

'CATHOLIC MARRIAGES'

SOME FURTHER APPRECIATIONS

... Let me express my admiration of your magnificent defence and attack. . . Long may you have power and opportunity to wield the pen in a good cause.—Rev. Father Tubman, S.M., Timaru.

'Permit me to congratulate you on, "Catholic Marriages." How you could have stored away and afterwards drawn so promptly on your fund of knowledge, absolutely confounds me.—Mr. E. O'Connor, Christchurch.

What a Secular Paper Says.

The Christchurch 'Spectator' of May 14 has the following editorial note:—A pamphlet entitled "Catholic Marriages" has just been issued from the "N.Z. Tablet" office, Dunedin, which deals fully with the recent Papal Decree on the subject. The writer is the Rev. Father Cleary, Editor of the "Tablet", and it is an elaborate, argumentative, and logical defence, from the Catholic standpoint, of the Decree. The genesis of the pamphlet was the correspondence of the Rev. C. W. Carrington, head of the Anglican College House, Choh., on the subject in the Chch. "Press". Father Cleary prints the whole of the correspondence, as well as the Decree (in Latin and English) and Bishop Grimes' Pastoral upon it. The letters to the paper showed Father Cleary's ability as an analytical logician and dialectician, but in the pamphlet he "lets himself go" in real earnest, and shows a knowledge of ecclesiastical history of the marriage laws of England, Germany, and these colonies, that stamps him as a writer of marvellous grasp and acumen. It does not come within the province of this paper to express an opinion as to the subject matter of the pamphlet, which lies right beyond our scope, but this writer ventures the opinion that any man who ventures into print on religious matters had better be cautious whilst Father Cleary is "on the job." We imagine his pamphlet will be adopted throughout the Catholic world as a standard work upon the question with which it deals.

'The Catholic Encyclopedia'

Some time ago we announced the appearance of the second volume of 'The Catholic Encyclopedia', and gave the reader an idea of its contents and its value as the best Catholic work of reference of the kind that has yet been issued in English-speaking countries. The second volume more than fulfils the high promise of the first, and shows that the publishers and the staff have got the work, even at this early stage, into the complete and ordered control, down to the latest detail, which constitutes one of the early difficulties of all such great enterprises as the one under consideration. No fewer than 264 writers—each with special knowledge in his own domain—have collaborated in the production of this second volume of the 'Catholic Encyclopedia', which runs into 818 large double-column pages, and is adorned with 24 full-page illustrations, 4 fine colored plates, 5 colored maps (including an ecclesiastical map of Australia and New Zealand), besides scores of smaller illustrations scattered through the text. In the long list of contributors we find such noted names as those of the late Hon. Agnes M. Clerke, Dr. Casartelli, Dom Bede Camm, the late Frederick Brunetiere (of the French Academy and late director of the 'Revue des Deux Mondes'), Father John Gerard, Dr. Grattan Flood, Father James A. Howlett (the eminent Biblical scholar), Archbishop Healy, Father Ernest Hull, Dr. Gabriel Oussani (the distinguished Orientalist), Dr. T. B. Scannell, Father Herbert Thurston, and Dr. James J. Walsh (noted for his works on medical and scientific history). The second volume runs from 'Assizes of Jerusalem' to 'Brownrigg', and in scholarship, variety, and literary excellence, shows an advance upon its predecessor. Among the subjects of special Australasian interest, we find articles on Adelaide, Armidale, Auckland, and Australia (the last-mentioned running into about 12,000 words); Ballarat and Bathurst also form the subject of special articles. Among the other articles, we might mention the following, taken at random from this fine volume: 'Bankruptcy' (in its legal and moral aspects); St. Augustine (20 double-column pages); 'Avesta'; 'Avignon'; 'Breviary' (over nine pages); 'Assyria' (11 pages); 'Baptism' and allied subjects (18 pages, besides illustrations); 'Bells' (a learned article of six pages); 'Bishop' (a historical, theological, and canonical disquisition of over eight pages); 'Brahmanism' (over five pages). The articles repre-

sent the high-water level of scholarship and research; the bibliography given in each case is a very valuable feature of the work; and each subject is treated in the compressed form that appeals to the man of action, while displaying the accuracy which satisfies the demands of the scholar. The whole work represents the best Catholic scholarship, not alone of the English-speaking world, but of Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Holland, Serbia, Constantinople, South America, and (among other places) the near East. 'In the determination of truth', as the preface to the first volume states) 'the most recent and acknowledged scientific methods are employed, and the results of the latest research in theology, philosophy, history, apologetics, archaeology, and other sciences are given careful consideration'. The work is a monumental one, and deserves a place on every priest's bookshelves, and in every club and parochial and convent and college and public library, and in every Catholic home that is in a position to meet the moderate expense of so great an undertaking.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Just as we were going to press we learned that the mother of the Very Rev. Monsignor O'Leary has passed away in Ireland.—R.I.P.

It has recently been notified to the Rev. Mother Prioress of St. Dominic's College that Miss Lottie Barker, pupil of that college, gained the highest percentage of marks in New Zealand (160) in the Licentiatehip (Teachers' examination) of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., for the session of 1907.

St. Joseph's Harriers ran on Saturday from Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, there being a muster of 22. The hares (O'Gorman and Quelch) laid a good trail towards Wingatui, and after going round the course the trail skirted the hills for about a mile, where a turn was made for home, the pace throughout being fast, and the run being voted a most enjoyable one.

The members of St. Patrick's Young Men's Social and Literary Club, South Dunedin, held their weekly meeting on Monday evening, when an instructive lecture was delivered by Rev. Brother Brady on 'Airs-ships.' The lecturer dealt with the subject in a very able manner, and gave an account of the attempts made to navigate the air at various times. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. J. Atwill, and seconded by Mr. M. Meekin.

On Wednesday evening of last week the members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club opened the current season by an invitation progressive euchre party in St. Joseph's Hall, when there was a very large attendance. The principal prize-winners were Mrs. D. Beard and Mr. J. Rowan. During a short interval Misses Treston and L. Bryant, and Mr. Jos. Swanson contributed vocal items, Miss Swanson acting as accompanist. The supper arrangements were on a liberal scale, and were ably superintended by Misses Staunton and Hannagan.

The usual weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club was held on Friday evening, when the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a large attendance. The programme for the evening was a debate on the question, 'Should Asiatic emigration to New Zealand be prohibited?' Mr. T. J. Hussey led in the affirmative, and was supported by Messrs. Deehan, Lovell, R. Rossotham, and Jas. Cowan, while Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., who led in the negative, had the assistance of Dr. Hastings, and Messrs. E. W. Spain, M. Rossotham, J. Wilkinson, and D. Hartstonge. On a vote being taken, those who took the affirmative side were declared winners by a substantial majority. The debate was most successful.

Our representative had, during the past week, an opportunity of inspecting the splendid property of five acres recently acquired for church purposes in the heart of Gore. This handsome property is all in one block, and has on it a well-built residence of nine rooms (with double outer walls). This building is now occupied as a convent, and the school has been transferred to an adjoining portion of the property and repainted and decorated. There is a large playground for the children, on which swings, etc., have been erected, and ample scope is afforded for the erection of church, etc., upon the grounds. The purchase of this fine property in such a convenient and central position represents a very valuable acquisition for ecclesiastical purposes in Gore.

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