L. and J. Brosnan, F. Naughton, W. O'Driscoll, and Miss Margaret Brosnan; duet (pianoforte), Misses M. and M. T. Brosnan; dance, Highland fling, Misses K. Brosnan, M. A. Brosnan, C. Coughlan, and M. Nolan; duet (pianoforte), Misses Blanche Hoare and Lucy Brosnan; club drill, Misses M. Fitzgerald, M. O'Connell, K. O'Connell, C. Coughlan, K. Brosnan, and B. O'Driscoll (accompanist, Miss Scannell); drama (senior boys), 'The Confidential Clerk,' in which the parts were undertaken by Masters James Brosnan, Michael Brosnan, Thomas Fitzgerald, Thomas Brosnan, Frank O'Connell, Maurice Brosnan; duet (pianoforte), Misses Katie Brosnan and Clara Coughlan. Part 2—Duet (pianoforte), Master Thomas and Miss Mary Fitzgerald; monologue, Mr. Barrie Marschel; song, 'The song that will live for ever,' Miss Carlyon; comedy, 'A field of clover,' Mr. Barrie Marschel and Miss Irene Carlyon. As in former years the musical part of the programme was made a special feature. There were no less than six pianoforte duets on the programme. The children showed considerable skill, and acquitted themselves in a manner that reflected great credit on themselves and their painstaking teachers. The action song by the junior girls made a very pretty spectacle. The comedietta by the junior boys entitled 'Blind Obedience' was very good. The boys spoke clearly and distinctly and without hesitation, and showed remarkable dramatic talent. The four girls who danced the Highland fling did so in a splendid manner. Miss Scannell (piano) and Mr. Coffey (violin) provided the music. The club drill was another much appreciated item. The drama of 'The Confidential Clerk,' by the senior boys was quite a treat. The boys entered thoroughly into the characters they impersonated, and spoke clearly and well. Miss Scannell acted as accompanist in a very efficient manner. After the interval Mr. Barrie Marschel gave a monologue item which caused great amusement, and in response to a very hearty encore he gave 'Shamus O'Brien' in great dramatic style. Miss Irene Carlyon sang 'The song that will live for ever,' and as the audience insisted on an encore, she sang 'The wearing of the green,' and was again applauded, and bowed her acknowledgments. Mr. Barrie Marschel and Miss Irene Carlyon were very successful in their comedy entitled 'A field of clover.' Altogether the concert was a great success, and the Sisters are to be congratulated on the excellent work done by the children under their tuition.

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6. We shall always be prepared to carry out, under the supervision of the Registration Board, any improvements that may be made in the State School programme.
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Irish News

ARMAGH—Tandragee Castle

Mr Eugene Zimmerman, the Duke of Manchester's father-in-law, has taken a lease from His Grace for twenty-one years of Tandragee Castle and demesne, and has purchased all the furniture and effects in the castle. For the first time during four generations the Duke of Manchester has now no residence in Co. Armagh.

CLARE—Heroic Fishermen

The story of the rescue from a watery grave of the crew of the French sailing ship *Leon XIII.* deserves to be enshrined in letters of gold (writes a Dublin correspondent). For cool, determined bravery on the part of humble men, under circumstances that well might chill the ardor of the most daring, it has not been surpassed in the history of maritime disasters. The ship having been driven by a hurricane upon the rock-bound coast of County Clare, after a voyage from Portland, Oregon, there seemed no hope of even one out of the crew being saved. The storm broke over the ill-fated boat with all the fury shown by the Atlantic Ocean in tempestuous rage. Twenty-two poor souls huddled together, without food or drink, sheltered in the forepart of the craft at low water, and sought shelter in the rigging when the tide rose and submerged the only spot of her deck upon which they could seek a resting place. To attempt a rescue in the frail coracles possessed by the fisher folk of Quilty, off which the fine vessel struck, seemed like courting death. But the brave fishermen were not to be daunted under any circumstances when fellow creatures were in dire distress. Again and again they put off to the rescue, although driven back by the storm. One canoe got upset, and her crew were thrown into the raging surf. Another canoe, at great risk to the occupants, saved them. Nothing daunted, the crew of the overturned craft proceeded again to the rescue amid the cheers of the onlookers. One by one thirteen of the crew were rescued under circumstances of unparalleled heroism. For forty-eight hours the work of rescue lasted, and only came to an end when a naval cruiser arrived from Bantry Bay as the storm was abating and took off the remaining seamen, including the captain, whose leg was badly broken. Throughout the two weary days and two dreary nights during which the French sailors were in peril and suffering the shores were lined with men and women whose hearts were breaking at the pitiable scene before their eyes. Too much credit cannot be given to the relatives of the rescuers, who bade their husbands, sons, and brothers to try again and again, and encouraged them while their own hearts must have been breaking at the prospect of losing their nearest and dearest. The captain of the lost ship, in an interview with a Press representative after landing, paid a warm tribute to the brave Clare fishermen. 'As I clung on the craft for forty-eight hours,' he said, 'and saw wave after wave sweeping down upon me, and heard the roaring wind and the seas rolling over me, I gave up all hope; but were I to go to my doom, I think my parting moments would be made happy by the sight of the intrepid Irishmen who were calmly facing death in their mad efforts to rescue me.'

CORK—Land Purchase

The tenants on the estate of Mr E. B. Livingstone, comprising the townlands of Corrin North and South, Knuckmore, and Keelnaclohy, near Leap, Co. Cork, have purchased the landlord's interest in their holdings at reduction of 5s in the £ off second term (twenty-three years' purchase), and 7s in the £ (twenty years' purchase) off first term rents, all arrears to be wiped out. The negotiations were carried out on behalf of the tenants by the Rev. Morgan J. Sheehy, Leap, while Mr Carbery, agent, acted for the landlord.

DUBLIN—Parnell Anniversary

The Parnell Anniversary Demonstration took place in Dublin on Sunday, October 6. A procession started in the afternoon from Rutland Square, and proceeded to Glasnevin Cemetery. Bands attended from Limerick, Bray, and Dublin, and played appropriate music on the way. Amongst those present were Mr William Field, M.P., and Mr Augustine Roche, M.P. At the cemetery a number of wreaths were placed on the grave of the Irish leader. Among them was one of heather, sent by Mr John Redmond, M.P., from Aghavanagh, County Wicklow. Wreaths were also sent by the Town Tenants' Association, Irish National Foresters, and by Mr J. J. Clancy, M.P. Mr John

Redmond, M.P., also sent a wreath to the Royal Hibernian Academy, where the Parnell statue and exhibits are on view.

A Warning

At a meeting of the Hierarchy at Maynooth, on October 8, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—That from information they have received, the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland deem it their duty to warn Irish girls against allowing themselves to be induced by certain plausible advertisements which appear from time to time in Irish newspapers to go to Manchester or other large towns in England in the hope of obtaining situations under favorable terms in English houses. We are assured that unprotected girls are exposed to the greatest dangers in many of those places, and not unfrequently have been utterly ruined. They never should accept such situations, nor answer such advertisements without consulting the local clergy, from whom they will obtain the necessary information and guidance.

Preparing to Meet a Crisis

The distribution of prizes to the successful students for the academic year took place in the Aula Maxima, Maynooth, on October 8. There was a large attendance of the bishops. His Eminence Cardinal Logue delivered an address, in which he said this was an unblinking age, and the students should prepare themselves to meet the crisis that faced the Church. It was one of the revenges of time, that though the authors of the defection known as the Reformation made the Scriptures the sole rule of belief, the Catholic Church was now the only protector of the Bible. He assured the students that they would have to meet dangers to the Faith, such as those who were going down the vale of years had little experience of. These dangers were already creeping in, and from two or three papers published in Dublin by Catholics a priest had sent him extracts which were not only not Catholic but anti-Christian.

KERRY—The Ventry Estate

A very largely attended meeting, under the auspices of the local branch of the United Irish League, was held in Dingle on October 6 to arrange to have the rents adjusted by the Land Commission with a view to subsequent purchase on equitable terms, the bulk of the tenants, owing to the heavy load of arrears hanging over them, having been hitherto debarred from entering the Land Court. Lord Ventry has now consented to allow all his tenants—future tenants included—to enter the Court, and to sell his estate to them on the basis of the abatements allowed by the Court.

KILKENNY—An Advocate of Home Rule

A notable addition is made to the ranks of Home Rulers in Ireland in the person of Captain the Hon. Otway Cuffe, who was recently elected Mayor of Kilkenny. Captain Cuffe is a brother of the Earl of Desart, the King's Proctor, and heir-presumptive to the title. He is an ardent supporter of the Gaelic revival, and has endeavored to popularise a distinctive Irish costume for men. The Hon. Otway Cuffe was Groom of the Privy Chamber in Ordinary to the late Queen from 1893 to the time of her death, and he has been Gentleman Usher to His Majesty the King. In association with his sister-in-law, Ellen, Countess of Desart, he has been instrumental in establishing in Kilkenny City, for the benefit of the people, a very pretty theatre and a woollen factory. He is a son-in-law of Lord St. Levan.

LEITRIM—The Judge's Congratulations

County Court Judge Drummond, K.C., in addressing the Grand Jury at Carrick-on-Shannon Quarter Sessions on October 7, said there was only one case to go before them. He congratulated them on the state of the country.

LIMERICK The University Question

The Bishop of Limerick is very outspoken in the article on the Irish University question which he contributes to the 'Irish Educational Review.' Conservatives and Liberals alike have, he observes, been misleading and deceptive in their promises with regard to the Irish University question; but so far the insincerity of the Conservatives pales into insignificance when compared with that of the Liberals. Mr Bryce in January last, when bringing forward his scheme, stated emphatically that it represented the Government's convictions. Seeing how unstable the convictions have proved, the Bishop has come to the conclusion that the University proposals were merely intended to serve as a lubricant for the passage of the Irish Council Bill. He is of opinion that Mr Birrell does not seriously intend to bring forward a University Bill next year, the session being too

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heavily mortgaged. The Bishop inclines to the belief that the Chief Secretary is playing with the subject in order to create the impression that a boon is in store for Ireland, and thus to prevent the Irish members from seriously opposing the English Elementary Education Bill. It is to be hoped His Lordship is too severe on Mr Birrell. If the Chief Secretary courts another great failure in legislative projects, he will gain a unique reputation for himself and will raise in Ireland a storm which will not soon subside.

WEXFORD—Sale of an Estate

The tenants of the Molyneux estate, situated at Kilmuckridge, Enniscorthy, have agreed to purchase their holdings at a reduction of 5s 6d in the £ on their net rents, there being a previous abatement of 3s in the £. There are forty tenants on the property.

GENERAL

Ireland's Interest in Live Stock

The President of the Department of Agriculture in Ireland, Mr T. W. Russell, M.P., speaking at the session of the Royal Veterinary College in Dublin on October 2, said:—The attention of the veterinary profession in this country has been largely devoted in the past, and naturally devoted, I suppose, to horses. I don't believe in the theory that horses are going to disappear. I know the motor bus, I have heard it. I back the horse. But even if the horse were to largely disappear, let me point out to the students before me that here in Ireland there is a very large field outside horses. You have cattle, sheep, and swine; it is of enormous importance to the farmer and people of Ireland. And I for one state distinctly here that the department would greatly rejoice to see an extension of work in the direction of live stock. Mr Gill: And poultry, too. Mr Russell: What I want to point out to you is this: that Ireland has a tremendous interest in the live stock of this country, and I am perfectly certain that thousands and tens of thousands of pounds are lost annually by the farmers of Ireland from the want, first of all, of veterinary services.

The Poultry Trade

In the course of a lecture recently delivered in London Mr C. Armstrong, the well-known poultry expert, said that the trade in table birds is now so large that it is impossible to get the number of birds required for fattening in England. Ireland is now the chief source of supply. In 1901-02 the Irish Department of Agriculture started a scheme for establishing egg distribution stations. Before the year 1900 such stations were unknown in Ireland, but in 1905-06 no less than 52,409 dozens of eggs were distributed to farmers, and the 1905 census of poultry showed that there were 18,549,051 fowls in the Emerald Isle. In 1904 the fowls sold to English fatteners were worth £625,870, while in 1905 the bill had increased to £677,435; so that it will be seen that the trade in poultry between the two countries is an enormous one. In 1900 it was possible to buy Irish chickens at from 1s to 1s 6d, but they were of poor quality. To-day, however, some of the finest table fowls in the world come from Ireland, and this says much for the way in which the poultry question has there been taken in hand. To show the quantity of Irish fowl that reach the fattening districts of England, Mr Armstrong pointed out that one man in Heathfield pays to the railway company from £70 to £100 a month for carriage alone.

Tree-Planting

Writing on the necessity of encouraging tree-planting in Ireland, the 'Freeman's Journal' says:—The present acreage under wood in Ireland is calculated as 300,000, or about 1½ per cent. of the entire acreage of Ireland. These figures must, however, be received with a certain reserve, as the returns, like the other agricultural statistics of Ireland, are prepared and supplied by the police, who have neither the facilities nor the responsibilities that would tend to the accurate discharge of the work. The return is, however, probably near enough to the truth to serve as a useful comparison with other countries. According to the evidence of Mr Forbes:—Comparing Ireland, as a whole, with other portions of the United Kingdom, England is found to possess 5.3 per cent., Scotland 4.5 per cent., and Wales 3.9 per cent. of their total acres under wood. That is to say, England, in proportion to its surface, has very nearly four times as much land under trees, Scotland has just three times, and Wales well over twice as much. No one contends that England is overwooded, and the English proportion might be fairly aimed at in Ireland.

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People We Hear About

Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, M.P., who is a great-grandson of Henry Grattan, has just entered on his forty-fifth year.

The ex-Empress Eugenie, who was born seven years after the late Queen Victoria, is now in her eighty-second year.

It is said that Sir Antony MacDonald is about to visit America, where he will be the guest of Mr James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington.

The Very Rev. John Connree, S.J., who is at present on a visit to Australia, is a distinguished writer as well as administrator. He is the author of that charming little sketch, 'Old Times in the Barony,' published as a pamphlet by the Australian Catholic Truth Society.

Owing to the many Gaelic and Celtic conferences lately held in Scotland there has been much discussion on the subject of the Gaelic language. It is now authoritatively stated that the King, when a boy, received instruction in the language. His tutor was Mr Donald MacFayden, who at the time was schoolmaster at Balmoral.

Dr P. W. Joyce, M.A., T.C.D., who was last year's president of the Royal Irish Antiquarian Society, is a retired civil servant. He was born at Limerick in 1827, and was married in 1856 to Caroline, daughter of Lieutenant John Waters, of Balinglass, Co. Wicklow. He was educated at private schools and at home. Entering the service of the Commissioners of National Education, Ireland, in 1845, he held various posts until 1874, when he was appointed Professor, and subsequently Principal, of the Commissioners' Training College, Dublin, retiring in 1893. He is one of the Commissioners for the publication of the Ancient Laws of Ireland. He is the author of 'The Origin and History of Irish Names of Places' (2 vols.), 'Ancient Irish Music,' a collection of hitherto unpublished Irish airs and songs, and various other works dealing with Ireland.

His Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide has just entered on his sixty-second year. His Grace is a native of the city of Kilkenny, and made his preparatory ecclesiastical studies in St. Kieran's College, completing his course at All Hallows. For eighteen years he labored in the Fremantle district, diocese of Perth, being for a considerable time editor, and very often, too, the printer of the 'W.A. Record.' When the diocese of Port Augusta was erected he was appointed its first bishop, and took formal possession of the see on July 15, 1888. Archbishop Reynolds, of Adelaide, died in 1893, and Dr O'Reilly was transferred to the vacant see by Papal Brief, dated January 5, 1895. The archdiocese covers an area of over 40,000 square miles, or about 8,000 square miles more than the whole of Ireland. His Grace is a great administrator and financier, and has been engaged during the past twelve years in putting the finances of his see on a sound basis.

The death is reported of Lady Brampton. The deceased was the second wife of the late Lord Brampton, who died on Rosary Sunday, October 6. She was a daughter of Mr H. F. Reynolds, of Hulme, near Manchester. There were no children of either marriage. A London secular paper states that Lady Brampton has bequeathed £150,000 to Catholic charities. It may interest young lawyers to know that Lord Brampton earned the sum of £50 in his second year at the bar, and so pleased was he at his success that he renounced the allowance which his father had made him until such time as he was well established in practice. This was in 1845. Thirty years later, at the close of the trial of the Claimant for perjury, he was offered a brief marked with a fee for twenty thousand guineas to go out to India and defend the Gaekwar of Baroda on the charge of attempting to poison the British Resident, but this offer was declined. Of incidents in his life as a pleader many amusing stories are told. The following is one of the best:—A pick-pocket whose gratitude Hawkins had earned by his successful exertions on his behalf solicited his professional aid on behalf of a colleague. Hawkins intimated that he should be pleased, if properly instructed, to undertake the defence of that gentleman, but added a reminder that it was his rule not to accept a defending brief for any fee less than five guineas. The client said that he had only succeeded in raising three guineas, but that he would go out and see what he could do. In less than half an hour he returned, his face beaming with pride and satisfaction. 'Ere y' are, guv'nor,' he burst out eagerly, exhibiting the full fee. 'Ere y' are! 'ad a bit of luck in the Strand!'

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Peculiar Results of Earthquakes

The recent seismic disturbances in the South of Italy and in South America, following so closely the terrible catastrophes in Jamaica, Valparaiso, and San Francisco, forcibly draw attention to the fact that, despite the great strides science has made of late, little or nothing has been discovered respecting the mighty forces imprisoned within the earth, and to the outbreak of which these fearful disasters are due. Scientists certainly cannot complain of lack of opportunity, since records have been preserved of over 7,000 earthquakes severe enough to merit remembrance, and by which more than 14,000,000 people are estimated to have perished.

Some idea of the stupendous power of these subterranean forces is shown by the changes effected by them in geography. Mountains have been obliterated or new ones formed, islands have been made or destroyed, and whole stretches of coast-line wiped out. For instance, in September, 1759, on the lofty tableland about 150 miles south-west of the city of Mexico, a piece of land four square miles in area was suddenly raised 550ft, and numerous cones appeared, one of them—the volcano of Jorullo—being nearly 1,700ft high. Java, in 1772, suffered in the opposite way, for a tract of country fifteen miles long by six broad was swallowed up entirely, a mountain of 9,000ft being reduced to 5,000ft only in the process.

In 1822 a great earthquake in Chili produced a permanent elevation of from 2ft to 7ft over nearly 100,000 square miles of the country between the Andes and the coast, and geologists have discovered traces of sea-beaches at a distance inland which prove that such upliftings must have occurred previously several times.

In the disaster at Lisbon in 1755, when nearly the whole city was wrecked in six minutes, and over 50,000 people perished, the largest mountains in Portugal were shaken to their very foundations, great masses being hurled into the adjacent valleys. A new quay, built of marble, on which a huge crowd assembled for safety from the falling buildings, suddenly sank, and it is recorded that not one of the dead bodies came to the surface. Moreover, of the ships engulfed no wreckage floated, and the spot, though previously comparatively shallow, was afterwards stated to be unfathomable. An hour after the town had been shattered the sea suddenly retired so far as to leave the bar at the entrance of the Tagus dry, and then rolled in with a series of gigantic waves from 40ft to 60ft higher than the highest tide, completely swamping the city. The effect of this earthquake was felt over an area of upwards of 7,000,000 square miles, and the velocity with which the shock travelled was computed at about twenty miles per minute.

A district which has experienced the most extraordinary changes from earthquake is the valley of the Mississippi, which in 1811-12 was convulsed to such a degree that new islands, and lakes twenty miles in extent, were formed in the incredible space of an hour, while other lakes were drained quite dry. The cemetery at New Madrid was precipitated into the river, and the ground on which the town is built, and the bank for fifteen miles above, sank 8ft. For years afterwards the forest presented 'a singular scene of confusion, the trees standing inclined in every direction, and many having their trunks and branches broken.'

About the same time Caracas experienced violent shocks. The surface undulated like a boiling liquid, and terrific subterranean sounds were heard. The whole city, with its magnificent churches, was ruined almost in a moment, and nearly 12,000 inhabitants were slain. Caracas has been called the city of earthquakes, and it is estimated that the damage caused by them is equal to an annual charge of 16s per head on the population. In an earlier earthquake at the same place, in 1790, a large part of the forest of Aripoa sank, forming a lake 800yds in diameter and 80ft deep.

An instance of the opening and closing of fissures is afforded by the Calabrian earthquake of 1783, which lasted for nearly four years. It is stated that men and cattle were engulfed by cracks in the surface, and in some cases thrown out again alive by the next shock, with great jets of mud and water. History repeats itself curiously, for one chronicler of these earthquakes relates that numbers of miscreants were seen robbing the dead and dying, even stripping them of their clothes; and more than a century later the same thing takes place under almost identical circumstances at San Francisco.

Another remarkable incident is recorded. Near Seminara an extensive olive ground and orchard were hurled by one of the shocks a distance of 200ft into a valley 60ft in depth. A small inhabited house standing on the land went with it without injury to the building or occupants. Moreover, the olive trees continued to grow, and bore a good crop the following year.

Hindustan has had many important geological changes effected by earthquakes. In 1762 Chittagong was violently shaken, the earth opening in many places and throwing up water and mud of sulphureous smell. Then sixty square miles of coast suddenly and permanently subsided, one of the Mug Mountains entirely disappeared, and another sank so low that only the summit remained. At the same time a corresponding rise of ground took place at Ramree, an island further along the coast. Again, at Cutch, in 1819, the fort and village of Sindree were submerged, and about five miles distant a long, elevated mound was raised, measuring some fifty miles, by sixteen in places, out of what had been a perfectly level plain.

Ravages of Consumption

Last year (says the London 'Morning Leader') 12,000 died of consumption in Ireland. For several years past the plague has been killing about a million people every year in India. The two figures may seem at first glance to be wholly unrelated. As a matter of fact, the rate of mortality is almost exactly the same in the two countries. The only difference is that in India the plague is an epidemic—terrible, but transitory—while in Ireland the loss from tuberculosis is a permanent condition which only changes by growing steadily worse. There is nothing mysterious about consumption. It is not one of those unforeseen visitations of contagious disease which from time to time have swept across Europe and vanished again. It is simply the inevitable outcome of certain well-known physical conditions of life. Bad and insanitary housing, insufficient and improper nourishment, racial deterioration caused by the steady draining away of the better blood by emigration—these are the prime reasons why 12,000 Irish people died from preventable disease last year. The business of an efficient Government is to change the conditions which have produced these results. So long as Great Britain insists on retaining the government in her own hands against the will of the Irish people, the responsibility for the death of those who need not have died is hers alone.

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The Catholic World

ENGLAND—A Distinguished Priest

The Very Rev. Dr. Dudley Ryder, late Father Superior of the Oratory of St. Philip, Edgbaston, died on October 7. The late Father Ryder was a grandson of Dr. Henry Ryder, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry. His father, the Rev. George Dudley Ryder, was also originally in Anglican Orders. Father Ryder was nine years of age when his father became a convert to the Catholic Faith. His early education was at the Oratory, and he became a student at the Catholic University of Dublin under Dr. Newman, the first rector. Thence he went to the English College at Rome, and while there was received into the Catholic Church by Cardinal Franzoni. On returning to England he was ordained priest by the late Bishop Ullathorne. He was for many years Catholic chaplain at the gaol and workhouse, and did duty subsequently as parish priest of the Oratory district. In November, 1890, Father Ryder was elected Father Superior of the Oratory in succession to Cardinal Newman, but retired from this position in consequence of ill-health early in the year 1905. During the period of his superiorship the scheme of the rebuilding of the Oratory Church as a memorial to Cardinal Newman was inaugurated, and the foundation stone was laid by the Duke of Norfolk in 1904. The late Father Dudley Ryder took a distinguished part in theological controversy on behalf of the Church of his adoption, contributing numerous philosophical papers of lucidity and power to the 'Dublin Review' and other magazines.

FRANCE—Anti-militarism

The French Premier (says the 'Catholic Times') is not a great statesman, but he has a profound knowledge of his countrymen, and is capable of turning it to profit. Before his advent to power his speeches were full of attacks upon the practices of the authorities and the conventional official usages. The Socialists were amongst his admirers and aided him in his efforts to attain a dominating position. After he had become Prime Minister he found their friendship for him on various occasions anything but convenient. So long, however, as they did not take sides against him he allowed them to pursue their course freely. Accordingly their struggle against militarism went on merrily throughout the country. They brought out anti-militarist pamphlets and circulated them, presenting copies not only to members of the army, but to conscripts about to join the regiments. Anti-militarist placards showing in bold characters the words, 'Down with the Army' or 'Down with the Fatherland,' were posted up in many of the towns. M. Herve and M. Jaures carried on without let or hindrance their work of spreading sedition of this kind amongst the soldiers. But they avowed their anti-militarist sentiments at the recent Socialist Congresses only to discover that the heads of the German Socialist movement repudiated them. M. Clemenceau's opportunity arrived. Being aware that the fear of playing into the hands of Germany lies deep in the hearts of Frenchmen, he has now firmly and publicly denounced the anti-militarist propaganda. He has also promised an anti-clerical Education Bill in the shape of a measure for the abrogation of the Loi Falloux. In this way he hopes to give fresh life to a Ministry which had been threatening to totter.

Driving out the Religious

But if the 'Bloc' (writes a Paris correspondent under date October 1) are unable to carry out the foreign policy of the nation with effect, in the persecution of the nuns they are brave and gallant. The present body of Deputies are, perhaps, the most ignorant and uncultured of any that ever formed a Parliament anywhere; but they are clever enough to battle with cloistered ladies. On September 18, they expelled 45 Ursulines from their convent at Blois. To effect this they had to bring, at five o'clock in the morning, two companies of the 113th Infantry Regiment and many brigades of Gendarmerie. The Sappers forced the doors. On the 19th, they drove out the Carmelite Nuns from their convent at Roubaix, having also forced the doors. And on Sunday last, the Ursuline Nuns at Gravelines, near Dunkirk, were turned out. At an early hour the summons made by the officials not being replied to, they burst open the doors, and roughly turned out the ladies. Nice work for French troops to be employed at!

GERMANY—A Notable Cathedral

Efforts are being made to restore the great Cathedral at Aix-la-Chapelle, in which the remains of Charlemagne are buried. The great Cathedral, which was originally built by Charlemagne himself at the end of the eighth century, was restored by Otho II. in 983, and several times more in the course of centuries. It has now been found that repairs are urgently needed in order to save what remains of the building.

ITALY—The See of Bologna

Monsignor della Chiesa has been appointed to succeed the late Cardinal Stampa in the Archbishopric of Bologna. The new Archbishop has been for some time assistant to the Cardinal Secretary of State. He will probably be raised as soon as possible to the purple.

Removing the Crucifix

Last year (writes a Rome correspondent), when atheistic iconoclasts were destroying sacred images in France and removing the crucifixes from the public buildings, the communal administrators of Alessandria, in Italy, mostly all Socialists, sought to emulate them. They gave directions for the removal of the crucifixes from the local elementary schools, and their orders were duly carried out. The Provincial Council was not of the same anti-Christian stamp; and at once interfered, enjoining the restoration of the crucifixes within a certain period, in accordance with a law of December 27, 1906, which makes obligatory upon Italian communes payments for religious objects in the schools. The representatives of the Commune then had recourse to the Government, claiming that its right to remove the crucifixes should be admitted. Again it failed. The reply was a rejection of its petition. The Communal Council, however, persisted in its efforts to laicise the schools and deprive them of every evidence of a religious character. As a justification they urged the plea that a regulation of 1895 with regard to the furnishing of elementary schools entitled them to remove sacred emblems. The Council of State, having examined this plea, has just decided that the crucifix is to be retained in the schools. The victory which has been gained over the enemies of the Cross has been cordially celebrated by the Catholics of the Commune, and the faithful throughout the whole of Italy may rejoice in it for it is a wholesome sign that a stern resistance will be offered to the inroads of the godless and irreligious spirit which has wrought so much injury in France.

Calumnies Refuted

The two Salesian colleges at Varazze which were closed by order of the Italian Government in consequence of false reports have now been reopened.

Organising their forces

The Italian Catholics continue to organise their forces. A meeting of the Catholics of Mantua was held on October 9 to consider what attitude should be adopted towards the political parties and to take measures for interesting the young in social questions.

The Cardinal Secretary of State

The definite departure of the Cardinal Secretary of State from Castel Gandolfo for Rome was marked by a spontaneous demonstration of affection and sympathy on the part of the inhabitants of the town, who received his Eminence with cheers and the waving of handkerchiefs as he drove through the square to the station. The Cardinal promised to return to Castel Gandolfo next year.

ROME—Promotion of Science

His Holiness Pius X., it is said, intends to form at once a special commission of Cardinals to study the best means for the promotion of science, duly secured from error, amongst Catholics. Cardinals Rampolla, Maffi, and Mercier, who were to have been the protectors of the institute of science, of which the new project is an extension, will be members, and other members will be added—Cardinals Vives and Satolli amongst them, it is reported.

SCOTLAND—Legacies to Catholic Charities

By the will of the late Mr. John M'Kinney, of Langside, Glasgow, large sums of money have been left to Catholic churches and charities. The testator directs his trustees to pay to the Archbishop of Glasgow £3000 for the new Catholic church at Crosshill, and to the Very Rev. Canon MacLuskey £200 for the new Catholic church to be erected in or near Gorbals. To the three principal Glasgow Infirmarys Mr. M'Kinney leaves £100 each, and £50 each to the following charities—Children's Refuge, Whitevale; Dalbeth Convent; Lanark Hospital; Strathclyde Orphanage, Lanark; the

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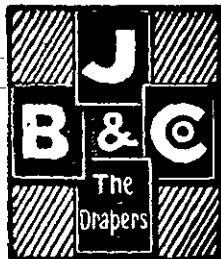
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UNITED STATES—Catholic Indians

Mr. Charles S. Woody, writing in the 'American Journal of Clinical Medicine' of the present policy of the Indian Commissioner, says: 'I do not mean by this that the education of the savage is a failure; I simply mean that the higher education of the Indian is not only a failure—it is a crime. By all means educate the native. Educate him to be a self-sustaining citizen. Teach him the value of industry, economy, frugality, honesty. Teach him that only those who labor shall eat, and you have accomplished all that can reasonably be expected. The Catholic Church, with its faculty of getting at the root of things, long ago saw this, and in consequence the Catholic Indians are more self-sustaining than any other of our Indians. This may not meet the approbation of certain Protestant missionary workers, but it remains a fact nevertheless.'

St. Peter's Chair

St. Peter's chair, is a yellow chair, formed by four uprights, united by horizontal bars, two being higher than the other to form the back, (says an exchange). The four legs were evidently once square, but are eaten by age, and have also had pieces cut from them. These timeworn portions have been strengthened and rendered more ornamental by pieces of dark acacia wood, which form the whole interior part of the chair, and which appear to have hardly suffered at all from the same causes which have so altered the appearance of the legs. The panels, and the front and sides, and the row of arches with the tympanum above them, which form the back, are also composed of this wood.

But the most remarkable circumstance about these two different kinds of material is that all the ivory ornaments which cover the front and back of the chair, are attached to the acacia portion alone and never to parts composed of oak. Some of the ornamentation is attributed to the age of Charlemagne, and some, such as the efforts of Hercules, in the ivory panels, are more ancient; the oak work is deemed likely to be as old as tradition states it to be. It is known that Damascus placed it in the baptistry of the Vatican, and considered it probable that up to that period it may have been kept in the crypt of St. Peter's tomb or in the basilica of Constantinople. It was moved from the chapel of the Vatican before the days of Pope Alexander VII., who enclosed it in a bronze monument.

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Drink Plenty of Water

It is commonly asserted that we eat too much, and drink too little water. Good water taken plentifully between meals is a remedy for many ills. If there is a doubt about the purity of the water, it should always be boiled before drinking. Edison the great inventor, never eats a midday meal, and thinks such a meal generally unnecessary. He eats just enough to live, and his advice to brain workers is:—'Eat less, and drink more water'. Despite his sixty-one years, and the strenuous life he leads, he has a boyish face, and bright hopes of living another forty years.

Worth Remembering

New crash does not make good tea towels. Use it first to make roller towels, cutting it in two and a half yards long. After it has been used until the hardness is gone, cut it in two and hem, and it will be soft, but substantial.

If the water used in cleaning windows is blued, they will retain their brilliancy longer, and polish more easily.

The coarseness of cake is frequently due to its standing too long before being put into the oven. The rule is that cakes of all kinds should be put into the oven the moment they are ready.

Handkerchiefs have a tendency to turn yellow; no matter how carefully they are washed. To bleach them after washing, let them soak over night in water, in which a little cream of tartar has been dissolved.

Linoleum will wear much better if washed with skim milk. Use a soft flannel cloth, and do not walk on the linoleum till dry.

Neglecting Children's Teeth

In caring for children, there is nothing more generally neglected than the regular cleansing of their teeth. This is a great mistake, and mothers and nurses cannot begin the process too early. When the second teeth arrive, children can be easily taught to take a pride in them; and shown that the way to preserve their whiteness is by regularly cleaning them. They should also be taught the proper way to use the tooth brush. Most people rub their teeth along only; this is incorrect. The teeth should be rubbed up and down also, vigorously and daily, in front and at the back; only thus will they be cleansed. Of simple remedies, salt is the best. It leaves the teeth very clean, kills incipient decay, and makes the gums firm and red. Camphorated chalk is also very good. A little soap used about once a fortnight, is very effective and cleansing. Never use anything gritty in tooth powder, for it tends to ruin the enamel. A good tooth brush should always be small and oval, but square at the ends, and of moderate stiffness only. After using it, rinse and cleanse the brush from all powder and then dry it. Never allow it to lie flat, let it dry erect in a tumbler. Once a week, clean it in soda and water or ammonia. When the bristles grow spongy and old, replace it, as it is very injudicious to leave stray bristles of old brushes in the mouth, they are apt to be swallowed with food.

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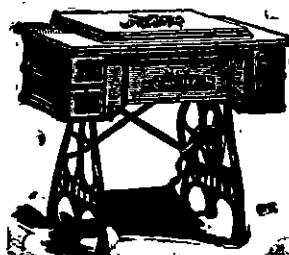
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The Crawfish's Tail

The tail of a crawfish serves that animal as an oar. By a peculiar jerk of the tail, the animal can retire from a dangerous object with almost incredible swiftness. The tail is much more effective in moving the animal backward than forward, a singular instance of adaptation to its situation, for by means of its tail it can withdraw into its hole with such swiftness, as in an instant to place it out of danger.

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. 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.

A Spider's Web

Rightly considered, a spider's web is a most curious as well as a most beautiful thing. The majority of children suppose that the spider's web is pulled out of his mouth and that the little insect has a large reel of the stuff in his stomach, and that he could almost instantly add feet, yards, or rods to the roll. The facts are that the spiders have a regular spinning machine, a set of tiny tubes, at the far end of the body, and that the threads are nothing more nor less than a white sticky fluid, which hardens as soon as it comes in contact with the air.

Formation of Rainbows

A fine rain and a strong sun are necessary for the formation of white rainbows. The phenomenon is due to the optical principle known as interference. If the drops of water be very small, the interference of the rays causes a complete overlapping of the color and the bow appears white. The various prismatic colors, instead of being thrown out separately, as in the ordinary prism, are thrown one on top of the other, and the light is cast by the sun on a sheet of rain. The result is still more noticeable where a fog takes the place of the rain.

An Electric Tree

A German authority has recently announced the discovery of a tree in the forests of Central India which has most curious characteristics. The leaves of the tree are of a highly sensitive nature, and so full of electricity that whoever touches one of them receives an electric shock. It has a very singular effect upon a magnetic needle, and will influence it at a distance of even seventy feet. The electrical strength of the tree varies according to the time of day, it being strongest at mid-day and weakest at midnight. In wet weather its powers disappear altogether. Birds never approach the tree, nor have insects ever been seen upon it.

A Remarkable Cave

Two gold prospectors recently discovered in the Santa Susanna Mountains, about fifty miles from Los Angeles, California, the largest and most remarkable cave in Western America. While looking for indications of gold, they found an opening, which they entered. The opening led to a great cavern, consisting of many passages, some of them wide, but most of them narrow and lofty. The passages lead into great halls, some containing an acre, studded with stalagmites and stalactites, in some cases so thickly that it is difficult to get through. The walls of one of these halls are covered with rude drawings of the chase, some almost obliterated, but others still clear.

Intercolonial

The 'Advocate' states that His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne intends to leave on his visit 'ad limina' to Rome about Easter next.

The entertainment given recently in Sydney in aid of the fund being raised for 'Eva' of the 'Nation' netted about £100.

The Very Rev. G. O'Farrell, O.P., of North Adelaide, who recently met with a severe accident near Molong, is progressing favorably in St. Vincent's Hospital.

A new Cathedral is to be built in Geraldton (W.A.), which is estimated to cost £10,000, £2,000 of which is in hand. The Catholics of the town held a bazaar recently, which netted considerably over £200.

Miss Dolly Castles, formerly of Mr. J. C. Williamson's Comic Opera Company in Australia, has appeared at the Gaiety Theatre, London, in 'The Girls of Gotterberg.' Miss Castles scored a success.

The Rev. Father Denis Mitchell, C.S.S.R., a native of Ballarat, who has been nine months in Europe completing his studies, returned to Australia a couple of weeks ago. It is understood he will be attached to the Waratah mission.

Arrangements are being made for building a residence for Bishop Murray at St. Monica's Cairns. The new building will be completed so as to be ready for episcopal occupation on the return of the Bishop from the old world.

The Rev. Father Benezeth, S.M., who recently arrived from France, accompanied by several Brothers, left Sydney last week for mission work in Samoa. Father Benezeth, was compelled to serve as a soldier for twelve months in the French army, in accordance with that Republic's drastic law against the Church.

In the recent primary examinations of Adelaide University, the Catholic schools of West Australia secured more than one-third of the entire passes of the State. This must be regarded as eminently satisfactory, seeing that in that State, Catholics are not more than one in five of the population.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne has appointed Rev. J. Barry (St. Kilda East) to the charge of the Mansfield parish. The former pastor, Rev. J. J. Egan, owing to ill-health, has been transferred to Williams-town as assistant priest.

The death on November 2, of the Rev. Mary Stanislaus Nolan, Mother Superior of the Brigidine Convent, Beechworth (Vic.) was not altogether unexpected, as she had suffered from a long illness. She was sixty-two years of age. She made her vows at the Brigidine Convent, Abbotsleigh, Queen's County, of which her sister, who predeceased her by two years, was Mother Superior.

It was announced at a meeting presided over by the Bishop of Ballarat, held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on November 8, that the profits of the recent Commonwealth Bazaar had been allocated. The sum of £900 has been applied to the liquidation of the debt in St. Patrick's Cathedral, £811 to St. Alipius' Church, Ballarat East, and £333 to the Christian Brothers' School at Redan. Each of these three buildings is now free of debt. The balance in hand will be devoted to retelling St. Patrick's Cathedral.

In the Catholic Churches of Hobart on Sunday, November 3, references were made to the death of Lord Gormanston and the 'Dead March' was played morning and evening. On Monday morning a solemn Requiem Mass for his lordship was celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral. Very Rev. P. R. Hennebry was celebrant, Revs. M. O. Carroll and J. Barry deacons, and Rev. M. W. Gilleran master of ceremonies. The nave of the Cathedral was well filled by a congregation of the friends of the deceased and the children from the Catholic schools.

Major T. M. McInerney, who has been created a C.M.G., is a Victorian officer with a distinguished career in South Africa. He is a brother of the Rev. J. McInerney, S.J., (Richmond, Vic.). He went as lieutenant with a contingent to South Africa. He was wounded and taken prisoner. Shortly after his release he was appointed Queen's Advocate and Chief Magistrate of Pretoria. He was afterwards appointed Vice-President of the Commission which dealt with the settlement of war claims. He returned to Victoria quite recently.

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This fair maid that you would wed?
Can she make a loaf of bread?

(Tell me true!)

'Nay, she cannot make my bread,
But a fine soufflé instead;
And, if I do not complain, why should you?

Can she cook a good beefsteak
Without making a mistake?
Can she cook a good beefsteak?

(Tell me true!)

'Nay; but, then, her salad cream
Is delicious as a dream!
And it's something that my mother could not do!'

Can she brew a cup of tea
Good enough for you or me?
Can she brew a cup of tea?

(Tell me true!)

'Maybe so and, maybe not,
For I really have forgot,
But she'll freeze a Café Mousse—

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MYSIE'S TALENTS

Mysie's round, moon-like face, usually lighted by a smile, was very serious as she came home from school. Her father saw that something was wrong, and he asked what the trouble was.

'I'm afraid I have no talent—not even one,' said Mysie. 'The lesson was the parable of the talents. Sister told us talents were gifts from God to be used in His service. Coming home, Susie Keep said hers was music, and Laura Bemer said hers was drawing. I guess brother Edward's is speakin' pieces.'

'Well,' said father encouragingly, 'why do you think you have no talents?'

'Because—because I'm not smart,' said poor Mysie, for the first time in her young life putting the thoughts of a good many other people into words.

'Never mind,' said father. 'There are a great many kinds of gifts. It seems to me a sweet temper is a gift. I know when I come home from the office tired after my day's work, your smile and pleasant welcome help me more than it would to have some one recite a thrilling bit of original poetry.'

'Oh, father! Does it really?' said Mysie. And the contented look that seemed to belong to her round face came back with a little burst of sunshine.

Mysie was not good at memorizing poetry. Four short lines or long ones seemed the measure of her ability in this way. But somehow she managed to remember what father had said. Since she could make him happy, she would make others happy, too.

Working in this line, Mysie found much to do at home. Every day it was possible to relieve mother of some care. When grandma forgot where she had put her spectacles, Mysie had a way of knowing where they would most likely be found. Did her sister Eleanor want a letter carried to the post-office, Mysie was always ready to go. And when her brother Edward placed his pet rabbits in her charge he was sure they would be cared for.

Mysie had no idea how many nice things were said about her in the family circle behind her back; but the pleasant things that were said to her face assured her that her talent was not being hidden away in a napkin.

'I guess my talent is growing,' was the happy thought that often came to her when she was sure she had pleased somebody or done a good turn for another. 'Perhaps,' she would reason—for she had read the parable in the Testament so often that she knew it almost by heart—'if I keep on God may give me other talents.'

And she was right about this. Very soon people who had thought her hopelessly stupid and dull began to notice what they called a 'wakening up' in Mysie. There was no doubt about her mind growing stronger. Listening to what older people talked about, and

remembering who was in need of a cheering word or a helping hand, seemed somehow to help her to learn her geography and history lessons.

Sometimes the kind of help to which Mysie found herself called was the writing of letters for people who could not write. This helped her language, and took the 'dryness' all out of the grammar lesson; for Mysie found to express properly the thoughts of those she served. And, counting up the day's sales for old Mrs. Betz, who kept the cake shop, and whose son had left the business to go away as a soldier, put a new interest in Mysie's arithmetic.

In the course of a few years Susie Keep became a clever musician, and Laura Bemer was sent away to an art school. As to Mysie, nobody seems to remember that once she was spoken of as 'not very bright,' for, of all the girls in the neighborhood, she is the best loved.

AN EXCEPTION

'Like everyone else, I have always found Englishmen very reserved,' remarked a French novelist. 'Once I thought I had found an exception. I was travelling through the South of France by rail, and had for a companion an English stranger, who talked steadily to me for an hour and a half in very bad French. When we parted I said:—

"I am very happy to have had this opportunity of exchanging my impressions with an affable gentleman—the more so from the fact that, as a general thing, your countrymen are not at all communicative."

"Oh," said my fellow-traveller, rather confused, and turning red, "I only talked, you know, because it gave me a chance to practise my French."

CHILD POWER OF IMITATION

The greatest characteristic of early childhood is the power of imitation. Not a sight, sound, or condition escapes the watchful eye of a bright, active child, and to put into expression every new thought or fascinating mental picture, whether good or bad, is an irresistible instinct. This is why stories, amusements, pictures, and everything that feeds a child's mind should be suggestive of only that which would place beautiful and happy pictures before his mental vision. Let nothing be said before the little ones that will not bear repeating and nothing done that may not be imitated.

HIS OWN INSIGNIFICANCE

An old Lowlander had been persistently asked by his son, who was doing very well in London, to pay him a visit. Having at length decided to comply, he spent a fortnight in the Metropolis, and duly returned north to tell the tale. A pompous person invited him to his house soon after the old man's return, with a view to having some amusement at the latter's expense.

'And what was it that most impressed you in the great city?' asked the pompous gentleman.

'Well, sir,' quoth the old fellow, 'the thing abune a' that impressed me maist was my ain insignificance. 'Deed, sir, I wad strongly advise ye to gang—it wad dae ye a vast deal o' guid, sir!'

A DREAM

An old Irish gardener, meeting his employer, said:—
'Good morning, yer honor! I had a fine dream of ye last night.'

'Indeed, Michael!' remarked the employer. 'What was the dream?'

'I dreamed that ye gave me a fine box o' tabaccy, an' that her ladyship, yer wife, gave my wife a can o' the best tea.'

'Ah, Michael, but you know dreams always go by contraries.'

'Then,' said Michael, 'may be ye'll be after givin' me wife th' tobaccy an' her ladyship'll give me th' tea.'

FITTING HIS CASE

The professor in charge of a college class-room had been annoyed by the tardy entrance of a student. He pointedly ceased talking after the man took his seat.

After the lecture the student apologised. 'Profes-

sor,' said he, 'my watch was fifteen minutes out of the way. It's bothered me a good deal lately, but after this I shall put no more faith in it.'
'It's not faith you want in it,' replied the professor; 'it's works.'

AN INQUISITIVE BOY

'Papa,' said an inquisitive boy, 'don't fishes have legs?'
'They do not,' answered papa.
'Why don't they, papa?'
'Because fishes swim and don't require legs.'
Then he asked, 'Papa, ducks have legs, don't they?'
'Why, yes, ducks have legs.'
'Well, ducks swim, don't they?'
'Yes.'
'Then why don't fishes have legs, if ducks do? Or why don't ducks not have legs, if fishes don't?'
Papa gave it up.

AN EXTRA

The visitor to London was seated at a table in one of the expensive restaurants in the West End thinking of various things as he read over the bill of fare and observed the prices.
'By thunder!' he exclaimed to the waiter, 'haven't you got any conscience at all in this place?'
'Beg pardon?' returned the haughty servitor.
'Haven't you got any conscience—conscience—conscience? Don't you understand?'
The waiter picked up the bill of fare and began looking over it.
'I don't know if we have or not,' he said. 'If we have it's on the bill, if we ain't it's a extra. Them's the rules, sir.'

ODDS AND ENDS

Husband—Another new dress! Where do you suppose I shall get the money from to pay for it?
Wife—You must excuse me. I didn't marry you to give you financial advice.

Daughter—But he is so full of absurd ideals. Mother—Never mind that, dear. Your father was just the same before I married him.

In an advertisement by a railway company of some uncalled for goods the letter 'L' has been by an accident dropped from the word 'Lawful,' and it now reads: 'People to whom these packages are directed are requested to come forward and pay the awful charges on the same.'

FAMILY FUN

A letter out of brandy,
A letter out of wine,
A letter out of rank,
A letter out of file,
A letter out of finger,
A letter out of knee,
And the name of a town
In Europe you'll see.

Answer—Berlin.

My first a beverage is used
In almost every land;
My second—ah! but wait a bit—
My third is in a band.
My second, if you find it out,
Will surely solve my riddle,
And if you do, I promise true
I will find you in the middle.
And then, if you reverse my whole,
You will see without much trying,
That I am used by everyone
In speech for qualifying.

Answer—Tub, But.

My first, an animal, is known
In nearly every house to dwell;
My second is an article
Found useful when a tale we tell.
If you my third would like to find
Go where my lady's glossy hair
Around an ornament is twined,
And you'll be sure to see it there,
My ancient whole once held the dead,
And sheltered many a Christian's head.

Answer—Catacomb.

All Sorts

The great anaesthetic, chloroform, was discovered by Guthrie in 1831, and was first employed in surgical operations in 1847.

The Emperor of China has a household consisting of 500 persons, including thirty bearers of State umbrellas, an equal number of fan-bearers, thirty physicians and surgeons, seventy-five astrologers, seventy-six cooks, and sixty bonzes.

The angler sallies forth again,
And by the brooklet's shore
Doth idly lie and fish and then
Goes home and lies some more.

According to a well-known authority the English language is spoken by 650,000,000 people, Russian by 235,000,000, German by 215,000,000, and French by only 90,000,000. Then follow Italian, spoken by 70,000,000, and Spanish by 65,000,000. The statistics were collected for the purpose of advancing the cause of the English language as the diplomatic tongue, instead of the French.

The British Museum owes its existence to a lottery, the Archbishop of Canterbury being one of its promoters and directors. One hundred thousand tickets were sold at £3. each; £200,000 was devoted to prizes, ranging from £10 to £10,000; and the balance of £100,000 was placed to the British Museum Purchase Fund. With this sum Sir Hans Sloane's famous library and collection and the Harleian and Cotton manuscripts were acquired, and Montagu House was bought to place the treasures in.

According to the latest Chinese official investigation, the total number of Chinese in other countries is as follows, not including the students: Japan, 17,673; Russian Asia, 37,000; Hongkong, 314,391; Siam, 2,755,609; Burma, 134,560; Java, 1,825,700; Australia, 34,465; Europe, 1760; Corea, 11,200; Formosa, 74,506; Malaysia, 1,023,500; Annam, 197,300; the Philippines, 83,785; Africa, 200; America, 272,829. Total, 6,793,531.

India, the land of mystery, is rapidly coming to the front in various fields of industry. The Indian Empire possesses no fewer than fifteen coalfields, while iron is worked on an extensive scale in three districts, two of which are situated in the immediate vicinity of Calcutta. Nor are oil fields wanting; seventeen more or less important centres are engaged in this industry in the provinces of Bengal and Assam, while tobacco cultivation is another valuable asset to Assam as well as to Madras.

The lawyer shook his finger warningly at the witness and said: 'Now we want to hear just what you know, not what some one else knows, or what you think, or anything of that kind, but what you know. Do you understand?' 'Well, I know,' said the witness, with emphasis, as he leant forward easily in the box, 'I know that Jim Clay said that Bill Thomson told him that he heard John Thomas' wife tell Sid Smith's daughter that her husband was there when the fight took place, and that he said that they flung each other about in the meadow pretty considerable.'

It is unofficially said that the cost of the maiden voyage of the 'Lusitania' to New York, including everything, was £20,000. A report from the commissary department showed that on the passage from Liverpool to Sandy Hook there had been consumed aboard the 'Lusitania' 40,000 eggs, 4000 pounds of fresh fish, two tons of bacon and ham, 2000 pounds of best coffee, 2000 pounds of coffee for crew, 500 pounds of best tea, 650 pounds of tea for crew, 500 pounds of grapes, 100 pineapples, 1000 lemons, 25,000 pounds of fresh meat, 11,870 quarts of milk, 2675 quarts of cream, and 30,000 loaves of bread.

The English use of the capital 'I' is one of the oddest features of the language—to a foreigner. If a Frenchman writes with reference to himself he makes 'je' (the French equivalent of 'I') with a small 'j.' So with the German, who may use capitals to begin every noun; he always uses the small 'i' in writing 'ich.' The Spaniard avoids, as far as possible, the use of the personal pronoun when writing in the first person, but he always writes it 'yo,' taking pains, however, to begin the Spanish equivalent for our 'you' with a capital. In English it is surely big 'I' and little 'you' as the old saying has it.

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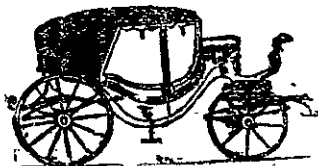
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