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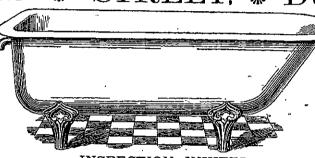
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,, 5, Tuesday.—St. Pius V., Pope and Confessor.
,, 6, Wednesday.—St. John at the Latin Gate.
,, 7, Thursday.—St. Benedict II., rope and Confessor.

sor.

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St. Monica was a native of Africa, and brought about the conversion of her husband, who was a pagan. Her son, the great St. Augustine, having been led in his youth to embrace the errors of the Manichean heretics, owed his subsequent conversion to her prayers. She died in Ostia, Italy, in 387.

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Mary, my Mother, I have little skill

To link sweet words to tell my love for thee;
And yet my foolish tongue will not be still,
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O Mother, Mother, look into my heart,
Read with thine eyes how very dear thou art,
Then tell thyself in thine own heavenly speech
What my weak phrase must ever fall to reach.

-' Irish Monthly.'

Gold is good to use, but not to worship. The religion of Christ never causes anyone to wear long face.

The roadway of life needs more attention than the door of death.

No one can have enjoyment to-day if he is worry-

ing about to-morrow. Procrastination is the thief of time, and the plunder can never be recovered.

Some people are never more happy than when given a chance to tell their troubles.

Many men consent to be shut out of Heaven that y may stand in with the world.

There are no sufferings which sympathy may not they n_{in}, There make lighter.

make lighter.

Happiness depends not on the things the heart has, but on the heart that has the things.

The world's eyes see no further than this life. The Christian looks down into the depths of eternity.

We should be perfect in all we do, not merely for the present, but to help in the formation of a good character. We should not be like the soapstone that crumbles as it is rubbed, but like gold, that shines brighter and brighter the more it is used.

conception of life as a well-bal-Greek anced activity and fruition of bodily and mental powers, a concept which was elevated to the spiritual plane by Christianity, has been forgotten in our headlong pursuit of a phantom, a will-o'-the-wisp.

suit of a phantom, a will-o'-the-wisp.

The man who buries himself in money-making is a slave and worse than a slave; for the slave is in bondage against his will, while the money-maniac voluntarily places himself within barriers that shut him away from the society and service of his fellow-men.

Is not making others happy the best happiness? To illuminate for an instant the depths of a deep soul, to cheer those who bear by sympathy the burdens of so many sorrow-laden hearts and suffering lives, is to me a blessing and a precious knowledge. Inere is a sort of religious joy in helping to renew the strength and courage of moble minds.—Henri l'. Amiel.

The Storyteller

THE MAYFLOWER AT THE GULCH

Ruth Mason descended from the roof of the Claremont Flats—the 'loggia' she called it when in a facethous mood—with her arms full of freshly dried linen. On entering the combination kitchen and dining-room of fourth floor back, she found her mother engaged in a frantic search for her spectacles.

rantic search for her spectacles.

'Amother letter from Dick!' cried Mrs. Mason.
'Land's sakes, where can those pesky glasses be?'

'Let me have the letter, mother,' said Ruth, who was calm and dignified, a great contrast to her fussy little parent. "It is from Uncle Cal, not from Dick,' looking at the superscription." And, O mother, lister looking at the superscription. 'And, to what he says!'

to what he says.' 'My dear Hester:—Dick tells 'me that Niece Ruth has obtained a certificate as teacher in York State, but that she cannot find a situation. Now, we have built a fine little school-house here this summer, we are looking for a sensible school-ma'am to train the young hopefuls of Copper Gulch in the way they should go. Society at the Gulch is still in a crude state, and the school-ma'am aforesaid will miss the teameet. Thus, gossiping hees, and other social diversions of state, and the school-ma'am aforesaid will miss the tea meetings, gossiping hees, and other social diversions of the effete East. However, if Niece Ruth accepts the job which I am authorised by the other trustees to offer her, the pay is sixty-five dollars a month, and she can board with her old uncle free, gratis, and for nothing. As for yourself, you could go and visit at the homestead back in Vermont till we see how things pan out. Take time to think over it—say a week or ten flavs.

Your affectionate brother, CALVIN BENTLEY.'

P.S.—Dick is as fit as a fiddle; he has gone into the foothills with a party of prospectors.

Both women were salent for several minutes after the perusal of this characteristic epistle. Mrs. Mason, who had discovered the truant spectacles between the leaves of her Testament, sat in the rocking-chair, polishing their already brilliant lenses on her gingham apron. As for Ruth, she stood by the table, thinking

ron. As for Ruth, she stood by the table, thinking rapidly.

Their stock of money was getting low; and, although she obtained an occasional week's employment; as a substitute, a permanent engagement seemed no nearer than it did sax months ago. Then there was Dick, the delicate young brother whom, on the doctor's advice, they had sent out to, find Uncle Calvin some two months before. He was out-growing his strength, and his lungs were not up to the mark, the professional gentleman had said. A trip to the West would do him the world of good. So the two loving women had let him go, though with many misgivings. He needed, a sister's care, thought Ruth; and her dear mother would be all right for a time with Aunt Mehitabel, visiting among the friends of her youth.

I have decided to accept, mother, she said at last, breaking the silence.

Mrs. Mason acquiesced. She, too, rejoiced that her beloved Dick would have some one to look after him, But what will Thornton Best say to your going West, Ruth? she asked.

The girl reddened. Thornton Best was her fiance, and she knew very well that her leaving New York would be regarded by him with disfavor.

I can not help what he thinks, mother, she replied. My mind is quite made up.

Miss Mason was not a person to let the grass grow under her feet, once she had taken a decision. She replied to her uncle at once, accepting his offer, and set rapidly

under her feet, once she had taken a decision. She replied to her uncle at once, accepting his offer, and set about disposing of their scanty stock of furniture—not a very difficult task.

not a very difficult task.

She had a rather stormy interview with her betrothed, a slim, fair, goody-goody young man, who affected a drawling manner of speaking, because he fancied that it gave his words more weight. He taught a class in the Sabbath school of the First Church, as also did Ruth; and the two were members of various societies for the distribution of free Bibles and tracts to the South Sea Islanders and other amiable heathens. Their friends thought that they seemed well fitted for each other, as both took an interest in such serious matters. Ruth, however, did not allow her fiance's representations to alter her decision in the matter of going West, so perhaps there was a slight coolness between the pair when they bade each other good-bye. Ruth saw her mother comfortably domiciled with

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"Here we are! exclaimed Uncle Cal., in his bluff fashion. 'And here is Mrs. Luke with tea waiting for us, I'll be bound—Mrs. Luke Dillon, my dear, who runs the general store and bosses every man, woman and child in the Gulch.'

child in the Gulch."

On't mind him, Miss Mason,' said a soft, laughing voice, and Ruth found herself drawn gently into a pleasant, airy little nest of a room, with snow-white hangings in beds and windows.

'Uncle Cal. must be joking,' thought the girl, for certainly the little lady whom he called Mrs. Luke looked anything but masterful. She was fairylike as Titania; and, as she removed Ruth's hat and assisted her looked anytoing but masteriul. She was marylike as Tatania, and, as she removed Ruth's hat and assisted her with her toilet, she chatted away gaily, chiefly about Dick and the improvement in his health. She felt very sorry for her companion, for she well remembered her own feelings of utter desolation when she and Luke had landed at Copper Gulch, some cight years previously.

By the time tea had been disposed of, Ruth felt a little less home sick. She noticed that the table appointments, though plain, were clean and homelike, and the living-room fairly comfortable. Inwardly she gave the credit for this to the little lady sitting opposite to

Ruth was not to know for a long time how much she really was indebted to Mrs. Dillon. When that good Samaritan had heard from Uncle Cal. of his nicce's pending arrival, she had laid down the law to her easy-going old friend in a very positive fashion. The result was that the chaef decorations of the 'Bower,' Consisting mainly of empty tan cans of various sizes and patterns were dumned into a persphering ravine. The c. Itsisting mainly of empty ten cans of various sizes and patterns, were dumped into a neighboring ravine. The services of a Chimaman were called into requisition, and Wung Lee used whitewash and scrub brush with an unspairing hand. Then a couch, bookcase, bedroom furniture, dishes, linen, draperies and carpet, besides many other things which Mrs. Luke considered the necessaries of life, were bought. Uncle Cal. protested outwardly that the little lady was ruining him; inwardly he rejoiced at the prospect of living in civilisation once more.

Now, Mrs. Dillon did all these things out of regard for genial, boyish Dick, who was a universal favor-ite, but mostly from the kindly impulse of a Christian heart.

The school term started in the following week, and our heroine soon discovered that she would have little time to indulge in mall de pays. Her pupils were of assorted sizes, nationalities, and dispositions. There were dark-haired, soft-eyed Mexicans, golden-haired Swedes, children from all parts of the British Isles, together with a fair sprinkling of native Americans. Copper Gulch possessed no church of any denomination. On Sundays, the Dillons and a few Irish families, besides all the Mexicans, drove seven miles to hear Mass at Tuscon. Tuscon.

Ruth, who was very conscientious, assembled all the Frotestant children whom she could coax or bribe at the Bower on Sabbath afternoons, when she read Bable stories or instructed them in a few elementary Christian truths. She wrote about this to Thornton Best in New York; and that gentleman responded, in rather a pompous manner, that he had placed the spiritual needs of Copper Gulch before the Mission Board of the First Church.

Miss Mason was a favorite with both parents and pupils, and the cowboys regarded her with something apupils, and the cowboys regarded her with something a-kin to reverence. Her fair, gentle prettiness, a certain prim neatness of dress and appearance, together, with her New-England origin, caused them to bestow upon her the sobribuet of the 'Mayflower.' She was the pride of old Calvin Bentley's heart. It was wonderful to see Careless Call' hang up his soft felt hat in the little entry and scrape his shoes on the mat when he entered the precincts of the Bower, which was now beginning to grow worthy of its name.

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Ruth's friendship with Mrs. Luke grew apace, and many of her evenings were spent in the pleasant sit-

kting-room behind the general store. The little lady had been a convent graduate in the East, and she was as cultivated in mind as she was amiable in disposition. The girl felt many of her old prejudices against Catholics disappear as she became more intimate with that refined family circle. There were two girls of whom she became very fond; but the pupil that occupied the first place in her heart was a little Mexican—Carmela

first place in her heart was a little Mexican—Carmela Diaz.

Carmela had come to the neighborhood with her father two years before, and they had taken possession of a miserable, half-ruined abode on the trail to Las Nivas. Prospero Diaz had a rather shady reputation. It was whispered that he left his country—old Mexico—for his country's good, and that his wife had died of a broken heart. She—had belonged to a most respectable family, and had fallen in love with the handsome face of Prospero Diaz, and married him against her parents' wishes. The poor soul had a very bitter awakening. Her husband made a precarious living in underhand ways, and though he was never actively whind to her, it was worry and privation that gradually undermined her health. After her death her people came forward and proposed that they should take charge of little Carmela. The father insolently refused their offer, for he loved the child with a fierce passionate love; though he often left her for twinety-four hours at a time, while including his appetite for gambling at the fato rooms of the Gulch. Everyone pitied Carmela, who had a sweet, gentle disposition, and the face of an angel. It was her beauty that first attracted Ruth. She often took the poor waif home with her after school hours, and taught her how to mend her clothes and do simple household tasks. It was characteristic of her high sense of honor that she. Diaz.

characteristic of her high sense of honor that she never tried to tamper with the child's simple faith.

Are you never afraid, Carmela,' she asked her one day, 'at night when your father does not come home?'

No, Senorita,' was the reply. I have my two mothers in heaven, you know. They always watch over me'

Your two mothers?' said Ruth, in a puzzled voice.
'Yes, Senonia: My own dear mamma who died, and Mary, the Mother of Our Lord.'
Would you like to go to heaven yourself, Carmela?'

mela?'
(We'l, you know, I could not leave poor papacito.
And, then it is like heaven in your house, Senorita.'
II.

Bob Dillon left the San Patricio Ranch, at daybreak one fine morning in early summer, and rode along the trail around the hills toward Copper Gulch. He had been a busy time in the cottle country. not seen his brother Luke for almost a year, for it had reen a busy time in the cattle country, and all the ranches were short-handed. Old Sol was climbing the heavens slowly, and Bob's thoughts were in harmony with the glorious promise of the fair June day. Dear old Luke! how pleased he would be, and Margaret too, to say nothing of Gracie and Nellie, his fairy goddaughters,' as he called them! But it was Luke principally whom he longed to see for there had been only the two brothers in the family. Their mother had died in their infancy, and at their father's death they had decided to go West. Luke, who was not very strong and hardly fitted for life on the plains, opened a general store at the Gulch, where he prospered But Robert was a born ranchman, and never so happy as when in the saddle.

It was early afternoon when he slackened rein at

It was early afternoon when he slackened rein at the Dutchman's,' the euphonious name of Copper Gulch's largest hostlery. Walter Lindsay, 'Whoop-up-Watt,' whose antipathy for 'biled shirts' was notorious, actually stood out in front of the hotel, in store clothes and stand-up collar. Presently he was joined by three other cowboys all dressed in the same fashion. The four looked exceedingly upcomfortable four looked exceedingly uncomfortable.
What's up, Watt?' inquired Bob, curiously, as; he

dismounted.
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dismounted.

'That you Babe?'—in that land of nicknames, Bob's length of limb had earned for him the sobriquet of 'Babe.' We are going to the closing exercises at the schoolhouse,' continued Watt, with dignity.

'Closing exercises?' Bob repeated, in astonishment.

Mr. Lindsay explained that Miss Mason, the new school-teacher, was responsible for the invitation. For weeks she had toiled in order to bring her pupils to the proper pitch of perfection, so the Gulch felt bound to turn out en masse to do honor to the occasion. The cowboys, to a man, were arrayed like Solomon in all his glory. all his glory.

"If Here's Miss Mason now!" he said, as a hewilder-ing vision in white muslin with fluttering ribbons came rapidly down the street and passed them with a smile

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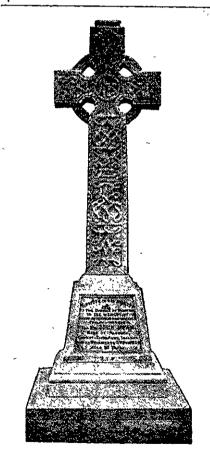
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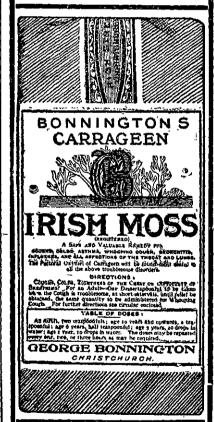
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and a mod. 'What do you think of the new addition to our scenery, Babe?'

But Babe was just them speechless. Miss Mason had given the little group a second, swift glance, and it was directed at him. Most feminine eyes regarded with approval his fine sun-burned face, and six feet on brawn and muscle; so there was no reason why he should be 'knocked all of a heap by a glint of the little schoolma'm's e'en,' as Scotty, the other cowboy, expressed it afterward.

'Cheer up, old fellow,' said Whoop-up, encouragingly. You have every chance to go in and win; for she and Mrs. Luke are as thick as—as flies on a molasses harrel, the graphic, if homely simile, having been inspired by the sight of an empty keg standing near.

Just then there was a quick scurry of little feet, and two fairies in white jumped into Robert Dillon's arms.

'Uncle Bob!—it is Uncle Bob!' cried Nellie.
'Our giant godfather:' sand Gracie, with a loving

hug.

'Where are you going midgets?' he inquired.

'We are going to the closin' exercises,' answered Gracie, composedly. 'Me and Nellie—no, Nellie and I—are going to sing a quartetie—I mean a duet, the Birdies' Wedding.''

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'Uncle Bob is not dressed,' denurred Gracie, who

was a bit of a counctte.

'Never mind! Uncle Bob is just lovely, no matter how he is dressed,' said Nellie, staunchly.

Bob kissed the true-hearted little flatterer, and then marched up to the schoolhouse with one small perched on each shoulder. It was in this fashion made the acquaintance of 'Teacher.' one small niece

made the acquaintance of 'Teacher.'

The entertainment passed off very well. The children sang in chorus and something about 'the bees and bads and flowers in leafy, sylvan howers,' and 'gay vacation time in this most favored clime.' The Dailon twins acquitted themselves creditably, and a big boy recited a comic selection that greatly pleased the audience, not a critical one, it must be allowed. Then a little Mexican girl sang a pretty song, to her youthful brother's accompaniment on the guitar. A tall girl of fourteen read an essay on some abstruse subject, which nothody understood, but everybody considered fine Marches and drills were interspersed here and there, and, after drills were interspersed here and there; and, after

and drills were interspersed here and there; and, after another chorus in which the word 'Goodbye' was repeated in every cadence from forte to planissimo, the young performers prepared to leave the stage.

Then the Sheriff of San Bruno County rose to his feet. He congratulated the children on their histriomic a lility, but especially d'd, he congratulate their teacher, Miss Mason, who had given up brilliant prospects in the East in order to devote her energies to the welfare of Copper Gulch's future citizens. (Loud cheering at this.) And as Ruth, her cheeks flushed with nervousness and pleasure, her eves snning, like stars, plause that almost brought down the roof.

Mrs. Luke captured her and carried her home to spend the evening. Her uncle and brother Dick were made up his mind: that he was going to make his home, in the West. He had grown from, a puny strip-

made up his mind: that he was going to make this home in the West. He had grown from a puny stripling to a vigorous young man. His presence had been a great comfort to his sister through the long with the many cheerful letters. to Mrs. Mason at the old homestead in Vermont. The girl had saved most of her salary; and as Dick had been taken into partnership by his uncle, there was talk of his going back East to bring out the little

It was a happy party that gathered around Mrs. Luke's cosy supper table that night. That Hospitable lady was wormed because her brother-in-law Bob displayed so poor an appetite after his long ride; although his devoted nieces, one on each side, heaped his plate with dainties plate with dainties.

After tea there was music. Mrs. Luke possessed a piano, of which the Gulch was inordinately proud, and Bob's mellow tenor joined in with her clear soprano as they same some after sone. Presently as Ruth sat gazing dreamily out at the moonlight garden two soft little voices reached her ear:

As the dewy shades of even Gather o'er the balmy air, Listen, gentle Queen of Heaven, Listen to our vesper prayer!

She looked over at the singers. Their innocent eyes were raised as if in prayer, their small hands folded. What a beautiful idea it was to teach young hearts to

place themselves under the protection of Mary, that model of all purity! The words of Ellen's petition in The Lady of the Lake' came to her mind:

Maiden, hear a maiden's prayer!

Mother, hear a suppliant child!

She glanced at Robert Dillon, and noticed with wonder that his eyes were full of tears, and—he was looking directly at her.

The mother retiring presently to put her little ones to bed, the two were lelt alone. Luke looked in upon them occasionally, but he was busy in the store. They conversed upon various subjects;—and Ruth had to admit to herself that she had seldom met a young man so well informed, though he laughingly told her that as a boy he had shown more affinity for haseball than for his studies. She blushed at finding herself comparing his lively pleasant convensation with the stilted platitudes of Thornton Best.

Mrs. Luke, returning, found them apparently such good friends that she could not help saying to herself: What, a couple they would make, if only Ruth were a Catholic!' I am afraid the little lady was a matchmaker at heart, but, then, what happy whie is not!

It was late, and Bob Dillon had many miles to cover before reaching the San Patricio Ranch. That ride in the moonlight will live in his memory for ever. The white trail winding in and out around the mesa; here and there a clump of sage or a blotch of blackness, where the cattle were hiddled together in the hollows—those familiar slights, which he had thought so monotonous, took on in his eyes a new beauty, glamored over as they were with the moon's silvery radiance and the witchery of love.

But the days that followed! If each were a century in lemith, they could not seem to our hero to drag more slowly.

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tury in length, they could not seem to our nero to drag more slowly.

Bossee, he sickee, said Wah Lung, the cook.
He no eatee slo muchee, with a gesture of the fingers illustrative of the utter insignificance of his master's meals.

'I bet you he's sickening for a fever,' put in Dole-ful Desmond, who always looked on the dark side of

things.

'Ay tank' remarked Lief Oleson, slowly—'ay tank mebbe he meet one pretty girl down at the Gulch.'

The others were inclined to be of the Swede's opinion when, a week later, the boss started off for the Gulch again, on some insignificant errand. It was evening when he reached his brother's home, and there a disappointment awaited him. Ruth was in the little parlor, "tis true, but near her, and with an air of proprietorship for which Bob would have liked to kick him, sat Thomton Best. He had stepped off the train unexpectedly a few days before, as a surprise for Ruth—so he said. Truth to tell, his coming had given her more surprise than pleasure. He took up his head-quarters at the 'Dutchman's', for he wanted to show the cowboys how a Christian gentleman should live, so he told his fiances. Were it not for their regard for Miss Mason, he would soon have shown them how a Christian gentleman should die; for his patronising airs

Miss Mason, he would soon have shown them how a Christian rentleman should die; for his patronising airs had madden deveryone of them.

'What queer critters women are said Whoop-up-watt, in a disgusted voice. How a girl like Miss Mason can care for that stuck-un tenderfoot passes my understanding. Now if she would only take a shine to Eake Dillon 'There's a man for you.'

Babe Dillon 'There's a man for you.'

Babe Dillon, though a man, was not a very happy one on that particular evening. Mrs. Luke, her pretty fare troubled, exerted herself to be agreeable; and Luke himself stepped no by into the breach. But after a time conversation languished. Thornton Best, conscious of his immaculate attire and metropolitan polish (as he fondly believed), could not help but adopt a patronising ten two ard the cowpunchers, as he mentally called the brothers.

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Current Topics

Honesty that Scarce

'The kind of honesty', says David Harum, 'that won't actually steal 's a kind of fool honesty that's common enough; but the kind that keeps a feller's mouth shut when he hadn't ought to talk 's about the scurcest thing goin'.'

Patting their Backs

There is one plank in the platform of the United Orange Grand Lodge of New Zealand—recently published in the press—which we highly approve. It is the rule that runneth thus: 'Any member marrying a Roman Catholic shall be expelled'. Here we 'firm concord hold' with the brethren, and we pat the colfective back of the Grands, Semi-Grands, and Upright Grands of the Order for their determination to do what lies in their power to prevent mixed marriages—and above all, a mixed marriage to which a brother, bound by the oath of the 'first' or the 'two-and-a-half' degree, shall be a party.

One Vicious Quality'

It seems a long cry to the day when Longfellow's angel with a trumpet will say:—

'Forever more, forever more, The reign of violence is o'er!'

But it is a hopeful sign of the times that so convinced; a Radical as M. Henri Maret should have strongly protested against the brutal expulsion of the 'Augustinian nuns by the French Government (on the pressure of their Radical-Socialist supporters) from the Parisian hospital in which they had nursed the sick for twelve hundred years. M. Maret's article appeared in the 'Republique Francaise', and is translated in part as follows by a writer in the 'S.H. Review' of March 7: 'The good Sisters had one vicious quality—they be-lieved in God. Hence if we have liberty of conscience, it is on condition that belief in God be strictly prohibited. If you believe in God, you are undone. You can not occupy any public position, nor even receive the cross; (the decoration of the Legion of Honor), 'which wouldhave greatly surprised Jesus Christ, to Whom we are indebted for that same cross, which. our masters are pleased to trample under foot, when they do not wear it on their breasts. Did not my friend Berteaux, the other day, amidst the applause of the entire Chamber of Deputies, declare that a man who believed in God could not possibly be a competent civil engineer, and that a person afflicted with that absurd belief could not be admitted to care for the sick?

'It is', says a writer in the 'S.H. Review', 'a hopeful sign of the times that a radical of long date, should show by this display of mordant irony his disgust for the insane and illogical measures of the present infidel Government. The -cruel expulsion of an Order, which for twelve centuries had cared for suffering humanity in their historic hospital, is an act most infamous, without even the plea of economy to justify it. The Sisters received 200 francs (£8) per annum, the lay nurses are paid 1,100 francs (£44), for, needless to say, much less valuable services.'

The 'Yellow Peril'

Lord Wolseley was, we believe, the man who coined the apt and now universally used expression, 'Yellow Peril', to signify the things that may befall when the giant forces of the East awake up and train and arm. The Russo-Japanese war served to open the eyes of the West to the vast potentialities of conquest that exist in the dormant nations of the Orient when they have rubbed the sleep out of their eyes, and stretched their

limbs, and got to work. It may be long before a new Tamerlane or Zenghis Khan will give the Caucasian nations cause to steep uneasily o' nights. But there are more than Father Benson who foresee the Armageddon of the future in the clash of yellow hosts upon white. And one of these is Lord Wolseley.

On last Sunday the gifted Rev. Dr. Waddell (Dunedin) referred to the things that may be involved in the present awakening of the East—no longer 'the un-changing East'. 'If', said he, 'in this great conflict between the yellow and the white man in the not distant future we failed, it would be for the same reasons as had brought about the ruin of Rome. We shall go down, not because of the material forces outside our gates, but because the spirit has left the body within. Like the wild tribes that swept down upon ancient Rome, they will be but the eagles of judgment that remove the infecting carcase from the face of the earth. . . The real yellow peril is not these nations, vast though they be, that are rising on the distant horizon. It is our own lust of the yellow metal and what the yellow metal can purchase. It is to be engrossed with our own interests and our own ambitions and to be dead to the summons to lead the Gospel in through these great opening doors of the Orient. If we fail to do that we may live to see ourselves where proud, imperial, self-loving Rome found herself-in the dust at the feet of Vandal and Hun.'

The learned and gentle Doctor might—had he been so minded—have referred to the 'white peril'; that gives a real terror to the one that is called 'yellow'. We refer to race-suicide—to the dog-and-cat-and-canary-bird family. But for the 'white peril', the Western nations could sit serene and unafraid, and look squarely and defiantly in the face of an armed and warlike Orient. But the cult of the human infant is, among many, giving place to the cult of the bull-pup and the Japanese poodle. And the slant-eyed Orientals may yet be 'the scourge of God', as Attila and his Huns and Vandals and Ostrogoths were fourteen centuries ago—to punish the nations for their sins.

The Anarchist at Work

Some one—we cannot give him a local habitation and a name—gave this rhyming definition:—

'What is an anarchist? One who, his cosmos, 'With blood red cement, would fashion from chaos'.

In America, the anarchists (or 'arnychists', as 'Mr. Dooley 'calls 'them') have lately been mixing their cement with the blood of priests. They shot one at the altar in Denver a few weeks ago. And now, in our latest American files, comes the news that the lives of a number of others are threatend, and that the public authorities have found it necessary to take active steps to rid the country of what some one has termed the riff-raff of the assassination clubs of Europe. The 'Congregationalist' commented editorially as follows on the brutal murder of Father Heinrichs at Denver: The killing of a priest at the altar in Denver, Col., by a coward who shot him through the back as an expression of his hatred for all religion, is a sporadic proof of the insanity of anar-The philosophical anarchists will repudate his act as heartily as the rest of us-we hope it will show them with what dangerous tools they are working. The effect of the deed will be to supply the Roman Catholic Church with a martyr, and to make the creed of hate for all religion more unpopular than ever.'

On the surface of the vast tide of immigration that sets steadily to America from the older and more congested—and usually more oppressed and soldier-ridden—countries of Europe, there floats westward the flotsam of the criminality of a dozen flags.— And in a country

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of all others (with the solitary exception of that. Chima), is most ridden by dark-lantern associations, it is hardly a matter of surprise that the imported secfaries and criminals do not at once throw off the methods of the cellar-rat. But the anarchist assassin has abused the rights of bospitality, and he must be driven across, or into the sea-if he has not previously had his neck stretched by the slip-noose of the hangman, or his evil soul chased out of his worthless body by the high-voltage current of the electric chair. Dealing with the vast body of usually peaceable and moral immigrants that pour year by year into the United States, Bishop Walden (Episcopalian Methodist) said, a few weeks ago at an inter-denominational missionary conference at Oakland; 'What could we of other denominations do with this great immigrant horde if 'it were not for the Roman Catholic Church? It is the greatest police power that could be exerted over these new millions, and it holds'them securely in its conservative grasp. I want to ask you how we could take care of the foreign-born who come to our cities, how our police forces could handle them and control them, were it not for the conservative influence of the Roman Catholic Church? I don't want to challenge you Protestants' Bishop Walden continued, 'but isn't it a fact that the Roman Catholic Church holds its children closer than any other? And so long as this is so, its influence is most important in dealing with the problem of the cities.'

How Education Tells

Dr. W. T. Harris, a former American Commissioner of Education, is credited by the 'Ave Maria' with having stated as follows the results of certain investigations made by him: 'That a boy with only a common school education has, in round numbers, one chance in nine thousand.—That a high school training increases this chance nearly twenty-two times.—That college education added, gives the young man about ten times the chance of a high school boy, and two hundred times the chance of the boy whose training stopped with the common school.—That the A.B. graduate is pre-eminently successful, and that the self-educated man is inconspicuous'.

This is not, of course, always the case-even from the point of view of the mere mental training acquired But the exceptions are only just about numerous enough to prove the rule. The story of the great engineer gun-wizard, Sir Hiram Maxim, occurs to our mind as the pen pursues its zig-zag course over the paper. Sir Hiram's school education was of the poorest. On the last day of his school life, his younger sister carried off the first prize. Hiram, stupid, but well-behaved, drew, as usual, none. 'I will now', said the teacher at the close of the distribution of prizes, 'give a leather medal to the most stupid scholar in the school'. 'I looked about me', said Sir Hiram, 'and I was quite certain that it must be Kim Casley, the double-thumbed boy. But, no! The teacher selected Hiram Maxim. I went forward, and was given the only medal I have ever received in my life for anything relating to education'.

Reverting to ex-Commissioner Harris's investigations, we find in the 'Ave Maria' some pertinent remarks in regard to what constitutes the 'chance' of a boy. It is, of course, 'success'. 'And', says the 'Ave', '"success' in this connection most likely means making a livelihood and acquiring a more or less notable fortune. It is to be presumed that Dr. Harris implied, if he did not express, the necessary proviso, "other things being equal", else his assertions will be open to well-grounded objections. Honesty, integrity, the sense of religious duty—in a word, character, is a factor the presence or absence of which will account for greater divergence in the careers of young men than

will the mere difference between the common and the high school training, or between the incomplete and the finished college course.'

More Theology

A great deal of time-four solid years ordinarilydevoted by Catholic ecclesiastical students to 'the queen of sciences', theology. The solid grounding which they receive both in philosophical and theological science leaves them, as a rule, well equipped to dissect the fallacies of callow theorists, such as the revamped and oft-exposed old errors and misconceptions that constitute the miscalled 'new' theology. The Rev. W. Hewitson-whose meaty articles in the Dunedin 'Outlook' are always worth assimilating-emphasises, in a recent issue of that paper, the need of more theology for students preparing for the Presbyterian ministry. Principal Harper, of St. Andrew's College (Sydney), holds with him (he says) that 'the thing necessary today in training men is much more thorough instruction in theology. It is appalling to think (said he) what would happen to the Church if a great heresy arose. It would catch the Church quite unprepared!. And in his recent work on 'Positive Preaching', Principal Forsyth writes: 'I say that, in the present state of the Church, and certainly for the sake of its pulpit, its ministers, and its future, theology is a greater need than philanthropy. Because men do not know where they are. They are only steering by dead reckoningwhen anything may happen. But theology is "taking the sun". And it is wonderful-it is dangerous-how few of our officers can use the sextant for themselves. Yet what is the use of captains who are more at home entertaining the passengers than navigating the ship.'

It is not pleasant to contemplate the manner in which, outside the Catholic Church, men-even, at Umes, the officers of the ship-are carried about by every wind of doctrine. The evil wrought upon the faith of many by a destructive and extreme 'higher criticism', and by the passing fancies and shallow theories of the so-called 'new theology', recall to mind some remarks made by Dr. Harris Taylor, a former American Minister to Spain, on a recent occasion in Washington. He said in part: 'The famous English agnostic and historian, Buckle, who died at Damascus, made, near the close of his life, a pilgrimage to the Holy City with a caravan that included representative divines from many denominations. After he had discussed with them profoundly the theological problems that agitated the world during the last generation, one of the company called upon him to express his views as to the essence of the issues involved, and their probable outcome. In reply, Buckle said: "I see, on the one hand, the young and growing host of agnosticism; on the other, the older Christian host, one wing of which rests on the disintegrating dogma of private judgment, the other on the cohesive dogma of an infallible Church". He then added: "In my judgment, the future of Christianity depends upon the power of the Catholic Church to defend it "."

The Catholic Church stands in serene possession as the judge of religious controversies. She is not appalled, whether a great heresy arises, or a small. 'Securus judicat orbem terrarum'—she passes judgment in matters of faith and of morals, secure from error. For the Abiding Spirit is in the Church 'for ever', to teach her 'all truth' (John, xiv., 16-17, 26; xvi., 13-14); and Christ (Whose 'body' she is—col., i., 18) is her life and light and soul. The poet Dryden, after his conversion to the Catholic faith, wrote of her as follows in 'The Hind and the Panther'.—

O gracious God! how well dost Thou provide For erring judgments an unerring guide. For this obscurity, how could heaven provide More prudently than by a living guide? It then remains: that Church can only be The guide, which owns unfailing certainty.

And again :-

'One in herself, not rent by schism, but sound, Entire, one solid, shining diamond, Not sparkles scattered into sects'.

And by her 'the self-same doctrine of the sacred page' is 'conveyed to every clime in every age'.

THE CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

MEMOIRS OF THE EARLY DAYS

(Contributed.) AUCKLAND. (Continued.)

Among the small band of Irish priests who came to labor in the diocese of Auckland during the episcopate of Bishop Pompallier, was Father James Paul. Born in County Carlow, Ireland, on November 10, 1822, he was, after a successful course of studies at St. Patrick's College, Carlow, ordained to the priesthood on July 15, 1855. He soon after set out for New Zealand, and arrived in Auckland in April, 1856. Rangiawhia, in the Waikato (so states a record which appeared in the 'Tablet' on the occasion of his death) was the first scene of his activity. In 1858 he was transferred to Otahuhu, and for forty-eight years afterwards, and until his demise at the age of 83, he had been in charge of Onehunga. The beautiful church of the Assumption, the graceful proportions of which add such a charm to the western port town, was built by him and opened free of debt, and also the fine schools in the vicinity. He was a great advocate of Catholic education, consistently taking an active and personal interest in the day and Sunday schools. He filled the positions of Vicar-General and Administrator of the diocese, and was raised by the late Pope Leo XIII. to the dignity of Monsignor. In his death was removed the last of the priests who came to the diocese in Bishop Pompallier's time, having, in 1899 and 1900, seen burled the last of his colleagues, the'Very Rev. M. D. O'Hara, of Otahuhu, and the Very Rev. Monsignor Walter McDonald, of Panmure. Forty-nine years of his life were spent in the service of the Church in Auckland, and had he lived hut another three months, would have celebrated the golden jubilee of his priesthood. There were few prelates (writes one who knew him 'Intimately) who have commanded more respect and veneration of people of all shades of religious belief than the late Monsignor Paul. He was of quiet, unassuming manner, and avoided taking part in public functions as much as possible, but nevertheless he was enabled to reach the hearts of his people. religious belief than the late Monsignor Paul. He was of quiet, unassuming manner, and avoided taking part in public functions as much as possible, but nevertheless he was enabled to reach the hearts of his people, and more especially the people of Onchunga, in whose midst he lived for so many years. He may he considered the 'Father of Onchunga,' as there were probably no older residents. Here he had watched the growth of three generations. He had baptised and married the children of the early settlers, their children, and their children's children. During the same lengthened period he had followed the remains of four generations to their last resting place. The Monsignor had thus ties with his people which could never be broken in life, and in death the sorrow of the whole community went out to him. Addressing the assemblage at the funeral obsequies of the late Very Rev. Mgr. Paul, his Lordship Bishop Lenihan said:—'It is impossible to calculate the time he has spent devoting himself to benevolence and the saving of souls. With the exception of less than eighteen months spent elsewhere, his whole time has been passed in Onehunga, where he worked and prayed for the heacit, of the where, his whole time has been passed in Onehunga, where he worked and prayed for the benefit of the people. Monsignor Paul might be termed the last of those early priests who preached Christianity in this Colony.'

The First Parish Priest of Onchunga

was Father Clery, who came to Auckland in 1850, and and remained until 1859. He built the first church at Onehunga and, after leaving New Zealand, labored in the diocese of Southwark, England. Father Clery was a brother of Lieutenant-General Clery, who served with distinction in the late South African War. The Very Rev. Father M. D. O'Hara, who at the time of his death (1899) was parish priest of Otahuhu, was another of the band of early missionary Fathers in Auckland diocese. Born at Collowney, Sligo, Ireland, in 1814, he was ordained in 1863, and two years later arrived in Auckland. He was sent to the Waikato, then in a most troublous state owing to the

Native war still raging. During this time he acted as chaplain to the forces. Later on he did duty at St. Patrick's Cathedral in the city. Whilst in Auckland he built St. John's Church, Parnell, and was subsequently appointed parish priest of Otahuhu in succession to Father Garavel. During an interregnum in the episcopate of the diocese, when the Most Rev. Dr. Goold, Archbishop of Melbourne, acted as Administrator of Auchland, his Grace selected Father O'Hara as Administrator of the Cathedral, and also for other important appointments. Shortly after the Right Rev. Dr. Croke assumed charge of the diocese, Father O'Hara resumed charge of Otahuhu, where (in 1886) he was appointed irremovable rector. He made periodical visits to Kaipara, and erected a church at Mangawhare and another at Papakura in his own parish. He never left the diocese from the time of his arrival there. In his last moments he was comforted by his sister (in religion Sister Mary Teresa), of the Convent of Mercy, Ponsonby.

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The Very Rev. Mgr. McDonald, or as he was familiarly known, 'Father Walter,' passed to his eternal reward on the last day of 1899, in his 76th year, after a strenuous and well-spent life in the diocese of Auckland of about 46 years. Born in the County Kilkenny, Ireland, and educated at the great missionary college of All Hallows, Dublin, Father Walter received ordination at St. Patrick's Cathedral in March, 1856, shortly after his arrival in Auckland. His brother, the Very Rev. Dr. James McDonald, who had arrived some years earlier, was then Vicar-General of the diocese. By a somewhat remarkable coincidence. Dr. McDonald died at Hokianga, the first scene of Catholic misshonary enterprise in the Lominion, whilst Father Walter's first parochial charge was Korotareka (Bay of Islands), the first real centre of Church progress. Later on Father Walter McDonald was transferred to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, and became private secretary to Bishop Pompallier. He remained in Auckland for many years, and twice visited Rome. During his condection with St. Patrick's Cathedral the sacred edifice was considerably enlarged, and the spire was built through his exertions. On his Lordship Bishop Luck returning from his first ad limina visit to the Eternal City, he conveyed the welcome intelligence of Father Walter's elevation to the dignity of Monsignor, conferred by his Holiness Pope Leo XIII. in recognition of his services to the Church. Father Walter was subsequently transferred to the parochial charge of Panmure, greatly to the regret of St. Patrick's parishioners. During his many years' residence at Panmure and ministrations at Howick, he became as belowed and popular with all classes and denominations as by the people of the munity, he was especially regarded with much affection by the Maoris. They were continually about his place, seeking his good counsel and advice in all matters affecting their interests.

(To be Continued.)

PROGRESSIVE BELGIUM

In our last issue, reference was made in our edi-In our last issue, reference was made in our editorial columns to the remarkable progress made by Belgium in recent years, and we now supplement those remarks by particulars as to the direction in which that Catholic country is coming to the front. Belgium might be called the New Zealand of Europe as regards its industrial legislation, although it falls behind this country as to the extent of such legislation. It led the way in legislating against the employment of children and women in mines, and in providing, in a manner superior to that of other countries, for the moral and physical well-being of those employed in shops and factories. shops and factories.

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Belgium presents a very striking illustration of the tenefits resulting from self-government. Some seventy-five years ago a successful revolution released the country from its subjection to the Dutch, and placed its destinies in the hands of its own people. In the train of national independence an era of remarkable prosperity opened for the newly-created State, and during the past three-quarters of a century, the social and economic condition of the population has continued to improve at a pace that may well excite surprise and admiration. Reference is frequently made to the industrial importance of Belgium, to the high degree of perfection to which her arts and manufactures have reached,

persons, probably, have other than a vague idea of the marvellous strides the Belgians have made, and continue to make, in the development of their many resources. It is only by examining in detail the various elements that go to the material advancement of a nation, we shall be able adequately to appreciate the immense progress that has marked the history of the country since it shook off the Dutch connection in 1830. Half-jestingly, half-contemptuously, Frenchmen sometimes speak of their neighbors as les petits Belges, the slight implied in the phrase is, however, far from being deserved; for, the little Belgians have in many respects shown themselves much superior to their critics. The density of population, the manufacturing and commercia position to which the kingdom has been raised, the gratifying spread of education, not to speak of the civil and religious liberty which her citizens enjoy, are in striking contrast with the condition of things existing under the Republican regime in France. The growth of population has been unusually rapid. In 1831, the territory embraced by the new kingdom numbered 3,786,000 inhabitants; on the 31st of December, 1904, the population reached a total of 7,075,000, an increase in the interval of nearly 87 per cent. Belgium is, in fact, one of the most thickly-peopled countries in the world. With its 622 imhabitants to the square mile, its density is more than double that of Germany or Italy, more than triple that of France, of Austria, or of Spain. Were Ireland proportionately peopled, she would count to-day within her four shores, a population of at least twenty millaons.

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Agriculture and Trade

Although agriculture is widely and successfully carried on Belgium is largely dependant for foreign supplies for her foods, hence her inhabitants are impelled to industrial activity, in order that the products of her manufacturers and various workers may enable them to purchase abroad the food-stuffs and raw materials needed for the national consumption. The progress of industrial enterprise has accordingly gone on pari passu with the growth in population. Contrasting the present commercial situation with that which existed seventy years ago, we find that the total imports, which in 1835 were estimated at less than eight millions stering, rose to upwards of 138 millions in 1906, and the total exports from six and a quarter millions to 112 millions. In other words, although the population had not quite doubled within the above period, the volume of trade had increased twenty-three fold. The imports and exports give a greater average per head of trade than those of Great Britain, they are nearly three times the German or French averages, four times greater than those of the United States, and seven times greater than those of Italy.

The expansion of trade has naturally led to the improvement of facilities for transport and the increase of rapid means of communication. Perhaps in no other part of Europe has the feature of our modern economic conditions being so nobly exemplified as in Belgium. The country is covered with a network of railways, its system—not including steam trams or light railways—extending over some 2830 miles, which for every 1000 inhabitants, is one and a half times that of Great Britain, twice that of France, and three times that of Italy. Remarkable as the above record is, it does not include all the rail accommodation provided for the public. The main systems and their connections are fed by no fewer than 145 lines of chemins de fer vicinaux, or light railways, of which the Belgians were prompt to recognise the possibilities for the purposes of trade and travelling. The first of these lines, 13½miles in length, was opened in 1885—at the close of December, 1905, the total length of the various lines in operation was 1704 miles, whilst at the same date some 546 miles were under construction or about being commenced.

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a shade over a halfpenny a mile, not quite a penny for second class, and the return journey can be made for a trifle over a fare and a half. As is pretty generally known, nearly the vhole of the ordinary or broad gauge system is the property of, and is worked by the State; the light railways have been constructed for the most part by the Societe des Chemirs de fer Vacinaux, with capital provided by the State, the Provinces, and the Communes, the State subsidy usually amounting to a third of the cost. The thrift of the people is illustrated by the deposits in the Savings Bank, the amount standing to the credit of depositors in December, 1904, was over 21 million sterling. And what is more interesting, and perhaps more important, this very considerable sum was distributed among 2,205,000 depositors. There is thus a post office bank account

for about every three persons of the entire population. Education

At the close of December, 1904, the number of children on rolls of the primary schools subject to State aspection, was 859,436; of the attendance in the free's chools not subject to official examination, no returns are available. In 1903 the State, Provincial, and Communal subsidies for elementary education came to nearly £1,700,000.

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For secondary instruction ample provision exists in the Government athenees, and in the numerous high schools official and other. The State secondary institutions had an attendance of 33,122 students, on the 31st December, 1904, but to this number should be added the population of the many colleges and high schools under exclusively Catholic control. The attendance in these colleges and schools is, it is safe to say, greater than in the Government secondary establishments.

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The Be'gian educational edifice is crowned by four Universities, of which two, Ghent and Liege, are State institutions; the other two, that of Brussels and that of Louvain, are entirely independent of Government control, and consequently receive no assistance from the State. The total number of undergarduates in the year 1904-5, was 6098—or more than five times the number receiving a similar education in 1830—the Catholic University of Louvain coming first with 2,134 students. It is instructive to learn that of the entire University population in the academic year 1904-5 at least 33 per cent were attending the special schools of mining, engineering, commerce, agriculture, etc., an evdence of the growing importance attached to purely professional training. In 1890 the proportion was but 15 per cent.

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As might be expected in a country so conspicuous for industrial enterprise technical instruction receives a large amount of attention and encouragement from Government and municipal bodies. That the Belgians fully recognize the necessity of special training for youths destined for industrial or manufacturing pursuits, may be inferred from the fact that in 1903-4 there existed throughout the country 280 institutions in which a strictly commercial, professional, or technical training was imparted, the number of students being about 43-000, of whom 8,250 were girls. Belgium has been the first Eurorean State to attempt a practical solution of the old-age pension difficulity, as it has been the first to legislate for the satisfactory housing of the workers. M. Payen, a distinguished member of the French Institute, was well within the truth, when he wrote some time ago, that of all the European countries Belgium has in in these latter years, made the noblest and most successful efforts for the furtherance of social progress.' To the Catholic party, in the Chambers and in the country, must be awarded the praise of having initiated and carried through those schemes of social betterment which have not only been admired but imitated by other nations. For now more than twenty years Catholics have had the administration of the national affairs: Belgium is, in fact, the only country in Europe with a distinctively and professedly Catholic Government.

In the steady development of the nation's resources, in the rapid growth of commercial prosperity, in the satisfactory spread of education, in the generous encouragement given to the arts and sciences, in the orderly advance of social reform, we have conclusive evidence that 'reactionary chrimals' are no enemies to genuine progress or true enlightenment.

Presentation to Mr. W. T. Ward, Dunedin

Mr. W. T. Ward, who has been appointed postmaster at Palmerston North, was presented at the Chief Post Office, Dunedin, on Thursday afternoon with a solid silver tea service, suitably inscribed, by his fellow-officers. Representatives of all departments were present on the occasion.

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The Chief Postmaster (Mr. W. St. G. Douglas), in making the presentation, referred to the recipient's 18 years' connection with the office, and on behalf of the staff congratulated him very hearthly on his well-merited promotion. In all the responsible offices he had held—head of the Money Order Department, chief clerk, and acting postmaster—Mr. Ward had ever displayed marked ability, and had always discharged his duties in a conscientious manner. They accordingly regretted the departure of their comrade from amongst them. He was always kindly and courteous, both as a superior officer and man. He (Mr. Douglas) had to acknow-

ledge the ready assistance and loyal support he had received from Mr. Ward. Their relations had been of the pleasantest during the time they had been associated. On behalf of the staff, he hoped Mr. Ward and his family would find Palmerston North exceeded their most sanguine expectations. There had been no canvass made of country officers, but he would like to read a letter he had received from the Naseby postmaster enclosing a contribution towards the presentation fund. The letter stated that the writer regretted the removal of so kind a friend and courteous an officer (loud applause).

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Messrs. W. F. Cuthbertson (dead letter department), C. G. O. Naumann (Money Order and Savings Bank), A. J. L. Scott (letter carriers), W. H. Ferens (mail room), Bernard J. Finnegan (parcels), and C. H. Burton (assistant postmaster) also spoke briefly, each on behalf of his respective department, referring to the cordial relations that had existed between Mr. Ward and themselves, and the respect in which he was held as a member of the Dunedin Post Office staff.

Mr. Ward thanked them for the present they had made him, and assured them it needed nothing of that nature to help him keep in mind the members of the Dunedin staff. He had been many years amongst them, and had seen many of them grow from lads into experienced men, and while in the Dunedin office he had made many warm and valued friends.

Three hearty cheers were then given for Mr. and Mrs. Ward, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow.'

St. Joseph's Men's Club, Dunedin

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. (president) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance.

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In the annual report read by the secretary, Mr. W. P. Rodgers, the committee congratulated the members on the success of the club during the past season. The number of financial members showed a slight uncrease on the previous year. The literary branch was highly successful. Twenty-three meetings were held, the average attendance at which was 38, and on no occasion were the numbers present less than 25. During the year there were held four debates, five lectures were delivered, there were four musical evenings, two Shakespearean readings, and on three evenings papers were read. The sincere thanks of the members were due to the Rev. Father Coffey for the keen interest which he had taken in all branches of the club. As an evidence of that interest it was mentioned that he had not been absent from a single meeting during the session. The Shakespearean recitals were an innovation, and Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., who had control of them, deserved credit for the successful manner: in which they were conducted. The committee desired also to place on record their appreciation of the kindness of the Hon. them, deserved credit for the successful manner: in which they were conducted. The committee desired also to place on record their appreciation of the kindness of the Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C., Rev. Father Cleary, and Rev. Bro. Ryan, who delivered lectures, and Mr. E. W. Spain for editing the 'Spectator.' The debates proved very interesting, and many of the members gave promise of becoming fluent speakers. The musical evenings were much appreciated, and the thanks of the members were due to Mr. F. Heley, who had acted as accompanist. The committee were pleased to be able to report that the gymnastic class, under Mr. T. Deehan (captain) and Mr. James Swanson (deputy-captain), had been very successful, and that the members were very regular in their attendance. The billiard room was well patronised, and proved a source of revenue to the executive committee. The tournament was won by Mr. E. W. Spain. The club suffered a loss during the year by the departure from Dunedin of Messrs. J. E. Ward and J. Sims. In conclusion the committee honed that the members would attend regularly during the coming session, work loyally together, and thus contribute to the success of the club. On the motion of the Rev. Father Coffey, seconded by Mr. E. W. Spain; the report and balance sheet were adonted. Mr. Spain; the report and balance sheet were adonted. Mr. Spain; in the course of his remarks, congratulated the club on its progress, and suggested certain improvements, which would help to make the meetings more attractive.

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Mr. T. Deehan, secretary of the hall executive, read the annual report and balance sheet of that body, in the course of which it was mentioned that the debt on the building had been reduced by £100 during the

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The election of officers was then proceeded with, the following being the result:—Patron, his Lordship Bishop Verdon; president, Rev. Father Coffey (re-elected); vice-pnesidents, the local clergy, the Christian Brothers, and Messrs. T. Deehan and T. J. Hussey (re-elected); secretary, Mr. W. P. Rodgers (re-elected); committee, Messrs. J. B. Callan, jun., E. W. Spain, R. Rossbotham, J. Wilkinson, and Dr. Hastings; representatives on the hall executive, Messrs. J. B. Callan, jun., T. Deehan, and Di Corcoran; auditor, Mr. D. S. Columb. Columb.

Fifteen new members were elected during the even-

ing.

The Rev. Father Coffey announced that the Very Rev. Deam Burke, of Invercargill, would deliver the inaugural lecture on next Friday evening. It was decided to have the lecture in the large hall, and that it be open to the parishioners.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 25.

His Grace the Archbishop will leave next week for Marlborough to open a new church at Renwicktown, He will then journey to Kaikoura, and thence to Westport.

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On Tuesday last at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, Boulcott' street, Miss Katie Meyer, second daughter of Mr. J. H. Meyer, of this city; was married to Mr. J. Croft. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Venning.

On Friday last Mr. Stirtevant Biggin, Solicitor, formerly of Nottlingham, England, and latterly of Waihi, was marnied at St. Mary of the Angels, to Miss Agnes Mary Power, fifth daughter of Mr. Maurica G. Power, of Waihi, The Rev. Father Moloney officiated at the ceremony.

At a general meeting of the IUnited Irish League

At a general meeting of the United Irish League held on Tuesday, it was decided to hold a series of social evenings during the winter months. The first of these will take place on May 7. Mr. T. Ft. Lyons, an ardent supporter of the League, has kindly placed his spacious rooms in Willis street at the disposal of the League, free of charge League free of charge.

The Thorndon parish authorities have, it is stated, purchased an acre of ground in Hawkestone street adjoining the late Dr. Grace's residence, for the purposes of a toys' school. It is understood that the present school site in Boulcott street will soon be the subject of special legislation, and that a new school for the parish of Te Aro will be established.

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The Dominion Carnival, promoted for the purpose of raising funds in aid of the parish of Thorndon, was opened by his Worship the Mayor, (Hon T. W. Histop), on Saturday evening. Short addresses were made by his Grace the Archbishop and the Mayor. Lady Ward and Mrs. Hislop were also present at the opening ceremony. The several stalis are all well furnished, and the scene each evening is as bright and animated as one would wish for. A special feature of the entertainment provided, is the charming display of fancy dancing in which about one hundred and fifty performers, specially trained by Signor Borzoni, took part. The business done at the Carnival during the week has been very good. Up to last evening, the gross takings total about £650. The carnival will remain open for another week. another week.

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On Sunday afternoon his Grace Archbishop Redwood will lay the foundation stone of the Redemptorist Church, Hawker street. The church is in the early English Gothic style, and will be entered from Häwker street. It will contain a working sacristy in the basement, 20 feet by 16 feet, and on the main floor, a choir 20 feet by 16 feet, a sanctuary 22 feet 6 inches by 30 feet, a nave 57 feet 6 inches by 38 feet, two porches, each 10 feet, 6 inches by 7 feet, and two side chapels, each 16 feet by 16 feet. The inside of the huilding will be finished with wood floors, Keene's cement walls, wood dadoes, and open timber roof. The outside of the building will be of pressed brick, relieved with compo dressings. Above the sanctuary will be a bell cote, 20 feet above the main roof. The windows will be fitted with stained glass to special design, and it is understood that the cost of several

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of the windows will be defrayed by friends of the Redemptorist Order. The architect is Mr. John S. Swan, and the contractors tare Messrs. Campbell and Burke. The contract price is £5000.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)
April 27.

The Rev. Father Kerley, S.M., is at present sisting at St. Mary's, Manchester street.

On Sunday next, his Lordship the Bishop will probably dedicate and open a church, just erected at Springfield through the generosity of Mr. James Cassidy proprietor of the well known line of West Coast coaches.

Upwards of three hundred guests responded to the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hayward, Jr. to a social evening on last Thursday, which proved most enjoyable. The gathering, apart from the sociability of the event, was in the interests of the projected bazaar connected with St. Mary's parish, Manchester street, and, as a result, the stall, of which Mrs. Hayward is the head, will probably be very materially benefited.

As a result of the St. Patrick's night national concert, Nazareth House will benefit to the extent of over £112, the largest sum yet realised. Since a local committee, which is practically a permanent one, was formed in 1902, to start a fund in aid of the establishment of Nazareth House, by inaugurating a national entertainment on the festival of the Apostle of Ireland, £714 10s. have been realised, an average of slightly over £100 on each occasion.

On Tuesday, the feast of the Blessed Peter Chanel, the Chapel of the Proto-Martyr of Oceania in the Christchurch Cathedral, wall be solemnly inaugarated by his Lordship the Bishop, who celebrates Mass therein at half past seven. The furnishing if the chapel, just completed, includes a beautiful marble altar secured in Dutlin through the kindness of the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., late Rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington. The chapel is nicely fitted up and furnished with rich candelabra, the floor being covered with a handsome green carpet. During the day a relic of the martyr will be exposed to the veneration of the faithful. At St. Mary's Church Manchester street. on Easter

At St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, on Easter Sunday, besides the early Masses, at which large numbers approached the Holy Table, the Rev. Father Hoare S.M., celebrated a Missa Cantata at eleven o'clock and preached a sermon appropriate to the day's festival. The music was Beethoven's Mass in C very causably rendered by the choir. Mrs. W. Cronin was organist and Mr. W. H. Corrigan conducted. The hugh and side altars and sanctuary were very tastefully adorned. There were large congregations morning and evening. The Rev. Father Bell, S.M. preached at Vespers.

The garden party in the grounds of St. Mary's presbytery on Easter Monday, proved a most enjoyable and successful event, and attracted quite a large gathering. A number of aids to amusement introduced were productive of much interest and good financial results. The committee of management carried out their duties so well, that everyone appeared to be throughly pleased with the day's entertainment.

FEDERATED CATHOLIC CLUBS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

The seventh annual Conference of the Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand was opened in the rooms of the Catholic Club, Pitt street, on Saturday, April 18. The president (Mr. A. H. Casey) occupied the chair, and there were present Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Doyle, O'Donnell, and Rev. Brothers George and Borgia. (A list of delegates appeared in our last issue). The Rev. Father Holbrook, in the absence of his Lordship Bishop Lenihan and the Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., welcomed the delegates.

The president then read the annual report, which was as follows—
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Since the last annual Conference clubs established at New Plymouth, Onehunga, and Hastings have joined the Federation. There are now eighteen affiliated clubs, viz. Auckland, Onehunga, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Hastings, Palmerston North, Petone, Wellington, Blenheim, Greymouth, Hokitika, Christchurch, Ashburton, Temuka, Oamaru, Dunedin, South Dunedin, and Invercargili. We have been in communication with Thames, Waihi, Hamilton. Gisborne. Napier. Feilding, Lower Hutt, Hamilton, Gisborne, Napier, Feilding, Lower Hutt, Westport, Waimate, Gore, and Riverton, with the view to the formation and affiliating of clubs, and there is, we are pleased to say, every prospect of success in some of the places named. We regret to state that only three members entered for the essay competition, viz., representatives of the Wellington, Petone, and New

viz., representatives of the Weilington, Petone, and New Plymouth Clubs. The competition was won by Mr. H. F. Jackson, at the Petone Club, whose essay was published in the September issue of the Catholic Magazine.' An oratorical contest was held during October, amd memters of the following clubs competed, viz., New and memters of the following clubs competed, viz., New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Wellington, Greymouth, Christchurch, Oamaru, and Invercargill. A diploma of merit was awarded to the winner in each case. It is to be much regretted that many of our clubs are very apathetic in regard to competitions promoted by the Executive, and in this instance the majority of the clubs which did not hold a competition failed even to

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apathethe in regard to competitions promoted by the Executive, and in this instance the majority of the clubs which did not hold a competition failed even to acknowledge receipt of the prospectus from the Executive. The question of adopting a medallion was again submitted to the various clubs, but as very poor support was forthcoming the idea has now been definitely abandoned. We are pleased to say that the 'Catholic Magazine' (the official organ of the Federation) is in a satisfactory position. We desire, however, to point out that the work entailed in the production of the 'Magazine' is very arduous, and it would be much lightened if all the members of affiliated clubs gave their practical support to this important adjunct. We hope that the time will soon arrive when the 'Magazine' will be published more frequently than quarterly, but in order that this project may be realised it is necessary that every member of the Federation should not only become a subscriber himself but should also undervor to obtain other subscribers, and that the I terary side of the 'Magazine' should receive support from members whose talents render them facile of pen. Mr. H. McKeowen having, in March, 1907, resigned the position of editor, which he had worthily filled for a considerable period, the editorial duties were undertaken by Messrs. A. H. Casey, and L. T. Reichel, and Mr. McKeowen was appointed business manager. During the year three honorary members were elected under Rule 15 (b), viz., Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G. (Wellington), Sir George Clifford (Christchurch), and Mr. W. G. Malone (New Plymouth). Owing to his recent transference from Wellington, Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., has relinquished the office of spiritual director, the duties appertaining to which he has zealously discharged for several years past. He has a worthy successor in the person of Rev. Father Venning, S.M. We wish to thank the clubs generally for the co-operation and support given to the executive during the past term. We trust that the Federatio

12s 9d; subscriptions and donations, £59 10s.

128 9d; subscriptions and donations, £59 10s. The expenditure was made up of £222 for printing 'Magazine' for two years, general expenses, and part payment of loan, leaving a credit balance of £14 8s 7d. In the general account the receipts were set down at £12 14s 6d, the expenditure being £12 5s 8d.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The president extended a hearty welcome to the representative of the 'N.Z. Tablet'.

Mr. Murphy (St. Mary's Catholic Club, Wanganui) moved: 'That the quarterly dates of publication of 'The Catholic Magazine' be altered from the last days of March, June, September, and December to the last days of January, April, July, and October.' The mover said that the months in which the publication now appeared were not suitable.

The president said a change was not only inadvisable but inconvenient to those who had the publication and preparation in hand. The motion was negatived.

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Rule 5 (qualification of Federation officers)— and each of whom (except the president-general) must have served for a period of at least two years as an active executive officer of an affiliated club.

Mr. P. J. McGovern (hon. secretary) seconded.

Mr. J. J. Callaghan (Wellington) opposed, moved as an amendment that 'one year' be subted in lieu of 'two years.' pposed, and be substitu-

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Mr. McGowan (Wellington) seconded the amendment. The arguments in favor of the motion were that two years were necessary to qualify for the executive.

Mr. Furlong (Auckland) said no Executive was required, as his club got on well without such a body. He would support the amendment.

Mr. Mulholland (Greymouth) supported the motion. The amendment was carried.

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Mr. McGovern moved an amendment of the last sentence of Rule 7 (locale of annual conferences) so as to provide 'That the annual conference be held alternately at Christchurch and Wellington.' The mover contended that more successful annual meetings would be held if his matical fragrant description with be held if his motion were carried, because of the central position of Wellington and Christchurch.

Mr. Casey (president) seconded the motion.

Messrs. Fama, Mulholland, Murphy, and Furlong op-

posed the motion.

Mr. Callaghan and Mr. McGowan proposed and seconded as an amendment, 'that the annual conference be held two years in succession, and in the third year movable.

Mr. McGovern opposed the amendment, and Mr. Ainger opposed the motion.
Mr. McGovern spoke in reply, and said he was pleased at the discussion. After all a movable meeting would prove beneficial. He moved the motion as a member of the Executive.

The motion and the amendment were negatived.

Mr. Shaw moved that the next annual conference be Mr. Shaw moved that the next annual conference be held at Blenheim. He pointed out that the smaller towns should be visited and assisted. Mr. Fama seconded. Mr. Barry moved that it be held at Temuka. Mr. Shanaghan seconded. Mr. Mulholland suggested Greymouth, and Mr. Kemble seconded. Upon a vote being taken Blenheim was chosen as the place for the holding of the next conference.

Mr. McGowan moved the deletion of the words 'at an annual fee or subscription of £1 is each' from sub-Rule (b) of Rule 15 (re bonorary members).

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Mr. Casey seconded the motion, which was carried.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President-general, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, Mr. A. H. Casey; vice-president, Mr. H. McKeowen; hon. secretary, Mr. P. J. McGovern; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. McGowan; executive, Messrs. L. Rèichel, E. J. Lander, and S. J. Maron. J. McGowan; executive, Leydon, and S. J. Moran.

The president spoke at some length upon the literary and commercial position of the 'Catholic Magazine,' and gave very good advice to members as to the nature of contributions, and how they should be

written.

Mr. McGovern said that if the other centres would contribute proportionately as much as Wellington, the Executive could easily publish the 'Magazine' monthly. If every member would subscribe it would be of the greatest benefit.

Rev. Brother George deplored the lack of literary articles, and promised one article from the Auckland Club for each issue, and hoped other clubs would act similarly.

A proposal from the N.Z. Tames for one reports from the various clubs, in the publication of reports from the various clubs, in the publication of reports from the various clubs, in the A proposal from the 'N.Z. Tablet' for the regular. form of a monthly supplement, was considered, and it was decided the time was ino portune for accepting it.

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was decided the time was incoportune for accepting ht. A report from the Auckland Club was read by Rev. Brother George, in which it was stated that there were 300 members on the roll. The various committees, formed with the object of popularising and managing the club, were mentioned. The report of the Weilington Club showed 218 members; £191 1% 8d were received, and £150 were expended during the year. The literary portion of the business was most successful, and fifteen entertainments were held. During the coming year canvassers would go round to collect money for the erection of commodious club rooms. A sum of £2600 was already in hand for this purpose. Mr. Barry reported favorably regarding the Temuka Club. They were fortunate in having provided for them free of cost a meeting room and billiard table. Mr. Murphy, Wanganui, reported that over £400 were contributed, leaving a balance at the end of the year of over £10. The membership was 262. Mr. Patten reported on Onehunga, where rooms were fitted up, and the billiard table was now free of debt. They had a membership of nearly 50, and the club had good prospects. Mr. Fama reported on Blenheim. He stated that £300 were received in contributions. A very fime hall was at their disposal. Brother George read a report from the New Plymouth Club, where good literary work had been accomplished. A nice hall, billiard table, and library were provided. The membership was 50. The delegate for Christchurch gave an interesting account of the progress and doings of his club, which showed that the members were united in

their efforts to achieve success. In this they were aided by the clergy of Christchurch.

An adjournment took place at 5.30 p.m. The president announced before the delegates left, that all were expected to approach the Holy Table on Easter Sunday at the Cathedral.

A good muster of the delegates and the members of the local club attended St. Patrick's Cathedral on Easter Sunday at the 9 o'clock Mass. During Mass the members sang several hymns. Mr. Harry Hiscocks presided at the organ. Rev. Father Holbrook (chaplain of the local club) addressed the delegates and members and tendered to them a hundred thousand welcomes to the Cathedral parish, in which the first cathedral in this Dominion was built. In a public manner that morning they had proclaimed their faith, and it was a grand sight to see so many young men gathered together. He wished them a pleasant stay, and sale return to their homes. After Mass the members gathered in St. Patrick's Convent school, where breakfast had been prepared by the ladies of the parists.

The president (Mr. Casey) thanked the local club, and all those who had contributed to make their stay both profitable and pleasurable, and the ladies for their

both profitable and pleasurable, and the ladies for their kindness in preparing the breakfast.

The delegates at the conclusion of the breakfast took up the consideration of the balance of the business lett over from the preceding day, the principal subjects dealt with being.—Suggestions for the improvement of the Federation and of individual clubs; the necessity of carrying out the various recommendations embodied in Rule 16; inter-club competitions—rules for the conduct thereof; inter-club visits; representation of the Federation at foreign conferences; miscellaneous matters. matters.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chair-

man, and the meeting closed.

On Sunday afternoon the delegates were taken on a water excursion down the harbor, which unfortunately was marred by heavy rain, but despite this an enjoyable time was spent. The delegates left for home during the week.

Writing by Wire

Is the telegraph instrument, with its code of dots and dashes, doomed? One may well ask the question after learning about the 'telewriter,' the latest scientific marvel, by which it is possible to write a message which is produced simultaneously miles away in lacsimile writing. This wooderful machine has already been brought to such a state of simplicity and perfection that it is in use in several London offices, and ere long will probably be used as largely as the telephone is to day (says an exchange).

As a matter of fact, the machine consists of a sender and receiver, with telephone line without interfering in any way with its service. The sending portion of the telewriter is a little table with a roll of paper, on which the message is wnitten with a pencil connected to two arm-like levers, which control the resistances. As the pencil writes the message, the receiver of the instrument at the other end traces the facsimile in ink. The telephone can be used in the ordinary way when wanted, while the simple act of taking up the pencil switches the telewriter into action.

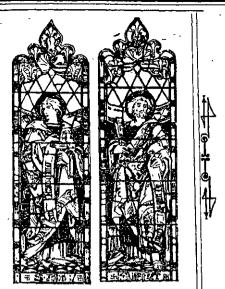
The instrument is useful in a hundred ways where a telephone might be undesirable. For example, messages in the sender's own writing can be sent instantaneously to someone without any third party overhearing, as is possible in the case of a telephone. A message can be sivned, and the signature is just as convincing as if it were the original, while the time which should be taken in sending a messenger is saved, and yet a record of the message can be kept. The chance of bogus messages is thus reduced to a minimum.

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A remar able feature of this machine is that sket-A remar able feature of this machine is that sketches and designs can also be sent by wire. As soon as the sender's pencil is taken up, the pen on the receiver, miles and miles away, comes out of the ink and, moving as if by maric, traces exactly what is written or drawn at the other end. Amongst other things it is proposed to use the telewriter for advertising purposes, and ere long we may expect to see writing without hands being done in shop windows in order to attract the passers-by.

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PRODUCE

Wellington April 27.

The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following callegram dated London 25th inst—Mutton.—The market is quiet, with less demand and a tendency in favor of buyers. Canterbury brands are quoted at 4½d. and North Island at 4d.

The weather lately has been very unfavourable for the sale of lamb, and the market is quiet. Canterbury lamb is quoted at 5½d., and other Canterbury brands at 5½d.

at 5½d.

The beef market is dull. Hind and forequarters are quoted respectively at 3½d. and 3½d.

The butter market is very firm, and there is a general and active demand for the choicest, New Zealand butter is quoted at 102s, Australian 108s., Danish 112s., and Siberian 108.

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The coeks market is steady at 515. for white, and 62s for coloured makes.

The homp market lis steady, and there is a better demand at the following quotations:—Spot, good to fair, £26 10s, fair, £25 10s; fair current Manila, £25 10. April-June suppments, good to fair, £27; fair, £26; fair current Manila £26.

The cockstoot seed market is firm. Stocks on hand are only small, and are culofed at 80s, per cwf.

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Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter.—Wholesale net cash price for best factory ½lb prints; 1s 3d per lb. Cheese, 7d. Butter—Farm, 9d; separator, 11d. Hams, 9d. Eggs, 1s 6d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £4. Flour, £12 to £13. Oatmeal, £12 10s to £13. Bran, £5 5s. Pollard, £6 10s. Potatoes, £4 per ton. Retail.—Farm butter, 11d; separator, 1s 1d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 5d. Cheese, 9d. Eggs, 1s 9d. Bacon, 11d. Bran, 6s 3d. Pollard, 11s 3d. Chaff, 2s 3d. Oatmeal, 50's, 7s 9d, 25's, 4s. Flour—200lbs, 26s; 100, 13s 6d, 50, 7s; 25, 3s 9d. Potatoes, 6s per cwt.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report :-

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We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. To a representative attendance of buyers we submitted a full catalogue, made up of most classes of produce at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The demand during the latter part of the week his improved, and the market shows a firming tendency. All lines offering are readily taken up by merchants, who i have a preference for prime samples suitable for seed. Medium samples are being taken up by the local trade at full rates. Quotations: Prime milling, to 2s. 5d. good to best feed, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 4½d inferior to medium, 2s. 2½d. to 2s. 3½d; damaged and discoloured, 2s. to 2s. 2d. per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—Since the holdays, the market has been quieter, and millers are holding off. Those holding wheat, however, show no desire to force sales, and consequently little busness is done. Prime samples, suitsequently little busness is done. Prime samples, suitable for seed, are in request for autumn sowing. In milling lines, only choice lots have any attention from milling lines, only choice lots have any attention from millers. Medium grades are therefore being offered as fowl wheat, for which there is moderate demand both locally and for export. Quotations: Seed lines, 4s. 8d. to 4s. 9d; prime milling, 4s. 6dd. to 4s. 7d; medium 4s. 6d. to 4s. 4d; broken and damaged, 3s. 6d. to 4s. 2d. per bushel, (sacks extra).

Chaff—We offered about 50 tons at our sale, and under good competition, we cleared the bulk of it at late values. Prime heavy lots are in strong request,

both for shipment and local consumption, at late prices Medium and discoloured samples are also in good demand, but prices are unchanged. Quotations: Prime to £4; good to best, £3 12s. 6d. to £3 17s. 6d; medium £3 5s. to £3 10s, inferior, £2 15s. to £3 2s.

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Potatoes.—Consignments during the week have been fairly heavy, but owing to the demand both for shipment and for local consignment, prices have been well maintained. At our sale there was strong competition for freshly dug lots at prices which show an advance of 2s. 6d. per ton on ithose of last week. Medium quality was also more saleable. Quota/lions: Prime freshly-dug i lots to £4 12s. 6d, good to best, £4 5s. to £4 10s; medium, £3 17s. 6d. to £4 2s. 6d; small and inferior, £2 10s. to £3 15s. per ton (sacks included).

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

Oats.-During the week the demand has been good, Oats.—During the week the demand has been good, and prices are a little firmer. All prime samples are readily taken up by shipping buyers, and medium oats are readily saleable to the local trade. Prime milling, to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; inferior to medium, 2s 2½d to 2s 3½d; damaged, 2s to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There has been very little business passing lately, and as millers are not inclined to buy at the present figures wheat shows a slight tendency backwards. There is a medium demand for fowl wheat, but this is not bringing within ½d per bushel of last

wards. There is a medium demand for lowl wheat, but this is not bringing within ½d per bushel of last week. Quotations: Frime milling, 4s 5d to 4s 6½d, medium to good, 4s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 4s 4d to 4s 5½d; medium, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 4s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

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Chaff.—There is not so much chaff about, and as the demand for shipping continues good prices are much on a par with last week's quotations. Prime heavy oaten sheaf chaff is in most demand, but medium and discolored lots are hard of sale. Quotations: Prime, up to £4, good to best feed, £3 12s 6d to £3 17s 6d; medium to good, £3 5s to £3 10s; inferior, £2 15s to £3 2s 6d (bags extra).

Potatoes.—As there has been a good demand during the week for shipment and local consumption, prices have been well maintained.

have been well maintained. All freshly-dug lots meet have been well maintained. An freshly-dug lots meet with ready sale at an advance of 2s 6d per ton on last week's prices. Medium and stale potatoes are also easier to quit. Quotations: Prime freshly-dug lots, \$\pi_0 \pmu_4 \pmu_1 \pmu_2 \pmu_2 \pmu_2 \pmu_3 \pmu_4 \pmu_3 \pmu_3 \pmu_4 \pmu_4 \pmu_3 \pmu_4 \pmu_4 \pmu_3 \pmu_4 \pm

WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—
Rabbitskins.—We held our usual fortnightly sale on Monday, 27th inst, when we submitted a medium catalogue. Prices were much on a par with those ruling at the last sale, although bidding was keen up to a certain point. Early winters brought from 11d to 12½d; autumns, 9½d to 10½d; summers, 6½d to 7½d; spring bucks, 7d to 9½d; others, 6d to 7d; small, 3d to 4½d; horse hair, 15d to 18d.

Sheepskins.—We held our sale on the 28th inst., when we submitted a medium catalogue to a large attendance of buyers. Bidding-was brisk, but prices showed no mprovement on those ruling at the last sale, except for half-bred, which advanced about ½d per th. We sold best half-bred, 5½d to 6d; medium to good, 4d to 4½d; best crossbred, 3½d to 4½d; medium to good, 2d to 3¼d; pelts, 3½d to 4½d; merino, 4d to 4½d for best, and 2½d to 3½d'for medium; lambskins, 3½d to 4¾d.

Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, the

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Tallow and Rat.—There has been a good deal coming forward lately, which is readily taken up at late rates. Best rendered tallow brings from 20s to 22s; medium to good, 17s to 19s 6d; inferior, 12s to 15s best rough fat, 16s to 18s; medium to good, 11s to

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few exceptions, of medium and inferior sorts. The attendance was good, both town and country buyers being present, and anxious to secure horses for immediate work. There were numerous inquiries for good ing present, and anxious to secure horses for immediate work. There were numerous inquiries for good draughts, heavy horses, four to six years old, for town work, but for some considerable time this class has been exceedingly hard to pick up. Hirst-class draughts, both heavy and medium, would realise good prices at the present time. Stale and worn-out animals are very hard to place—in fact, they are almost unsaleable. As is usual at this time of year, hacks and light harness horses are not in such strong demand, and prices have eased slightly. Still, whenever a real good sort is put on the market it commands attention and realises current rates. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £50; extra good do (prize-winners), at from £50 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, at from £30 to £40; aged do, at from £15 to £20; well-matched carriage pafirs, at from £70 to £100; strong spring-van horses, at from £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, at from £18 to £35; light backs, at from £8 to £13; extra good hacks and harness horses, at from £13 to £25; weedy and good do, at from £5 to £7.

California's Golden Crop

In view of the important position which fruit-growing is likely to assume in New Zealand in the near future, it is of interest to note what that industry has done for the State of California, the orchards of which bring in more than £7,000,000 per annum, that is more than one-third of the value of the whole of our exports. California produces more than one-half of the American peach crop, a third of the pear crop, and seven-eighths of what are termed subtropical fruits. It supplies practically all of the prunes, apricots, iemons, figs, and the bulk of the oranges grown in America. Put into figures this means 175,000 tons of prunes alone, 1,000,000 boxes of lemons, nearly 3000 tons of olives, 5000 tons of figs, 2,500,000 bushels of peaches, and 10,000 tons of walnuts and almonds. As 85 per cent. of the oranges and lemons raised in the State are distributed through the fruit associations at Los Angeles, the business done at this centre will give an idea of the industry in southern California.

An average of 3000 carloads of fruit of all kinds have been sent daily through the shipping season out of the thirteen counties of which Los Angeles is theselling centre. In Fresno county, where 80 per cent. of the raisins cured in California are produced, fully 50,000 tons will be the record for 1908, the revenue from this fruit aggregating fully \$800,000. Thirty years ago not more than 25,000 orange trees were in bearing in the 500 miles of fruit belt stretching from the foothills of Mount Shasta south to San Diego. The orchards at the present time cover more than 75,000 acres, nearly all of them being the seedless variety, raised from two little shoots which were planted in 1973.

The area containing the great orchards of California consists principally of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, with what is locally termed the Los Angeles country, comprising the five counties af southern California. While irrigation is needed for a large proportion of the orchards in southern California, the yield in an average year is so large and the financial returns so great that many of the companies who control the larger orchards could sell them at a price averaging £500 an acre, although this land prior to irrigation was not worth £1 an acre. An investment ranging from £20,000 to £100,000 in a single fruit ranch is not uncommon, although these are many small individual growers who are prospering, since through their membership in one of the associations they are enabled to sell their barvests to as great advantage as their larger competitors.

Although oranges will ripen in California nearly

as their larger competitors.

Although oranges will ripen in California nearly every month of the year, the harvest season is usually from November 1 to June 1. As fast as a wagon load is picked it is sent to the packing house. There the boxes are credited to the grower, then prepared for market. Here the oranges are dumped into a long narrow tank, filled with water, at one end of which is a big wheel with a tire of soft bristles. As the wheel revolves the brush works in connection with another set of brushes in a smaller tank underneath, and the oranges after hobbing about in the big tank pass the oranges, after bobbing about in the big tank, pass between the wet brushes and came out bright and clean.

At some of the packing houses the old method of hand washing is still in use, and groups of women, each with a brush and a tub of water, stand under an awning and scrub busily. After the bath the oranges are spread upon long, slanting racks to dry in the sun, and from the lower end they roll into the boxes and are carried into the shade of the warehouse to cure. After the hours of curing they are fed into a hopper which drops them single the into a belt that runs between revolving cylindrical brushes. They come out sleek and shiny, and are carried in a belt elevator to the sorting table, where they are graded into fancy, choice, and standard. The grades are determined by the size and appearance. Any blemish places the fruit among the culls. The sorting table inclines slightly, and the dividing stream passes in two files upon narrow tracks of moving ropes, which diverge gradually. The smallest oranges fall through first, the larger sizes row tracks of moving ropes, which diverge gradually. The smallest oranges fall through first, the larger sizes further on, grading themselves and falling into their

There are a dozen sizes, from the small ones that run 360 to a box, to fruit that cannot be spanned with both hands and which pack 48 to the box. Both extremes are subject to discount from the market price

as off sized.

Oranges are very tender and must be handled with great care. Finger nails are kept short, lest a slight bruise be made on the skin in handling; and wherever an orange drops even an inch or two spouts, bins, and tables are padded. Usually the warehouse is on a siding or on the direct ane of railway, so that the boxes can be loaded into the cars from the building without loss of time. A carload is from 400 to 500 boxes.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.-263 head forward. Prices were about the same as last week, and ruled for good from £7 2s 6d

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Pigs.-120 penned. Suckers and slips were in good supply, and prices eased somewhat. Suckers, 9s to 11s; slips, 14s to 18s; stores, 21s to 25s; porkers, 38s to 4%s; light baconers, 47s to 53s; heavy do, 55s to 59s; choppers, up to 62s.

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DEATH

HARRON.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Harron, beloved-husband of Dora Harron, and native of County Donegal, Ireland, who died at his residence, Devemport, Auckland, on March 24, fortified by the rites of Holy Church.—R.I.P.

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

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

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, APRIL 30, 1908.

THE MANCHESTER ELECTION.



OLITICAL prophecy has been described as one of the most gratuitous forms of human error. Such predictions 'gang aft agley'; but there is no inherent improbability in the prophecy made regarding Mr. Winston Churchill when he was a rather meteoric war correspondent during the Boer war; 'Lord Randolph Churchill will yet be re-

membered as the father of Mr. Winston Churchill.' At thirty, he has risen to Cabinet rank, and the future is full of roseate promise for him. But in the Northwest Manchester election, a few days ago, he received a check in his career when, on a poll of eighty-nine per cent. of the possible voters, he was heavily defeated by Mr. Joynson-Hicks, the Conservative candidate. Excitement ran a 'banker', and the issue of the hard-fought contest seems to have been generally accepted as a defeat for Freetrade and a victory for tariff reform.

There was, however, one other great issue fought out in the North-west Manchester contest. This was the education question. It played a far more important part in determining the issue than last week's cable messages give it credit for. There exists throughout Lancashire a large and well-organised vote that is hostile to the education policy of the Government, and (says a contemporary) 'the recently published statistics of public education explains the special interest of Lancashire churchmen in the result of the election'. The voluntary (religious) schools in the county of Lancashire number 1915, with an average attendance of 461,073, as against the 410 council schools, with an average attendance of 230,246. Our contemporary adds:

'Thus the voluntary schools throughout Lancashire outnumber the council schools by nearly five to one, and even including the populous centres where large and expensive council schools have been erected, they still educate almost exactly double the number of children educated in the council schools. In the whole county there are only four educational areas in which the council schools outnumber the voluntary. On the other hand, there are no fewer than eight large boroughs entirely dependent on voluntary schools for elementary education. There are other large boroughs where the

voluntary over council schools overwhelming.

In Manchester, there are 84 voluntary schools, with an average attendance of 44,687, and 79 council schools, with an average attendance of 50,995. The figures given here imply a large vote interested in the existence and efficiency of the religious schools and opposed to the educational policy of the Government. Considerable numbers of these were enrolled in the Parents' League for the protection of the interests of the voluntary or denominational schools.

In places where there is no council school, but only a denominational one, the Nonconformist conscience has a grievance which Catholics (although they have spent enormous sums in providing their own schools) duly The Government proposals, however, in appreciate. their scheme for removing grievances, threatened to inflict greater ones. Among other things, they propose a scheme of unequal benefits from rates and taxes which would inflict a grave injustice upon the Catholic schools, and place them in a position of permanent inferiority. The Nonconformists are to have the schools and the religious instruction which they desire supplied at the public expense. Catholics are to be required to pay their full share of rates and taxes for this purpose, but are to receive a very much smaller per capita contribution from these funds. This would mean the closing of a considerable number of our schools, especially in the poorer quarters of the great cities. Catholic feeling has been greatly stirred, both in and out of Manchester, by this proposed denial of the right of equal treatment; and we have no doubt that many Catholic votes went, on this account, to swell the crushing majority which rejected Mr. Winston Churchill in Northwest Manchester. 'We have', says the 'Tablet', ' fairly bought our right to have Catholic instruction in the schools we have built for Catholic children, by the millions spent in erecting them, and the tens of thousands spent in their erection and repair. For the rest, we claim equal rights, and, as citizens who pay the education rate, we claim the right to share it' This is the issue on which the North-west Manchester election was in part fought out.

Notes

An Apt Quotation

The 'Ave Maria' has dug up a happy quotation from Father Ryder. Penned twelve years ago, it has (says our esteemed contemporary) an applicability to the present time: 'The Catholic Church, like every old building, accumulates dust, and the process of dusting thoroughly and carefully from time to time is a most necessary one. But the writers in question, instead of applying their duster to this useful purpose, prefer, instead, to flourish it out of the window as a flag of liberty',

Manners in the School

Marlborough's good manners are said to have done much to raise him to the pinnacle of fame and place. To some extent, they made up for his comparative illiteracy. So, at least, says Chesterfield. We mention the meteoric Duke-although, perhaps, an extreme case-to indicate the importance of giving 'the young idea' a suitable equipment of good manners in the home and the school. In this respect, the Church school is a leverage upon the child that is lacking to a greater or less extent in the secular school; for, after all, the inculcation of religious truths and moral principles into the mind and heart is the only true and permanent. basis of courtesy between man and man. this, good manners become, not so much a part of the

man, as a sort of superficial veneer. 'Practical Poltics' of February 22 (quoted by the 'S.H. Review') says, in this connection, regarding the local schools: Whoever is responsible for the code of education and morals in Boston public schools has an opportunity to make a reputation by teaching the children of the public schools how to behave on the street and other places, as well as in the schoolroom. The average boy or girl of the public schools has small regard for age or infirmity. In marked contrast is the deportment of the children who come and go from the parochial and other private schools, where the children file into the street in perfect order, and behave like human beings, and not like a herd of young panthers let

We know of places, nearer home to us than Boston, to which these remarks have an application.

A German Example

German Catholics are the best-knit, best organised, and (for their number) the strongest and most energishing body of our co-religionists on Continental Europe. And they owe this proud position in part to the spirit that has been infused into them by a strong, able, and vigorous religious newspaper press. 'Statistics, as in teresting as they are instructive', says 'Rome', have just been published by the "Zeitungswesen" concerning the Catholic papers of Germany and their readers. In 1880 the number of readers of Catholic papers in Germany was 596,000, a figure that probably surpasses the readers of Catholic papers throughout the whole English-speaking world at present. But ten years later it had risen to a million, in 1900 to a million and a half, and at present it is over two millions. wonder that the Catholics of Germany are solidly united, or that the Centre party (which, although not exclusively Catholic, is almost entirely so) should have come to be known as the Tower of Ivory?

Still Sore

Some people's wounds heal slowly. The feelings of sundry well-meaning but over-anxious folk in England are still black and blue, and (so to speak) running, ever since the King and Queen attended the Requiem Mass for the murdered royalties of Portugal. They have been showing their wounds in the March number of the 'Protestant Alliance Magazine'. One good soul, for instance, declares that 'the King's action is a disgrace to a Protestant monarch', and another wants to know what we are coming to when a Protestant King of a Protestant people can dare to be present at such a service'. However, no harm is done by these complaints, and superheated feeling finds in them a safety-valve. A wise and practical suggestion in point comes from the 'Apart', it says, Birmingham 'Daily Post'. the somewhat painful controversy immediately involved, good may come from the raising of this matter now, as advantage might be taken, when there is no immediate prospect of a demise of the Crown, to settle once and for all the vexed question of the Accession Oath, which few persons in these days consider should continue to be administered to each succeeding British Sovereign in its present form, which is crudely offensive to the feelings of every Roman Catholic in these realms.

It is high time that the British statute book should be purged of the 'relic of barbarism' which requires the Sovereign, on his accession, to single one faith out of all the faiths in his far-flung Empire, and publicly and by oath place upon it the brutal stigma of superstition and idolatry.

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The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, desir return their sincere thanks to many friends in and country who have forwarded donations of clothes and fruit for the orphans—gifts of both being always very acceptable. The Sisters would be very pleased to supply cases for fruit to country friends who have a surplus of such, and who are desirous of presenting it to the orphanage.

St. Joseph's Gymnastic Class was opened on Monday evening, when there was a large attendance, including several new members. A new punching-ball, kindly donated by Mr. J. Kilmartin, has been added to the apparatus, and several repairs and additions have been carried out by Messrs. W. Butler, Jos. Swanson, and A. Powell, which make the gymnasium in point of equipment equal to any in Dunedin. The members are all enthusiastic, and the coming season promises to be highly successful. mises to be highly successful.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Boys' Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening. The Rev. Father Corcoran presided, and there was a good attendance. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, Right, Rev. Dr. Verdon; president, Rev. Father Corcoran; committee, Masters Geo. Lovell, F. Power, E. Wikie, and R. Fogarty; secretary, Master Jno. Dunne. The first meeting of the season will be held on next Monday evening.

A meeting of the members of St. Joseph's Men's Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening for the purpose of forming a Glee Club. Mr. Deehan presided, and there was a good attendance. A large number handed in their names as active members, and the club commences with every prospect of success. The collection of the bookers were decided in Conductors. Mr. To Dechan; musical director, Mr. F. Heley; committee, Messrs. Jos. Swanson, T. Hughes, and E. W. Spain. The club meets on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

The opening run of the St. Joseph's Harriers The opening run of the St. Joseph's Harriers was held on Saturday afternoon from the residence of the Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C., the club's president. The day was beautiful, and attracted a muster of 20, including several new members. The trail went through the Kaikorai and around the surrounding hills for about five miles, and then home through Roslyn. The runners were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Callan. Mr. Deehan (vice-president) expressed the club's appreciation of the kindness shown by the host and hostess. hostess.

The St. Patrick's Young Men's Club, South Dunedin, held the first meeting for the present season on Monday evening, when there was a good attchdance. The president, Rev. Father Howard, during the course of his address, complimented the members on having had a successful season last year, and trusted that they would have even a better one this year. He also thanked members for taking an active interest in the affairs of the club, and emphasised the necessity of all working zealously and harmomously so as to ensure its success. The secretary read the rules, and intimated that the meetings would be held on-Monday in each week, and would commence at 7.15 p.m. The membership fees for the current year are as follow: membership fees for the current year are as follow: 1s for members attending school, 2s for members who are in employment, and 5s for honorary members. The are in employment, and is for honorary members. The club has made arrangements to open a gymnastic class on May 5, and thereafter to hold the class on Tuesday evening in each week. The club is indebted to Mr. J. Dee for having offered his services as instructor. During the evening musical items were given by Messrs. Meekin, Perkins, Atwell, McLean, Ahern, Marlow, and Tonar.

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WANGANUI

The second annual meeting of St. Mary's Catholic Club, Wanganui, was held on Monday evening of last week. The following report was presented:

In presenting the second pannual report and balance a sheet, the executive has much pleasure in congratulating members on a successful year's work. Considering the club's infancy it has progressed exceedingly well, being now one of the recognised institutions of the town, and though still struggling under the financial burden incidental to a young club, has every prospect of pa bright future. There is a satisfactory balance of cash in the han't to commence the present year's work on cash in the ban't to commence the present year's work on, cash in the han't to commence the present year's work on, whilst the assets show a large surplus over the liabilities, the number of nembers now on the roll totals 261, of whom only some 14 are unfinancial, and the majority of these will probably settle up shortly. During the year Mr J R. Hunt was compelled to relinquish the office of president owing to his removal from the district, his successor being Mr J. M. Murphy, who has done full justice to the position. The various branches have worked, well during the year and are all in a satisfactory conwell during the year and are all in a satisfactory condition, the idebating branch showing much promise for the coming season. Rooms set apart for games—draughts, cards, quoits, etc.—should attract the impiors during the winter months. The social hall has proved an immense success from a social and financial—point of view, and should continue to do so during the coming year.

coming year.

Several card tourraments were held with other socities during the year, an nearly all of which the club parted westerous. An art union held list winter yielded a fair. ed wetorous. An art union held list winter yielded a fair return. A visitors' hoo' for the purpose of receiving the comments of visitors was opened recordly, and has produced some interesting reading. The executive desire to thank the kind friends who so readily came forward with donations and prizes, and an conclusion would return thanks to members for the assistance so readily given during the term, and would urge upon them to continue supporting the club in future, especially during the ensuing twelve months, as a heavy, but progressive, year's work is predicted.

The Very Rev. Dean Grogan (patron), who was present throughout, in the course of his remarks gave members some instructive advice on the benefits to be derived from joining young men's clubs, dwelling particularly on the branches dealing with literature, debat-

members some instructive advice on the benefits to be derived from joining young men's clubs, dwelling particularly on the branches dealing with literature, debating, etc., which was warmly applauded. The president's address referred to the prosperous condition of the club as compared with the past, his programme showning that the work for the present year will be of a very progressive nature. In addition to the already flarge num'er of branches, a strong effort will be made to establish a gymnasum.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Very Rev. Dean Grogan (re-elected); president. Mr. J. M. Murnhy (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. Jas. Dempsy, Martin Hearn, D. P. Cullinan, W. E. Power, M. Mc. Tubbs, Selby Morton, and Jas. Brennan; spiritual director and treasurer, Rev. Father Mahony (re-elected), honsecretary, Mr. F. Gaffaney (re-elected); assistant honsecretary, Mr. Morgan hon auditors, Messrs. J. P. Markham and G. J. D'O executive committee, Messrs. J. Leydon, J. W. Mills, A. D. Murphy, E. Derungs, C. P. Ryan, McKenna, and T. Roche. Several other minor matters were dealt with and votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers, demors of prizes, etc., the press, and the chair, the meeting then terminating:

Oamaru San Andrews

(From our own correspondent.)

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay has retained from Hanmer much benefited in health by the change. The general Communion of the miembers of the Catholic Club was held on Easter Sunday at the half-past eight o'clock Mass, when there was a good attendance. The Hibernian Sports on Easter Monday were fairly well attended, although the weather was far from pleasant, a cold wind sweeping across the ground. The meeting was held on the new Caledonian Grounds. The winner of the Sheffield handicap was a resident of Oamaru, Mr. T. Bermingham, who is to be congratulated on his success. The half-mile and mile handicaps brought forth two of the strongest fields yet seen; in the Dominion, and the times were exceptionally good. All the events were promptly got off. The officials worked well, and it is to be regretted greater success, did not attend their efforts. In the evening the solid city's annual concert was held in the Fown Hall, when a capital programme was submitted. Miss K.; Hannan played the accompaniments.

Interprovincial

postal revenue of the Dominion during . the March quarter of this year was £112,034, as against £109,846 for the corresponding period of last year. The telegraph revenue was £71,581, compared with £67,050.

We have received the second number of the "C.Y.M.", a magazine issued under the auspices of the Adelaide Catholic Club. It is very well got up, and nicely printed and illustrated, and is very creditable to the society.

At a meeting of the Oamaru Harbor Board on Monday it was decided to ask the ratepayers for permission to borrow £50,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new dredge, and so render the harbor and approaches absolutely safe for Home-going vessels of any size.

At the local school committee elections (telegraphs our Wellington correspondent) candidates favoring the introduction of Bible-reading into the State schools were decisively rejected. The League proposals were almost unanimously condemned by committees.

The sale of unclaimed articles at the Christohurch Police Station on Saturday realised £30 odd, by which amount the Police Provident Fund will benefit. The articles included eleven bicycles and a variety of trinkets, hand-bags, etc., found in the Exhibition during the period of its currency.

Mr. H. St. A. Murray, the Canterbury athlete, who is going Home to represent New Zealand at the Olympic games, and who passed through Wellington on Friday on his way to Sydney, has been provided by the Prime Minister with a letter of introduction to the High Commissioner, Mr. W. P. Reeves.

During the first quarter of this year the total amount deposited in the Post Office Savings Banks of the Dominion was £2,542,188, as against £2,325,099 during the first three months of 19.7. The withdrawals during the same period totalled £2,382,983 for 1908, and £2,000,251 for 1907, the excess of deposits over withdrawals being £159,253 for this year, and £324,849 last year. £324,849 last year.

The 'Press' reports that a householder at a suburban school committee election on Monday evening referred to the fact that, during the previous year, the school library had been augmented by a number of volumes presented by an an anonymous giver. 'I intend to make an anonymous gift of books this year,' he pursued, 'and I hope there are others present who will do the same.' The 'Press' reports that a householder at a sub-

Sir Joseph Ward, in the course of a speech at Wellington on Monday night, said the financial position of the Domhnion was highly satisfactory. The revenue of the year ended March 31 showed a record of £9,055,946, and other receipts that could not be called ordinary revenue amounted to £8043, making the total receipts for the year £9,063,989. At the beginning of the year they had brought forward £717,825.

As indicating the peculiar season in the Wairarapa, wattle trees in full floom may be seen at Konini, as well as apple trees blossoming after having yielded a good harvest of fruit. In Masterton one resident has secured two crops of potatoes consecutively from the same piece of ground since the beginning of spring. In several Christchurch gardens the wattle trees are in bud, while currant bushes are sprouting new growths which threaten to burst into leaf before the past season's foliage is finally disposed of.

The new Hermitage at Mount Cook will be built on a commanding site at Governor's Bush. This is the one piece of bush now left near Mount Cook on the eastern side of the divide. A beautiful stream runs past it for small glaciers situated high up on the Sealy range which towers to a height of 6000ft. in the immediate background. From the front windows magnificent views of Mount Cook (12,349ft), Mount Sefton (10,350ft.), St David's Dome (9948ft.), and the hold rocky peaks of the Liebig Range will be procurable.

The Government has decided to erect a temporary covered footbridge across Sydney street, Wellington, in order to connect Government House, where Parliament next meets, and the Parliamentary Library. The latter was not consumed in the recent fire, and the bridge will be erected for convenience of members of Palliament and others, during the forthooming session. The Wellington City Council has given its consent to the proposed work, on condition that the passage will not be a permanent structure.

Advice was received in Oamaru on Saturday, that the Government have decided to purchase the Kauroo Hills estate, near Maheno, for closer settlement. There are one or two details in connection with the purchase still to be arranged with Messrs Teschmaker, but it is very satisfactory to be able to record the Government's decision. The estate countries of 19,113 acres of irechold to which is at present attached about 7500 acres of Crown land leasehold and 500 acres of School

irechold, to which is at present attached about 7500 acres of Crown land leasthold and 600 acres of School Commissioners' land, also held on leasthold. The property has been one of the most reputed in North Otago from the early days of the district, both for its wheat and for its wool-growing capacities. It is well watered, has a fertile soil, and a nice aspect, and it is at present subdivided into seven farms, which are a'l well fenced and roaded.

With the object of keeping New Zealand and its resources before the notice of newspaper readers in the United Kingdom, the Government is making an important and interesting experiment. An arrangement has been effected with Reuter's Telegraph Company to despatch three times a wee'r from New Zealand to England a message of a hundred words containing items of general news which will be of interest to newspaper readers at Flome. The selection of the news is left entirely to Reuter's Agency, it being understood that the items are to be free from bias. Matters which no doubt will receive attention will be any important statements by the head of the Government, crop prospects, mining returns, the yield of wheat, and matters affecting the extensive trade between New Zealand and the United Kingdom, Canada and America.

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Mr. E. G. Staveley, manager of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, in giving evidence before the Conciliation Board, at Christchurch, said that the farmers' outlook was not too promising, and though there was no reason to fear a great depreciation in the value of our staple products, this was an impoportune time to alter the conditions of expenditure now prevailing for farm work. The small farmer was not doing so well as he had been for some years, owing to the lower values of some farm products. Wool was considerably lower; sheep were down in price; and fat lambs were very much lower. Certain classes of wool had declined in London by 3d to 4d ner 1b during the past twenty-four months. Any dd mer ib during the past twenty-four months. Any further tax would be detrimental to the small farmers, many of whom were bearing as much as they could already. An award imposing further burdens would cause his firm to advance money less freely to

The American Consul-general (Mr. W. R. Prickett), in convertation with a representative of an Auckland in convertation with a representative of an Auckland paper, referred to the question of the advertisement of this Dominion in his country. He viewed favorably the suggestion of the Hon. Dr. Findlay (Attorney-General) that the officers and men of the United States fleet on their forthcoming visit to Aucklandshould be shown our thermal regions if the requisite arrangements as to transport could be made. Mr. Prickett pointed out, however, that the trip would occupy two or three days at least. Still, everyone to whom you can show the thermal region,' he declared, 'nust count for something.' In Mr. Prickett's opinion, however, the most important thing is to procure good accommodation between here and San Francisco. 'Until you get that,' he said, 'you cannot expect to get very many people to come here from the United States. Some arrangements should be made between the New Zealand and American Governments to provide for a good steamship service.' good steamship service.'

Dealing with the question of holidays for farm and station hands (says the 'Press'), Mr. Ackland restation hands (says the 'Press'), Mr. Ackland remarked at the-Conciliation Board on Monday that those demanded by the Farm Laborers' Union did not suit either the employers or the men. He knew that on same back stations the shearers wanted to shear on Christmas Day, and they would shear on Sundays if they were allowed. In Queensland they had practically compelled the bosses to let them shear on Sundays, and the same applied in New Zealand, though not to the same extent. A holiday was little use to a man 30 or 40 miles from anywhere, and he had heard of men spending a holiday in poaching paradise ducks or damming a creek for eels. As to the allegation that a weekly half-holiday was necessary so that the men should do their washing on Saturday instead of Sunday, he dismissed it as an agitator's excuse; probably the men would play cards on the Saturday half-holiday, and continue the practice of doing their washing on Sundays.

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ANTRIM-A Link with the Past

The death took place at Roxborough, Crumlin, on March 5, of Mr. Michael Diamond at the advanced age of 92 years. By his death (writes a correspondent of the 'Irish Weekly') the last surviving link is severed that brought us back to troubled times, and even to the days when our forefathers knelt to worship God and assist at the Sacrifice of the Mass beneath the shelter of the white-thorn or around the rock on the bleak mountain side. Mr. Diamond's grandmother was a sister of Father John Cassidy, who for over fifty years was parish priest of Ahoghill and Portglenone; and erected the first churches after the Reformation at Aughnahoy and Ahoghill. Another brother of his grandand erected the first churches after the Reformation at Aughnahoy and Ahoghill. Another brother of his grand-mother, Father Peter Cassidy, was parish priest of Bedfast for 21 years, and died in 1815, the year after Mr. Diamond was born. Father John Cassidy, P.P., Ahoghill, died on January 12, 1819, at the age of 75 years. He died in Priest Town, Ahoghill, in his own modest little residence, which is still standing—and even the very bed he died in is still preserved.

The Lough Neagh Litigation

A decision is pending in the High Courts which affects the means of livelihood of 3000 people who rely on the fishing industry of Eough Neagh for their support. The fishermen claim the free and unrestricted right of the public to fish in Lough Neagh which they say has existed from time immemorial, and which has come down from generation to generation. The owners come down from generation to generation. The owners of the Toomebridge Eel Fisheries and others claim the whole lough as a private fishery, basing their claim on a grant made by King James I. and another made by Charles II. Lough Neagh has a shore line of abouts sixty-five miles. The lough abounds in eels, pollam, and trout—the pollan being a characteristic fish of this, the greatest lake of the British Isles.

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Our Home exchanges report the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, which occurred with tragic suddenness whilst his Lordship was attending a sacred concert in St. Mary's Hall, Beliast, on the evening of Sunday, March 8. On Sunday morning his Lordship began a day of strenuous duty, apparently in the prime of his health and strength. He celebrated the Holy Sacrifice during the morning. He attended the twelve o'clock Mass at St. Mary's, and preached a vigorous sermon. After Mass he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of children, delivering fatherly addresses to them before and after the ceremony. Immediately afterwards, he presided at the quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and took an active part in the proceedings. Then, after a few hours' rest, he returned to duty again, leaving St. Mary's Hall, in aid of Father Skeffington's new Church of St. Columbkille at Bally-hackamore. Immediately after entering the hall, and scarcely had he been seated, when his Lordship was seized with a sudden spasm, and fell backwards, evidently seriously ill. Several of the clergy and laity in the vicinity at once proceeded to render assistance, Rev. Father Skeffington and others raising his Lordship up and doing everything possible for him. Meanwhile a member of the audience immediately left the hall to seek for medical assistance. His Lordship was then carried to an ante-room, and Very Rev. P. Convery, Adm., observing the gravity of the attack, administered the last Sacraments. Dr. H. Stevenson and Dr. R. Campbell, who had hastened to the scene in response to the urgent message despatched earlier, soon arrived at the hall, but, unfortunately, too late to render any assistance, death having quickly supervened on the sudden seizure with which his Lordship was affected. The Right Rev. Dr. Henry was born in the parish of Loughgiel, not far from Ballymoney, County Antrim, in 1847. After spending some years at the Diocesan College

CORK—Charitable Bequests

The bequests of the late Mr. John Dwyer, Midleton Park, Queenstown, included twenty-two shares in the G.S. and W. Railway Co. to Mercy Hospital, Cork; £1000 each to Good Shepherd Convent, the Magdalen Asylum, and St. Patrick's Hospital, all of Cork; £500 to the Convent of Morcy, Queenstown, and £100 each to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the General Hospital, Queenstown.

A Very Sudden Death

A painful sensation was caused in Youghal on the evening of March 5 by the very sudden demise of the esteemed Superior of the Youghal Christian Brothers—Rev. Brother Maher—who was found dead in a railway carriage on the arrival of the 3.35 p.m. train from Cork. Brother Maher attended school in the morning apparently in his usual health, and went to Cork by the 11 a.m. train. When the sad discovery was made the deceased was sitting on the seat leaning against the side of the carriage, as if he were asleep.

DUBLIN—A Home for Youths

On February 23 was opened in Dublin a new founda-On February 23 was opened in Dublin a new foundation of St. Vincent's Male. Orphanage, which owes its existence and upkeep to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and which is under the devoted care of the Christian Brothers. The home is intended to furnish a safe and comfortable abiding-place for those youths who, having finished their courses at the orphanage, have gone out into the world to earn their livelihood.

A Successful Insurance Company

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The directors of the Irish Catholic Church Property Insurance Company, in their annual report state that, after payment of re-insurances, the income of the company for the year 1907 was £4658 8s 2d. The payments for fire losses amounted to £1178 13s 1d, the general expenditure to £8.9 8s 9d, and the directors' fees to £250, making a total of £2238 1s 10d, and leaving a surplus of £242; 6s 4d. Out of this surplus the directors have aliccated £500 to payment of dividend on the paid-up capital at 5 per cent, for the year. They recommend that £920 6s 4d be placed to the credit of reserve, which would then stand at £8474 4s 7d, and that the balance of £1000 be distributed to the Catholic Archbishops and Eishops of Ireland, as provided by Article 90 of the Articles of Association of the Company.

GALWAY-Interred in his Native Land

In accordance with the terms of his will the remains of John Morley, an Irishman who amassed considerable wealth in South Dakota, have been removed from that State and interred in his native place at Woodford, County Galway. The greater portion of his fortune he bequeathed to a community of Nursing Sisters of St. Louis, and to his nephews, Michael, Patrick, and John Guerin, of Nenagh, and to their sister, who lives in England, he left £200 each.

KILDARE—Maynooth College

Replying to a question in the House of Commons on March 11, Mr. Birrell said it was given in evidence before the Robertson Commission on University education in Ireland, that Maynooth College received from the State amounts varying from £8000 to £9000 a year from its foundation in 1795 up till 1845, when the annual grant was increased to £26,360 a year. This latter grant was continued until 1871, when it was withdrawn, the sum of £369,040, representing 14 years' purchase, being paid to the college in compensation out of the Irish Church Fund. The Board of Works also expended on buildings and maintenance and remission of building loans the sum of £52,835. The Queen's College, Belfast, has received £7000 a year since its foundation, together with grants in aid amounting in all to £82,600, and the Board of Works have expended on buildings and maintenance £95,558. The number of students at Maynooth for the year 1907-8 is 562; the number at Belfast for the current winter session is 380. Both of the collèges are exempt from rating.

LIMERICK—The Holy Father's Jubilee

At a meeting of the Limerick Corporation on March 6 the following resolution was moved by the Mayor, and adopted — That we, the Mayor, Aldermen, and burgesses—of the County Borough Council of Limerick, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the priesthood of our most Holy Father, Pope Paus X., with profound homage beg to offer to his Holiness the heartfelt congratulations of the citizens of this ancient Catholic city, and the earnest prayers—of his faithful Irish children that God may graciously strengthen and sustain him amongst the grievous trials that press round his exalted throne. We pray that his Holiness may be spared to see again the triumph of the truth, for which he has striven with all the dignity of apostolic simplicity; that his etring children,—whose dangerous doctrines his Holiness has condemned in his

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recent great Encyclical, will hearken dutifully to their Father's counsel; and that in this year of the Golden Jubilee of her own sacred shrine of Lourdes, our Blessed Lady may comfort the heart of the Holy Blessed Lady may comfort the heart of the Holy Father by securing, through her powerful intercession, the restoration of France to her glorious inheritance as Eldest Daughter of the Church. That this resolution be communicated by the Town Clerk to his Lordship the Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, to be forwarded by him to his Holiness.'

WATERFORD-The Glenaheiry 'Outrage'

In the House of Commons on March 10 Mr. John Redmond asked the Chief Sccretary whether, having regard to the fact that the appeal in the claim for damages laid by Lord Ashtown had now been disposed, and that the only issue on appeal was a question of malice, the Government would institute a public inquiry malice, the Government would institute a public inquiry into all the circumstances surrounding the case, with a view to the discovery of the guilty party. Mr. Birrell—The Irish Government are not at present in possession of any information which would justify the belief that a public inquiry on oath would secure the proof of any fact which would lead to the discovery of the guilty parties. Such information may, however, be hereafter forthcoming, and whenever it is, we shall be perfectly willing to take the steps most likely to discover the real authors of this outrage.

GENERAL

Railway Rates

Addressing a meeting in Liverpool in support of railway nationalisation, Sir John Gorst, ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: Of the parts of the United Kingdom ill-treated by railway systems the worst was Ireland, and he believed if this were explained the Irish people would be up in arms. The traffic of Ireland was regulated for the benefit of English railway companies. There were differential rates, and it was, he believed, just to say that many Irish agriculturists found the cheapest way of transporting bullocks, agricultural produce, and flax from one part of Ireland to another was to send them to England and have them reshipped there. reshipped there.

Grievances from Ireland

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Mr. Maddison, M.P. for Burnley, addressed the following reply to Lord Ashtown, in answer to an appeal for funds to assist in carrying on the campaign connected with the publication called 'Grievances from Ireland':—'Mr. F. Maddison presents his compliments to Lord Ashtown, and desires him to know that he regards the work of the Federation with which he is connected as the worst example of fanaticism which has come under his notice. Mr. Maddison has no ear for the harsh music of the Orange drum, and regrets that his lordship is so untouched by national pride and sentiment. The cause of true religion must suffer by his attempt to fan the flames of sectarian strife, the cessation of which should be the aim of good citizens. Mr. Maddison writes as a strong Protestant, and as such is delighted to know that the funds of the Federation are running low, as it is some evidence that in Ireland its work is not appreciated. He hopes that his lordship will not send him any more begging appeals for so unworthy an object.' appeals for so unworthy an object.'
The Cost of the Police Force

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In discussing the vote in the Estimates for extra police in Ireland the 'Freeman's Journal' says:—Ireland has practically the same population as Scotland; It has less than one-fourth of the serious crime of Scotland; it has double the police force. Ireland has one-eighth of the population of England and Wales; about one-twentieth of its serious crime; and nearly one-third of its police force. And this is the country to whose police establishment a Liberal Government pledged to economy adds four hundred men out of deference to a clamor, the nature of which was exposed by Mr. Redmond. There ought to be an end to this pandering to slander and this surrender to an officialism whose wastefulness cannot be paralleled outside the annals of corruption. The Irish police establishment ought to be reduced, the mon engaged in it converted into a civil force and given a living wage, and the funds wasted upon it made available for educational, industrial, and rating reform in Ireland. Seven hundred thousand pounds a year is wasted upon the establishment; the Liberal Government have added £40,000 a year more to that charge, while they deny the National Board the means of giving the teachers of Ireland a decent salary. land a decent salary.

> TUSSICURA. THE MASTER REMEDY FOR. AILMENTS OF THE THROAT AND LUNGS.

People We Hear About

King Leopold of Belgium has conferred upon Car-linal Gibbons the Grand Cross of the Royal Order of the Crown, as a mark of his personal esteem; and al-so in recognition of his great services to the cause of Christianity and humanity throughout the world.

The reported elaborate festivit es arranged to be held in Vienna this spring on the occasion of the Emperor's Diamond Jubilee will be abandoned owing to the state of his Majesty's health. The festivities would involve inviting foreign Royalties and Princes, the reception of whom might prove too severe a strain upon the Emperor. ..

The Hon. James Kent, who has been alpointed Minister of Justice of Newfoundland in succession to Signature of Patrick Morris, who resigned the office last year is a native of that Colony. He received his education in Ireland at Tullabeg and Clongowes Colleges, and graduated B.A. of the Royal University of Ireland in 1890.

Mr. Charles Rous-Martin, who died in London in the early part of last week, was well known in Wellington, where at one time he occupied the editorial chair of the 'Evening Post,' and later that of the 'New Zealand Times.' He was a facile writer, and was recognised as one of the leading musical critics in the Dominion. In recent years he acted as London correspondent of some of the daily papers in New Zear

News has been received of the death after a sevene illness, of Colonel Thos. O'Reilly, K.S.G., C.M.G., who was Mayor of Cape Town during the three years of the late South African War. Colonel O'Reilly, who went to the Cape over twenty years ago, was for ten years a member of the Cape Parliament, in which he was one of Mr. Cecil Rhodes' most formidable opponents. He was a staunch Catholic, and some years ago the title of Kinght of St. Gregory was conferred upon him by the Pope.

Sir Charles Santley spent his seventy-fourth birth-day in his native city of Liverpool. He visited the in-stitute, where he received his early education, and listened to part songs by the school choir. Afterwards he was presented with a silver bowl from the pupils as a birthday gift, and delighted the boys by singing 'Ruddier than the cherry,' "Simon the Cellarer,' and several other sengs. He also chatted pleasantly about his career is the pupiled. cer in the musical world, and impressed upon the boys the value of classical study in training the mind.

Mr. W. Redmond, who displayed such concern in the House of Commons the other day as to Australia's contribution to the navy, is one of the few Irish members who have a practical experience of political and social life at the Antipodes, (says the Pall Mall Gazette'). A few years ago he made a prolonged tour in the Southern Continent, and, though he gave his attention primarily to Irish affairs, he gained an enormous amount of knowledge on the tariff question, oldage pensions, the power of the Labor Party, education, and the like, which is likely to reappear to advantage when such questions break through what he calls the crusty conservatism of England.

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Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who held the office of Prume Minister from December, 1905 to the beginning of the present mouth, and whose death occurred last week, was born in Glasgow in the year 1836. His uncle, William Campbell, was in the early part of the last century an assistant in a Glasgow draper's shop. At that time it was common to mark goods with one price, but to be prepared to sell them, after haggling, for much less, and Dr. Chalmers, of Disruption fame, condemned the system as savoring of corruption. William Campbell was much impressed, and urged his employer rediculed the idea, but offered to lend William Campbell £500 to try the experiment in a business of his own. William accepted the offer, got credit for a like amount from Manchester houses, and opened a 7 One Price' shop with his brother, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's father, as his partner. The business grew to enormous proportions, and the Prime Minister's father, Sir James Campbell, became Lord Provost of the city of Glasgow, and a pioneer in its period of municipal expansion.

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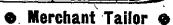
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The Catholic World

ENGLAND-A Venerable Priest

There passed away recently at the Brompton Oratory, London, a remarkable man and a notable priest in the person of Father Felix Philpin de Rivieres, at 193 years: He was a prolific wriin the person of Father Felix Philpin de Rivieres, at the advanced age of 93 years: He was a prolific writer, a linguist, an artist, and a poet. Among other works he translated into French Father Bowden's 'Life of Father Faber.' His intellect remained clear and alert up to the last moment, and he was engaged in his artibiography the very day of his death. The deceased, who was born at Langres, France, entered the Jesuit College at Fribourg, Switzerland, at the age of twelve years. He was ordained in 1839, and for about ten years was engaged in parochial work. In 1853 he went to England, and was admitted into the Congregation of the Oratory.

A Tribute to the Sisters of Charity

A remarkable tribute was paid by the Rev. Mr Greer at the annual meeting of the Rest for the Dying, Camden Row, to the Sisters of Charity in charge of the Hospice for the Dying, London. The Sisters, he said, catered for patients irrespective of their religious beliefs, and they acquainted the management of the Rest when Protestant patients were received. The kindness of the Sisters, he said, had often been responsible for some of the Protestant inmates becoming Roman Catholics, but he wished it to be understood, the sponsible for some of the Protestant inmates becoming Roman Catholics, but he wished it to be understood, the kindness and care had not been extended by the Sisters with the object of proselytising. This, he thought, was all the greater reason why Protestants should see that they looked after their own fellow-brethren, and support the Rest, which was established for the purpose of providing for destitute Protestants.

GERMANY—Religious Denominations

According to accurate statistics there was in the German Empire on December 1, 1905, a Protestant population of 37,646,852 and a Catholic population of 22,094,492.

ROME-The Cardinal Secretary of State

When the Cardinal Secretary of State (writes the Rome correspondent of the 'Catholic Weekly') was attacked by a band of anti-clerical ruffians last summer during his nominal holiday at Castelgandolfo, the natives, indignant at the outrage, assembled in the courtyard of the residence to give his Eminence an ovation. On his showing himself the poor peasants entreated him not to leave them, disclaiming all share in the bad treatment he had received. The Cardinal has now given substantial proof of his kindly feeling towards the very class to which his assailants belonged. During his visit he appears to have been painfully impressed by the wretched state of the workmen's dwellings, and has of late been directing the planning and erection of a block of new buildings, ordered by the Holy Father, with twenty-four convenient and well-ventilated lodgings, having their own supply of drinking water.

The Revision of the Vulgate

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An interesting article in the 'Pall Mall Magazine' from the pen of Salvatore Cortesi describes how Abbot Gasquet is beginning his laborious work of revising the Vulgate. 'Abbot Gasquet,' we read, 'is determined to dedicate the remainder of his life to his revision, and he has already set to work in his cell in the great Benedictine Monastery on the crown of the Aventine. "Twenty years ago," said the learned Abbot to me, "Leo XHI set me to historical research, which I pursued without interruption; now Pius X. orders me to revise the Vulgate, and I have willingly abandoned all for it—studies, work, friends, country." As to the programme to be followed, it is as yet difficult to speak, Abbot Gasquet thinking that in the first six months which he will pass in Italy, chiefly in Rome, it will already be a great achievement if he can begin to make use of the first material accumulated. To have an idea of how gigantic the work is, it will be sufficient to say that the Abbot believes that the early MSS to be entirely collated, arranged, divided, etc., amount to perhaps twenty thousand. They may be more, as there are countries like Spain in which libraries and archives attached to the different cathedrals have MSS, which are quite unknown to scholars; it is, therefore, necessary to send Benedictines to each of these countries to carry the MSS to Rome if possible, and, if not, to photograph them, or when this is not allowed, to copy them. Every effort will be directed to the reconstruc-

tion, as far as possible, of the text of St. Jerome, which will be the foundation of the revision, but the next step will be to discover how far St. Jerome himself was correct. The Psalms, probably, will be the first portion to be undertaken. St. Jerome made three versions—the last direct from the Hebrew. The third translation from the Hebrew came when the Gallicana (a version from the Greek) had become so popular that the new one, although better, was not adopted. The differences are enormous, as can be seen by comparing the Psalms in the present Vulgate with the version in the English Book of Common Prayer, which last practically represents the Hebrew one. Pius X. manifested to the writer of this article his firm desire that the work should be conducted on such scientific that the work should be conducted on such scientific lines as to convince all that what is aimed at is the truth, and nothing but the truth, so that all shall be satisfied with the result.'

UNITED STATES—The Catholic University

Cardinal Gibbons was the guest of honor at a reception given on Washington's birthday by the Knights of Columbus. The society proposes to raise a fund of £100,000 for the Catholic University of America, and in a brief address the Cardinal commended the movement.

Visit of an Irish Prelate

It is not often (says an American exchange) that Catholics in this country have a chance to see and hear a Bishop from the Emerald Isle. As a consequence the Catholic population of the diocese of Ro-chester, N.Y. is full of expectancy for next summer. Right Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, is coming at the request of the venerable Bishop McQuaid to dedi-cate the new buildings of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Diocesan Anniversaries

April 8 was the 10th anniversary of the erection of the sees of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Louisville, and also of the establishment of the diocese of Baltimore as a metropolitan see.

GENERAL

A Jubilee Gift

The Catholics of Buenos Ayres have communicated to the Holy See the practical manner in which they have decided to take part in the Jubilee of Pius X. Through their Archbishop they have intimated their intention of collecting a large sum of money sufficient to purchase a residence in keeping with the dignity of the Apostolic Nuncio who is to live in their capital. The project was made known to the Holy Father by a cablegram, and his Holiness has replied by thanking and blessing all those who have taken part in the movement. movement.

Dogs as Beasts of Burden

In many parts of the Continent dogs are freely used as beasts of burden, and in Brussels a number of specially trained dogs are enrolled in the police force; and accompany the night men on their rounds. force; and accompany the night men on their rounds. Some of the Continental armies are also busy experimenting as to the use of dors in time of war. Writing in the 'Windsor Magazine, Mr. Irving Montagu gives a chatty account of what is being done in this direction. In Silesia the German military authorities have conducted a series of most interesting experiments for testing the value of watch dogs, their capability for carrying back a message from a reconnoting party to the rear, conveying ammunition to a given point, and barking—even in some cases 'pointing'—on the discovery of wounded men who would probably have been unseen owing to rocky or wooded surroundings, or otherwise playing some new or useful part in connection with future campaigns. The dogs experimented with are Gerwise playing some new or useful part in connection with future campaigns. The dogs experimented with are German pointers, sheep dogs, collies, spaniels, boarhounds, St. Bernards, and Russian Borzo hounds. For ambulance work and for carrying ammunition and stores light carts are used. A certain Signor de Rossi, who is much interested in the subject, has invented, amongst other things, a canvas satchel, which is carried on the actimal's loins, and is intended to be used in conveying ammunition to the front. In the Alpine branch of this Italian army, the lonely sentinel's companion through the night is his dog, and many instances might be quoted in which this four-footed patrol has been of great service.

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The following is a summary account of the total amounts received by the Dominican Nuns from each diocese. The Dominican Community has had the entire burden of providing the teachers and supporting them. Besides this the diocese of Maitland has contributed to the Institute since its establishment £7200; Sydney has contributed £1450; Goulburn, £246; Melbourne, £222; Armidale, £159; Bathurst, £119'; Brisbane, £116; Ballarat; £82; Hobart, £80; Wilcannia, £79; Wellington (N.Z.), £70; Rockhampton, £49; Dunedin (N.Z.), £37; Adelaide, £26; Vicariate of New Caledonia, £26; Lismore, £23; Sale, £22; Auckland (N.Z.), £16; Vicariate of Cooktown, £14; Port Augusta, £10; Sandhurst, £7.

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Do not eat, if you can avoid it, raw vegetables or truit which have been washed with unboiled or unfiltered, contaminated water. Boil, if you cannot properly filter, all suspected water before drinking. Do not place dependence on the household filter. The ordinary faucet filter is worthless. A filter of stone or charcoal is dangerous unless cleaned daily. Buy no filter until it has been endorsed by some well known chemist or bacteriologist; then keep it clean. Beware of well water, unless you know the well. Hideous death is often concealed in the 'old caken bucket' and the chain pump of the day. the chain pump of the day.

Cook the Milk.

'Cook the milk!' is the new slogan of the health department of Chicago, superseding the oft-repeated, but always profitable injunction, 'Boil the water!' In every case of death from typhoid fever during the last year, examination of the milk supply used by the victim had been made. On an average, the milk had been found to contain 10,000,000 bacteria in each cubic centimetre. The permissible limit in milk hatended been found to contain 10,000,000 bacteria in each cubic centimetre. The permissible limit in milk intended especially for the feeding of infants and young children is 100,000 bacteria in the cubic centimetre, or one hundred times less than the number actually found. Whatever reasons exist for cooking the milk re typhoid fever apply with double force as to diphtheria—and that diphtheria may be conveyed in a milk supply has long been conceded. been conceded.

Drinking Helps Nature.

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

Tea Drinking. Dr. Scott Tebb, Public Analyst to the Borough of Southwark, England, says people drink far too much tea. He calculates that each person, on an average; takes a daily dose of 3.6 grains of alkaloid and 9.7 grains of tannin. This means that the average teadrinker takes half as much alkaloid and nearly as much tannin as the maximum allowed by the British pharmacopeia for an occasional dose. And of course many thousands of people drink a great deal more than the average dose. Over-infused tea is the chief danger. The effect of drinking tea 'stewed' is to produce dyspepsia, which tends to a state of mental depression. ger. The effect of drinking tea is the conet danger. The effect of drinking tea 'stewed' is to produce dyspepsia, which tends to a state of mental depression, and Dr. Tebb warns specially against what he terms 'over-infusion'—that is steeping the tea until the water becomes infused with the injurious qualities of the leaves. The Japanese and Chinese, who, it may be said, are innately intimate with the beverage, pour boiling water over the leaves and almost immediately fill the cups with a snarkling decoction. Scientists pronounce this drink 'slightly exhibitating and harmless.' The resultant genuine refreshment of this drink may be a good deal due to the reviving effects of the hot water. It is medically admitted that the drinking of simple hot water is physically recuperative. That the hot water, in itself, has much to do with the refreshment quality of the beverage, may be deduced from the fact that when the infusion is done with water that has been reboiled, the beverage is flat, quite lacking in 'buoyant taste.' All of which goes to demonstrate that tea must be correctly brewed in order to be harmlessly exhibitating.

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Caterpillars.

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The caterpillar spends his time trying to keep out of everybody's way. Some species hide on the under surface of leaves, others on the sterrs or blades of grass, which serve them as food; others again build little nests for concealment or else they lie snugly hidden between the curled edges of leaves, which they draw close together until the opposite edges meet. The contential of the content is a sociable creature in his own family. He draw close together until the opposite edges meet. The caterpillar is a sociable creature in his own family. He knows that there is safety in numbers, and you will find whole companies feeding side by side while keeping a sharp look-out for their bird ememies, but when a caterpillar is by himself he scarcely dares to move for fear of attracting attention. Even when he is obliged to change his skin he doesn't venture to leave his old coat lying around. The moment that he takes it off he eats it. The caterpillars that live in companies shed their skins boldly. Only the poor solitary fellows feel forced to swallow their old clothes.

Why the Sky Looks Rue

Why the Sky Looks Blue.

It is the atmosphere that makes the sky look blue and the moon yellow. If we could ascend to an elevaand the moon yellow. If we could ascent of state the moon of fifty miles above the earth's surface, we should see that the moon is a brilliant white, while the sky would be black, with the stars shining as brightly in the daytime as at night. Furthermore, as a most picturesque feature of the spectacle, we should notice that across of the stars are read offers blue yet. picturesque feature of the spectacle, we should notice that some of the stars are red, others blue, yet others violet, and still others green in color. Of course, all of the stars (if we bar the planets of our own system) are burning suns, and the hues they wear depend upon their temperature. The hottest stars are blue. Thus Vega, in the constellation Lyra, is a blue sun hundreds of times as large as our solar orb. We are journeying in its direction at the rate of millions of milës a day, and at some future time it may gobble us all up. For, after all, humiliating though the confession be, our sun (says 'The Reader') is only a very small star—of the sixth magnitude or thereabouts—and of an importance in the universe so slight as to be scarcely within the pale of respectability.

The Duck-billed Platypus.

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The remarkable animal knawn as the duck-billed platypus (says the 'Weekly Telegraph') is found in Tasmanta and in the south and east of Australia. When specimens were first introduced into England it When specimens were first introduced into England it was fully believed that they were manufactured by some impostor, who, with much ingenuity, had fixed the beak of a duck into the head of some unknown animal. Besides this peculiarity of the duck-like beak, the platypus is also remarkable as being one of the few mammals which brings its young into the world in the shape of eggs. Its feet are webbed, and its spends a great part of its life in the water, extracting worms, insects, etc., from the banks and beds of the rivers that it frequents. It lives in burrows made in the river bank, one entrance being under water whilst the other is some distance inland, among grass or rough brushwood. The burrows are of great length, some measuring fifty feet in length. At the end of the burrow it places its nest, composed of weeds, grass, and root fibres. Here it lays its eggs, generally two in number, and rears its young.

It is said that Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, wife of the New York millionaire, has so much charity work on hand that she has a private office and staff of clerks and stenographers. Here she spends every morning attending to the business which she has made her own. No charitable institutions are better managed than those which she has endowed, for she requires of them regular reports, and she watches them closely. She has given away about four million dollars in building hospitals, convents, schools, and churches, and before each gift has been made Mrs. Ryan has convinced herself of its necessity. its necessity.

Intercolonial

The Bishop of Ballarat, his Lordship Dr. Higgins, goes to Rome shortly, and in his Cathedral city preparations are being made to give him a royal send-off.

The 'Eva' fund (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the 'Freeman's Journal') has topped £200, and it is probable that some £50 or so will be realised before the close of the movement here. Dr. O'Donuell is interesting himself in this praisewofthy object.

The funeral of the late Dean Murphy took place on April 11, at the Shepparton cemetery. The procession, which was the largest ever seen in the district, was headed by the children of the schools and the members of the local branch H.A.C.B. Society.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melhourne was to lay the memorial stone of the Ecclesiastical Seminary, Elsternwick, on Low Sunday. Including the land the total cost is about £16,000, which is the gift of Miss O'Neill. (That was to be the last public act of his Grace before leaving for Europe.

The new church and convent at Eugowra was opened and blessed by his Lordship Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Bathurst, assisted by the Rev. T. J. Doran. The building cost £1100, the whole of which, with the exception of £300, has already been collected in donations from Norbes and Cooleany. Forbes and Goolagong.

The memory of the late Very Rev. W. M. Walsh, Townsville, is to be perpetuated by the erection of a memorial high altar in the Sacred Heart Church, Townsville, at a cost of from £300 to £500. The sum of £120 towards the cost was promised at the first meeting of the parishioners.

The Ven. Archdeacon Davy, late of Benalla, who died in January last, left by will dated February 19, 1903, estate of the value of £330 realty and £3988 personalty upon trust for such religious, educational, and charitable purposes in the township of Benalla in connection with the Catholic Church as his trustees should does fit. deem fit.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration in Melbourne was The St. Patrick's Day celebration in methodine was not only a social but also a financial success, the net profit realising between £200 and £300. Of this sum £167 will be devoted to the Foundling Hospital, Broadmeadows, and the balance to a sinking fund. His Grace the Archbishop has generously given a substantial bonus to the secretary, Mr. J. W. Bray.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran presided at the final meeting of the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee, Sydney. The financial statement showed that the tee, Sydney. The financial statement showed that the total receipts from the sports' meeting and the national concert were £967, which, after deducting expenses, including a number of prizes allotted in the musical and other competitions, left a donation of £65 to each of the following institutions:—Westmead Boys' Home, St. Ann's Orphanage (Liverpool), Waitara Foundling Hospital, Manly Industrial Orphanage, Baulkham Hills Orphanage, Kincumber Orphanage, Ryde Orphanage, and St. Joseph's Orphanage, Lane Cove-road.

His Lordship Dr. O'Connor (Bishop of Armidale), assisted by the Rev. Fathers Lloyd and Burchell, opened and blessed the other day the additions recently made to the Convent of Mercy, Moree. The attendance was large, and included many non-Catholic friends. At the conclusion of the ceremonies his Lordship said that the Sisters of Mercy had in the past eight years spent over £5000 in the purchase of land, the erection of convent buildings and the planting and beautifying of convent buildings, and the planting and beautifying of the grounds. In Moree the people had experienced the beneficent influence of the Sisters' good example, but notwithstanding the great benefits they had bestowed on the community, they had never before made a disect appeal to the people's generosity, though he was sure that it would not be made in vain.

By his last will, the late Colonel Freehill appointed his widow, Eileen Marie Freehill, and his brother-in-law, Edward John Bede Hollingdale, executors and trustees of his estate. He bequeathed his library (with trustees of his estate. He bequeathed his library (with the exception of certain French, Italian, and Spanish books, which he devised to his nephews), to the Sydney University; £100 each to the Lewisham Hospital, Boys' Home at Westmead, St. Martha's Home at Leichhardt, and the Industrial School at Manly; £10(0 to the Rector and Fellows of St. John's College, within the University of Sydney, to found a bursary, to be awarded as they think fit; and £400 to Cardinal Moran or his successor to found a bursary for Catholic ecclesiastical students in the archdiocese of Sydney. The estate was valued for probate at close on £50.000. The estate was valued for probate at close on £50,000,

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'Spell turkey, then, and let me see,'
'Turkey,' said Baby Brown, 'a, b, c.'
'Now, Miss Missy, spell chickadee,'
'Chickadee,' said Baby Brown, 'a, b, c.'

'I dare you to spell old donkey for me,'.
'Donkey,' said Baby: Brown, a, b, c.'
'And now spell coffee and then spell tea,
Blithely said Baby Brown, 'a, b, c.'

So all the morning Willie Brown Held the speller upside down, And Baby Brown so little and fat Spelled harder words than this and that.

HELEN'S CHANGE OF MOOD

'Now, grandma, don't preach. I came to spend vacation quietly with you, and try to forget that horrid bank has swallowed up my last year at the School of Design, and that I must stay at home and wash dishes the same as ever.'

'Forgive me, Helen, for bringing up the matter, but I must have my say, and then we will close the subject for all time. I can't bear to see you settle down in despair, and give up your bright prospects so easily. Because the Sagertown bank has failed is no reason why you must give up fitting yourself for your life-work. It is just as necessary that you should be able to help your mother and Tom as ever it was. If life-work. It is just as necessary that you should be able to help your mother and Tom as ever it was. If you have lost the money for your art school, you must get some more. It isn't so bad to lose money as it is to lose the means of getting it.'

'But I haven't any means of getting it,' answered Helen, who was in no mood to be told her duty.

'You are young and strong, and have two good hands, and your time is your own.'

'But what can I do here?'

'Who made the dress you have on?'

'I did. Why?'

'Couldn't you make one for some one else? Elsie Walworth—'

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'Yes, I know Elsie is working in the canning factory, and Maud Hastings is with the seed company. Don't think for a minute I am too proud to work for a hiving;; it's what I expected to do—after next year. But it would take me two years at anything I can do in Sagertown to earn a year at the School of Design. And Mamma just can't give it to me. I wish I had gone to Europe last year with the Stones. I would have had something out of that money. As it is, I haven't a cent for next term, and it is only five months away.'

'My dear, don't be discouraged. You can do whatever you determine to do. I am sorry to see you give up so easily. My William—your father—wouldn't have done it.'

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Helen's big brown eyes softened and grew moist at the mention of the father whom she had idolized.

'How old are you, Helen?'
'Nineteen.'

'He was only seventeen when his father died, and he had to leave school and provide for his sisters and me.'

Helen did not answer. She was looking out of the window—at nothing, and thinking, selfishly, that if her father had lived she would not have to worry about money matters. She was called from her gloomy thoughts a few minutes later by grandma.

'Helen, will you go down to Mrs. Crawford's, and get a roll of butter?'

Grandma was wise, and did not add that she thought the morning walk would do the girl good. Nor did she hint that if Helen did not go, Mrs. Crawford would send the butter next morning as usual.

Following grandma's directions, Helen soon found

herself at Mrs. Crawford's. A little boy of six opened the door to her, and led the way into a neat fittle sitting-room, where a woman sat by the window sewing. As she came to meet her caller, with bright eyes and smiling face, Helen saw that her right sleeve

and smiling face, Helen saw that her right sleeve was empty.

'Oh, yes,' said Mrs. Crawford, acknowledging Helen's introduction, 'I have often heard Mrs. Stacy speak of the grandchildren. Take a seat by the fire. I was just sewing a button on Charlie's coat.'

Helen nearly forgot her errand in wonder and amazement at watching the little woman's bright face and easy movements. She was saying to herself that she would never smile again if she bad lost an arm; but she took the proffered chair, saying awkwardly: 'Thank you. I came for the butter, but am in no hurry. Please finish the button.'

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Helen watched her every movement with fascina-tion, and as Mrs. Crawford broke her thread and help-ed Charlie into his coat, their eyes met, and Helen

blushed crimson.

'A beg your pardon,' she murmured, 'I must s very rude, but it is wonderful to me that you things so easily and—and—cheerfully.'

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'It is the result of practice and desperate determination,' she answered with a smile. 'I have proved that one can do what she sets out to do. When I found that I must lose my arm, I resolved that I would not allow myself to be made helpless. I used to earn quite a bit setting type afternoons, and it was hard to give that up; but I set about learning to do everything with my left hand that I could with my right. It has been a year now,' she added, glancing down at the empty sleeve—'and I am getting used to it. And as for doing it cheerfully—isn't that the right way?'

'Yes. But I couldn't,' said Helen, with mixed feelings of pity and shame as she remembered grandma's remark, that 'it is not so bad to lose money as it is to lose the means of getting it.'

'You don't know what you can do until you have to—and try,' continued Mrs. Crawford. 'It is wonderful how many more things we can do than we think we can.'

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Grandma looked out of the window many times before she saw her granddaughter coming up the hill. She had been a little anxious as to the result of her experiment, but was reassured when she heard the quick step on the walk, and saw Helen's pink cheeks and shining eyes. She did not wait to take off her wraps, or even to put away the butter, but threw herself at her grandmother's feet, exclaiming: 'Grandma, did you send me to Mrs. Crawford's on purpose?'

She did not wait for grandma to plead guilty, but rattled on: 'I never felt so humble in my life. When I left that little woman down there doing her work with one band, I felt guilty to own two hands that were so helpless. I walked off as if in a trance—thinking of how she would do this, and how she would do that—why, grandma, you don't know how it made me feel to see her sewing on a button with one hand, and smiling! I got to the grove when the little boy overtook me with the butter, which in my confusion I had left behind. I sat down on a log and thought it all out. It is wonderful how one's mood can change in an hour. I can think of lots of things I can do. I have my plans all made. I am going to patch, and darn, and bind skirts for the girls at school—I can begin next week. Mildred Stow earned fifty dollars that way last year. Then what I earn next summer, with my patching and darning next year, will take me through. I will do it. Do you hear me, grandma? And if I ever get in the dumps again, and grumble at washing dishes with two hands, I shall come to Stanford, and go down to Mrs. Crawford's after some butter. Are you listening, grandma?' Grandma was listening.—Exchange.

MAKING SURE

A certain young gentleman, an amateur sportsman, went to the Highlands for a 'shoot' One day, with rather a white face, he called the keeper to him, and said: 'I say, keeper, are all your beaters here? Do you mind counting them?'
'Verra weel, sir,' replied the keeper, and whistled to his men. 'Yes, they're all here,' he continued, after counting them.

counting them.

"Are you quite sure?" said the sportsman, anxious-Yes, sir. Ah'm certain.'
The gentleman heaved a sigh of relief.
'All right,' said he; 'then behind that rock down there you'll find a dead rocbuck!'

THE IMPORTANT 'ME'

Robert Henri, the artist, was among the crowd at a large private view of new pictures in New York not long ago, and was pausing before a portrait by Sargent when he noticed a big, brawny man, who looked like anything but an artist, engaged in admiration of the same canvas and murmuring: 'They have given me a good place at last!'

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Henri grew interested immediately. 'You are in this sort of work?' he asked.

'Been at it for twenty years,' assented the stranger; 'and this is the first time I ever got on the line.'

'Ah, indeed,' echoed the now thoroughly interested artist. 'And where is your picture?'

The stranger pointed to the Sargent. 'Right there,' he responded.

'That?' said Henri. 'Why, Sargent painted that!'

'Painted it!' sniffed the brawny man. 'Yes, I think Sargent was the name of the man that painted it, but it was me made the frame.'

POLITENESS

If those who are doubtful as to the correct course to pursue in any given situation will remember that even the wrong thing is overlooked if one is but absolutely polite in the doing of it, their relief might be great. A gentleness of demeanor and a courteous response of question can never be out of place. A man may wear a business suit of clothes to an evening party less noticeably than a truculent air of insolence. If he be perfectly well bred as far as behaviour goes, it matters not so much what his outward garb, although by an unwritten law of social observance certain clothes are the correct thing for certain occasions. Politeness is never wrong. Its practice goes nearly all the way toward the goal of the right thing in the right place. We hear of polite insolence, but insolence is never polite, and it is never, under any circumstances, polite to be insolent.

ODDS AND ENDS

A man carrying a looking-glass said to a newsboy, 'Come here and look into this glass, and you will see a donkey.' 'How did you find that out?' retorted the boy.

'I understand you were carried away by her singing?' 'Well, not quite that. I was driven away by it, though.

Being asked once whether he had read any of the books of a popular novelist, Thackeray rejoined:
'Well, no. You see, I am like a pastry cook. I bake tarts and I sell 'em, but I eat bread and butter.'

FAMILY FUN

A Good Puzzle.—Here is a puzzle which you may try to see what you can do with: Tie a string about a yard long to a door key and take the string in the right hand. Hold it so the key will clear the floor four or five inches. If you will hold the string steady enough, it will begin to swing back and forth in a straight line. Let another person take your left hand in his, and the motion of the key will change from the pendulum-like swing to a circular swing. If a third person will place his hand on the shoulder of the second person, the key will stop. Just try the above and then solve the puzzle.

A Brown Paper Magnet.—A very simple and interesting electrical experiment may be made with a sheet of brown paper, illustrating in a remarkable manner how the most astonishing effects may be produced by the simplest means. Take a sheet of coarse brown paper, and after holding it before the fire until it is perfectly dry fold it up into a long strip about two inches wide. The tragnet is now complete. To exhibit its attractive power cut some strips of writing paper about three inches long and about as wide as one of these lines, then place them upon the table, three or four together. Now take the magnet and draw it briskly under the arm two or three times. Its electro magnetism is instantly developed and becomes apparent when held over the small strips of writing paper, for they fly up from the table toward the paper magnet veritably 'by the wings of lightning.'

All Sorts

The rest cure becomes a habit with some people. Regret is something we feel for the mistakes of our friends

Money talks, and some people make every penny

Nothing delights some people so much as to be asked favors; it gives them so much pleasure to re-

One of the most annoying things in the world is to be prepared for an emergency that doesn't keep its appointment.

A railway through the mountains north of the Adriatic Sea, constructed by the Austrian Government to build up the trade of Trieste, though only 130 miles long, has 679 bridges and viaducts. It also runs through forty-nine tunnels.

'I want to complain of the flour you sent me the other day,' said Mrs. Newliwed, severely. The grocer inquired what was the matter with it.

'It was tough,' replied the housekeeper. 'My husband simply could not eat the biscuits I made with

Lady Visitor-That new servant of yours seems

very nice and quiet.

Mistress of the House—Yes, she's very quiet. She doesn't even disturb the dust when she's cleaning the

First Painter—I've just been showing my aunt round. Most amusing. Invariably picks out the wrong pictures to admire, and denounces the good ones.

Second Painter—Did she say anything about mine?

First Painter—Oh, she liked yours.

An orange tree will bear fruit till 150 years old, and there are recorded instances of orange trees bearing when 500 | years old. In Malta and Naples 15,000 oranges have been picked from a single tree, and one in the Sandwich Islands was estimated to bear 20,000.

'Met a friend of yours the other day. He's been talking about you, and I feel it my duty to tell you what he said.'

what he said.'
'Ah, well, I don't care to hear what he said.
know it was something disagreeable.'
'How do you know that?'
'Because you are so anxious to tell it. Go

Good morning.

A quaint little fish haunts the weed tracts of the Gulf Stream, and there builds its nest and lays his eggs like a bird rather than a fish. This animal—the antennarius—imitates in color the weed it lives in, and, like the chameleon, constantly changes its color. The many natural curiosities of Japan include a species of singing insects. The most prized of these tiny musicians is a black beetle named 'susumushi,' which means 'insect bell.' The sound that it emits resembles that of a little silver bell of the sweetest and most delicate tone.

The Newfoundland fishermen, according to a consular report, have been attempting to make whale leather a commercial product, and are said to be meeting with some success. The average whale hide covers a surface of about fifteen hundred square feet. A a surface of about fifteen hundred square feet. A square foot of the hide weighs from two to five ounces. The leather is unusually tough, and is said to have great wearing qualities, and may therefore be adapted to the covering of furniture, carriage tops and seats, and also automobile uses. It is also said that it can be used for boots and shoes. Leather made from the intestines of the whale resembles kid; and is thin and tough. It will take color readily, and is to be offered to glove manufacturers for making the long-sleeved gloves now worn by women.

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While some workmen were sawing a log of mahogany in the factory of the Ulster Furnishing Co., Belfast, on February 28, it was found to contain right through a very clearly defined 'photograph' of a small deer and a larger animal, running. Doubtless the 'photograph' was transmitted by lightning during a storm, and the picture must have been 'taken' a long time ago, as the tree, being 4ft in diameter, is an exceedingly old one. Every plank of the log right through shows the images clearly. The idea of photography by lightning has suggested itself to a well-known novelist, who utilised the seemingly bizarre suggestion in the plot of a popular sensational story. The above would appear to present another example of the time-worn adage that no fiction can exceed the strangeness presented by some of the facts of life.

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