

When it comes to the question of the principles of experimental science and the value they placed on them, these men of the medieval universities, says Dr. Walsh, when sympathetically studied, proved to have been quite as sensible as the scientists of our time. The great thinkers of the medieval period had not only reached the same conclusions as Lord Bacon had, but actually applied them three centuries before; and the great medieval universities were occupied with problems, even in physical science, not very different from those which have given food for thought for subsequent generations, and their success in solving them was quite as ample as our own.

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 1.

It is stated that possibly after the tour of the British football team is completed Dr. P. F. McEvedy, the vice-captain, will remain in New Zealand. His relatives reside in the Ellesmere district, and for about eight years he has been studying his profession in England.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes, one of the selected speakers at the Empire Day demonstration in Victoria Square, addressed the gathering as follows:—‘A few days previously a cablegram had come from New York stating that an eminent prelate had said that Canada, Australia, and New Zealand were ripe for revolt from the Empire. He knew that prelate to be a wise, learned, upright man, having at heart the interests of his own country and those of the Empire, and felt sure that he had not uttered the words attributed to him. It was to be hoped that when the denial or explanation came as much publicity would be given to it as had been given to the astounding assertion. ‘I remember that just before the outbreak of the war in South Africa I was travelling through Germany, France, and Belgium,’ said the Bishop. ‘The common topic of conversation was that we in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand were ready to cast off the yoke that bound us to the Mother Country. I denied this, and said that we had no yoke to cast off. We were bound to the Empire by a silken bond, and we had nothing to gain and everything to lose by severing that bond. A greater answer was given when the war broke out. The enthusiasm of the colonies was an object-lesson to the world, and nowhere was that enthusiasm displayed more strongly than in New Zealand. The flag is not only a sign and signal; it is a symbol of the love that we bear to our native land. The man who defends that flag defends the life and honor of the nation, and it is well indeed that we should gather round the flag, symbolising all that is great and noble in the Empire to which we belong. The flag stands for discipline, for obedience, for authority, and for respect to authority, and without these there is no possibility of being a true soldier, a true citizen, or a true patriot.’

Feilding

(From an occasional correspondent.)

One of the next forward movements contemplated by our energetic pastor, the Rev. Father O'Meara, is the enlargement of our church, to afford accommodation for the ever-increasing congregation.

I record with deep regret the death of Mrs. Shortall, wife of Mr. T. Shortall, of Colyton, which occurred on Monday, May 25. The deceased lady was an old settler in the district, much esteemed and respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and a good, practical Catholic. The deepest sympathy is felt for the husband and family of the deceased in their sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

A want long experienced in our progressive town is I am pleased to learn to be supplied at an early date by the opening of an up-to-date private hospital. Two young Catholic ladies, Nurse Webber and Nurse Sexton, both of whom gained their certificates and experience in connection with the general hospital at Wellington, have decided on practising their profession in Feilding. Besides proving a decided acquisition to the community generally, the opening of their institution will prove a distinct boon to the town, as many cases in the past requiring careful nursing had to be sent to Palmerston North.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

May 21.

On last Sunday the music at St. Patrick's Church was of a special nature. Under the conductorship of Mr. F. McCarthy the choir is rapidly coming into the front rank amongst the choirs of the Dominion.

A very successful euchre tournament was held in the St. Columba Club rooms on last Friday evening. Over one hundred members and their friends took part. The ladies' prizes were won by Mrs. Mahoney and Miss Hampson, whilst Messrs. R. V. Thompson and J. Williams secured the gentlemen's prizes. During the evening songs and recitations were given by the following: Misses Ruby McDonald, Hampson, and Burger, and Messrs. Mackay, E. Casey, P. Smyth, and J. Bertie. Miss Priest presided at the piano.

The St. Columba Catholic Club still continues to increase its membership. At the usual weekly meeting on Monday evening four new members were elected, and three candidates were proposed. At the same meeting Mr. Thos. Barry tendered his resignation as secretary, owing to pressure of private business. Mr. P. Smyth was elected to fill the vacancy. The club is to be congratulated on its selection, as Mr. Smyth is one of the best workers in the interests of the club. Mr. A. O'Donoghue was elected to fill Mr. Smyth's place on the executive. The programme for the evening was a debate—‘Is compulsory military training in the British Empire desirable?’ The affirmative side was led by Mr. C. Brebner, supported by Messrs. A. O'Donoghue, T. Heffernan, A. Fraser, and W. H. Duffy, whilst the negative side was led by Mr. E. Casey, supported by Rev. Father Taylor, and Messrs. J. Curran and P. Smyth. The debate proved to be one of the most interesting and instructive held by the club. At the conclusion of the debate the chairman (Mr. R. C. Heffernan) called for a vote, which resulted in a tie—fifteen for and fifteen against.

Ponsonby

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At the close of the service in the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, last Sunday evening, the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Newmarket, presented the Rev. Father O'Donnell with a valuable souvenir, suitably inscribed, as a mark of gratitude for his generous donation of the proceeds of his recent lecture on ‘Ireland.’ Later, Father O'Donnell received the following letter from the president of the society:—‘Dear Rev. Father O'Donnell,—Through the kind offices of Rev. Father Doyle, I received your letter and your very generous donation to the funds of our society. I thank you sincerely for your most open-handed gift, and I can only say that the great interest you have taken in our Conference and its work shall give us additional courage to persevere in striving to carry out the good works laid down by the rules of our society. I am, dear Rev. Father, yours sincerely, William Falgon (president).’

Waipawa

The week's mission, which has been conducted in St. Patrick's Church by the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R. (says the ‘Waipawa Mail’), was brought to a close on Sunday evening, May 17, when the preacher delivered an impressive sermon. At the close of the service Father Clune thanked the Rev. Father Johnston, the Sisters, and the Waipawa people for their hospitality during his short stay among them. He also congratulated the parish upon having so zealous a priest, and alluded to the hearty congregational singing, which he had not heard surpassed in any part of New Zealand. Congregational singing met with the approbation of his Holiness the Pope, and personally he liked to hear the congregation taking part in the service. In a choir, sometimes its members sang for the glory of man, not for the glory of God. It was delightful to hear the fresh young voices praising their Maker, and it was evident that the Sisters had devoted considerable pains to teach the children. Father Clune also thanked those who were not members of the congregation for financial assistance.

New Plymouth

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (says the ‘Taranaki News’) visited the Old People's Home on the evening of May 20, and entertained the

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