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# Friends at Court

## GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

August 23, Sunday.—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Most Pure Heart of Mary.  
 „ 24, Monday.—St. Alphonsus, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.  
 „ 25, Tuesday.—St. Bartholomew, Apostle.  
 „ 26, Wednesday.—St. Zephyrinus, Pope and Martyr.  
 „ 27, Thursday.—St. Joseph Calasanz, Confessor.  
 „ 28, Friday.—St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.  
 „ 29, Saturday.—Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle.

After the Ascension of our Blessed Lord, St. Bartholomew carried the Gospel to the most remote and barbarous countries of the East. He afterwards preached in Asia Minor, and crowned his labors by a glorious martyrdom in Armenia. The manner of his death is not absolutely certain, but the common tradition is that he was flayed alive.

St. Zephyrinus, Pope and Martyr.

St. Zephyrinus became Pope in 202, the year in which the Emperor Septimus Severus began a general persecution of the Church throughout the Roman Empire. His pontificate, extending over seventeen years, was troubled by many heresies which the holy pontiff resolutely combated. Whether his death was that of a martyr, or this title was given to him on account of his previous sufferings for the faith, cannot be accurately determined.

## GRAINS OF GOLD

### MOTHER OF MERCY.

Mother, when I shall stand on that dread day  
 In heaven's court before the Mercy Throne—  
 Poor, weak, and sinful, full of fear, alone,—  
 Oh, come to me and show thy potent sway!  
 Turn to thy Blessed Son, and, pleading, say:  
 'This earth-child poor is mine, my very own;  
 Oft have I heard her cries; long have I known  
 How dark and stormy was the homeward way.'

And, with my hand securely held in thine,  
 I shall not fear the Majesty Divine;  
 Ah, well I know the mother-love must win!  
 He'll hear thy voice and will forgive the sin.  
 And in my Judge, my eyes shall only see  
 A little Child upon His Mother's knee.

'Ave Maria.'

The day on which we have learned nothing is lost. Think and speak of what thou lovest, and dwell little on what is distasteful to thee.—Bishop Spalding.

If we would only go to work making happiness a habit, what a bright place this world would be! And it is a possibility for each one of us—not a dream!

If we only set as high a value on the favors we receive as we do on those we bestow, the bond of Christian charity would be firmly knit together, and peace would reign where there is now nothing but jarring discord.—Father Hayes.

There is the honor of pure living and pure thinking. These bring with them a badge which far outshines any to be had of mundane sources. For there is nothing more to be desired than a good face—not a handsome one but a good one—wherein may be seen the reflection of high motives and right ideals.

When the priest at the altar offers the sublime sacrifice the angels stand beside him, and all around the altar are ranged choirs of heavenly spirits, who raise their voices in honor of the Victim Who is immolated! Wherefore, if thou dost unite thy prayers during Mass to those of the angels, they will together with them pierce the clouds, and will obtain a favorable hearing more certainly than if thou didst offer them at home or alone. Let us do what in us lies to hear Mass daily, that our prayers may be carried up to Heaven in the angels' pure hands.—St. Chrysostom.

# The Storyteller

## AN UNWARY WORD

A beautiful September day in the beginning of the seventeenth century had drawn to its close—one of those still autumn days which have all the warmth and beauty of summer, without its steady glow and scorching heat. Shortly after the sun had set, a mist began to rise from the meadows around the town of Oxford, hanging heavily over the river that wound its slow course beside the walls of the gaol. As the hours crept by, the mist thickened, so as completely to hide the surface of the water from the sight of a prisoner, who was eagerly gazing out of the window of his cell, waiting, listening in breathless suspense for the first faint sound indicating the approach of the friendly skiff that was to bring him deliverance from the durance vile in which he, a prisoner of Christ, had already languished for several weeks. The zeal of the pursuivants, by whom the faithful servants of God were hunted down like wild beasts, had lately been reawakened by the stringent laws passed by King James I. against his Catholic subjects, and the large rewards promised to those who informed against priests and recusants.

The prisoner of whom we are now speaking, Rev. Thomas Tunstall by name, was one of the secular, or, as they were then termed, seminary priests (in contradistinction to the Jesuits and other Regulars), who, by ministering in secret to their afflicted co-religionists, helped to sustain their courage and keep aglow the flame of the Faith at the peril of their lives in unhappy England during three centuries of persecution.

Whilst journeying on a missionary tour from one Catholic nobleman's house to another in the County of Oxford, in disguise and passing under an assumed name, Tunstall had been betrayed by one of the false brethren who were more to be dreaded than open enemies, and lodged by the magistrate in Oxford Gaol. There he awaited his removal to the Tower of London, that grim fortress where so many martyrs and confessors had been immured in the preceding reign. But a Catholic gentleman residing near, who had himself suffered a long imprisonment, and been forced to sell a large portion of his property to pay the enormous fines imposed on him for refusing to attend the Protestant worship, had concerted a plan for the rescue of the good priest.

Among the warders of the gaol was one who had been a domestic in the gentleman's service; and it was an easy matter to persuade this guard to place a file and a stout rope in the cell of his prisoner. A night had been fixed upon, and an hour chosen when the sentry on guard would be least likely to keep a sharp lookout, for the attempt at escape. This eventful night had now come, and a very favorable one it proved; as the mist that hung over the river veiled from sight a light boat drifting down the stream until it lay alongside the walls of the prison, below the window where Tunstall stood peering out into the darkness, listening to the footsteps of the patrol going his rounds, and the soft swish of the water as it flowed lazily past.

It is astonishing how acute a man's senses become at such a moment as this. To no other eyes than those of the expectant prisoner could the dim form of the boat beneath have been discernible, to no other ears than his would the sound of the muffled oars have been audible, before a ray of light from a dark lantern flashed momentarily on the ceiling of his cell. At this signal, Tunstall immediately began to remove one by one the lower bars which he had laboriously filed through. He then fastened the rope securely to one of the upper bars, threw the end of it down to the silent watchers beneath, and proceeded to climb through the aperture. The rope was caught, drawn in, and held tightly; a few instants of terrible apprehension followed, while the prisoner slid down the rope and let himself noiselessly into the skiff, which had been brought close under the walls.

Then the rowers resumed their seats. Tunstall's rescuer welcomed him with a warm grasp of the hand; and, with a few quick strokes of the oar, they put off unobserved, and under cover of the darkness, reached a landing place above the town on the opposite bank of the river. There two swift horses stood ready saddled and bridled, in the charge of a serving-man, their heads turned in the direction of Wallingford.

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Owing to the wise precaution of his host, or rather to the help of Providence, Tunstall was enabled to remain in concealment until the excitement following upon his disappearance had subsided. Arrangements had meanwhile been made to convey him to the east coast, where a good Catholic skipper, who had already smuggled several priests out of the country, was prepared to lend his vessel again for a similar purpose.

Never did the park and gardens of Chislehampton Hall, which was situated about ten miles from the City of Oxford, as well as the venerable mansion itself, show to more perfect advantage than when seen in the soft light of a cloudless autumn day. Standing as the house did on an eminence, the broad walk which ran in front of it commanded views of all the surrounding country, charming glimpses of woodland scenery being discernible between the trees in the park; while the distant Thames, gleaming like a band of silver, lent life and variety to the scene. From the house a succession of terraces, adorned with brilliant autumn flowers, led to the well-kept lawn below. The summer had been exceptionally warm and fine; so that, although September had already begun, the rose garden, which was one of the chief beauties of the grounds, could still boast many splendid blossoms.

Among the roses, a fairer flower than any of them, moved Margaret, Lady Amhurst, the mistress of the wide demesne. Tall and graceful, the charms of her face equalled those of her figure. Her soft brown eyes were exactly the same color as her glossy and abundant hair; while her well-cut features and delicate complexion completed the harmonious whole. In fact, no one who beheld her, whatever his individual taste might be, could deny that she was a truly beautiful woman. Her face was indeed her fortune; for she had six sisters, and her parents, being the reverse of wealthy, were only too glad to marry her, when she was scarcely more than eighteen, to Sir Percival Amhurst, a wealthy and childless widower, more than forty years of age. He was a justice of the peace, and held in high esteem at court on account of the zeal he displayed in putting down the ancient Faith. As a matter of fact, his wife had to conform; but Margaret's parents saw no obstacle in this, their sole aim in life being to secure brilliant matches for their pretty, penniless daughters.

Nor were Margaret's scruples difficult to overcome, though she had been brought up a Catholic. Her husband regarded her as a fresh ornament to the home of which he was justly proud, and admired her as he admired the peacocks that sunned themselves upon the terraces, and the gold and silver fish that darted hither and thither in the pond that was not far from the centre of the lawn. He might now be seen advancing toward the rose garden, a stately and commanding figure, stern of aspect, and evidently made rather to be feared than loved. Yet his greeting to his wife was kind and genial:

'Well, Maggie, you are busy among your roses as usual, I see. Can you spare one for your husband, or do you want all to make the rooms look gay? Do not be late,' he continued, glancing toward the mansion, from a side door of which an old servant had just issued. 'You are apt to find your patients a little too engrossing, I think. You know how much I dislike your absence when the dinner bell rings.'

Much to Margaret's satisfaction, all further remonstrance was cut short; for the elderly domestic, who had formerly been her nurse, had now come close up. Dropping a respectful curtsy, and glancing timidly toward Sir Percival, she said:

'I beg your pardon if I am interrupting you, my lady. But it is the hour when your ladyship visits the poor-sick people in the village, and you bade me come and remind you of it.'

'Quite right, Sally,' said her mistress. 'Good-bye for the present,' she added, turning to her husband and holding out to him the finest rose she could find in the basket which hung on her arm. He gallantly accepted it, and offered to carry the basket back to the house for her.

So mistress and maid set forth together on their errand of charity, as it was their habit to do twice in every week. Margaret had no children to occupy her time and thoughts; and in the days in which her lot was cast, evil as they undoubtedly were in many respects, idleness was not so prevalent as it unhappily is in our own. Those who were exempt from the necessity of earning their bread were not content to fritter away their days and years in the mad pursuit of so-called pleasure. Margaret had deft and skilful fingers; she had, moreover, inherited from her mother an aptitude in binding up wounds and applying bandages, and had acquired a considerable knowledge of the medicinal uses of many plants and herbs.

A special heirloom in her family was the recipe for a certain unguent famous for its healing powers. Not her own dependents alone, but sufferers from a distance, often sought and proved its efficacy. She had fitted up in one of the cottages a room which she called her dispensary. Here she saw and treated all who were not too weak to leave their homes.

On the day in question, the room was more than usually full when she entered it and took her seat at a table in the centre of the apartment, amid the respectful greetings of a motley and somewhat grotesque-looking assembly. Meanwhile Sally the nurse was arranging, within her mistress's reach, the contents of the capacious basket she had carried.

In a gracious and affable manner, Lady Margaret began her labors.

'How is the burn on your arm getting on, my little man?' she inquired, as she lifted a boy of three years on to her lap.

'And, please, your ladyship,' put in an older sister, who had charge of the sufferer, 'Jack's arm is not so well to-day. He is a naughty boy; mother says he does not deserve to get well, for he pulled all his bandages off in the night.'

'Poor little Jackanapes!' said Lady Margaret, as she proceeded to renew the dressing on the injured arm, in spite of the tears that fell from Jack's eyes as the process went on.

Next in order came an old man who had cut his arm with a billhook in a somewhat critical place, and who was nervously afraid lest lockjaw might supervene. Then the mother of a large family had a piteous tale to tell, about having been bitten by a dog which she declared to be mad, but which Lady Margaret knew to be perfectly healthy, although she had great difficulty in convincing the terrified peasant of the fact.

After this manner the morning slipped rapidly by. The greater part of the patients had gone their various ways, and Sally was repacking her basket, as the hour of departure had come, when a knock at the cottage door announced a fresh applicant. The knock was so gentle as not to be audible until it had been repeated several times; and when Sally, at her mistress's bidding, at length opened the door, the stranger who stepped in was so evidently not one of the countryfolk that those who yet lingered there fell back and made way for him to advance to the table where Lady Margaret was still seated.

Margaret's practised ear had already heard the light, gentle step of the newcomer, and recognised its contrast with the ponderous tread of the villagers. The first glance showed her that he was different indeed from the rest of her patients. Her quick eye noted his small, pale, delicate features, well-set ears, and slender fingers. His dress, however, would not have distinguished him from the common herd, and was by no means calculated to set off his personal advantages.

Glancing around him with an air so modest and diffident as to savor of timidity, he approached the table and said to Margaret:

'I fear, madam, that I am somewhat late. I am a stranger to these parts, and have lost my way in seeking you out. But I have heard wondrous reports of your charity and of the marvels your unguent can work. I am a peddler, and my hand has been grievously hurt, as you see, with rough-handling the rope that secures my pack. It gives me no little pain, both by night and day.'

Suiting the action to the words, he unwrapped his right hand from the linen in which it was swathed, and laid bare an extensive and festering sore.

Margaret felt irresistibly drawn toward him, and determined to do her very utmost to help him. His melodious voice completed the favorable impression his person had made.

'You may go now, all of you,' she said, addressing those peasants who yet lingered near.

Then, turning to the fresh arrival, she addressed him in her blindest tones, requesting him to come and sit beside her that she might examine his hurt, while Sally prepared all that was necessary for dressing the wound.

The operation ended, he departed, after gratefully thanking Lady Margaret. She gave him a small box of the ointment, instructing him how to use it, and graciously granting him the permission he asked—to come on her 'dispensary days,' as she called them, until his hand should be healed.

For about a fortnight the peddler made his appearance quite regularly. Margaret became more and more interested in him, partly because of his pleasing manners and gentle patience, partly also, it must be confessed—for she was a true daughter of Eve—because there was something mysterious about him, in spite of his prosaic name of Jones and his threadbare garments. She could not resist a certain feeling of pique.

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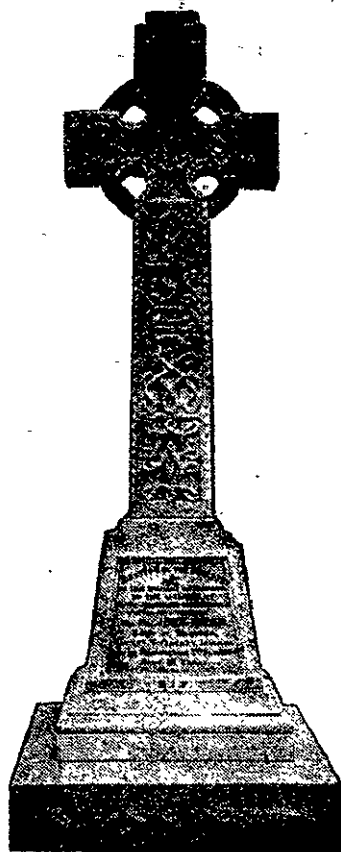
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At length the day arrived when, his hand being thoroughly cured, the stranger paid his last visit to the cottage. The thanks he tendered to Lady Margaret were warm and cordial, but the veil that shrouded him remained impervious as ever. 'Whence has he come? Whither is he going?' she kept asking herself. Her baffled curiosity made her less reticent than she might otherwise have been, and she discussed him with Sally, as mistress and maid wended their way home together.

'Tis my belief, madam,' said the shrewd old woman, 'that he is some one in disguise. A peddler, forsooth! I never saw such a one in all my days. Have patience, my lady: you may find all out before long.'

Had he told her his secret, Lady Amhurst would have kept it at any cost to herself, and the sequel of this story would, alas! have been very different.

That same day, at table, while Sir Percival was carving a huge round of beef on the board before him, he asked his wife how her poor clients were getting on.

'Has your wonderful ointment wrought any more cures?' he said. 'The Papists will put you into their calendar and honor you as a saint, if you continue to work miracles.'

'Laugh at me if you will, Percival,' Lady Margaret replied good-humoredly. 'For all you say, I must confess it has been most efficacious, of late in several instances.'

'It has done nothing apparently for Granny Fairbrother's little grandchild,' continued Sir Percival. 'It is sad to see the poor little fellow's head bowed down on his neck in that terrible way.'

'That is beyond the power of medicaments to cure,' rejoined his wife, gravely. 'It is the "king's evil." I wish, the next time you go to London, you would speak to some one at court, and get King James to touch the child for it.'

Sir Percival shook his head.

'That is not an easy matter,' he said. 'I fancy the canny Scotsman only half believes in his own power of healing. However, I shall bear it in mind. But now tell me some of your successes.'

'Well, the burns on Jack's arm are quite healed now. You remember how the little fellow fell into the fire? He will bear the scars until his death, but the wounds are all cicatrised now.' Then, after a momentary hesitation, Lady Margaret went on: 'I have had one very interesting patient lately. I may well call him a "patient," for I never saw any one suffer so cheerfully. He had torn the skin off his hand, he said; and, through some irritant having been applied to it, or perhaps through poverty (of blood, it had festered badly, causing him, I am sure, much suffering. I really was afraid at first that he would lose his hand; but I dressed the wounds to the best of my power, and this morning he declared himself cured. I am sorry to lose sight of him; he was so gentle and refined, and grateful.'

'What was his calling?' inquired Sir Percival. 'Was he from these parts? What made him come to you?'

'He said he was a peddler, and had heard of my skill in curing wounds. He asked me most courteously to take pity on one who was poor and had seen great trouble.'

'Did he tell you his name and where he came from?' asked Sir Percival, whose interest was now fully awakened.

'He said his name was Jones,' Lady Margaret replied. 'I fancy, though I am not sure, that he came from The Grange.'

No sooner had these words escaped her lips than she would gladly have recalled them. An angry frown contracted Sir Percival's brow.

'Probably a cursed recusant,' he muttered. 'Did the man deign to tell you how he came by his hurt?' he added thoughtfully, setting down a goblet of wine which he was about to raise to his lips.

'No. He only said it was done with a rope, and of course I could not question him further.'

'Done with a rope, do you say?' Sir Percival almost shouted. 'I have it! Margaret, you are not half awake. Why, that must be the knave we have been hunting for high and low for days past—a Mass-priest who escaped from Oxford just about a fortnight ago! We could find no trace of him; only a rope hanging from the window of his cell showed how he had got away. He is in hiding at The Grange, you say? I ransacked that house from garret to cellar last week without finding him, but he shall not elude me now.'

'O, Percival!' exclaimed Lady Margaret in consternation, 'you will not arrest him! Pray do not! He cannot do any harm; he is so gentle and good! Oh, how I wish I had not told you about him!'

'Not told me? You ought to have told me long ago. There is a price on his head. If we take him, it will be yours as informer. Quite a windfall for your charities.'

'Do you suppose I would accept blood-money?' rejoined Lady Margaret, indignantly. Then, changing her tone, she added: 'I implore you, Percival, by all you hold dear, do not try to capture this man. You have searched for him. And, besides, you may be mistaken.'

But while Lady Margaret uttered these words, her conviction belied them: she felt an inward certitude that her patient was the escaped prisoner; in fact, while dressing his wounds, she had seen the marks of the irons on his wrists, though he had hastily pulled down his sleeves to conceal them.

'I should be false to the commission I hold from his Majesty if I let a traitor escape my hands,' Sir Percival coldly replied. 'Your entreaties are of no use. You know very well there will be no peace in the realm while these men are sneaking about. Remember the Spanish Invasion. Remember the Gunpowder Plot in our own day. Remember Babington's conspiracy. The country was continually in a ferment until Mary Stuart was put out of the way.'

'It will make me wretched for my whole life if I have been the means of betraying that unfortunate stranger,' said Lady Margaret, her eyes filling with tears. 'O, Percival, do not cause me this grief! I shall never forgive myself. I never thought that you would take up my words in this way—my foolish, heedless words! For my sake, let the man go, even though he be a Papist and a priest.'

'Nonsense, Margaret!' her husband retorted angrily, unmoved for the first time by the sight of her tears. 'I cannot be false to my trust. What should I be worth—forsooth!—if I neglected my duty for a woman's foolish fancy, and let a traitor go scot-free? No, indeed; and there is no time to be lost. The men-at-arms shall be called out, and I will make another visit to The Grange before sundown. I will do my work thoroughly this time. Please say no more about it.'

So saying, Sir Percival rose and left the room, leaving Lady Margaret in despair. She saw all further pleading would be of no avail. What could she do? If her friend were really concealed at The Grange, could she not apprise its inmates of his danger? She would attempt this, at any rate. But who was to be sent? She could not go so great a distance herself; she dared not sally forth to find a trusty messenger in the village; one of the servants must be entrusted with the errand. She hastily penned a few words of warning addressed to the mistress of The Grange, sealed it and tied it with a silken cord, and calling one of her maids, bade her dispatch it with all speed.

Her missive never reached its destination, although Margaret was not aware of this. Sir Percival, crossing the courtyard after giving orders to summon the bailiff's and sheriff's officers, observed one of his grooms leading a horse out of the stables, and inquired whither he was going. The man, after some equivocation (for he had been pledged to secrecy), acknowledged that he was about to carry a billet from her ladyship to madam at The Grange.

'Give it to me,' Sir Percival observed peremptorily. 'I am going thither myself, and will take charge of it. If your mistress questions you about it, say it was delivered.'

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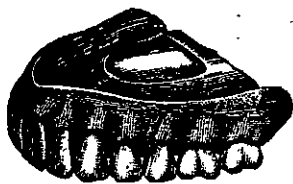
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# Current Topics

## Cost of Powder-blazing

The powder-blazing indulged in by the ships of the American fleet during their battle-practices across the Pacific is one of the expensive necessities of every navy. Every time the American Jack Tar fired a twelve-inch gun, he lifted about £32 out of the collective pocket of the American tax-payer. The next largest gun absorbed about £16 per shot; and at every discharge of the modest six-inch guns, bang went £3. The ordinary shells which are stored in the compartmented magazines cost from about £4 to £15 each, and the armor-piercing variety—with noses specially sharpened and hardened in order the better to poke them into the innards of other people's ships—may run into an expenditure of close on £30 each. War is an expensive game. And the next thing to it, for eating up the national shekels, is an armed peace.

## Jack Ashore at Auckland

Manners made Marlborough. But Jack ashore is not usually bound to any great extent by little social conventions, and people generally look with smiling indulgence on the (mostly) innocent capers he cuts after the dull monotony and the rigid discipline of a long voyage. In all the circumstances, the conduct of the American Tar ashore at Auckland during the recent fleet visit seems to have been deserving of honorable mention. 'They were a fine lot of young fellows,' said the Mayor of Dunedin to a representative of our local evening contemporary. 'The average age of the crew was about twenty years. They all appear to be happy, comfortable, and well pleased with their lives on board the ships. Asking some of them if they were happy and contented, the reply was: "I guess we are. We are well paid, and comfortable, and are having a chance of seeing the world." I must also congratulate the Americans on the exceptionally good conduct of the men when on shore. No better-behaved set of men ever set foot on New Zealand shores. On Monday morning £80,000 was paid out in wages, etc., to the crews, and hundreds of the men were seen in the different shops purchasing Maori curios, greenstone in every shape and form, mats, colonial rugs, and numerous other things. I feel sure that they spent thousands of pounds among the business people of Auckland.'

## Costly Irreligion

France is paying dearly for the luxury of persecution. Last week we mentioned, as an illustrative instance, the case of the public hospital at Dijon, from which the nursing Sisters were driven out. The figures given by us in our last issue have to be qualified by those that we take from the well-informed Paris *Univers* of June 28. Our gifted French contemporary writes: 'Like many others, the hospital at Dijon has been "laicised." Now, a report on that hospital has just been submitted to the municipal council, and has been the cause of keen anxiety in the city. Four years ago, before the "laicisation," the annual expenditure on the hospital was 275,000 francs (£11,000). To-day, it is more than 480,000 francs (£19,200). And even that has not sufficed. It has been also necessary to dispose of rights and properties amounting to enormous sums. Have the sick been better cared? Quite the contrary. In 1902, with the Sisters in charge, the number of days of hospital treatment given amounted to 175,520; in 1907 they amounted to only 152,898—a diminution of 22,622. The Prefect has had to discharge, without a word of explanation, the members of the hospital commission (of inquiry) appointed by him. An effort is being made to hush up the affair. The inhabitants of Dijon are asking for explanations. If (they say) the members of the commission are free from all blame, let this be stated; if guilty, let them be prosecuted. It is, however, much more probably that silence will be maintained as to the abuses of yesterday, in order to begin those of to-morrow.'

## French Official Thieving

When the Jewish King Herod ordered the massacre of the innocents of two years old and under—in order to compass the destruction of the new-born Christ the King of the Jews—rumor said that his own infant son was numbered among the slain. Which led to the caustic remark that it was better to be Herod's pig than Herod's son. To-day it is, in France, more tolerable to be a magsman or a pickpocket or even an assassin than to

be a devout and cultured Christian lady who has vowed her life to serve the sick and the poor without earthly guerdon or reward. For the worst criminal in France to-day is assured of food and lodging and clothing; but the lot of the devoted Sister is to be deprived of home and food and shelter, to be thrown out penniless upon the world, and to be robbed of even the pots and pans of the community's simple menage. This is what has recently happened (among so many others) to the Ursuline community at Vanves. On June 20, the official liquidator put up for auction the poor and simple bits of furniture stolen from the nuns when they were driven out of their home at the point of the bayonet. Some of their beds (says the *Univers* of July 1) were sold for one franc (10d), 1 franc 25 centimes (1s); the best of them were disposed of at 1 franc 50 centimes (1s 3d). The chairs were sold for 5 centimes (3d) each; and all sorts of odd lots for 1 franc (10d) each. The sale (says the *Univers*) was conducted 'under the protection of 25 gendarmes.' The stolen altar, the altar-cloths, etc., were also put up for auction, and, with the sanction of the Bishop, were bought in by a devout Christian family of the town, in order to prevent their possible profanation.

Truly, the age of chivalry is dead in France; and the motto of the Third Republic, like that of the First, may be paraphrased. 'Liberte—de mal faire; Egalite—de misere; Fraternite—comme Cain avec son frere' (Liberty to do evil; Equality in the misery which evil produces; Brotherhood, such as Cain showed to his brother Abel).

## Fashion and the Birds

In early New England the sturdy Puritan settlers (says a non-Catholic historian) 'christened their children by Old Testament names. They regulated female attire by law. They considered long hair unscriptural, and preached against wigs and veils.' The sternly honest and uncompromising Pilgrim Fathers and their early descendants erred, no doubt, on the side of severity. But circumstances occasionally arise which call for the existence of a sort of censor who shall have power to say to Dame Fashion, Governor of this World: 'Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther.' We allude, in particular, to the custom of wearing the heads and wings and bodies of birds for personal adornment. Fashion has been a Bajazet, a Tamerlane, and a Zenghis Khan—all rolled into one—for many of the most beautiful species of our feathered tribe. The wholesale slaughter of birds for feminine hats and bonnets and the rest of their rigging (we are by no means clear as to its terminology) has caused much and needless suffering, and has already deprived some of the world's forests of their living color, and left them almost as voiceless as net and snare and shotgun have made the Pyrenees.

A large and influential deputation recently waited upon the Australian Federal Prime Minister and pressed upon him the following requests:—(1) That the exportation of the skins and plumes of certain Australian birds should be prohibited; (2) that Lord Avebury's bill in the British Parliament be supported; and (3) that the Federal power be used as far as practicable for the preservation of the bird life of Australia and Papua. In the course of his reply the Prime Minister said:—

'If we dared to speak our minds we should say that it is another sex than ours that has the greatest power of control in a matter like this. If the womanly pity which is so freely outpoured in many worthy causes were only attracted to the abominable misuse of dainty little creatures for the purposes of decorative display, you would have accomplished nearly the whole of the reforms you have at your hearts. If Australian women were active in this regard they would, by their mere abstention from the use of the plumage of birds, accomplish a reform within Australia which the law will be powerless to reach for years to come.'

He furthermore undertook to do what lay in his power to further the deputation's first request—namely, to prevent the exportation of the plumage of birds. 'We may,' says a merciful writer, 'smile at fashion and even admire her, so long as she is not cruel; but beauty grows barbarous instead of angelic when it forgets to be kind and womanly.' We make merry at Catullus writing a poem to soothe the grief of his pagan lady-love for the loss of her pet sparrow. But the pagan lassie had at least heart enough to regret the death of a feathered friend.

## Two Poets

Lang, in his *Arabian Society in the Middle Ages*, tells glowing stories of the love of poetry that filled the hearts of that Semite people in the spacious days of Haroon er Rasheed and his successors. A thousand, ten thousand, twenty thousand, even

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thirty thousand, pieces of gold were given by the Khalifeh for a few verses—nay, for a single happy couplet. Two Catholic poets that recently passed through one of the thousand gates of death would have ended their days in luxury, instead of a very modest competency, had they lived in the days of the poetry-loving Khalifehs. One of these was our old and valued friend, Andrew Orr, who passed out recently at Ballarat (Victoria); the other was Theodore O'Hara, whose death is announced in the United States. Both were, like Grey of the famous *Elegy*, men of one poem. They wrote other verses, but their name and fame hangs, in each case, upon the splendid inspiration of one grand lyric. Andrew Orr's enduring poem appeared many years ago in the *Dublin Nation*. It is a song of *heimweh* (as the Germans call it)—of the home-longing of the Irish exile in Australia. We quote its opening stanza:—

'The sunny South is glowing in the glow of southern glory,  
And the Southern Cross is waving o'er the freest of the free;  
Yet in vain, in vain my weary heart would try to hide the story  
That evermore 'tis wandering back, dear native land, to thee.  
The heathy hills of Malazan, the Bann's translucent waters,  
Glenleary's shades of hazel and Agivy's winding streams;  
And Kathleen of the raven locks, the flower of Erin's daughters—  
Lost heaven of wildering beauty! thou art mine at least in dreams!

O, the green land, the old land,  
Far dearer than the gold land,  
With all its landscape glory and unchanging summer skies;  
Let others seek their pleasures  
In the chase of golden treasures.  
Be mine a dream of Erin and the light of Kathleen's eyes!

Theodore O'Hara was a soldier as well as poet—he wielded the power of the sword as well as of the pen. He fought through the Mexican war and stood, on its greatest battlefield, beside the open grave in which were laid, in foreign soil, the remains of great numbers of his comrades in arms. Later on, the bones of the officers were disinterred and buried with military honors among their kith and kin on American soil. Theodore O'Hara wrote for the occasion *The Bivouac of the Dead*, and recited it by the open graves of his old companions in arms. The first stanza runneth thus:—

'The muffled drum's sad roll has beat  
The soldier's last tattoo;  
No more on Life's parade shall meet  
The brave and fallen few.  
On Fame's eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents are spread,  
And Glory guards, with solemn round,  
The bivouac of the dead.'

Peace eternal to the departed spirit of the two dead poets!

### Time's Gentle Anodyne

Time's gentle anodyne is fast softening the olden asperities of differences in religious belief. Times was—and within easy reach of living memory—when even clergymen of some repute needed (as Dr. England once remarked) 'no other qualification to write against the Catholic religion than to be so disposed; and the abundance of the spirit was made manifest in the vehemence of the phraseology.' 'Little attention,' added he, 'was paid to facts, circumstances were not examined, nor was it always necessary to have regard even to probability itself. But the good time is surely coming when such deplorable exhibitions of volcanic No-Popery will no more be tolerated in a clergyman by God-fearing people than would drunkenness or blasphemy or other coarse vices that are no longer permitted in decent social intercourse.

We are led to these remarks by the many kindly things (some of them quoted in our editorial columns) which many broad-minded Protestants have recently been saying in regard to the Old Faith. 'Enlightened Christians, in the Protestant Churches,' says a recent issue of the *British Weekly* (a great Nonconformist organ), 'have always seen much in the Roman Church to call forth their love and veneration. They have gladly allowed that Church to be a Church of Jesus Christ. Perhaps it is better that we should quote from eminent and representative authorities. Dr. R. W. Dale, in his address from the Chair of the Congregational Union, said: "The ignorant contempt with which, not very long ago, it was the custom of English Protestants to speak of the theology of the Roman Church and of the intellectual power of those who submit to her claims is passing. How it could ever have been forgotten that she had the undivided control of the highest European thought for centuries, and that since the Reformation she has

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had the allegiance, not merely of blind enthusiasts and impassioned saints, but of the brightest genius and the wealthiest learning, the keenest logical acuteness, incomparable sagacity, and the loftiest eloquence is unintelligible. And no one who has any acquaintance with the writings of that stately succession of scholars and theologians who have gradually built up the vast and wonderful structure of Romish belief will ever dream that the mere diffusion of education, or a general increase of intellectual activity, will render hearty faith in the creed of the Church of Rome impossible."

### Sighing for Persecution

'Bigotry,' said O'Connell, 'has no head and cannot think, no heart and cannot feel. When she moves, it is in wrath; when she pauses, it is amidst ruin; her prayers are curses, her God is a demon, her communion is death.' This is a dark picture to draw. But O'Connell saw at work, in all its fell fury, the bigotry which he described. One of its forms exists, and maintains a baleful, though diminished, activity to our day. We refer to the association of the saffron sash. The spirit which moves it is sufficiently indicated by the oath which every 'brother' is required to take, on bended knees, and holding the Bible in his hands, when he is initiated into the first or Orange degree. By that oath he binds himself never to vote for a Catholic at any Parliamentary or municipal election. It represents the dream of the organisation to restore the Penal Code and make the profession of the Catholic faith a legal bar to Parliamentary and municipal life, as it was in the 'good old days' before that fatal error (as the brethren call it) was perpetrated, and the Emancipation Act was placed upon the statute-book.

That well-known oath, however, is usually, for prudential reasons, kept rather in the background, among the outer fringe of the arcana or secrets of the well-tyled lodge. At times, however, the Orange press and indiscreet members of the lodge, throw aside the thin veil of reserve which is usually thrown loosely over the brethren's first oath. Thus, at a recent celebration at Mudgee (New South Wales) one of the brethren (Mr. Varney Parke, M.L.A.) frankly and publicly admitted that his object and that of his association was the exclusion of every Catholic from Parliamentary life. Here is, in part, his profession of political faith, as reported in the Sydney papers. 'With regard to politics,' said he, 'there was a great work to be done by the Orange bodies. It should be part of the work of the Orange lodges to watch the general trend of politics. In New South Wales they should fight for a Protestant Parliament. That should be the only objective at present, and it should continue as such till they had realised what they sought. Protestants should be ready to bury every other issue before them at present, and remain united till they had a purely Protestant Parliament. When they got that they could support the Government or the Opposition alike, for the sustenance of Protestant interests would be assured irrespective of whoever should hold the reins of Government. In Parliament there should always be a Government to formulate measures, and an Opposition to formulate better measures. At the present time, as a result of Protestant apathy, there were 16 members of the Opposition who were Roman Catholics. It was the bounden duty of every Orangeman to work persistently for a Protestant Parliament. He repeated that every other issue should be buried. Their first and only objective should be to secure the election of only Protestant candidates, and then a Government could be selected from that body which had built up the Constitution on a Protestant basis.'

## THE CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

### MEMOIRS OF THE EARLY DAYS

(Contributed.)

#### EARLY IRISH COLONISTS (continued)

In his missionary voyage around the islands of New Zealand the French Bishop came across numbers of Irish settlements. From Ruapuke, in Foveaux Straits, came an Irishman leading a deputation to receive spiritual comfort. At Port Nicholson, where the pakehas numbered now 3500, there were 250 Catholics, chiefly Irish, and an Irish priest (Father O'Reilly) was placed in charge of them. But Waitemata was even then the stronghold of Irish colonisation from Australia. Out of three thousand inhabitants—the most motley and cosmopolitan

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community in New Zealand—nearly four hundred were Irish Catholics. When the German Lutheran missionary, Wohlers, arrived at Ruapuke (Foveaux Straits) in 1844, he was welcomed and entertained by an Irish Catholic who lived there with his Maori wife.

The whaling station at Akaroa, afterwards historically interesting as the scene of the forestalling of the French, had already attracted a few Irishmen. Phillip Ryan was one of those who greeted the hoisting of the British flag by Captain Stanley. He had been cast away on the Society Islands, and reached Otakou in the schooner Return in 1838. Gerald Fitzgerald was one of the crew sent out by Captain Bruce to search for the Kaka off Banks Peninsula, and John Watson, another Irishman, succeeded Mr. Robinson as magistrate at Akaroa. Long before this the name of O'Kain, the Irish naturalist, had been given to one of the Peninsula bays by Captain Hamilton, who happened to be reading O'Kain's book as he sailed past.

The settlement at Waitemata was not organised originally at the other end of the world, but had grown in a haphazard manner, drawing its population almost entirely from the adjacent centre of New South Wales and from the whaling and trading ships that frequented these waters. It was under these circumstances that the Irish preponderance was established at Auckland without premeditation. Otago for Scots and Canterbury for English were so designed from the outset; but it was mere chance that made Auckland a colony of Irish.

Writing of the goldfields rush, Mr. Scholefield says:—

In its whole flood: course of twenty years it swept away thousands of Irish, and Irish names and institutions mark its path from beginning to end. Kingston and Queenstown on Lake Wakatipu are Irish landmarks. The goldfields of Otago and the West Coast are to-day repositories of the veterans of the "New Iniquity," grizzled, gay, hard-hitting men, at whom the pious quiet-going Scots glanced narrowly and with protest. Yet, as a class, they were men of great virtue and sterling qualities. The majority of them ended their pilgrimage here; broke up the swag and entered the councils of the pioneers. They imparted an invaluable leaven of liberalism to the insular colonial mind.

#### Assisted Immigration.

Thus much the Irish had done before the General Government of New Zealand in 1870 embarked upon a systematic search for citizens. Then again Ireland was more persistently neglected than under the separate schemes of the Provincial Governments. The English province of Canterbury, under its assisted scheme, in the early sixties imported Irish in the proportion of one-third. At this period prior to the gold rush—Otago had only 11 per cent. of Irish, and Southland about 7 per cent. The provinces desired Irish, but before an Irish agency could be started on proper lines the condition of the country had so improved and the attractions of America had so diminished that emigration from the Emerald Isle was at a low ebb. In the first three years of the new policy not a single ship was sent direct from an Irish port to New Zealand, and only 1100 out of 7000 immigrants to New Zealand were Irish. Otago knew something of the Irish as settlers, and secured the majority of them, a circumstance which evoked a loud protest from other provinces. They were unanimously dissatisfied with the working of the Dublin Agency, which left little room for doubt that the Irish were still adhering to their traditional parish system of emigration. In 1873, in face of great discouragements, colonies of assisted immigrants from Ireland were established at Arawhata (South Westland) and Martin's Bay (Otago). At the same time, a few Irish miners from the North of England were imported.

#### The Irish in Public Life.

It is necessary, from the fact that native-born New Zealanders are not classified according to their parentage, and desirable, since they take their character and ideas from the mass of the population and not from individual communities, that we should go back to the first generation of colonists to trace the influences that have been at work in moulding our national character.

The influence of the Irish on the public life of New Zealand has been exercised by individual personalities rather than by the collective character of the Irish colonists; but it is necessary to state by way of reservation that the Catholic belief, which has probably the most powerful religious influence in the country, embraces and is supported by a body of people who are chiefly of Irish birth or descent.

The constitution of the earliest Provincial Parliaments gives the best indication of different nationalities in our public life. The number of members of Irish nationality in the repre-

sentative bodies in the first year of their existence was as follows:—

|              |      | Total Members. | Irish Members. |
|--------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Hawke's Bay. | 1858 | 10             | 1              |
| Taranaki     | 1853 | 10             | —              |
| Auckland     | 1853 | 26             | 12             |
| Wellington   | 1853 | 19             | —              |
| Nelson       | 1853 | 21             | 2              |
| Marlborough  | 1860 | 10             | 1              |
| Westland     | 1868 | 8              | 2              |
| Canterbury   | 1853 | 17             | 3              |
| Otago        | 1853 | 11             | —              |
| Southland    | 1861 | 11             | —              |
| Totals.      |      | 143            | 21             |

The only surviving member of the first Auckland Provincial Council is Mr. James T. Boylan. Writing recently to me in relation to these memoirs, a much-esteemed clerical friend states: "Mr J. T. Boylan is the sole survivor of the first church committee in Auckland in 1848, and, though about 90 years of age, he has all his faculties unimpaired."

By the Deborah, which came down from Wellington to Otakou in 1844, there arrived Mr. H. Tucker, a surveyor, in the interests of settlement. This gentleman's mission, after various unpromising episodes, resulted in the purchase of the Otago Block from the Natives the year following. Meantime a few brave pioneers had already been drawn by fair prospects laid before them to risk the voyage from Scotland to a distant and unknown land. In 1846 these lonely colonists were surprised by the arrival of a party of surveyors to begin work on behalf of the Otago Association. The settlement, which was subsequently founded, with Dunedin as the capital, was under the auspices of the Free Church of Scotland, and, whilst mainly intended for Scottish Presbyterians, none were practically excluded with the exception of Catholics, for whom apparently there was no room. When, however, the rich goldfields were discovered in 1861, there was a rush from all parts of Australia and some Catholics found their way thither, and increased proportionately with the increase of population. The truth of the hackneyed phrase, 'time works wonders,' and a remarkable 'levelling-up' of conditions were demonstrated on the occasion of Otago (in March, 1898) celebrating its Jubilee. 'Civis,' commenting in the Otago Daily Times on the curious fact that of all the denominations in the land, not one save the Catholic Church was represented in the Jubilee procession in honor of Otago's colonisation. 'The only serious defect (he wrote) observable in the triumphant procession that celebrated this greatness was the absence of the Presbyterian Synod. The Synod's place, it seems to me, was in front of the "old identities." There they should have marched as proprietors of the whole show; the Right Rev. Moderator in gown and bands at their head. Instead of that, we had the Catholic Bishop riding in State, ecclesiastically attended. Small blame to him! Otago, after all, is a free country, and Dr. Verdon has as much right to be in the procession as anybody else.'

(To be continued.)

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 15.

His Grace the Archbishop arrived in Auckland on Wednesday night from the South Sea Islands.

Good progress is being made with the erection of the new church for the Redemptorist Fathers at Mount St. Gerard.

The latest purchase of land for Church purposes was made by the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., during the week. Nearly three-quarters of an acre of suitable land has been obtained at Northlands.

For a considerable time past the people of Brooklyn have attended Mass at the residence of Mr. Healy. It has now been arranged that to provide more accommodation Mass will be celebrated in Fullford's Hall.

Contributions to the testimonial for the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., B.A., are coming in freely from all parts of the Dominion, and it is expected that the committee will have some-

'In comes a gancie gash good-wife' (Burns) an' mak's her Hondai Lanka Tea—the favorite wi' shrewd house-wives.

'Time tries a'—even Tea, and Time has given the laurels to pure Ceylon Mondai Lanka.

thing substantial for presentation to the popular Rector of St. Patrick's College.

A social evening at the Cliff House, Island Bay, took place on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Christian Doctrine Society of Te Aro. A very pleasant time was spent. The proceeds were in aid of the prize fund.

Kilbirnie's second social gathering, in aid of the new church fund, took place on Wednesday evening, and was just as successful as its predecessor. The people of Kilbirnie are determined to have a church as soon as possible.

I am pleased to write that since their inception the several branches of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are making splendid progress. The clergy are especially pleased with the work that is being done in so many directions by members of the society.

The annual football match between Wellington and St. Patrick's Colleges eventuated to-day. The game was played in a splendid spirit, and was very evenly contested. The St. Patrick's boys had the better of the play, and left the field victorious by 9 points to 6. Tries for the winners were scored by Cullen, Coakley, and Rochford.

It is my sad duty to record the death at Linton, somewhat unexpectedly, of Mrs. Faire, a sister of Mrs. John Gallagher, of Hopper street. The deceased lady was of a bright and cheerful disposition, and was much esteemed by all who knew her. In her illness she was attended by Rev. Father Costello, of Palmerston North, and the Sisters of Mercy. She died fortified by the rites of the Church. The internment took place on Friday at Karori. The Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., officiated at the Sacred Heart Basilica, and also at the graveside. R.I.P.

The annual supper of the Catholic Club took place on Thursday evening, when there was a good attendance. The chair was occupied by the President (Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.). In replying to the toast of his health, the Very Rev. President referred to the great growth of the Church in Wellington, and pointed out what wonders could be done by young men that were zealous and energetic. He exhorted them to strive to place their club on a sound basis and to push on until it embraced every Catholic man in the city. There was great room for development, and all they needed was the necessary energy. Past events had clearly proved that they possessed the requisite ability. The following toast list was honored:— 'The Pope and the King,' proposed by the chairman; 'The President,' proposed by Mr. H. McKeown, and responded to by Father O'Shea; 'The Vice-Presidents,' proposed by Mr. M. O'Kane, and responded to by Rev. Father Venning, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon; 'The Wellington Catholic Club,' proposed by Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, and responded to by Mr. J. McGowan (hon. secretary); 'The Federated Catholic Club of New Zealand, and the Catholic Magazine,' proposed by Mr. J. J. Callaghan, and responded to by Messrs. A. H. Casey (president and editor) and P. J. McGovern (general secretary); 'The New Catholic Club,' proposed by Mr. W. Healy, and responded to by Mr. Martin Kennedy; 'The Club's Branches (senior and junior literary and debating society, amateur athletic club, and tennis club),' proposed by Mr. A. H. Casey, and responded to by Messrs. M. O'Kane, B. Leydon, P. McGrath, and J. O'Leary; 'The Ladies,' proposed by Mr. G. Schmidt, and responded to by Mr. F. Eller; 'The Chairman,' proposed by Mr. P. J. McGovern. Songs, etc., were rendered by Messrs. C. Hickmott, R. Sievers, D. and E. Toohill, T. O'Sullivan, F. Eller, and P. J. McGovern. The accompaniments were played by Mr. A. Amodio.

The club has had a very successful session, and in spite of a heavy expenditure it is anticipated that the credit balance will approximate £25.

The sum of £30 was realised by the sports gathering on St. Patrick's Day. One-half of this amount goes to the Catholic Club, the remainder to the Hibernian Society.

Mr. McKeown, in proposing the toast of the Very Rev. President at the annual supper of the Catholic Club, mentioned the fact that the club had now been in existence for ten years. He paid a special tribute to the interest taken in the club by the former president, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, and the present occupant of that office, the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.

### Blenheim

(From our own correspondent.)

After the 10.30 Mass on Sunday, August 9, a meeting of the parishioners was held in St. Patrick's Hall. The Rev. Father

Holley presided, and with him were Mr. C. O'Sullivan (church trustee), Mr. W. R. Allen (treasurer), Mr. H. V. Browne (hon. secretary) as representatives of the Father Lewis Memorial Committee. The meeting was called to hear a statement as to the amount in hand for this worthy object. The rev. chairman, having explained that at a previous meeting the parishioners had decided that the memorial should take the form of a new school, made a statement as to the amount in hand. Contributions amounting to £270 had been collected in the parish. The legacy bequeathed to St. Mary's Church by the late Mr. Maurice O'Shea, he (the chairman) proposed to put towards this object, which would bring the amount up to over £600. Plans and specification having been submitted, a resolution was carried unanimously that the action of the committee be approved in completing the arrangements so satisfactorily. The rev. chairman was eulogised by several speakers for his energy and whole-heartedness in connection with the memorial. Mr. C. O'Sullivan received a hearty vote of thanks for acceding to the rev. chairman's request for a loan to enable the work to be proceeded with, as it will be some time before the legacy is available.

### Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

August 10.

The ladies of the parish are very busy working for the bazaar which is to take place next April.

The Marist Brothers' School is now almost completed, and Rev. Father Goggan announced on Sunday that he would communicate with his Grace the Archbishop on his arrival in Auckland for the purpose of making arrangements for the opening of the school, which will most likely take place about the first Sunday in September.

The Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of the Meance Seminary, has been very busy in the Observatory of late, and has secured some very fine photographs of spots on the sun. Some of the spots, he states, are visible with the naked eye through a piece of smoked glass. Altogether there are four groups of spots, and are 2000 million square miles in extent.

The Catholic Club Debating Society held its weekly meeting in the clubroom on August 6, the subject for debate being 'Should the Borough Council take over the recreation ground for the purpose of building workmen's homes thereon?' Mr. T. Liddle was leader for the affirmative side, while Mr. J. W. Coe took charge of the negative. The debate was a particularly good one, and at its conclusion the chairman (Mr. R. P. Clarkson, M.A.) awarded the honors to the affirmative side. During the evening Mr. B. J. Dolan, a recent arrival here from Masterton, was present, and was elected vice-president.

'Has New Zealand any cause to fear an invasion by the Japanese?' was the subject set down for debate by the Catholic Young Men's Club on the evening of August 13. The leaders of the negative and affirmative sides were Messrs. Doyle and P. Cunningham respectively. It was an excellent debate, and members are showing signs of great improvement. The president (Mr. Clarkson, M.A.) stated at the conclusion of the debate that on the arguments brought forward on the affirmative side he would have to award them the victory, although the speech of the leader of the negative side was most creditable.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 17.

The missionary Fathers of the Sacred Heart who have come to labor in the diocese will, I believe, have charge of Darfield and Lincoln parishes.

This (Monday) evening, at the Hibernian Hall, a complimentary farewell social is to be tendered to the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., prior to his departure from Christchurch.

On Sunday next his Lordship the Bishop will make an episcopal visitation at Akaroa, and on the following Tuesday at Little River, administering the Sacrament of Confirmation at both places. On next Sunday week his Lordship is to be at Hawarden, at Cheviot on the following Sunday, and afterwards at Brackenridge.

At the special invitation of the resident priest at Akaroa, the Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M. (although with no intention of so soon commencing his missionary labors), is at present at Little River preparing candidates for first Communion and Confirmation. During the week he will be similarly occupied at Akaroa.

At the Month's Mind of the late Very Rev. Father Marnane at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, his Lordship the Bishop presided at the throne, and gave the absolution at the conclusion of the Mass of Requiem, which was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton). An eloquent panegyric of the late pastor was preached by the Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton). Most of the Canterbury clergy were present, and the parishioners attended in fairly large numbers.

The impressive ceremony of ordination that took place last Sunday was (said his Lordship the Bishop in the course of a sermon on Sunday) the first of the kind in the Cathedral, and the next day would witness a sight not previously seen in the diocese, when at half-past 7 in the morning the three newly-ordained priests would offer up the Holy Sacrifice for the first time, at the high altar, in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart and the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin respectively.

The impressive ceremonies of ordination in Holy Orders, which were commenced in the Cathedral on last Sunday week were continued with the customary solemnities on Saturday last, the feast of the Assumption, when three candidates were ordained to the diaconate. On Sunday there was Pontifical High Mass. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., assistant priest, the Rev. Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Father O'Hare deacons at the throne, the Rev. Fathers Moloney, S.M., and Peoples, S.M., deacon and subdeacon respectively of the Mass, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies, the Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton) assistant master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Father Nouyoux, M.S.H., attendant priest on the newly ordained. His Lordship the Bishop, in brief but appropriate terms, addressed the very large congregation on the imposing ceremonies being witnessed, and for which they were previously prepared by his Lordship's more exhaustive sermon on Sunday night week. There was Pontifical Vespers in the evening, at which the Bishop officiated. The Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., was assistant priest, and the attendant priests were two of the newly-ordained Fathers. An instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Nouyoux, M.S.H., on devotion to the Sacred Heart, combined with some useful lessons on the proper observance of other religious duties.

At St. Agnes' Church, Halswell, on Sunday, it being the last occasion on which the Rev. Father Peoples would officiate prior to his departure from Christchurch, an appeal made by him to liquidate a liability on the church and school property was responded to so generously that the congregation now enjoy a freedom from debt. At the conclusion of Mass Father Peoples unexpectedly found himself the guest of the residents at a farewell gathering, when Mr. M. A. Kenny, on behalf of the parishioners, presented him with a purse of sovereigns. In returning grateful thanks Father Peoples expressed appreciation of the kindness always extended to him, and the ready and willing response to all efforts made by him for the spiritual and material advancement of the people and district. At the Sacred Heart Church, Addington, the congregation of which is possessed of a very fine property with new church and school buildings, it was also Father Peoples' good fortune to announce the liquidation of all liabilities, and to hand in the last bank receipt, representing £400. This is mainly due to the result of the recent successful bazaar. Whilst congratulating the parishioners on their freedom from debt, he said that as a small community they were worthy of special mention, inasmuch as during the past three years they had raised over £500 for parochial requirements. On Sunday afternoon Father Peoples was asked by the congregation to meet them. There was a very large and representative gathering. Speeches of an eulogistic nature were made, with expressions of sincere regret at parting with one whose ministrations had been so devoted and acceptable. He was presented with a substantial purse of sovereigns. Father Peoples acknowledged the gift in feeling terms, and expressed gratification at the manifestation of so much kindly feeling towards him.

Last week the pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent High School tendered a musical entertainment as a farewell to the Rev. Father Peoples, and took the opportunity of making him a pleasing presentation. The Sisters of the Missions at Halswell and Addington also, together with their pupils at the several schools, similarly honored him.

The Living Floral Carnival, promoted in the interests of St. Mary's parish, Christchurch North, was most auspiciously inaugurated at the Art Gallery on last Tuesday evening in the presence of a crowded audience. The formal opening was

announced by Mr. C. M. Gray, M.P., who in appropriate terms referred to the growth of the parish and its ever increasing requirements. He spoke also of the late Father Marnane in appreciative words, which evidently met with the sympathy of his hearers. In introducing Mr. Gray, the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., rector of St. Mary's, apologised for the unavoidable absence of his Lordship the Bishop, owing to another important engagement. The Very Rev. Dean also alluded to his devoted predecessor as parish priest of St. Mary's, and the efforts he had made in initiating the carnival. He trusted that the success of the venture, hoped for by the late Father Marnane, would be realised to the full, and that at its conclusion the existing liabilities on the parish would also be numbered among the things of the past.

The spectacular display arranged by Mr. Fred Wauchop was given with complete success, and proved quite up to the high expectations formed of it. This included the game of euchre, performed by young ladies and youths, costumed to represent the various cards in a pack, and interspersed with dances, marches, and picturesque groupings. Mr. H. Rossiter conducts an efficient orchestra, and quite a number of novelties are introduced by Mr. W. Densem.

The stalls for the bazaar portion of the carnival are tastefully designed and adorned. In keeping with the idea conveyed in the title, the name of a flower is allotted to each, and the young lady assistants are costumed to represent those with which they are directly associated. The various stalls and stallholders are as follow:—The Rose, Mrs. Watson; 'Forget-me-not,' Miss Somerville; 'Daisy,' Mrs. Lance; 'Daffodil,' Mrs. W. Hayward, jun., and Nurse Wall; 'Fuschia,' Mrs. Donohue and Mrs. Grealy; 'Poppy,' Mrs. Mullin and Mrs. Holmes; 'Chrysanthemum' (tea and supper rooms), Mrs. W. Dobbs. Mr. Wm. Hayward, jun., is chairman of the committee and manager, and Mr. Aspell is the energetic secretary. His Lordship the Bishop attended later in the evening and evinced much interest in the proceedings. Among the clergy present at the opening were the Rev. Fathers Cooney (Lyttelton), Kerley (Timaru), Moloney and Hoare (St. Mary's). With splendid weather prevailing crowded audiences and excellent business have resulted throughout the week.

## Timaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 17.

The Celtic Football Club's fourth grade team, by defeating Temuka on Thursday last by 8 points to 6, won the competition for this season in their grade.

The Rev. Father Schaefer, who has been relieving here lately, during the temporary absence of the Rev. Father Kerley, was entertained by the choir prior to his departure, and given a tangible token of the esteem in which he is held by that body. The Rev. Father took an active interest in church music during his short stay in Timaru.

A successful concert was given in the public hall, St. Andrews, on Thursday evening last in aid of the church funds. The lengthy and well-arranged programme was well received by the large audience, many of the numbers having to be repeated. Rev. Father Tubman presided, and Rev. Fathers Le Floch and McDonald were also present. Miss E. Dennehy acted as accompanist, and also rendered an enjoyable pianoforte solo. Among the contributors were the Misses V. Dennehy, McGrath, Shine, Lyall, and Mrs. Foxon, Messrs. C. Healy, St. Clair, Hawkes, McKennah, and Geaney. Rev. Father McDonald added a violin solo, and Mr. St. Clair a flute solo, both gentlemen getting excellent receptions for their items. The St. Andrews Church Committee, an energetic body, gained further kudos from this concert by the perfection of their arrangements.

## Greymouth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 12.

The reception of two young ladies into the Order of Mercy took place at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday evening, August 9. The young ladies were Miss Joan O'Reilly (Sister M. Stanislaus), of Greymouth, and Miss Mary Carew (Sister M. Joseph), late of Tipperary, Ireland, and niece of Very Rev. Dean Carew. At 7 p.m. a procession consisting of acolytes, cross-bearer, and the Sisters of Mercy entered the church while the full choir sang the 'O Gloriosa Virginum.' Last in the procession came the Novices-elect. Four little girls, Misses Kathleen Hannan,

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Girle Kilgour, Eily O'Hallahan, and Winnie O'Neill, beautifully dressed in white silk and wearing wreaths and veils, acted as train-bearers. The Very Rev. Dean Carew, representing his Lordship the Bishop, officiated at the ceremony, and was assisted by his nephew, Rev. Father Hyland, of Rangiora. The Very Rev. Dean preached an appropriate sermon on the 'Religious Life.' The choir sang the incidental music in a finished manner. The altar was decorated for the occasion by the Misses Sullivan, Burke, and M. and A. Heffernan, and their exquisite arrangement of flowers, pot plants, etc., reflected great credit on their artistic taste.

## THE AMERICAN FLEET

On Wednesday evening Admiral Sperry and about 200 officers journeyed to Rotorua by special train as the guests of the Government. The Prime Minister, Lady Ward, and Miss Eileen Ward, the Hon. J. McGowan, and members of the Legislature, with their lady relatives and other guests, were also on the train, the total number on the trip being about 300.

On Thursday morning the visitors received a Maori welcome at the Sanatorium Grounds, when the Chief of the Arawas addressed them as follows:—Welcome, Admiral Sperry and officers of the American fleet. We bid you welcome to the land which our ancestors fished up out of the great ocean Kiwa. We welcome you with much pleasure to this island, because we have heard of your gracious words in Auckland. We welcome you as friends, because we recognise you are distinguished visitors, that you come of the same blood and have the same genealogical tree as the Anglo-Saxon people, and of King Edward. We welcome you always as men who go down into the sea in ships, because the Maoris and ancient Polynesians were seafaring people. They owned the Pacific at one time, and their territory extended from the southernmost limit of New Zealand to the Sandwich Islands. Our ancestors navigated the Pacific with canoes dug out with stone when your own people were hugging your own shores. We recognise that you are uplifting the mana and prestige which we once enjoyed, our ancestors sailing through the ocean long before the time of Columbus. Therefore we welcome you with a warm heart. The first chief welcome that we gave you was the incantation song in the Arawa canoe when reaching Aotearoa, because just as this incantation brought gladness to the hearts of the people who were in the canoe, so your visit brings light and gladness to our hearts this day. Had you been ordinary people we would have sent women to meet you but as you are warriors we sent warriors to meet you. To Sir Joseph Ward and the Government party we have little to say, because they are one with us. We just extend to them a formal greeting, but the main part is for Admiral Sperry and the American officers, because they come from over the sea.

Admiral Sperry, in his reply, which was translated by Dr. Buck, expressed great pleasure with the welcome, which, he said, was peculiarly acceptable as coming from a race of sailors who navigated the Pacific so many centuries before the Anglo-Saxon race settled in the colonies. It was doubly welcome, because they were members of the great Anglo-Saxon race—those two families extending in all directions over the Pacific. Both races, through their rulers, had effected improvement under their rule in the conditions of all native races with whom they had come in contact. He specially thanked them for welcoming him with ceremonies of ancient friendship, by which they preserved the noble traditions of their race.

At the conclusion of the Native welcome Sir J. G. Ward opened the new bath-house which has been erected in the Sanatorium Grounds. Having opened the door with a golden key, Sir J. G. Ward, accompanied by the official party, ascended the balcony, where he delivered an address.

The Prime Minister, in the course of his remarks, gave figures illustrative of the progress of Rotorua, as follows:—During the last five years the gross receipts to the Government from Rotorua have increased 153 per cent., the population has risen from 900 to 2000, and the number of houses from 96 to over 500, including business premises. The total receipts since 1902 were £43,282, and during that period the bath receipts have been £16,611. The building contains the last word of science in the electrical, massage, and other methods of treating disease. At present the town has electric lighting at a cheaper rate than Wellington. During the five years the Government has paid £21,253 into the town account. Rotorua is unique, inasmuch as it belongs to the people, and is managed by a State Department. I trust the building I am opening may prove a

success as a pleasure resort and a place where pain will be alleviated and sickness cured.

On Saturday morning, punctually at 8 o'clock, the American fleet left Auckland for Sydney. Prior to its departure Admiral Sperry sent the following message to the people of this Dominion, through his Excellency the Governor:—On the eve of the departure of the Atlantic fleet from Auckland, the Commander-in-Chief desires, on behalf of his Government and the officers and men, to express to you, and through you to the people of New Zealand, hearty thanks for the cordial reception and generous hospitality accorded the fleet by the Government and people of the Dominion. The friendship and esteem existing between the British Empire and the United States cannot fail to be strengthened by a visit of this nature, which will bring on both nations a realisation of their close relationship and common interests, and foster a sympathy and mutual understanding more binding than treaties.

## A DESCENDANT OF AN IRISH PATRIOT.

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

August 17.

At the banquet tendered by the Government to the admirals and officers of the American fleet last week, your correspondent discovered amongst the latter Ensign Robert Emmet, a great great grand-nephew of Robert Emmet, the great Irish patriot. He was pointed out to me by Father Gleeson (Catholic chaplain of the fleet), who, at the same time informed me of the young officer's relationship to Ireland's young martyr. Your correspondent immediately sought him out. Ensign Emmet was highly delighted at meeting one in this distant land who knew his family history very well. Soon there gathered around him Messrs. Poland, Hogan, and Jennings, members of Parliament. The last-named soon after brought the Prime Minister, who shook Mr. Emmet's hand warmly, saying, 'I welcome you as an American officer, but above that for the other great reason too.' Here was this young man, only 20 years of age, thousands of miles from his home in New York, on a foreign shore, yet he had gathered round him in that spacious banquet hall an enthusiastic body of friends, gathered as if by magic, and drawn towards him by the common tie of fidelity to Ireland. At first quite a number outside the group looked on in surprise, quite unaware of the emotions which moved each member of the group. Mr. Hogan recited the closing sentences of Robert Emmet's speech from the dock. The young officer was visibly affected, and said, 'Gentlemen, I cannot describe my feelings. I am delighted to meet you all.' Mr. Ngata, Maori member of Parliament, here joined the group, and asked to be introduced to Mr. Emmet, and showed a comprehensive knowledge of his famous ancestor.

On last Friday evening a representative gathering of Irish citizens assembled to honor Mr. Emmet. Mr. W. T. Jennings, M.P. for Egmont, presided, and next him sat the guest of the evening. When Ensign Emmet entered the room in uniform (he had attended a dinner on his ship, the Connecticut), the whole assembly of ladies and gentlemen rose, and enthusiastically welcomed him. The chairman introduced him to the meeting, and stated how delighted all were to receive one bearing the revered name of Robert Emmet—a name the bare mention of which sent a thrill of joy through every Irish heart. He felt that the honored name was well bestowed on the young gentleman in their midst that night. In the service of his country he would be true to the family traditions, and win renown and distinction in the future. He hoped when next the American fleet visited New Zealand Mr. Emmet would be in command. On behalf of the donors, the chairman then presented a costly sovereign case inscribed as follows:—'To Robert Emmet, from Irish citizens of Auckland, 1908.'

On rising to respond, Mr. Emmet, who was enthusiastically cheered, was deeply affected. He stood for some minutes unable to reply. He said: 'The warmth of this reception has unnerved me. I am not accustomed to speech-making; in fact, I never made a speech in my life. I cannot find words to express my gratitude to you. It has all come so unexpectedly upon me. I little dreamed I should find myself in the midst of such warm-hearted friends. Believe me, to my dying day, I shall recall this night in Auckland, and especially will this splendid gift remind me of you. These proceedings will delight the heart of my father, when he reads of them. I am proud of the historical name I bear; for generations we have always had in our family a Robert Emmet. I have never visited Ireland, but our fleet is expected to stay in France a fortnight, the whole of which time I hope to spend in the land of my ancestors. In the near future I hope to revisit you, and renew our friendship.

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Short speeches were made by Mr. Hall and others eulogistic of the Emmet family, and expressing delight at meeting a representative of it. Irish songs were sung by Madame Casier, Messrs. Lonergan and Pritchard. The proceedings closed with the whole company rising and singing 'God save Ireland.' Ensign Emmet then left for the Connecticut, several of those present accompanying him to the ship's side in a steam launch.

Ensign Emmet is to be the guest of Cardinal Moran in Sydney, where a great reception will no doubt be given him. His father is Colonel Temple Emmet, of New York.

## WORK OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD'S REPORT FOR 1907

(Contributed.)

The following figures are extracted from the Wellington Education Board's Summary, showing for the public and also the Catholic schools of the above district the Sixth Standard examination results for the year 1907:—

| I  | II                 | III            | IV      | V                       | VI                          | VII                        | VIII  | IX   |
|--|--------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
|  | Average Attendance | No. of Schools | On Roll | Present at Examinations | Certificates of Proficiency | Certificates of Competency | No. on roll to every one Certif. of Proficiency | No. examined to every one Certif. of Proficiency |
| All the Public Schools                     | 1-930              | 159            | 16,936  | 15,466                  | 762                         | 353                        | 22.2  | 20.3   |
| All the Public Schools with average 61.280 | 61-280             | 32             | 4,014   | 4,356                   | 212                         | 91                         | 23.1  | 20.5   |
| All the Catholic State examined Schools    | 62-307             | 9              | 1,339   | 1,199                   | 63                          | 18                         | 21.2  | 19.0   |

Columns VIII. and IX. are not official, but are got by dividing columns IV. and V. respectively by columns VI. Thus, for example, column IX. shows that in all the State schools one proficiency certificate was awarded for every 20.3 children examined; whereas in the Catholic schools every 19 children

examined produced the same result. Again, lest it might be alleged unfair to compare Catholic schools at all with the large number of small back-block schools in the district, a comparison has been made between Catholic schools and all the public schools of practically the same size. Even here the results are still more in favor of Catholic education, the numbers being the same—19 and 20.5. Attention may also be called to the comparative preponderance of proficiency certificates over mere certificates of competency in the case of the Catholic schools.

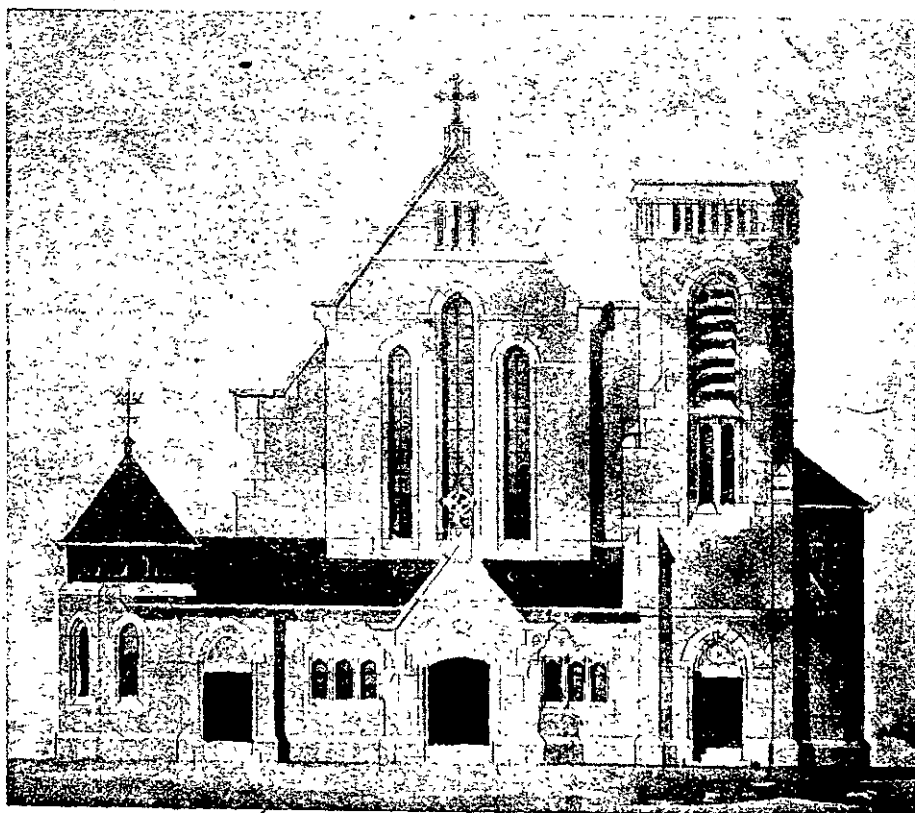
It is well known that many of the infants attending the Catholic schools are far too young to be received into the State schools, and so the rolls of the former are, in contrast with those of the latter, unduly loaded with the names of youngsters whose presence somewhat detracts from the genuine comparative value of the above figures.

On the basis of the numbers in attendance and the board's current yearly expenditure only, it is calculated that in providing for the proper education of their children the Catholic parents have incidentally saved the State no less a sum than £8000 for the year 1907 in the Wellington district alone.

Tables of Government statistics contain but little of romance, but even thoughtful non-Catholics cannot refrain from joining with us in giving a well-merited tribute of praise to our Catholic teachers, who have so completely sacrificed self upon the hard altar of duty. Unnoticed, unpraised, unrewarded; no more influenced by the coming and going of Governments and Ministers, than by the ebb and flow of the tide, year in and year out, they keep the even tenor of their way—models of earnestness of purpose, to be followed at a respectful distance by those who have not received the same sacred call.

### New Catholic Church at Kilbirnie

The Catholics of Kilbirnie (writes our Wellington correspondent) are to be commended for the zeal that has inspired them to set about erecting a church, a view of which appears on this page. It will be seen that the building is one of beautiful design, and so modelled as to meet in a fitting manner the requirements of this growing suburb. The church is the only one about here to bear the name of Ireland's patron saint. The nave will measure 77ft in length by 31ft in width, with two aisles, each 5ft wide. It is intended later to add two side chapels and other accommodation, which will make the edifice one of the most up to date and best appointed in the Dominion. Mr. Yourelle is the architect. The Ven. Arch-deacon Devoy has already received a number of subscriptions from his friends throughout the Dominion to aid him in his latest laudable undertaking, and he will be pleased to acknowledge further donations.



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### PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted an average catalogue to most of the usual buyers in the local trade. Competition for oats and wheat was only moderate, and the bulk of our offerings in these had to be passed in. Potatoes and chaff had fair demand, and nearly all on offer realised late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

**Oats.**—Prime seed lines are moving off more freely in small quantities, but for milling and feed lines the demand is slack, and sales are difficult to effect. Local stocks are fairly heavy, but no consignments of any quantity are now coming forward, and any oats still in stock will doubtless be put on the market in the shape of chaff, for which there is a comparatively better demand. Quotations: Seed lines, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; prime milling, 2s 1½d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1d; inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Wheat.**—Millers' stocks of Tuscan are in most cases sufficient for their present requirements, but prime velvet and red chaff have some attention. Medium quality is unsaleable except as fowl wheat, for which there is steady demand in moderate quantities. Quotations: Choice seed lines, 4s 6d to 4s 10d; fair, 4s 3d to 4s 5d; prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; medium, 4s 1½d; whole fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 1d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Potatoes.**—With rather better inquiry, many of the local holdings have been quitted during the week at prices fully equal to late quotations. Derwents are not generally wanted, the demand being chiefly for freshly-picked Up-to-dates. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; prime Up-to-dates, £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton (sacks included).

**Chaff.**—The market continues to be fairly well supplied. For prime bright oaten sheaf there is good demand both locally and for export, but lower grades have little attention. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 2s 6d; choicest, £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; light and inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton (bags extra).

**Straw.**—Quotations: Wheaten, 37s 6d to 40s; oaten, 45s to 50s per ton (pressed).

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., report as follows:—

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday; when we submitted a large and varied catalogue to a moderate attendance of buyers. Competition throughout was fair, and a good proportion of our offerings were cleared at quotations. Values ruled as under:—

**Oats.**—The market is quiet and values are easier. A few holders continue to force their lines on the market, and as merchants are not disposed to operate at late quotations lower figures have had to be accepted. Quotations: Seed lines, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; prime milling, 2s 1½d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1d; inferior, 1s 10d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Wheat.**—The market is dull and inactive. Holders for the most part are not anxious to quit their lines at present, and millers on the other hand are only casual operators in small lines. Fowl wheat has moderate inquiry. Quotations: Prime milling, nominally, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; medium to good, nominally, 4s 1½d to 4s 2½d; fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 1d; broken and damaged, 3s 4d to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Potatoes.**—Late values are barely maintained in this market. Prime table sorts (white) are saleable at last week's quotations, but medium and inferior sorts are neglected by buyers. Seed lines, however, are having more attention. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; prime Up-to-dates, £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 7s 6d to £3 15s; small and inferior, £2 10s and upwards (bags in).

**Chaff.**—Prices in this market are on a par with last week's rates. The demand for shipment and local consumption is confined principally to prime quality. Medium and inferior sorts are not sought after, and are much slower of sale at quotations. Quotations: Extra choicest, £4 5s; prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior and light, £3 per ton (bags extra).

**Turnips.**—We quote best swedes 20s per ton (loose, ex truck).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended August 18 as follows:—

**Oats.**—The market is very quiet, and to effect sales lower values have to be taken than were ruling last week. Seed lines, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; prime milling, 2s 1½d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1d; inferior, 1s 10d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Wheat.**—Owing to millers' stocks being fairly large, there is no demand except for fowl wheat, which has moderate inquiry. Prime milling, nominally, from 4s 2d to 4s 3d; medium, 4s 1½d; whole fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 1d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Chaff.**—There is good demand for prime bright oaten sheaf, but anything off color is harder of sale. Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 2s 6d; extra, to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d; light and inferior, £3 to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

**Potatoes.**—There has been slightly better inquiry during the week for prime white potatoes. Derwents are not in demand. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; best Up-to-dates, £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton (sacks in).

**Pressed Straw.**—Wheaten, 37s 6d to 40s; oaten, 45s to 50s per ton.

### WOOL

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

**Rabbitskins.**—We offered a very large catalogue on Monday, when bidding was brisk for all classes of skins. Best winter does, 23d to 24½d; a few selected, to 25½d; good, 20d to 22½d; mixed, 17d to 20d; early winters, 15d to 16d; autumns, 13½d to 15d; springs, to 10½d; summers, 9d to 10½d; winter blacks, to 25d; autumns, to 17½d; fawns, to 15d; horse hair, 13½d to 18½d.

**Sheepskins.**—We offered a very large catalogue on Tuesday, when prices for good dry skins were much on a par with last week's rates. For fine crossbred the demand was keener and prices showed an advance of about ½d per lb. Best halfbred, 6½d to 7d; medium to good, 5½d to 6d; inferior, 4d to 5d; best crossbred, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; best merino, 5½d to 5½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5d; inferior, 3d to 3½d; lambskins, to 6d.

**Tallow and Fat.**—For all coming forward there is good demand, and prices show no change. Best rendered tallow in casks, 20s to 22s; medium to good, 18s to 19s; inferior, 14s to 16s; best rough fat, 16s to 18s; medium to good, 11s to 14s.

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Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—

As was to be expected after the large entry for the previous day's special horse sale, the yarding last Saturday was a rather small one, but amongst the lot were a few good sorts. There was a fair attendance of the public, and a few buyers were on hand, but as most of the horses forward were not of the class in request business was limited. For draught mares our highest price was £51, and for geldings £39 10s. A number of farmers are still on the look-out for good plough sorts, young and free movers, fit to go into immediate work. The demand at present for young, active heavy draughts is very good, and young up-standing spring-vanners and spring-carters are also wanted. We quote:—

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## WEDDING BELLS

KEAN—O'HALLORAN.

At the Catholic Church, Invercargill, on August 5, Miss Bridget O'Halloran, fourth daughter of Mr. P. O'Halloran, who for the last twenty-five years has been engaged in farming in the Wrey's Bush district, was married to Mr. John Kean, third son of Mr. Jas. Kean, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of South Hillend. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Burke. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in a white silk dress and veil. The bridesmaid was Miss Margaret O'Halloran, sister of the bride. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Jas. Kean, as best man, and his presents to the bride and bridesmaid were gold bangles set with rubies and diamonds. After the marriage ceremony the company adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was laid in a large marquee erected on the lawn in front of the house. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was duly honored. By the midday express Mr. and Mrs. Kean left to spend their honeymoon in the north. The bride was made the recipient of several cheques for substantial amounts, as well as other valuable presents, which tend to show the esteem in which she is held by the residents of Southland.

## OBITUARY

MR. PATRICK O'ROURKE, NAPIER.

Quite a gloom was cast over Napier on Thursday afternoon last (writes our travelling correspondent) when it became known that Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, second son of Mr. Bartholomew O'Rourke, had died after a brief illness. The deceased, who was 33 years of age, had spent his life among the people of the town, and had by his exemplary conduct both as a Catholic and a citizen endeared himself to all who knew him. As a partner in the carrying firm of O'Rourke and Sons, he had of a necessity to come into contact with business men and the travelling public generally, and was by one and all highly esteemed. As a Catholic he had at all times taken a keen interest in parish work, and was ever ready to assist a good cause in a practical manner. The funeral, which took place on Saturday, left the house of deceased's parents for the Catholic Church, where the Rev. Father Goggan read the first part of the burial service, and also addressed a few words of sympathy to the bereaved relatives. The funeral cortege was the largest seen in Napier for some years. Rev. Father O'Connor, who had attended deceased in his illness, officiated at the graveside. Great regret is felt locally for the parents and brothers and sisters of the deceased, who are one of the oldest and most highly respected Catholic families in Hawke's Bay. The Rev. Father O'Connor at Mass on the Feast of the Assumption referred very feelingly to the edifying death of the deceased, which, he said, must have been a great consolation to his relatives.—R.I.P.

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Cattle.—254 head forward. A big yarding, made up principally of medium and light quality heifers and bullocks, with a few pens of extra prime. Owing to the large yarding, prices were slightly easier, but under the circumstances compared favorably with those ruling last week. Best bullocks, £9 to £11; extra, up to £12 5s; medium, £6 10s to £8 10s; best cows and heifers, £7 to £8 10s; medium, £5 to £6 10s; light, £3 10s to £4 10s.

Sheep.—2521. A fair proportion of the yarding consisted of prime wethers and ewes. Prices for prime wethers were firmer than those ruling last week, whilst there was also a considerable advance on last week's rates for ewes. Best wethers, 21s to 23s 9d; medium, 18s 6d to 20s; inferior, 15s to 17s; best ewes, 17s 9d; inferior, 11s to 14s.

Pigs.—A fair yarding of 100. Suckers and slips met with a brisk sale, but last week's extreme rates were not realised. Porkers and baconers were in short supply, and as a result prices were firmer. Suckers, 14s to 16s 6d; slips, 17s to 19s; stores, 27s to 30s; porkers, 42s to 48s; light baconers, 50s to 56s; heavy ditto, 58s to 64s.

The August issue of the C.Y.M., the organ of the Adelaide Catholic Club, is particularly interesting, a special feature of the issue being a parody on a scene from 'Hamlet,' entitled 'Twelfth Night,' by Plautus. The sketch deals in a clever and amusing manner with the peculiarities and obsessions of a couple of Orange 'orators' of the Commonwealth, whose reckless assertions and attempts to stir up sectarian strife are only too well known.

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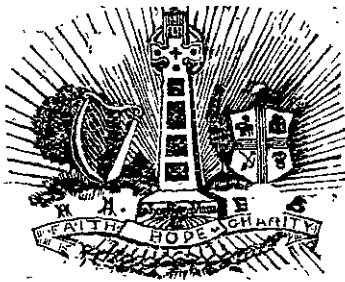
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DOOHAN-HAMPSON.—At the Catholic Church, Featherston, on Wednesday, July 15, by Rev. Father Bowe, James Doohan, of Tawaha, Featherston, to Teresa, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hampson, of Reefton.

## DEATHS

O'ROURKE.—At his parents' residence, Station St., Napier, Patrick, second son of Bartholomew and Bridget O'Rourke, after a short illness; aged 33 years.—R.I.P.

STARKEY.—At her residence, Spey St., Invercargill, on Saturday, August 15, 1908, Mary Jane Starkey, relict of the late George M. Starkey; aged 63 years.—R.I.P.

## IN MEMORIAM

CUNNEEN.—Of your charity pray for the soul of John Richard Cunneen, dearly beloved husband of Mary Cunneen, who died at Frankton on September 1, 1907. On whose soul sweet Jesus have mercy. Anniversary on September 1.

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Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1908.

## THE FAITH IN NEW ENGLAND



HE American fleet has come and gone. Its visit has left nothing but pleasant memories; it has created a minor era from which many events in local and personal history will for many a year be dated; and it has broadened our political horizon with what is for many the sudden realisation of the mighty energy; making for the peace and protection of the Pacific seas, that lies alert and ready for action in the men and the ships and the guns that last week entered the waters of the Hauraki Gulf. Both officers and men bore themselves with the dignity that becomes the defenders of a great nation—even 'Jack ashore' (as our columns elsewhere show) won encomiums for his general good conduct. And altogether the visit of the American fleet has been a happy incident in our history. Catholics especially will feel a pride in the fact that the old proportionate predominance of our co-

religionists where hard blows were to be given and borne is still a live reality; that the creed which took so relatively large a share in winning American independence, and did 'the height of the fighting' to maintain the Union in the sixties, is still, in greater strength than ever, to the fore ready to defend both if the hour of trial should come. Nearly a third of the personnel of the American navy is composed of Catholics—in fact, this first and second and third and last and chiefest post of danger is now 'stuffed' with our co-religionists to an extent that surpasses even that which obtained during the struggle for Independence, or when 'the handsomest thing in the war' of the sixties was done in the terrible charges of Meagher's Irish Brigade up Marye's Heights.

The proportion of Catholics in the American fleet is, in its way, typical of the religious predominance of the Old Faith under the Stars and Stripes. There are at present some 21,000,000 of our spiritual kith and kin under the star-spangled banner—about 15,000,000 of these (or near it) being, according to latest and most probable estimates, on the American mainland. In no part of American territory has the progress of Catholicism been, in all its circumstances, so striking as in the New England States. There, for long generations, the practice of the Catholic faith was as rigorously penalised as it was in England or Ireland in the days of Queen Anne or the Second George. Even within living memory a state of active persecution still existed in some of the States; Catholic men are still in the prime of life who were flogged in a Boston public school for refusing to read the Authorised Version of the Bible; and in districts where Catholics are in numerically inferior strength in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, the profession of the Old Faith is to this hour a rigorous bar to employment as a teacher in 'the little red schoolhouse.' The Puritans who settled New England were a sturdy and virile, if rather dour, race. The authors of the *History of the Catholic Church in the New England States* say of them:—

'Three virtues are never denied them—a rare gift of extracting values from land and sea, unrivalled genius for orderly government, and the high, evenly distributed intelligence of middle-class Englishmen. They were also, individually, virile, scrupulous, and pure. They were not, however, a simple, blameless people, like the Acadians, whom they afterwards dispossessed, or the Tyrolese, or the ancient Galileans, or any other of those gentle tribes, content with a bounded plot of the earth's surface for sustenance and a perpetual succession of ways and callings, from father to son, through many centuries. On the contrary, they were keen, restless, ambitious, and complex. Though they forbade much, the forbidden things were done among them. Though the Bible lay in each man's hand; the ledger was never far out of reach. Not even the poets have ventured to represent their lives as idyllic. Their loves were too deep, their hatreds too fierce, for the shepherd lays of pastoral romance.'

For over a century this strong, forceful, deeply passionate race held New England, gave it their stamp, developed it along the lines of their own individuality, and—convinced that their competitors were the enemies of God—excluded other faiths (especially the Catholic) from their field.

There came, with time, more gentle thoughts even to New England. There came, too, the great tide of Irish Catholic immigration that spread itself—deep here, a trickle there, a pool yonder—over Puritan New England. The same authors last quoted say of the new immigrants:—

'They were a forceful people, though their forces lacked discipline. They put their children to school with a passionate hope of repairing the prescribed ignorance of centuries and developing a mental facility comparable to that of the Puritans, with the generations of reading and writing ancestors. They believed deeply, and at great cost set up the emblem of their faith, braving contempt in its exercise, and walking miles, if need be, to practise its consoling devotions.'

'The people lived crowded in the large rooms of discarded mansions, amid conditions which, we are told, forbid decency. But they were decent. They had imported the virtues as well as the failings of their stock—its loyalty and purity on the one hand; its pugnacity and dreaminess on the other.'

A wall of separation long shut out Irish Catholics from human fellowship with native New England. For public and private positions 'no Irish need apply'; land was restricted to Irish purchasers; and as late as from 1888 to 1895, even in Boston, the A.P.A. ('American Protective Association')—a society on Orange lines—was able to interfere with the rights of Catholics in education, and to corrupt the course of justice in the notorious case of the murder of the 'Papist,' John W. Wills, by a fervent Ulsterman named John Ross.

These things, however, were only what the old physicians would term 'growing pains.' Partly owing to race-suicide on the part of the once virile Puritan stock, partly to the solid reverence of the Catholic body for the sanctity of marriage and the law of God, and partly to the great and later influx of population from central Europe, New England is now rapidly becoming a great Catholic land. The preservation of infant life, and the protection of its sacred rights, are the special care of the Church in every land. And in New England it is one of the factors that have contributed to make Catholics 'sit in the gates.' In these days of race-suicide, young countries owe an immeasurable debt to the agency that ensures, within its jurisdiction, regard for the God-given law of life.

## Notes

### A Happy Toast

One of the prettiest incidents in connection with the visit of the American fleet to Auckland was that which greeted the close of a dinner given by the Auckland Non-commissioned Officers' Club on Wednesday of last week. 'The gathering,' says our local morning contemporary, 'was just about to disperse, when Chief Turret-captain Miller, of the United States warship Vermont, rose and said: "Men, there is but one toast more—a toast which is not on the list—that of 'Our Mothers.'" The words seemed to have a magical effect, and as the proposer repeated the lines,—"God bless our mothers, whereso'er they be, the women who gave their sons to fight upon the sea," one could have heard a pin drop, and the silence did not cease until the 500 men present had again placed their glasses on the table. Then many handkerchiefs were produced, and it was evident that the proposer of the toast had touched a tender chord.'

### Rough on the Libellers

Our columns have for some time past been amply demonstrating that there are more risks than red meat in the campaign of defamation that the atheist and Freemason press have for a long time past been carrying on against the parochial clergy and the religious Orders in France and Italy. One result of the large number of successful actions taken by the slandered parties was this: that the editors and proprietors of the journals aforesaid found it prudent to fall back on invented or exaggerated tales of alleged clerical chuckleheadedness of a vague or general nature—naming no names of person or of place. One defamer, however, has found, to his cost, that even in anonymous accusation there is not necessarily safety. The individual in question conducts an anti-religious paper, the *Avenir des Alpes*—a local organ of the Radical-Socialist bloc—at Moutier. Some time ago he published, in his four-page news-sheet, a libellous charge reflecting upon the conduct of some parish priest in the Canton of Rozel. The *Avenir* editor—warned, no doubt, by the disastrous experience of many other bloc newspapers—carefully abstained from mentioning the name of the parish priest that it attacked, gave no clue which would fix the accusation upon him, went to bed in fancied security, and slept the sleep of the good *blocard* who feels that he has served the cause of irreligion with the weapon of Voltaire.

Now, it so happens that there are eleven curés (parish priests) in the Canton of Rozel. They discovered that—by an admirable provision of French law which might advantageously be extended to English-speaking countries—they were enabled to institute a joint process against the *gérant* or responsible head of the *Avenir des Alpes*. The case went to the Court of Appeal at Chambéry in Savoy. The Paris *Univers* of July 3 records the result. The *Avenir* was mulcted in a fine, had to pay the entire of the rather heavy expenses of the suit, and, in addition, to hand over a small sum in damages to each of the eleven curés of the Canton. The judgment of the court contained another clause that must have been 'one of the most unkindest cuts of all' to the proprietary of the *Avenir des Alpes*. 'The judgment,' says the *Univers*, 'had to be published in the *Avenir des Alpes*, and in another newspaper of the Department to be chosen by the parish priests.'

### A Hilarious Hoax

Josh Billings was not (as he declared) 'edzackly disposed to swallow, without stirring,' all that he heard; and he had a prudent habit of 'smellin' things before he swallowed them.'

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The exercise of a similar sane precaution would often save some of our over-eager No-Popery friends from the 'lature' (as Artemus Ward calls it) which comes in when the light of exposure illumines the hoax and exposes the gobemoucheerie of those who look upon Catholics as a collection of knaves or fools.

The 'lature' has come in over a hilarious hoax that has been played off on the Rev. Dill-Macky's *Watchman*, the organ of the P.D.A. and of the Orange lodges of New South Wales. With portentous solemnity, that interesting 'yellow' organ published a story to this effect: That 'Hilaire Maraud-Safran', one of the most gifted of France's polemical writers to-day, has written an article in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, advocating the resumption and purchase of every inch of the city of Rome, with a view to its complete destruction—and, with it, the destruction of the Papacy. 'Reasonable compensation' is (according to Maraud-Safran) 'to be paid to the present owners—a matter to which the Protestants of the world would gladly subscribe. Even the name of the city would vanish and the Roman Catholic Church would then become a homeless creed cut away from the root.' In the next issue of the *Watchman*, its readers learned the following further particulars of the 'movement' for wiping Rome off the map, sowing its site with salt, and blotting the Papacy off the face of the earth:—

'The Papacy . . . as such has ranged against itself the whole of the Left in the Italian Chamber, and with this party on this question are the Socialist-Atheists returned by the Italian masses, who have relinquished Romanism, but have not been gathered into the Protestant fold. That—given publicity—the Protestants of the British Empire, Europe, America, Scandinavia, and the Continent of Europe would come forward with a sum sufficient to carry out Maraud-Safran's scheme, and that within less than a half decade, is obvious from the fact admitted by the rabid little Romanist rag, the *Era*, published from Oscott College, that in the last nine months four French papers and two Swiss ones have alone collected £400,000.'

We are also informed that '37,500 francs (£1500) were collected during the last two months in the little Canton of Bâle by the local Protestant organ and forwarded to the *Eclair* to add to its fund' for the destruction of Rome. French papers (we are assured) have thrown themselves into 'the cause' and are 'meeting with good success.' But—alack and well-a-day!—under the paltry excuse that they may not meddle in another country's affairs, the weak-kneed organs of the United Kingdom have avoided touching this vexed question.'

It seems almost incredible that even the *Watchman*, gullible as it is in all that relates to Catholics, should be so far taken in as to publish and take seriously the preposterously palpable fooling of the alleged Maraud-Safran and the *Revue des Deux Mondes*. But the hoax even went so far as the opening of a shilling fund for the obliteration of Rome! Here is a part of the *Bulletin's* breezy comment on the hoax:—

'The bland suggestion that the capital city of a great European Power be "obliterated" by total strangers on a point of religious prejudice may pass muster. The insectarian paper's schemes are mostly along grandiose lines of that sort. The things that take this paper's fancy are the authorities quoted. When did the *Revue des Deux Mondes* touch "on the possibility of a wholesale resumption policy in regard to Rome at the hands of the enlightened peoples of the world"? What issue of *La Croix* tried to show "Maraud-Safran's" Rome resumption proposal was an "impossible dream"? As a fact, there is no such person as "Maraud-Safran"! "Safran" signifies "yellow" in French; "Maraud" means "pup." A Gaul afflicted with a name like Mr. Yellow Pup would destroy himself. The *Revue des Deux Mondes* never considered the possibility of resuming Rome; nor did any newspaper oppose the astounding proposition. The paper has had its leg dragged badly by someone, and the solemn reference to Mr. Yellow Pup is a hilarious item.'

A correspondent of the *Catholic Press* who 'knows every yard of the Duché country' declares, in its issue of August 6, that '(1) there is no paper named *L'Eclair* published in or near Dijon; (2) that Dijon would not support an anti-Catholic publication for a moment.' He also adds that Oscott 'has been closed as a college for many years.' The name of the editor of *L'Eclair* is, by the way, another gem of nomenclature. He is called M. Henri Singemoiné—which, being interpreted, meaneth (in English) Mr. Henry Monkey-Monk! We think we have now at last struck upon the authors of the preposterous No-Popery romance which bears the imprint of a knight of the ink-roller in Palmerston North; which is being industriously

circulated as a religious tract for the 'conversion' of Catholics; and in which a Mother Abbess—whose name, translated into English, means 'Pious Fiction'—is made to talk a lot of preposterous nonsense to 'an illustrious painter' (and glazier), and to wind up by renouncing the 'errors of Rome' in order to embrace errors 'made in Germany.' (See our issue of August 6.) The intellectual (?) leaders of what calls itself 'The Sturdy Protestant Party' in New South Wales have added to the gaiety of life by their inability to read a French pocket-dictionary, and by their unwillingness to adopt Josh Billings' saving precaution to 'smell ov' stories' about 'Rome' before swallowing them.

## 'CATHOLIC MARRIAGES'

The third edition of the N.Z. *Tablet* publication, *Catholic Marriages*, is now on sale at the office of this paper, and may be had through all Catholic booksellers in Australasia. The demand for copies continues to be very active, and judging by the hundreds of orders already filled and to hand, there is every prospect of a fourth edition being called for in the near future. (Post free, 1s; cloth, gold letters, 2s.)

In the course of a lengthy notice of *Catholic Marriages* in its latest issue, the *Australasian Catholic Record* says in part:— 'Those who have the advantage of seeing Father Cleary's able paper, the N.Z. *Tablet*, are familiar with the force with which he bludgeons anyone rash enough to venture into controversy with him; they have evidence, too, of his solid and varied learning in political, legal, historical, and social subjects, as well as in those that are directly theological. In reading over the "controversy" in the present pamphlet we were reminded of another famous controversy—viz., that between Father Lambert and the infidel, Ingersoll. Father Cleary has many points in common with the American controversialist; there is the same merciless exposure of fallacies, the same insistence on sticking to the point at issue, and the same wide knowledge. If we were to express any qualification of our admiration for Father Cleary's methods, we would be inclined to say that he too often uses the battle-axe instead of the rapier. . . . But, even when these deductions are allowed, Father Cleary's methods are at least very effective; and effectiveness, after all, is what is looked for in controversy, as in sword-craft. He is especially strong where he shows that the Church, in dealing with impediments to the matrimonial contract, only does what the State does in civil contracts—nay, even what it does in regard to marriage itself. He is overwhelming when he points out that the claims of the Church in this matter are moderate compared with what "the Church as by law established" has done in declaring valid marriages to-day what yesterday it declared to be "incestuous concubinages." Father Cleary is to be thanked and congratulated on his splendid achievement, and we hope every priest will show practical gratitude by purchasing and reading *Catholic Marriages*.'

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The programme at the meeting of the St. Joseph Men's Club on Friday evening consisted of a smoke concert. Mr. T. Deehan (vice-president) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Swanson (2), Hannigan, J. Quelch, and Wilkie; Mr. Deehan gave a flute solo, and recitations were given by Messrs. J. Wilkinson and Fennessy. Mr. F. Heley acted as accompanist.

Writing of the arrival in the English metropolis of Mrs. and Miss Dall, of Dunedin, the London correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times* says:—Miss Dall has become a pupil of Madame Minna Fischer, who is always such a favorite with New Zealand vocal students, and I hear that Madame Fischer thinks very highly of her latest pupil, and is very much pleased with the course of tuition Miss Dall received while at the Convent in Dunedin.

A concert and dramatic entertainment in aid of the parish schools, South Dunedin, took place in the South Dunedin Town Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, when there was a very large attendance. The first part of the programme consisted of vocal items by Misses Newcombe-Hall and V. Fraser, and Mr. T. Hussey, an overture by the orchestra, and a humorous sketch in which Messrs. W. Keys, J. Keys, and W. Mulrooney took part. The second part was devoted to a farce, 'The Late Mr. Costello,' in which the characters were sustained by Mrs.

Knight, Misses D. Easter, and Jean Fraer, and Messrs. T. J. Pemberton, A. K. Gardner, D. Donaldson, and B. Petre. Miss E. Earl acted as accompanist. All the vocal items in the first part were encored, and the entertainment as a whole was one of the best given in South Dunedin for a considerable time.

On Saturday the various harrier clubs were the guests of St. Joseph's Harriers. The clubs represented were Dunedin, Caversham, Anglican, Civil Service, Y.M.C.A., Port Chalmers, Congregational, Southern, and St. Kilda. The day being beautifully fine attracted a large muster, no fewer than 140 harriers taking part in the run. Quelch (St. Joseph's), Anderson (Dunedin), and Thomson (Caversham) had charge of the paper, and their knowledge of the district enabled them to lay an exceptionally good trail. Two packs were formed, the first in charge of Captain Hussey, and the second, which started ten minutes after the former, in charge of Captain Mace. Leaving St. Joseph's Hall the trail went up Rattray street, through Littlebourne, and down into the Kaikorai. The golf links were then skirted, until the Wakari road was reached and followed to the reservoir. After running around the reservoir, the trail then doubled back, and making in the direction of Maori Hill, returned home via the Town Belt. After the usual rub down, the runners adjourned to the main hall, where they were treated to refreshments kindly provided by Mrs. Jackson, who was ably assisted by her lady friends. The representatives of the respective clubs returned thanks to the St. Joseph's Harriers, and also to the ladies, for the very enjoyable run provided. Captain Hussey, who was received amidst cheers, suitably responded. The Rev. Father Coffey, who was called upon to reply for the ladies, extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, and, in congratulating the club on their splendid turn-out, hoped that the present good feeling would always exist amongst the harriers.

### Invercargill

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 17.

A very successful and enjoyable social was held in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday last, under the auspices of the Athletic Football Club.

The usual weekly meeting of the Catholic Club was held on Tuesday evening. The programme for the evening's entertainment was 'Municipal elections.' The proposals of 'would-be candidates' were very instructive and at times amusing.

The usual meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Wednesday evening, there being a fair attendance of members. As there is every prospect of a branch of the society being formed at Gore, the office-bearers decided to visit that centre on Wednesday, August 19, to give the intending members any information that is necessary.

A very successful social was held at West Plains on August 12, in aid of the H.A.C.B. Society's benevolent fund. Songs were given by Misses Kirwan, Shea, MacMenamin, Mr. Byrne, Mrs. Matheson, an exhibition of club-swinging by Miss Mehaffey, recitations by Miss Young, Messrs. Pound and Sims, and a pianoforte solo by Miss Davies. The thanks of the society are due to Messrs. Ford and Lavelle for the excellent arrangements made on behalf of the performers, and for the manner in which they carried out their duties as joint secretaries.

### Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

August 17.

On Saturday, the feast of the Assumption, Masses were celebrated at the Basilica at 7 and 9 o'clock.

The Rev. Father O'Brien leaves Oamaru on Thursday, and will be much missed by the congregation, to whom he has endeared himself during his short stay in this parish.

The Oamaru Catholic Club at its weekly meeting on Friday evening held a debate on 'The effects of No-license in Oamaru.' A notable feature of the debate was that almost all present expressed their views, some of the younger members making capital speeches. Mr. T. O'Grady occupied the chair, and Messrs. J. Breen and F. Cooney led for their respective sides, both speakers giving their views in a very convincing manner. It is a matter for regret that more members of the congregation do not take an active interest in the club, which is capable of doing immense good for the young men of the parish, as well as providing social recreation for old and young.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

August 17.

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon at Ailsa House arrangements were advanced another stage for the annual social in aid of the Cathedral debt extinction fund. Rev. Father Meagher presided, and Mr. C. Mulholland was elected secretary.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood arrived here last Thursday from the South Sea Islands, and on Friday he dedicated the new chapel at the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Ponsonby. His Grace pontificated at St. Benedict's at the 11 o'clock Mass yesterday, and presided at Vespers in the evening in the same church.

### Reefton

(From our own correspondent.)

The representative of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. at Greymouth has informed the Sisters of Mercy, Reefton, of the results of the recent theory examinations held at Reefton last June, which are as follows:—Local Centre—Fundamentals of music (full marks 99, pass 66): Cissy Slowey, 98; higher division harmony (full marks 150, pass 100): Carita Mary Malloy, 113; primary theory (full marks 99, pass 66): Alice Cooper, 92; Master Lionel Horten, 74.

The Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., has been conducting a week's mission in the Sacred Heart Church, Reefton. The attendance was exceptionally good, though the weather throughout was far from favorable. The mission was brought to a close on Sunday, August 9. In the morning there was a general Communion, when nearly every member of the congregation approached the Holy Table. The large number of men present was particularly gratifying. In the evening the mission was concluded, when there was a renewal of baptismal vows. The Rev. Father Creagh, at the close of the mission paid an eloquent tribute to the people for their admirable attendance during the mission. He also thanked the Rev. Father Taylor, of Greymouth, who assisted him during the week's mission, and the local Sisters of Mercy for their help and assistance, and last but not least our very worthy priests Rev. Fathers Galerne and Henry, who had so ably helped to make the mission a success.

### WELLINGTON

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

August 17.

Messrs. Fitzgerald and Mulcahy have been appointed delegates of the Wellington Catholic Club on the local Amateur Athletic Association.

The Masterton Trust Lands trustees have made a grant for the current year to St. Patrick's School of £26, but could not accede to the request of the same school and Fernridge School for grants towards their respective science classes.

The building fund for the erection of the Catholic Church at Kilbirnie has been augmented by about £100—the proceeds of two socials recently held. The second one was held in O'Donnell's Hall last Wednesday, when there were over 400 people present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Twohill and Master Rupert Christie contributed vocal items, and Miss Shaw gave a Scottish dance, Mr. Campbell playing the accompaniment on the bagpipes. Plans of the building have been drawn up, and it is proposed to start work about the beginning of November. Subscription lists are now out, and the parishioners are responding very liberally.

### Palmerston North

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 16.

The Young Men's Club held an open debate in their rooms on Monday night last, which was well attended.

The ladies of the parish will meet in the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday next to discuss the advisability of holding a sale of work, or some other means of liquidating the parish debt, to be held during the week of the spring show.

Arrangements have been definitely made with the Patrician Brothers to supply the want of a 'boys' school in the parish. As the Australian branch of the Order will have to draw on the home branches, it will be some time yet before the school can be started.

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## Irish News

### ARMAGH—Practical Assistance

His Eminence Cardinal Logue, while travelling the other day on the Irish Great Northern Railway, rendered very practical assistance in the case of a man named Hugh Mullen, who sustained an accident while alighting from a train at Adavoyle station. His Eminence had him taken into his own compartment. At the same time he sent a telegram to a doctor in Dundalk to meet the train. On the way the Cardinal heard the patient's confession. At Dundalk the man was conveyed to the local infirmary.

### CORK—New Journalistic Venture

June 24 saw the first number of a new journalistic venture in the City of Cork. The new paper is called the *Cork Chronicle*. Its get-up is a great improvement on that of the existing papers. It is printed on very good paper, is freely illustrated, and its general tone is admirable.

### DERRY—White Gloves for the Judge

At Coleraine Quarter Sessions County Court Judge Overend expressed great pleasure at being presented with white gloves, emblematic of crimelessness.

### DUBLIN—Catholic Truth Society

The annual meeting of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland was held on June 25. Sir Henry Bellingham, Bart., presided. Reports were presented showing a satisfactory year's work and a sound financial position.

### A Gifted Religious

A letter has been received by the Prioress of St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Cabra, Dublin, from Cardinal Moran, on the occasion of the death of Sister Mary Vincent Hogan, sister of the Very Rev. Dr. Hogan, of Maynooth. His Eminence writes: 'I cannot say with what regret I learned, by the latest English mail, that your truly gifted Sister M. Vincent Hogan had been summoned to her reward. Great is the loss to Irish Art. The reproduction of the glorious page of the Book of Kells was most perfect. From St. Columba's days I don't think that there has been a more gifted or, more skilful interpreter of the old Celtic School of Art.'

### A Problem of the Future

Australasia (writes a Dublin correspondent) was well represented at All Hallows College on prize day, June 24. Archbishop Delany, of Hobart, Tasmania, presided, and amongst those present were Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, New Zealand, and Right Rev. Dr. Doyle, Bishop of Lismore. The president, Very Rev. J. Moore, paid a graceful tribute to these prelates for their presence and interest in the college, especially to the Archbishop, who, when he was a student there, was first in Dogma, first in Moral Theology, first in Scripture, and first in Canon Law, and was *facile princeps* in secondary classes. His Grace in a stirring address spoke of his high appreciation of the work done by the college, the students it trained and the priests it sent out. He was glad to see signs of the great progress All Hallows had made. Speaking of the country generally, he said some people were inclined to think that Divine Providence had arranged that the Irish priesthood should follow the emigration, and that the Irish emigrant should go abroad by a positive interposition of Providence. He did not believe that at all. He believed Divine Providence had drawn good out of evil. He did not believe it entered into the designs of Divine Providence to drive God's own beloved, faithful people by the pressure of urgent necessity from their native soil to seek homes in foreign lands. That had been due to the perversity, and possibly still more to the negligence of man. Now, talking of Ireland, he was impelled to drive through Dublin, and around Dublin, and to go into the heart of the old city; and see what changes had taken place in the last twenty-four years. He was gratified to witness the wonderful improvements in the streets, in the footpaths, and especially in the residential accommodation for all classes that had been provided in the meantime. But although all that spoke well for the energy and public spirit of the Corporation of Dublin, and for the citizens, too, and showed how alive they were to all these matters affecting the public health and the appearance of the city, there was one thing which struck him everywhere he went, and had also struck other persons from Australia—the evidence of poverty on every hand. He landed at Naples, and Italy was supposed to

have economic difficulties. He came through Italy and across Switzerland, and through Belgium, and although there was an outcry in all these on behalf of the proletariat, the working class, that they had not justice, and probably an outcry very largely justified, nevertheless in none of these lands could anyone see on the streets the same strain of undeniable distress they would see in the pinched faces of the poor children and poor women and poor men of Dublin. This was not altogether a political question. It was a much deeper question. It was the question that set men like the late Cardinal Manning and others seriously thinking, as Catholics, of the duties incumbent upon those who called themselves the rulers, but should call themselves the servants of the people, and it was the question which elicited that magnificent Encyclical from Pope Leo XIII. which was now made the basis of systematic treatment in many Catholic colleges on the Continent.

### KILDARE—Maynooth and the New University

The language of the president of Maynooth College at the Maynooth Union banquet in reference to the Universities Bill (says the *Catholic Times*) will be admitted alike by friend and foe of the college to be worthy of a progressive educationist. It betrays no bitterness, no selfishness, no fear of struggles in the intellectual arena. Maynooth College is quite conscious of its capacity to hold its own, and Monsignor Mannix only asks that it should enjoy adequate opportunities of sharing the advantages the new Dublin University will offer. It was only narrow-minded jealousy of ecclesiastical influence that deprived Maynooth of the right to be recognised as a constituent college of the University. A true appreciation of the value of university training, instead of endeavoring to shut Maynooth out or to impose restrictions, would have led to the encouragement of the college authorities' desire to associate clerical and lay students in the pursuit of higher education and university prizes. Maynooth's ambition is to avail of the facilities for attendance which a proper residential university would afford, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Birrell's forthcoming announcement, which he promised when Mr. Butcher withdrew his proposal in committee to make the building grant available for residence, will be of a kind to meet the wishes of Monsignor Mannix and many others who have at heart the success of the scheme.

### KILKENNY—A Danger to be Avoided

His Eminence Cardinal Logue, who was presented with the freedom of Kilkenny on June 27, in returning thanks for an address presented to him, said with regard to the Gaelic League, he was sorry to see from some newspapers that were published in Dublin an attempt was being made to capture it for the purpose of making it an instrument ready in the hands of the anti-clericals. He believed the day they succeeded in making it turn any section of the Irish people against the priesthood would see the end of the Gaelic League.

### The Freedom of the City

Cardinal Logue arrived in Kilkenny on June 27 for the purpose of presiding at the solemn ceremonies connected with the opening of St. John's Church. His Eminence was presented with the honorary freedom of the city, and with an address from the Corporation.

### A Munificent Gift

St. John's Church, Kilkenny, which was solemnly blessed and opened on Sunday, June 28, is the gift of Mr. Thomas O'Loughlin, who formerly lived within a few miles of the marble city. Some years ago he emigrated to Australia, where he inherited the vast wealth of an uncle, the late Mr. Martin Loughlin. The ceremony was a most impressive one, and was attended by a large number of ecclesiastical dignitaries, including his Eminence Cardinal Logue; the Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel; the Most Rev. Dr. Delany, Archbishop of Hobart, Tasmania; the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Coadjutor Archbishop of Sydney; the Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of Ossory; the Most Rev. Dr. Doyle, Bishop of Lismore, Australia; the Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork; the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore; the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin; the Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop of Ardferd and Aghadoc; Right Rev. Monsignor Howley, P.P., V.G., Callan; Right Rev. Monsignor Mannix, President of Maynooth College; and Right Rev. Monsignor Tynan, Farnworth, Manchester. The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, who preached an eloquent sermon, said that they recognised in that day's celebration a new link in the golden chain which bound in a solidarity of faith and patriotism the widely-scattered members of the sea-divided Gael. They witnessed a touching proof of that bond of brotherhood at the memorable centenary

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celebration of the foundation of New York diocese, when their beloved Cardinal was the central figure of the brilliant series of religious and social functions which accompanied that event. And as it was in America, so it was also in Australasia, to which Ossory had given many bishops, priests, and nuns. On that day, said his Lordship, Australia made adequate return for Ossory's services in building up her infant Church, and she sent her prelates and her priests and her laity to represent her in the presentation of her generous gift. Hence the bonds of faith, of hope, of love, of patriotism, of mutual sympathy and co-operative effort between the two countries were knit more closely together by that day's magnificent celebration.

### LIMERICK—Sad Drowning Fatality

On the evening of June 29 a clerical student named John Hayes was drowned in the river Gale, near Athea, while bathing with a companion. The sad event was all the more keenly felt, as Mr. Hayes had almost completed his collegiate studies, and was a student of much promise.

### A Venerable Total Abstainer

Mr. Martin Dalton, a venerable total abstainer, who took the pledge from Father Mathew sixty-six years ago, is still hale and hearty. He lives at Knocknagorna, County Limerick, and is able to walk four miles every Sunday to attend Mass.

### WICKLOW—Presentation of an Address

The Rev. W. Duggan, Kilquaide, County Wicklow, has been presented with an address by the people of all denominations in Athy parish, where he spent sixteen years previous to his promotion to Kilquaide.

## GENERAL

### Technical Teaching

Mr. Redmond on June 25 introduced to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the Treasury, a deputation, consisting of Dr. Windle, President, Queen's College, Cork, and other representative Irishmen. The object of the visit was to urge upon the Chancellor the need for a further building grant for technical schools in Ireland. Mr. Lloyd-George postponed his decision for a few months, but the character of his reply was, on the whole, favorable.

### Irish Tobacco

The 'Daily Mail,' in a leader on the revival of Irish tobacco-growing, says:—We have tried the experiment of mixing Irish cigarettes with cigarettes of the best Egyptian and American growth, and have invited connoisseurs to tell the difference. They have been unable to do so. It has been pointed out in the House that Ireland was at one time one of the most productive of the tobacco-growing countries. The prohibition of the growth of tobacco in the sister island was a real Irish grievance. Tobacco culture was denied to the Irish in order that our American colonies might be placed in possession of a practical monopoly, and an agitation, primarily engineered by the then Bristol tobacco manufacturers, was successful in crushing the industry, with the result that most of those engaged in the growth of tobacco in Ireland emigrated. It is obvious that the Government must grant facilities to Irish tobacco growers, but even when this has been accomplished the difficulties will only begin. The demand is certain to outstrip the supply for many years. Inferior brands of tobacco have already been sold as Irish. It will be difficult to maintain the quality of the crop in the absence of co-operation by the Irish tobacco farmers. It behoves all those engaged in this revived industry to see that the quality of the output is jealously guarded, that the manufacture of the cigars and cigarettes is effected by the latest machinery where machinery can be used, and that the boxes, labels, and general appearance of the packets are as dainty as those that come to us from Turkey and Egypt.

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## People We Hear About

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M. Francois Coppee, the famous French poet-dramatist, who died recently, was called the poet of the humble, and it was because he sprang from the people that he was able to write with such strength and feeling about them. Forty-five years ago he called on M. Catulle Mendes, another famous French poet. Mendes was living in a shabby little attic, with grubby window-panes, fireless hearth, and one chair. Coppee looked timidly round, and then said, 'Oh, monsieur! the room you live in would make a man wish to hang himself.' The next day Coppee brought Mendes 6000 lines. The latter read through them. 'Well?' said Coppee, anxiously. 'Well, my dear friend,' answered Mendes, 'it is unquestionable that you are splendidly gifted, but you don't know the alphabet of your craft.' 'Teach me,' said Coppee, heroically, taking his 6000 lines of verse and throwing them into the grate. Twenty years later Coppee was a member of the French Academy.

Mr. J. F. Hogan writes in the *London Daily Chronicle* of June 24:—Madame Melba, who gives an operatic performance to-day, in the presence of the King and Queen, for the London Hospital, to celebrate her twenty years' association with Covent Garden, has established a record that will not be lowered for a century or two, if ever. No previous prima donna has sung in London for twenty years without missing a single season, and the odds against any future one accomplishing the feat must be overwhelming. By general critical consent, too, Mme. Melba's voice, after two decades of strenuous work, is as beautiful, matchless, and unimpaired as ever. Mme. Melba was christened Helen Porter Mitchell, and her father, Mr. David Mitchell, a wealthy retired builder and contractor, still lives in her native Melbourne at the age of 81. As Nellie Mitchell she was numbered among the pupils of the Melbourne Presbyterian Ladies' College, then presided over by the late Professor Pearson, a distinguished Oxonian, who wrote a much-discussed book on "National Life and Character." Before she was out of her teens Miss Nellie Mitchell became the wife of Mr. C. F. Armstrong, a Queensland sugar planter, and the son of an Irish baronet. As Mrs. Armstrong she sang, much against her father's will, for two or three years in Australia before sailing for London, fame, and fortune.

Sir Antony MacDonnell, on whom a peerage of the United Kingdom has been conferred, is a Mayo man by birth, having been born at Palmfield House in that county in 1844. He had an extraordinarily brilliant career in India. As Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Provinces and Oudh, he so distinguished himself that when half through his career of five years he was given—the only Lieutenant-Governor who ever received this distinction—the honor of being made Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India. Furthermore, his term of office of Lieutenant-Governor was extended for a year, in accordance with the prayer of the people of the two provinces—he won the affection of the native chiefs and people alike—while a statue to his memory, erected by the people of Oudh, was unveiled at Lucknow in March of last year. This is one of the few instances of statues of public men being erected during their lifetime. Since his appointment as Under-Secretary for Ireland in 1902 by Mr. Wyndham, 'as a colleague rather than as a mere Under-Secretary,' he has had a troublesome time of it; but much of the beneficial Irish legislation of the past five years is due to his energy and determination to be of service to his native land. Sir Antony is a splendid type of the Catholic layman *sans peur et sans reproche*, and in this as in all other respects he has a worthy helper—as many Catholic charities know—in Lady MacDonnell.

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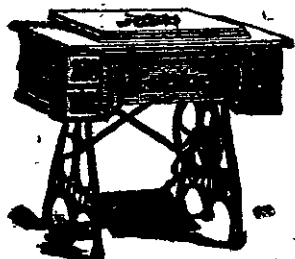
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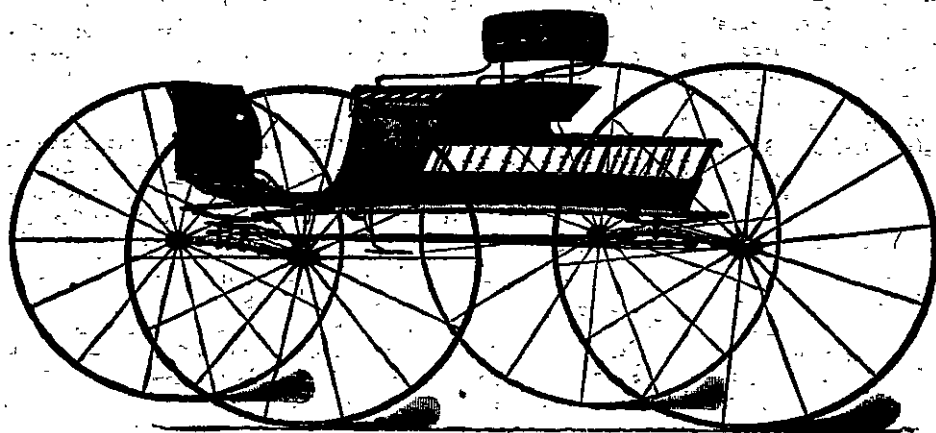
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## ENGLAND—Charitable Bequests

Mrs. Susan Henrietta Elizabeth Lyall, of Beaufort Gardens, London, who died on March 18, widow of Mr. William Hearle Lyall, leaving estate valued at £39,486 gross, with net personality £35,429, bequeathed £500 to the Archbishop of Westminster for the endowment of a Catholic mission or church at Bow, and a sum of £1175 to be divided among eighteen other charities and Catholic institutions.

## A Present from the King of Spain

King Alfonso has just presented St. James's Church, Spanish Place, with a splendidly embroidered specimen of the 'Old Flag of Castile,' both to show the affection in which his Majesty personally holds that church and because of the special traditions which connect it with the Crown of Spain, as the accompanying deed of presentation narrates. The honor thus conferred is great, as the 'Old Flag of Castile,' may be flown only in the Royal Palaces or by the special permission of the King of Spain. The presentation was formally made, in the name of his Majesty, by the Marquis de Villalobar.

## Death of a Venerable Priest

The death is reported of the Rev. Edmund Vaughan, C.S.S.R., which occurred at the Redemptorist Monastery, Bishop Eton, Woolton, on July 1. The deceased priest was in his 81st year. Father Edmund Vaughan was a member of the well-known Catholic family of the Vaughans of Courtfield, Herefordshire. His father was Mr. William Michael T. J. Vaughan, J.P., D.L., who was born in 1781, and who married, as his first wife, Teresa, daughter of Mr. Thomas Weld, of Lutworth. Father Edmund, who was born in 1827, was their fourth son, the second son, William, having been Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Plymouth. The deceased priest studied at Oscott and Douai, entering the Redemptorist novitiate in 1851. After some years spent in the sacred ministry at Clapham, London, and Bishop Eton, near Liverpool, he proceeded to Scotland, where he founded the famous house of his Order on Kinnoul Hill, Perth, overlooking the church where John Knox first proclaimed the Reformation. He then proceeded, in obedience to instructions, to Australia, where he was Vice-Provincial of the Redemptorists for many years. He returned to England in 1894, and was for three years Provincial of the Redemptorists in England.

## A Visitor from New Zealand

On Sunday, June 28, charity sermons were preached at the Sacred Heart Church, Ilkley, by the Rev. Father Patterson, of New Zealand. Crowded congregations assembled both at Addingham and Ilkley to hear the preacher's account of his travels and of the progress of the Church in the Dominion of New Zealand, where he spent the greater part of his missionary life, twenty-six years. The preacher said he owed much to the revered and esteemed Bishop of the diocese when he preached his first sermon and made his first appeal at Batley some thirty years ago for the Propagation of the Faith; and the love of his Lordship for this noble cause in foreign lands made the occasion one of the most successful, and a record for Batley.

## The Eucharistic Congress

The arrangements for the International Eucharistic Congress (says the 'Catholic Weekly' of July 3) are now in a very advanced stage, and everything points to an imposing demonstration approaching which nothing has been seen in London since the Reformation, or perhaps before the Reformation. No less than six Cardinals will be present—Cardinal Vannutelli (Papal Legate), Cardinals Logue, Gibbons, Fischer, Lecot, and Mercier. In addition to all the Bishops of England there will be Bishops and Archbishops from the following countries—viz., Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Algeria, Central Africa, Cape Colony, India, Burma, Canada, United States, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, and New Zealand. In addition to two gatherings in the Albert Hall on September 10 and 11, it is proposed to hold therein on Saturday evening, September 12, a special meeting for men. This will be organised by London Mission districts, and it is hoped to make arrangements to secure representatives from the Guild of the Blessed Sacrament and other organisations for men in all parts of the country. As to whether there will be a public procession or not no official statement has yet been made. It is, however, officially announced—(1) That 3760 tickets have been already

sold; (2) that all the railway companies are giving special terms (fare and a quarter return); and (3) that amongst papers to be read at the Congress are: 'The Holy Eucharist in Pre-Reformation Times,' by the Right Rev. Abbot Gasquet; 'The Reformation and the Mass,' by the Right Rev. Mgr. Canon Moyes; 'The Royal Déclaration against Transubstantiation,' by the Right Hon. Lord Llandaff; 'Eucharistic Bequests,' by the Hon. Frank Russell, K.C.; 'The History of Daily Communion,' by the Very Rev. Canon T. B. Scannell, D.D.; 'The Recent Pontifical Decrees on Daily Communion,' by the Rev. H. Lucas, S.J.; 'The Orthodox Church and the Blessed Eucharist,' by the Rev. A. Fortescue, D.D.; 'The Teaching of St. John Chrysostom on the Blessed Eucharist,' by H.R.H. Prince Max of Saxony; 'Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament,' by the Rev. H. Thurston, S.J.; 'Eucharistic Literature,' by the Rev. V. McNab, O.P.

## FRANCE—Priest-workers

'L'Alliance des Pretres-Ouvriers,' one of the results of the separation regime in France, has just organised its first exhibition. It showed the work done by French Catholic priests as a means of subsistence. The exhibition, which was held at the Chateau of Candes, 20 kilometres from Saumur, included works of art—paintings, sculptures, wood carvings, wrought iron—and also a large number of photographs and illustrated post-cards.

## ROME—The Students of Propaganda

When the students of Propaganda (writes a Rome correspondent), having amongst them fourteen newly-ordained priests, were received in audience recently, they had a most cordial welcome from the Holy Father. The students were presented by the Rector of the College, Right Rev. Monsignor Bonnano, and his Eminence Cardinal Gotti stood beside the Pope during the reception. The Holy Father addressed the students in his usual touching and encouraging way. Amongst the young priests were Rev. J. F. Pippy, St. John's, Newfoundland; Rev. J. MacNeil, Canada, for Newfoundland; Rev. F. Marley, England; Rev. W. O'Byrne, Ireland, for Australia; Rev. P. Sheridan, Ireland, for Australia; Rev. John Murphy, Scotland; Rev. M. MacDonald, Canada; Rev. D. Croker, Canada; Rev. G. Papp, Roumania; Rev. V. Drages, Hungary; Rev. S. Ly, China; Rev. J. Li, China; and Rev. A. Fan, China. The three Chinese Fathers remain in Italy until October, when they return to their distant and difficult mission with their Bishop, Monsignor Passerini; but all the others start in a few days for their various destinations. Some of these young priests have distinguished themselves in their studies, Father Drugos having obtained the Doctorate in Philosophy, and Fathers Papp and MacNeill the Doctorate both in Philosophy and Theology.

## SCOTLAND—The Late Archbishop Eyre

On June 22 the body of Archbishop Eyre, V.A., of the Western District, consecrated titular Archbishop of Anazarba on January 31, 1869, and translated to Glasgow as first Archbishop of that See in the restored Hierarchy on March 15, 1878, who died March 27, 1902, was solemnly removed from its temporary resting-place in St. Peter's Cemetery, Dalbeth, to its permanent sepulchre in front of the altar of St. Peter's College Chapel, Bearsden.

## SPAIN—The Young Prince

The baptism of the new Spanish Prince, the Infant Jaime, took place on June 29 in the Throne-room at the Palace of La Granja. There was a large gathering of notables and of ladies. The Bishop of Sion officiated, and the Pope sent his special blessing. A salute of 21 guns was fired during the ceremony, after which all the guests were entertained to lunch.

## UNITED STATES—A Redemptorist Seminary

A splendid new Redemptorist Seminary, at Esopus, New York, was solemnly dedicated by Archbishop Farley recently. The building cost £100,000.

## Colored Converts

The Right Rev. Bishop Cusack some few weeks ago administered Confirmation to a class of 130 negroes at the Church of St. Benedict the Moor, New York. Half the class was made up of men and women who were lately baptised into the Church.

## A Generous Gift

Rev. Thomas Simm Lee, pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A., has established a fellowship in the faculty of theology at the Catholic University of America, to aid priests in acquiring the degree of doctor of theology. For this laudable purpose Father Lee has given to the board of trustees the sum of 10,000 dollars.

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By MAUREEN

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### Spoiled Vegetables.

Often good vegetables, well cooked, are spoiled by being served in a tepid state. If they are supposed to be hot, see that they are really so. If to be cold, have them as cold as possible. See that the vegetables are arranged in as appetising a way as possible. Cabbage, for instance, looks more pleasing carefully chopped and piled up in a dish, then smoothed evenly round or marked with a fork, than it would tossed in all higgledy-piggledy.

### Hints on Boiling Rice.

Always use boiling water! Boil rapidly from the time you cover the pot until you take it off. Constant motion of water, allowing each grain to swell to three times its size, prevents sticking together. Do not stir it from the moment it begins to boil, for it will be noticed that when first rice is put into the water the water will cease boiling until the rice is heated. Stir occasionally during this period to keep from sticking to the bottom and burning, but do not touch with a spoon, fork, or anything once it has commenced boiling.

### A Simple Remedy for a Corn.

Tie a piece of lemon over the corn at night. Then soak the foot in warm water, and the corn can then easily be removed. When the root of the corn is taken out cover the toe with collodion or some other preparation to protect the skin, which will be sensitive. Unless the tender skin is protected it will form another corn. A piece of cotton wool saturated with vaseline and put over the toe will also effect this purpose.

### Wormholes in Furniture.

Wood worms are a great source of annoyance and distress when they start their burrowing operations in furniture, and directly their ravages are discovered means should be taken to get rid of the pests. Carbolic oil is the best thing for this trouble. Apply a small quantity to the holes with a paint-brush or feather, afterwards rubbing it well into the wood with a clean cloth. Use the oil for two or three days in succession, then allow a short interval to elapse before repeating the process. Turpentine used in the same way is also effective. Wood worms are exceedingly difficult to oust when they have once begun their work of destruction, and perseverance is a very necessary part of the campaign against them. They are also highly infectious, and it is advisable, if possible, to isolate the piece affected from any other valuable furniture.

### Damp Corners.

Every day the scullery should be overlooked by the housewife. No damp corners should be allowed to exist. A good scouring with hot water and carbolic soap will remedy anything like damp on the scullery floor, especially if it is rubbed over with bath-brick or hearthstone, and then wiped nearly dry with a coarse towel. Some stone or cement floors come up very wet in damp weather, but the above plan will remedy the trouble. A little lime may be scattered in the corners also. The sink is frequently answerable for many mysterious little ailments. On no account should grease, tea leaves, or refuse of any sort be poured into it. Every day hot water, with a small quantity of ammonia in it, should be poured down the pipe; this may be done immediately after the dishes are washed. It is always well to keep some simple disinfectant in the scullery.

*Maureen*

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## Intercolonial

The sailors of the American fleet are to give a special concert in the Cardinal's Hall, Sydney, in aid of the Catholic Seamen's Mission.

Out of the New South Wales consolidated revenue fund the sum of £10,000 has been allotted to meet the expenses of the American fleet reception.

Cardinal Moran has contributed the biographical article on his uncle, Cardinal Cullen, to the American *Catholic Encyclopedia*. His Eminence declined to accept any honorarium.

It has been definitely arranged that the fine new church at Temora, the foundation-stone of which was laid in March last year, will be solemnly blessed and opened by his Lordship Dr. Gallagher (Bishop of Goulburn) on Sunday, October 18.

The Rev. Brother Hennessy, Assistant to the Superior-General of the Irish Christian Brothers, has arrived in Fremantle. He has come to make the visitation of all the houses of the Order in Australasia, and also to examine the schools.

The death of Sister Mary Ita Carroll occurred on Saturday, 1st inst., at St. Joseph's Convent, Perthville. For the last twenty years the deceased had labored zealously in many of the branch houses of the St. Joseph nuns in various parts of the diocese of Bathurst.

Mr. Justice O'Connor, of the High Court bench, on August 4 celebrated his fifty-seventh birthday. His Honor is a native of Sydney, and a graduate of the Sydney University. Prior to his elevation to the bench, in 1903, he had an active State and Federal political career.

The Archbishop of Brisbane (Dr. Dunne) has been bequeathed £2000 under the will of the late Jacques Blumenthal, the distinguished composer. Why the head of the Church in Queensland was chosen is not quite clear; in fact, the testator was not even aware that the prelate was an Archbishop, for the bequest was granted to 'the Roman Catholic Bishop of Brisbane, Queensland.'

In the Commonwealth Government *Gazette* of July 25 Master Edwin Bede Cameron, aged 14 years, is credited with the highest marks, and first place on the list of successful candidates, in a recent examination of the Federal Public Service, at which 82 candidates presented themselves. This pass entitles him to an appointment in the Federal Postal Department when he attains his 16th year, and to further promotion in the service without an examination. Master Cameron is a pupil of the Marist Brothers' School, Darlinghurst.

Several changes and appointments (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal*) have been made by the Superior-General of the Irish Province of the Jesuit Fathers under whose jurisdiction the Australian houses of the Order are placed. The Very Rev. John Ryan, S.J., is succeeded in the office of Provincial in Australia by the Very Rev. Thomas P. Brown, S.J.; the Very Rev. P. Keating, S.J., has been transferred from Xavier College, Kew, to St. Mary's, North Sydney, and his place as Rector of the college is taken by the Rev. J. O'Dwyer, S.J.; the Rev. T. Claffey, S.J., also goes to St. Mary's, North Sydney; Father John Ryan will remain at St. Ignatius', Richmond, where he has resided for some months. The new Provincial was Superior of the Irish Province before coming to Australia. The new Rector of Xavier College, Father O'Dwyer, taught for some years the higher forms at Clongowes Wood College, Ireland, Riverview (Sydney), and Xavier College, Kew.

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## Science Siftings

BY VOLT

### Sensitive Plants.

There are plants so sensitive that if, when standing by them, you should suddenly put up your umbrella or sunshade, it would be quite sufficient to cause them instantly to close together their leaflets and turn down their leaf-stalks, just as if they were startled and alarmed by the movement. Indeed, on a sunny day, when the temperature is sufficiently high, you need not make even so decided a movement; merely your shadow coming in contact with their leaves will often cause them to fall slightly.

### A Useful Tree.

The carnahuba palm of Brazil is the world's most useful tree. A department store tree, you might well call it; for it gives everything from medicine to cattle feed. Its roots make a very valuable drug, a blood purifier that is prescribed a good deal in the spring. Its timber takes a high polish, and is in demand among cabinetmakers for fine work. The sap becomes wine or vinegar, according to the way it is prepared; and starch and sugar are also obtained from this sap. The fruit of the tree is a cattle food; the nut is a good coffee substitute; the pith makes corks. There, can you beat it—medicine, sugar, coffee, starch, wine, corks, cattle food, lumber and vinegar, all from this one tree, the carnahuba palm?

### One of Nature's Laws.

Let us observe a law common to all trees. First, neither the stems nor boughs of the maple, elm, or oak taper except at the point where they fork. Whenever a stem sends forth a branch and a branch sends off a smaller bough, bud or stem, they remain the same in diameter, and the original stem will increase rather than diminish until its next branch starts. No bough, branch or stem ever narrows near its extremity except where it parts with a portion of its substance by sending off another branch or stem. All trees are alike in this respect, and if all the boughs, branches, stems, buds, and blossoms were combined and united without loss of space they would form a round log the same in size and diameter as the trunk from which they spring. This is one of nature's imperative laws, and never fails to prove true.

### Arabic Figures.

Our figures are called Arabic not because they originated in Arabia—they came to Arabia from Hindustan—but because they were introduced into Spain by the Moors, Arabs, or their conquerors, and thence found their way into the rest of Europe. Nothing absolutely certain is known as to their origin, and there has been a good deal of controversy resulting over it, one of the two following theories probably being the correct one:—As excellent geometers, they composed the written number out of geometrical figures. One has only one angle, two has two, three, etc.; 0, a circle, has none. Again, it is argued that the figures were composed of right angles and squares, the number of lines used indicating the number to be noted. There is one line in 1, and there are three in 3, seven in 7, etc. The Greeks and Romans had systems totally different from ours, and which made long calculations almost impossible; therefore it seems likely that the mathematicians of old had knowledge of what are now called Arabic figures.

### The Voraciousness of Plants.

The voraciousness of plants was a subject touched on by Mr. G. M. Thomson during a lecture at Dunedin the other day. He spoke of a species which in many places grows in profusion about the Bluff, and which displays long, tempting-looking leaves or branches as a resting-place for flies. Immediately a fly rests there, however, he becomes a fixture, by reason of a glutinous substance which the plant has upon its leaves and branches. Finally the fly is engulfed in the leaf, for the strange thing, immediately it has him firmly, rolls itself around him, discharges upon him a secretion not unlike animal saliva, and in a very short time assimilates him. When the plant unrolls again to await another victim, all that remains of the unfortunate insect is his wings. The remainder of him constitutes part of the plant. Mr. Thomson said that he fed this queer plant on pieces of beef and mutton, which it accepted eagerly; it would not take a stone, however, or anything yielding no sustenance. It took a piece of cheese, 'but,' said the lecturer, 'it suffered from an acute fit of indigestion.' Another plant he described as common to New Zealand has small holes around its base, into which insects creep for shelter. By these means the hungry vegetable catches its victim, asphyxiates and slowly digests him.

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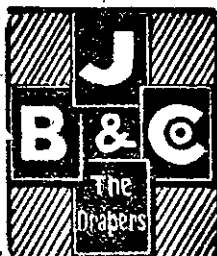
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## THE REASON WHY

'When I was in the party,'  
Said Betty (aged just four),  
'A little girl fell off her chair  
Right down upon the floor;  
And all the other little girls  
Began to laugh, but me—  
I didn't laugh a single bit,'  
Said Betty, seriously.

'Why not?' her mother asked her,  
Full of delight to find  
That Betty—bless her little heart!—  
Had been so sweetly kind,  
'Why didn't you laugh, darling?  
Or don't you care to tell?'  
'I didn't laugh a single bit,  
'Cause it was me that fell.'

## WHEN PHYLLIS SANG

'She's so timid!'

'I like a girl to have some spirit.'

Comments came thick and fast from the group of schoolgirls who stood under the elm tree on the corner watching the new girl pass quickly down the street.

'I wouldn't be surprised to learn that a good deal of spirit lies beneath Phyllis Corrigan's retiring manner,' chimed in a clear, firm voice.

'You always do find something to like in everyone, Katie,' spoke up another girl.

'We'll all find something to like in Phyllis when we know her better, Janet,' Katie replied. 'There's one thing she can do. She can sing. Miss Sarah has asked Phyllis to sing at the musical.'

'Hearing is believing; it doesn't seem possible that Miss Shyness can ever summon up enough courage to sing alone before the school,' Janet declared. 'Are you coming, girls?'

Meanwhile, Phyllis, going on her way alone, was having a hard battle to keep back tears. 'They don't like me. They don't mean to count me in. I might be a strange animal, the way they look at me and hold themselves aloof,' she was saying to herself.

'Phyllis! Wait a minute, please.' Katie came hurrying after her, smiling and breathless. 'How fast you walk! I don't wonder you always have a beautiful color in your cheeks, taking such strenuous exercise. I wanted to tell you how glad I am you are going to sing at our musical.'

'You don't know how glad I am to sing. I love to sing.' And now all trace of bitterness had left Phyllis's voice, and her eyes reflected the smile lighting Katie's face. 'Could you—we are near my home—do you mind coming in? Mammina would love to meet one of my schoolmates, and I'll show you the song I've thought of singing.'

Katie accompanied Phyllis indoors. Later, upon leaving, she was more convinced than ever that Phyllis's retiring manner covered a character of much strength and firmness. One thing that led Katie to believe this was Phyllis's answer, when asked if she did not feel diffident at singing in public.

'Yes, always,' Phyllis said quickly. 'But I do not like to refuse an invitation to sing if I think the invitation sincere. My teacher has told me that if I persistently ignore my dislike to use my voice my nervousness will in time doubtless disappear. And I feel she is right, for as soon as I have sung the first few notes I lose all distrust of myself and have no fear.'

The academy was all activity and excitement on a certain afternoon when the older pupils were to give a musical for the benefit of the fresh air fund. The assembly hall on the second floor, decorated with flowers and palms and draped with flags, was filled to its utmost capacity when Miss Sarah Grant opened the programme with a piano solo. After this, one performer followed another, and was applauded and encored. Finally, it came to Phyllis's turn.

Phyllis appeared on the platform, a slight, girlish figure, her eyes, dark and shining, scanning the audience half-fearfully. Katie, in the fifth row, smiled up at her, and the accompanist struck the first notes of the song. At first, Phyllis's voice

wavered uncertainly, then rallied, and soon filled the room with its sweetness. A burst of applause greeted the singer, and then a smell of smoke permeated the room, and many in the audience arose and looked anxiously around. The children occupying the front rows of chairs felt the uneasiness in the air, and some of them stood up. At this moment a puff of smoke came up from a register in one corner of the room, and instantly a terrified voice screamed:

'Fire! Fire!'

Simultaneously, Miss Grant appeared on the platform, and, calling for order, declared there was no fire. Another puff of smoke seemed to give the lie to her statement, and there was a mad rush for the door. A panic was imminent when suddenly there rang out above the uproar a clear, full voice singing:

'Rally round the flag, boys, rally once again—'

The audience turned, and seeing Phyllis standing on the platform smiling and singing as if there was nothing to be frightened about, was somewhat reassured, and the struggling at the door ceased.

'Join the chorus,' Phyllis waved an invitation.

Without a tremor the sweet, firm voice went on, and the spirit of the singer made itself so felt that many voices actually did join in the chorus. When it was over, Miss Grant explained that the janitor had been burning rubbish in the furnace, adding:

'At no time was there real danger save that of a panic on the stairway; and this Phyllis, by her prompt action, averted,' and she smiled appreciatively upon Phyllis.

Then she added earnestly:

'Had you not accustomed yourself to singing in public you could hardly have done what you did, dear. It always pays to study the art of self-control.'

## BETWEEN OURSELVES

The girls who win their way into the inmost recesses of others' hearts are not usually the most brilliant and gifted, but those who have sympathy, patience, self-forgetfulness, and that indefinable faculty of eliciting the better nature of others. Most of us know girls who have appealed to us in this way. We have many friends who are more beautiful and gifted, but there is not one of them whose companionship we enjoy better than that of the girl who perhaps never makes a witty or profound remark, but whose simple quality of human goodness makes up for every other deficiency. And if there came a time of real stress when we felt that we needed the support of real friendship, we should choose above all to go to this sweet girl, certain that we should find intelligent sympathy, a charitable construction of our position and difficulties and readiness to assist us beyond what we ought to take. Beauty of spirit is more than beauty of face and form, and remarkable intellectual qualities are not to be compared with unaffected human goodness and sympathy.

## EDISON AND HIS MOTHER

I was always a careless boy (says Edison in his biography), and, with a mother of different mental calibre, I should probably have turned out badly. But her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness, were potent powers to keep me in the right path. I remember I used never to be able to get along at school. I don't know now what it was, but I was always at the foot of the class. I used to feel that the teachers never used to sympathise with me, and that my father thought that I was stupid, and at last I almost decided that I must really be a dunce. My mother was always kind, always sympathetic, and she never misunderstood or misjudged me. But I was afraid to tell her all my difficulties at school, for fear she, too, might lose her confidence in me. One day I overheard the teacher tell the inspector that I was 'addled,' and it would not be worth while keeping me in school any longer. I was so hurt by this last straw that I burst out crying, and went home and told my mother about it. Then I found out what a good thing a good mother was. She came out as my strong defender. Mother-love was aroused: mother-pride wounded, to the quick. She brought me back to the school and angrily told the teacher that he didn't know what he was talking about, that I had more brains than he himself, and a lot more talk like that. In fact, she was the most enthusiastic champion a boy ever had, and I determined right then that I would be worthy of her, and show her that her confidence was not misplaced. My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me; and I felt that I had someone to live for, someone I must not disappoint. The memory of her will always be a blessing to me.

## THE WISE MOUSE

The cat had watched the little hole in the barn for hours at a time every day, but the wise mouse had watched the cat, and so he had never been caught.

But one night, when the moon was hidden, the mouse sauntered out in search of food. It was so dark that he did not see the cat, who sat behind a bush watching for him. In less time than it takes me to write it the cat had seized the poor little trembling mouse.

'Now I shall eat you,' threatened the cat, as he put the mouse down on the ground with one paw on his back, that he might not escape.

'Very well,' sighed the wise mouse, 'but will you first grant me one request?' 'Yes,' replied the cat, 'I will do that, as it is customary to grant last requests to people who are about to die. What is it?'

'I have often listened to your singing and greatly admired it. Will you please sing one song to me before you eat me?'

'With pleasure,' replied the cat, for he was very vain about his voice. So he straightened himself up and sang with all his might. He forgot about the wise mouse until he finished his song, and when he looked around for the applause he expected the mouse had vanished.

## ODDS AND ENDS

'I pay as I go,' declared the pompous citizen.

'Not while I'm running these apartments,' declared the janitor. 'You'll pay as you move in.'

'Is your family doctor of the new or old school?'

'The newest, I believe.'

'What is his distinguishing peculiarity?'

'Small doses and big fees.'

Giles: 'Let me tell you, young man, that I'm eighty years old to-day, and I don't ever remember having told a lie.' The Young Man: 'Well, you can't expect your memory to be very good at your age.'

Guide (at museum): 'Here you see the waistcoat worn by Lord Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar. The bullet that ended his life went through this hole here.' Nurse (to her charges): 'Do you remember, children, how I have warned you against carelessness? If the hole had been mended at the proper time the bullet could not have gone through it, and he would still be alive.'

Husband (arriving with his wife at the station just as the train steams out): 'There! If you hadn't taken such a fearful time dressing we shouldn't have lost that train.'

Wife: 'And if you hadn't hurried me so all the way here we shouldn't have such a long time to wait for the next one.'

## FAMILY FUN

**Singing Flame.**—Fire can be made to sing. A writer says: Take a lighted candle and blow gently against the flame. You will hear a peculiar fluttering sound. The fluttering sound is fire's first attempt at music. Instead of the unsteady breath of our lips let us employ the steady blast of a blowpipe. Instead of the pale and flickering light of a candle let us use the bright and ardent glare of a chemist's lamp. When you have a lamp and blowpipe you can make fire sing in earnest.

**An Indoor Game.**—The players—one or more on a side—sit in a front window looking out on the sidewalk at a time when quite a few people should be passing by. The passing people are sort of animated playing cards. All persons going in one direction count for one side; those going in the opposite direction count for the opponents. The winning score is 50 points. A boy or girl counts two points. A man or woman counts one each. A lame person adds five to the score, a fat man counts fifteen, and a red-haired girl is good for twenty points. A short man with a taller woman going by together is game. Every dog passing by takes one from the score, so that a man or woman with a dog counts nothing. A passing policeman gives you minus five. A man wearing a silk hat counts three. A nursemaid with child counts five. Three men or three women passing by together count minus three.

## All Sorts

In Madagascar silk is the only fabric used in the manufacture of clothing. It is cheaper than linen in Ireland.

A humorist is a man who is just silly enough to make people laugh with him, while a fool is one who is serious enough to make people laugh at him.

Mistress: 'Didn't the ladies who called leave cards?'

Maid: 'They wanted to, ma'am, but I told them you had plenty of your own, and better, too.'

'Some novelists don't know what they're talking about. Here's one who speaks of a girl's "raven hair."'

'What's wrong with it?'

'All wrong. Ravens don't wear hair; they wear feathers!'

'I like your choir,' said the visitor. 'Indeed?' said the gratified conductor of the Musical Society. 'Yes; they have grit. They think for themselves. They do not allow their efforts to be diverted by the mere mechanical accuracy of the organ.'

'The climate here is salubrious, isn't it?' remarked the tourist.

'Say, friend,' replied the native, 'jest write that there word down fur me, will yer? I git tired o' swearin' at this climate in the same old way. That's a new one.'

First Milkman: 'What is them bacteria they talk so much about?' Second ditto: 'Oh, that's a high-sounding name for them little anymiles ye see in cheese afore they're out of their teens. Ye see, these here insects is called parasites in France, germs in Germany, and mikropobes in Ireland.'

The Cockney has been behaving offensively at the Irish Village in the Franco-British Exhibition in London. He got the worst of it, however. 'Where are the pigs,' said one brilliant Londoner on entering to one of the girls in charge. The reply came quickly: 'We have not been able to secure any yet;—could you stay?'

Afghanistan may some day be one of the world's great mining districts. It is known to have mines of rubies, topaz, lapis lazuli, marble and other stones; iron, lead, copper, antimony and other metallic ores; sulphur and several of the earthly alkaline and metallic salts. Coal is also found, and is believed to be extensive, near the iron mines.

An English paper notes with regret that the English people have ceased to be the best horsemen in Europe. At the recent exhibition of horsemanship in London the first prize went to an Italian officer, the second to a Belgian, and the third to an English Yeoman. The only grain of comfort which the paper finds in the result is that the horses that took first and second places were bred in Ireland.

There are said to be 10,000,000 migratory sheep in Spain, which travel on occasions as much as 200 miles from the plains to the mountains. They are known as transhumantes, and their march, resting places, and behavior are regulated by special regulations dating from the fourteenth century. At certain times no one may travel the same route as the sheep, which have the right to graze on all open and common land on the way.

Among all the popular games of to-day none perhaps is of greater antiquity than tennis, for it is said to have originated in the ball games of the ancient Greeks and Romans. In the first place, the ball was struck by the hand, later on heavy gloves were worn or cords strapped round the palm, and the racket was contrived during the fifteenth century in France, where the game was very popular, and thence introduced into England.

It is not generally known (says *Bank Notes*) that the Bank of England contains within its walls a graveyard. The Gordon Riots in 1780, during which the bank was attacked by a mob, called attention to the necessity for strengthening its defences. Competent authorities advised that an adjoining church, having the peculiar name of St. Christopher-le-Stocks, was, in a military sense, a source of danger, and an Act of Parliament was passed to enable the directors to purchase the church and its appurtenances. This, now tastefully laid out, is called the 'Bank Garden'; in it is the largest lime tree in London.

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