

doubt, in a great measure, due the fact that there is less crime in Ireland than in England and Wales, and much less than in Scotland. We write this with the crime statistics before us, in Blue Books and other publications, for many of the years from 1880 to the close of the year 1907. (6) The Irish Catholic clergy are at the head of the industrial revival, as they have been at the head of every movement for the betterment of the people. (7) To them is also, in good measure, due the marked supremacy of the Catholic colleges and schools in the battle of education—a supremacy which (as our columns have from time to time shown) has been handsomely acknowledged by high-placed Protestant divines. In this connection we may usefully quote a letter that appeared in the London Times of July 28, 1908, from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Delany, S.J., President of the (Catholic) University College, Dublin. It institutes a luminous comparison between the college that is conducted by Irish priests on the one hand and, on the other hand, the three heavily-endowed Queen's Colleges (State institutions) and the Magee (Protestant) College, Derry. The letter runs as follows:—

'The Honor Lists of the undergraduate intermediate examinations in arts of the Royal University of Ireland are published to-day in the Dublin newspapers; and from the tabulated summary of the results as given in the papers I have taken the following figures, which seem to me to deserve attention in relation to the Irish Universities Bill now before Parliament. They show the comparative successes of the approved colleges of the Royal University; and, I think, they prove conclusively how urgent is the need of a more equitable distribution in Ireland of public educational funds, as well as of a thorough reconstruction of the Queen's Colleges of Galway and Cork.'

HONORS AND PRIZES.

Cost to Public Funds	Colleges	1st Class	2nd Class	Totals
£6,000	University College, Dublin	50	56	106
£25,000 £400	Queen's College, Belfast	7	23	30
	Queen's College, Galway	3	4	7
	Queen's College, Cork	0	3	3
	Magee College, Derry	0	2	2
	Total for four colleges ...	10	32	42

And finally—not to mention many other things that must be recorded to their credit—(8) to the teaching and influence of the Irish Catholic priesthood is also undoubtedly due the fact that the storms of religious strife and passion that are chronic in the north-east of 'yellow' counties of Ulster are quite unknown in the west and south. The substance of this, as well as of our previous article, was forwarded last week for publication in the Tapanui Courier.

Notes

Our Papal Jubilee Number

Our next issue (September 17) will be commemorative of the Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of our Holy Father, Pope Pius X. Besides the usual weekly features of the New Zealand Tablet, there will be thirty-six additional pages, of which seventeen will be devoted to interesting illustrations of Pope Pius X. (including page engravings of his latest portraits), and of places and persons associated with his life. Lengthy and interesting details of his Holiness's life and work will be the chief feature of the letterpress of our next issue, and we will also present our readers with the words and musical score (with pianoforte accompaniment) of Dr. Murray's famous Hymn to the Pope arranged for four voices. This will be the largest and best illustrated issue of the New Zealand Tablet that has yet been published, and will form an interesting souvenir to send to friends in this and other countries.

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DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Among the clergy who took part in the annual pilgrimage to and assisted at the ceremonies on Croagh Patrick, County Mayo, on Sunday, July 26, was the Rev. W. McMullan, of Ranfurly.

The many friends throughout the Dominion of the Rev. J. F. O'Donnell, of Queenstown, will be pleased to hear that he has greatly improved in health, and that after a short sojourn at Te Aroha he will resume his duties.

The St. Patrick's Young Men's Social and Literary Club, South Dunedin, held its usual weekly meeting on Monday last, when there was a fair attendance. The programme consisted of a social evening, and an enjoyable time was passed.

At the usual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Friday evening the programme consisted of the reading of The Spectator, the manuscript journal of the club. The journal contained several interesting contributions of a humorous and serious character, which were discussed at the conclusion of the reading.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the last Mass until Vespers. In the evening there was the usual procession, in which the school children and the parish confraternities took part. Immediately after the sermon at Vespers a large number was received into the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Society.

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(From our own correspondent.)

September 5.

The annual examination of the Catholic schools was held last week. The results were most gratifying, and reflected great credit on the Dominican Nuns and Mr. Mulvihill, of St. Patrick's Boys' School. The percentage of passes was very high, a fact testifying to the diligent and careful attention given by the respective teachers.

At the monthly general meeting of the Catholic Club on Sunday last, the report of conference of Federated Clubs was read and discussed. With regard to the paragraph relating to the N.Z. Tablet's offer of free space for report, etc., the following motion was unanimously carried:—That this club places on record its appreciation of the kind offer of the N.Z. Tablet, and notices with regret the curt manner in which the offer was declined.

A grand concert and dramatic entertainment in aid of the new school desk fund was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening. The evening was propitious and the hall was crowded with an appreciative audience, which showed its partiality to the programme by hearty and prolonged applause to each item. Part I. was as follows:—Piano solo, Miss M. O'Grady; song, 'The better land,' Miss A. Magee; recitation, 'Two seas,' Miss E. O'Donnell; song, 'If those lips,' Mr. J. Haggie; dance, Highland fling, Miss M. Molloy; song, 'A bunch of Irish shamrocks,' Miss Rodgers; recitation, 'The massacre of Glencoe,' Mr. Craig; song, 'Dear little shamrock,' Miss Barry; song, 'Down on the old Swannee,' Mr. E. Curran; dance, Irish jig, Mr. Haggie. Every item was encored. Part II. was opened by Miss K. Hannon with a piano solo, after which the one-act comedy 'The Area Belle' was staged. The characters were filled by Misses S. Cooney and A. McMahon, and Messrs. F. Cooney, T. Ford, and H. Diver, each of whom did justice to their respective parts. To Mr. F. Cooney, in whose hands the whole arrangements of the evening were placed and who organised the entertainment, great credit is due for the excellence of the programme, and the manner in which it was carried out. A substantial sum should result as the proceeds of the entertainment. The accompanists during the evening were Misses K. Hannon and M. O'Grady.

Bazaar at Port Chalmers

The Dominion Bazaar in aid of the building fund of St. Joseph's Convent and School was opened in the Garrison Hall, Port Chalmers, on Friday evening. There was a very good attendance. The Rev. Father Hearn, addressing those present, said that the Mayor, Mr. John Mill, had kindly consented to formally open the bazaar, and thanked his Worship for the kindly interest he had taken in the proceedings. Mr. Mill said it afforded him very great pleasure indeed to be there that