

# Friends at Court

## GLEANNINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- October 11, Sunday.—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Canice, Abbot.  
 „ 12, Monday.—St. John Leonard, Confessor.  
 „ 13, Tuesday.—St. Edward, King and Confessor.  
 „ 14, Wednesday.—St. Callistus, Pope and Martyr.  
 „ 15, Thursday.—St. Theresa, Virgin.  
 „ 16, Friday.—St. Gall, Abbot.  
 „ 17, Saturday.—St. Hedwige, Queen.

St. John Leonard, Confessor.

St. John was born in Lucca, in Italy. As a priest, he effected such a complete reformation of morals in Lucca that its inhabitants rivalled the early Christians in fervor. He himself seemed to have imbibed that burning zeal which caused the apostles to traverse the world in order to convey to all nations the teachings of Christ. Anxious for the propagation of the true Faith, and unable himself to leave Italy, he devoted his time and abilities to the training of suitable young men, who were destined, after their ordination, to proceed as missionaries to heathen and heretical countries. He died in 1609, at the age of 65.

St. Gall, Abbot.

St. Gall, a disciple of St. Columban, was a native of Ireland. He was the chief assistant of St. Columban in his missionary labors. St. Gall was able to preach in the German as well as the Latin language. He laid the foundations of the celebrated Monastery of St. Gall, in Switzerland. He refused the Bishopric of Constance, which the Duke Gunza pressed upon his acceptance. He continued to preach the Gospel to the inhabitants of the country about the Monastery of St. Gall, and at the time of his death, which occurred at Arbon, October 16, 646, when he was in the 45th year of his age, the entire country of the Alemanni had become a Christian province.

## GRAINS OF GOLD

### GOD'S PEACE.

How oft amid the griefs of life  
 Perplexed, misjudged, distressed,  
 O God, I waver in the strife,  
 And long and cry for rest.  
 How oft I feel—so great my need,  
 My courage so outworn—  
 As though my griefs were now indeed  
 Greater than could be borne.  
 Yet oft will come in times like these—  
 Come like a gracious balm—  
 A sense of peace, of joy, of ease,  
 A sense of heaven's own calm.  
 Ah! then my heart would fain express  
 What I have felt before—  
 'Tis not I feel my griefs are less—  
 I feel Thy love is more.  
 And some are here, O God, to-day,  
 Here with their voiceless grief,  
 O give the aid for which they pray,  
 O give such sweet relief;  
 O give Thy peace, Thy calm, Thy joys,  
 Here as they humbly bow—  
 Such gifts, nor time, nor change destroys,  
 Give them, and give them now.

—Exchange.

The habit of happiness can be acquired. Begin each morning by resolving to enjoy something during the day. It may be the sunrise, a child's play and laughter, or a pretty peep of landscape. Learn to look in each experience that comes for a little pleasure. You will be surprised to find how many circumstances and duties that you thought commonplace and rather disagreeable possess either an amusing or an instructive side. No matter how disagreeable a duty is, some happiness may be got out of it even if it is only the thought that by your efforts you are getting it over and done with. If the duty must be repeated continually, you can get some comfort as well as happiness out of the fact that you are cultivating patience and strength or will power, both of which are essential to happiness and success.

# The Storyteller

## MAID MARIAN

Never shall I forget that day of the twelfth of July, in the year of our Lord 1704, and the adventures which then befell. I had taken passage on a homeward-bound vessel, the *Phoenix*, Captain Stolton, master, having with me my daughter, Marian. This latter had been finishing her education with the Cloistered Ladies outside of Dublin, and was now looking forward with pleasurable anticipations to life in Manhattan, where, being motherless, she was to preside over my household, which was situated at that time upon Wall street.

Our voyage was, for the most part, of the most agreeable character, and we were fortunate in having on board three gentlemen passengers, the younger of whom, Mr. Philip French, was of a more particular interest. From the very outset he distinguished my daughter by attentions which under other circumstances than those offered by our restricted life on shipboard I had deemed too personal.

Not that there was any objection to the young gentleman, who came of an honorable family, long established in the colonies of New Netherlands, and who was of a pleasing person, a handsome and open countenance, and a manly bearing. He had, moreover, the signal advantage, rare enough among persons of our own quality in those days in New York, to be of the Catholic faith. My reasons, then, for regarding with disfavor his unremitting attentions to my daughter were her extreme youth, being barely turned eighteen, and the hope that I had cherished of keeping her with me for some time longer to preside over my establishment.

To return to my story—that is to say, of what befell upon that twelfth day of July, with a high sea running and a wind blowing sharply from the north. We were standing alongside of Sandy Hook, hoping for the speedy termination of our five weeks' voyage, when our ship's master caught sight of a craft which he took to be an outward-bound vessel under English colors, and so at the first felt but little anxiety. Nevertheless, there were points about the vessel, or, as they termed it in nautical phraseology, about 'the cut of her jib,' which awakened apprehensions in certain old sea-dogs among the crew, and these they made bold to communicate to the captain. He being open-minded and of excellent judgment, so far heeded their warnings as to head his vessel shorewards, hoping to run her in upon that low strip of sand which was called 'the Hook.'

No sooner had the strange craft become aware of his design than she sent two shots whizzing over the water. I confess that this was far from being an agreeable surprise to me, I being too advanced in years to desire adventure, even if my mind had ever run in that direction. Moreover, I had to consider my motherless girl and the dreadful straits to which she might be reduced in the event of our capture by this vessel, or of the loss of my own life. While I was revolving in my mind as to what course I should pursue, I espied Marian herself coming up the companion ladder wrapped in a tarpaulin, with a seaman's cap drawn down over her curls. Her eyes—such beautiful eyes they were—gleamed with mischief; her complexion was fresh and rosy from the salt air, and she made a bewitching picture in that uncouth attire, which at another time I should have held to be something unbecoming. But this was not a moment for over-niceness in such details. Immediately in her wake came our gallant young colonial, and even in my actual perplexity and suspense I could not choose but regard him as a fine specimen of manhood and no mean protector for any damsel in the emergency that was like to confront us.

The other two passengers on board, who were of middle age and of the unadventurous merchant class, displayed visible uneasiness at the present juncture. Together we all stood while the captain conferred with his first officer, and orders were given, sharp and imperative, whereat the seamen ran hither and thither, climbing into the shrouds, putting on all sail with much creaking and straining of ropes. The wind continued to blow in short, sharp gusts, which would have been most grateful to relieve the fiery heat of that July day had it not hindered our progress shorewards.

My daughter's eyes sparkled with interest, and the pink color in her cheeks was rather heightened than abated by the perils of the hour. Philip French was likewise unconcerned, exchanging merry jests and quips with her whom he had elected to call 'Maid Marian,' because of her fancy for a kirtle of Lincoln green which she had very commonly worn during the voyage. This badinage was varied by occasional glances of

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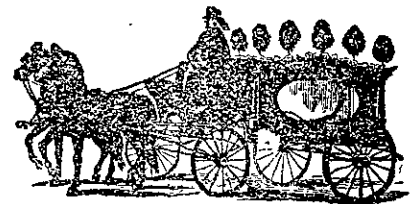
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tenderness which I perceived the young gentleman to exchange with my little one and a murmured word or two which were not meant for my old ears. I also was aware that the youth cast from time to time a keen glance in the direction of that vessel which had already given us abundant food for distrust.

While we stood thus, my alarm and anxiety grew with every moment, as I recounted in my own mind all those harrowing tales of privateers and pirates, and other evil-disposed searovers, which made the lives of seafaring folk at that period a continual menace. The captain, though plainly anxious, strove to put a good face upon the matter, declaring that no privateer, howsoever audacious, would venture to attack a vessel almost within hail of New York. But even as he spoke he was apprised by the lookout that some one was signalling from shore. We all made a forward movement to the ship's side, gazing in the direction indicated. Our young gentleman, Philip French, levelled a pair of powerful glasses, which, after having taken a look, he handed to me without a word. I beheld a figure outlined against the ragged sky, that had grown dark in the interim. The figure seemed disproportionately tall as it danced to and fro, to and fro, waving a white cloth, and having so wild and uncanny an appearance that one was led to suspect a supernatural apparition. Our captain, however, understood, though in what manner I know not, that he was being warned against the strange vessel as a most dangerous privateer, which he must seek to avoid.

'I knew it for a Frenchman,' burst forth an old salt, who was leaning over the rail, his weather-beaten countenance screwed up into innumerable wrinkles, and his bleared eyes gazing out over the water, 'and that's what I sez, from the minit I clapped eyes on yonder craft.'

'And,' put in a younger man who swung in the shrouds beside him, 'she is like enough now to send us to Davy Jones, or tow us after her for a prize.' To which he added an oath which need not here be set down. I will confess that I trembled from head to foot as I overheard a remark that fitted in so precisely with my own surmises. Every countenance was overshadowed by the gravity of the hour, though Mr. French strove to keep up a light heart and to support my daughter's courage. As our captain and crew bent to the work of running us ashore, the strange ship, standing toward us at a moderate rate of speed, suddenly sent a shot which fell harmlessly into the brine, followed by a second that slightly grazed our side. It was evident that she strove rather to alarm than to injure us, since no doubt it was her hope to take the Phoenix intact as a prize.

Endcavoring to conceal my fears, I stood conversing with the two merchants, who were at no pains to hide their dismay. They openly bewailed the impending loss of their merchandise, having on board one hundred pipes of fine Canary brandy, fifty pipes of palm wine, a dozen bales of rich silk, and the like; and to their lamentations I made answer:

'Such losses, gentlemen, be indeed deplorable, but infinitely preferable to the loss of our lives or our personal liberty.'

I perceived at this juncture that Philip had left my daughter's side and stood in close colloquy with the captain. I strained my ears to catch the matter of their discourse, which was presently borne to me by a sharp gust of wind.

'There is but one course for you to pursue,' the young man was saying, 'and that is to lower the ship's boat, so that the young lady and her father, with yonder gentlemen, may be carried ashore, if they be so minded. For myself, I will most readily remain to abide by the ship's fortunes, and peradventure, to render some assistance.'

These latter words, as I could see, had reached my daughter, who became of a deadly pallor, with a nervous clasp of her hands. I felt of a sudden old and weary, so fully was it borne in upon me that those two young things thenceforward belonged to each other, and that I should but be the spectator whatsoever might betide.

The captain made some demur to these proposals, declaring that he could not leave the brigantine short-handed when a fight was imminent. But the younger man, strong-willed and of a temper that is most certain in all circumstances to dominate, finally prevailed. He represented that it was the master's first duty to place in safety those passengers who were entrusted to his care, and especially that one of the gentler sex who might be in the most imminent peril.

Meantime the situation grew each instant more alarming, the storm that had been hovering about the north-eastern heavens crept momentarily nearer, and darkness was approaching. There was not an instant to be lost. The boat was lowered, and at the urgent insistence of my daughter, the elderly merchants

were lowered first. She would have had me descend next, but that I stoutly refused to stir from the deck until she was in safety. What a look was that which I beheld upon her face, and I likewise heard Philip's whispered words, as he held her hand, the which he only relinquished when she had descended several rungs of the ladder and was received by two stout mariners.

'At worst,' he said, 'our parting will be but for a brief space, Maid Marian.'

To which the girl responded faintly:

'Pray Heaven that it may be so.'

Once my daughter was seated in the boat I made ready to follow her, and as for my child's sake appeared best. The descent was sufficiently perilous for one of my build, and the waves rose angrily as the little craft tossed upon their crest. I cast a longing look backwards, toward where Philip stood beside the master. Sore was my heart, for I had learned to value the lad, and his courage and manly bearing would have been as a sheet anchor in the difficulties by which we were confronted. And, moreover, there was my daughter, who, I knew, was greatly perturbed for his safety. But the seamen who accompanied us had declared that the boat was heavy enough in such a sea, since but two of them could be spared to convey us shorewards, and Philip had passed his word to remain and lend such assistance as he might to the captain.

The mariners set to their oars, and presently we were as a speck upon those angry waters, being propelled shorewards by all the strength of their sinewy arms. I caught a last glance, in the gathering darkness, of the gallant figure of Philip erect beside the captain, his curled periwig flowing in the breeze, and a smile upon his lips, as he waved his hat in farewell. My daughter, meanwhile, sat still as death, her face ashen pale, her eyes fixed upon the vanishing brigantine.

As for the merchants, they did but bewail the loss of their fine wines and rich silks, which would of a certainty go to enrich the coffers of the Frenchman, so that at length I was moved to reproach them with such manifest ingratitude to a watchful Providence who had saved us from a worse fate. And in truth we had presently ample cause for anxiety as to our bodily safety. Both wind and wave were against us, the light had all but faded from the sky, and the booming of the surge on the shore made us tremble for the possibility of reaching there. This, however, we did through the mercy of God and the protection of His heavenly Mother, which my little girl did not cease to invoke for us and those left behind, from the time of our leaving the vessel. She even prevailed upon me to join with her in reciting aloud the prayers of the Rosary, despite the amazement of our companions and the seamen, who were of the Calvinistic persuasion.

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It was many a day before we had tidings of the good ship Phoenix or of those whom we had left therein. Rumors of many sorts in truth were plentiful, some averring that she had gone down with every soul on board, and others that after a desperate fight she, with her crew and the sole passenger, had been carried away as a prize by that most audacious privateer.

It was during this interval of suspense that I had reason to reflect upon the power of love when once it seizes upon the heart of man or maid. For my merry child, so lately singing and dancing down the garden paths of the conventional enclosure, was now pale and anxious-eyed. Quiet and demure in bearing, she spent hours upon the shore, gazing seawards as though she would have questioned the very gulls or the petrels, who, with omens of storm on their white wings, came shorewards. It was pitiful to hear the poor child seeking from the ship-masters, or others concerned in navigation, every scrap of marine intelligence.

The family of Philip French had made prodigious efforts to discover his whereabouts, offering a prize for the intelligence, and making application to each ship-master who sailed into the bay. At last they received news that the young gentleman himself and Captain Stolten had been grievously wounded—a knowledge which I strove to keep from Marian until it was revealed to her by a meddlesome goodwife of our neighborhood—and that the ship with her crew had been despatched to Martinico as prize to the French.

So the weeks wore on, until one dark night in mid-winter. It was vastly unpleasant weather, with sleet falling outside, and a chill within, and Marian took such poor comfort as she might from a blazing fire upon our capacious hearth. She sat upon a settle at one side thereof, to which she had drawn up her embroidery-frame. Her little fingers worked to and fro, and she sorted with rigorous care the bright colors of her silks.

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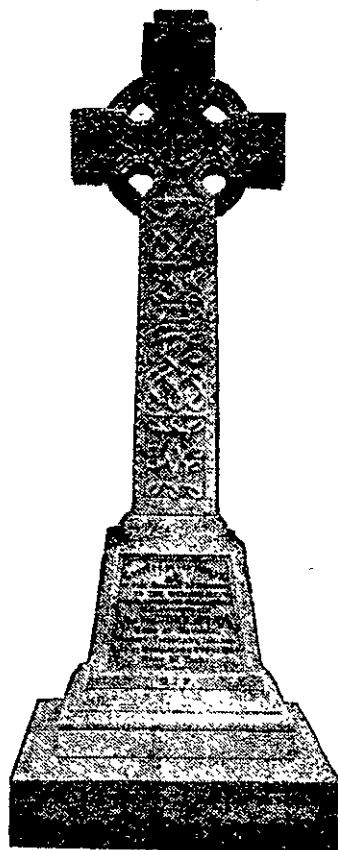
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She roused herself likewise to converse, striving to conceal from me the lowness of her spirits and the agonising fear which weighed upon her. While we sat, thus the gun at the Fort caused Marian to start and shiver, telling of vessels that had arrived. Had it not been for my presence, I verily believe, that despite the inclement weather she would have stolen forth, pursuing her inquiries. She sat still, however, with head lowered over her frame, and I perceived that the silks grew tangled and that she tugged at them nervously.

It was wearing late when the double knocker sounded. It was an unwonted hour, and our negro boy went to answer the summons with some apprehension, for the times were unsettled, evil-disposed persons had been observed about the town, and robberies had of late been frequent.

Marian stood up from her place at the fire, and before I could so much as speak she had slipped into the hall. The negro boy came back, with eyes rolling in their sockets, to apprise me that a tall man in a cloak stood without. Hastily seizing upon a blunderbuss which hung upon the wall, I hurried out, and there I beheld a tall man, in truth, holding Marian's two hands and gazing into her face. As I made a hasty movement forward I heard these words, and the tone in which they were uttered will never leave my memory.

'Maid Marian,' the stranger murmured, 'Maid Marian, Maid Marian!'

Just two words and no more, but they went to my heart, old and battered as it was. The stranger, whom I knew from that to be Philip, spoke as a famished man who beholds bread, or one perishing of thirst to whom water was vouchsafed. I stole away softly, but Marian did not for very long forget me. She came flying into the room, and it was as though she had suddenly grown young and was a child again in the convent garden.

'Philip has come back!' she cried. 'Philip has come back!'

And in another instant she was dragging the big figure into the room and planting him in a chair beside me. The hat and cloak were thrown aside, and there were the same honest eyes looking into mine, the same smile, and no change in the countenance save that it had grown pallid from a residence in unhealthy climates.

Well, we sat up half the night, there was so much to tell; nor did it seem as if we could ever get tired of asking questions and hearing what had befallen after we had left the ship. There had, in truth, been a fight, wherein Philip and the captain had fallen wounded. The strange vessel, which had been standing to the northward, after our departure grew momentarily bolder. She sent shot after shot, so that presently the mainmast was sprung and there was a leak in the gunroom. The captain would not give up, however, and continued the struggle, though he had lost the topmast and the vessel was much shattered. Philip stood at his side throughout until he was disabled by a shot which carried him off his feet, and in another instant the captain's leg was gone. There was nothing for it then but to haul down the flag, the privateer sending a pinnace under the quarters and conveying the wounded men and the rest of the crew to the attacking vessel.

Philip had likewise to tell of his sojourn in Martinico and other outlandish places and all that transpired there. While his tongue talked his eyes likewise maintained another language with my little Marian, and I had to shut my own once or twice, or be taken with a fit of coughing, when the lad's hand sought hers, holding it close and warm.

Well, there were wedding-bells very soon after this event, and a merry-making that stirred up the good city of New York, at which assisted his Excellency, my Lord Cornbury, who was then the Governor; the Lady Katherine, his wife, and other notables. But all that took place among long years ago, and my grandchildren, the young rascals, laugh when I forget that their father is no longer a boy, or that their comely and sedate mother was my little sprite, Maid Marian.—*Bensiger's Magazine.*

## Catholic Belgium

The Belgium Chamber of Deputies (says a writer in the 'Catholic Times') is renewed on the system of half the members retiring every two years, the retiring member being eligible for re-election. The fact that the elections just held have resulted in a decrease of the Catholic working majority has been made by some of our non-Catholic contemporaries the text for unfriendly remarks on the administration of the Catholic Party, and predictions that its long term of power is nearing its end.

The Belgian Chamber is a much smaller body than our House of Commons. There are between 160 and 170 members. There are three parties, Catholics or Conservatives, Liberals, and Socialists. The Liberals are Secularist and 'anti-clerical' in their policy, and the party name in Belgium has a much narrower meaning than in England. The Catholics, on the other hand, hold a Conservatism of a much more democratic type than that of stalwarts of the Primrose League. Before the elections the Catholics had a majority of twelve over the united forces of their opponents. This majority is now reduced to eight. It would roughly correspond to a Government majority of about twenty-four in the House of Commons. Governments have worked successfully on a narrower margin, especially where they have to face an opposition made up of two sections. The fall in the majority has been the result of forces that always tend to come into play when a party has been long in power. Organisation becomes relaxed, differences arise on minor points of policy, personal ambitions tend to disunion. But there is no doubt the next two years will see a general pulling together of the Catholic Party's organisation, and that at the next biennial elections they will hold their own, even if they do not gain ground. By that time, too, certain questions on which the politicians of the party are divided will have been settled, notably the constitution of the new Congo Colony.

During its long term of power the Catholics have been distinctly progressive in their policy. They have widened the electoral franchise, introduced a new code of labor laws, and settled the education question on lines that secure Catholic teaching for Catholics without infringing in any way the freedom of those who do not belong to the Faith. The Catholics came into power in virtue of an overwhelming vote of the electors against the system of enforced secular education imposed by the Liberals. In view of the oft-repeated fable that Catholicism is opposed to national prosperity it is interesting to note the marvellous economic progress of Belgium under Catholic rule. The Liberal Government left as a legacy to their Catholic successors a large deficit. This was swept away in the first year, and without additional taxation, and only by means of good administration there has been a surplus ever since; this, too, in spite of the fact that there has to be a large extra expenditure on the national defences. The steady expansion of the revenue under the influence of growing prosperity provided for this.

In France the population increased in the twenty years between 1885 and 1905 from 38 millions to 39,300,000, an increase of only three per cent. But for foreign immigration and the higher birth-rate of the Catholic districts there would have been a decrease. In Belgium in the same period the population rose from 5,800,000 in 1885 to 7,100,000 in 1905, an increase of 22½ per cent. Belgium is the most densely populated country in Europe, but with a thrifty, hard-working people under a good Government.

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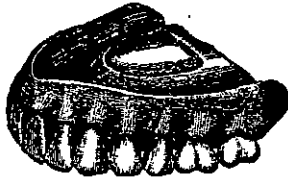
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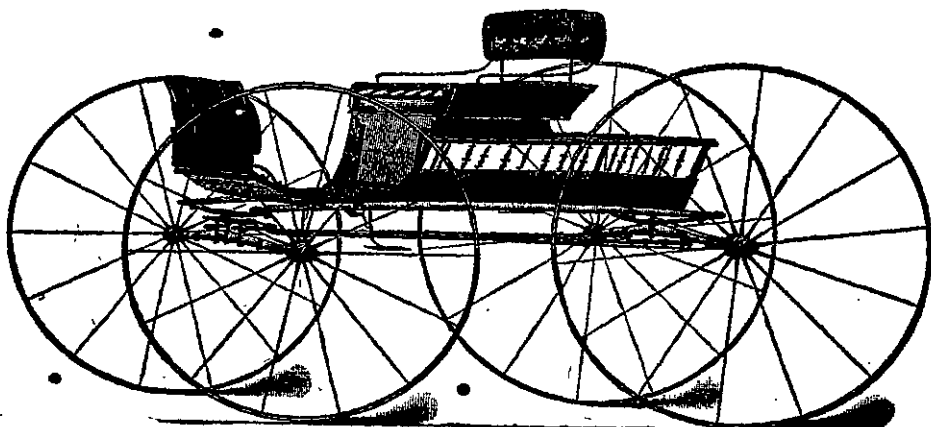
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## Current Topics

### That Veto

'The unpleasant incident of the last Conclave,' says the *Philadelphia Catholic Standard*, 'wherein an attempt was made on the part of one of the European powers to revive the invidious practice of the veto in regard to the election of a Pope, will never again be repeated. No Cardinal can attempt to set up a bar against any candidate or favorite of a Conclave, no matter on what pretext, under the penalty of the greater excommunication. This had been given out informally from Rome, but now it is put in positive form.'

### The School Difficulty

Ruskin once said that the man who clothes a useful thought in happy phrase does more real service to his kind than he that makes two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before. The *London Spectator* has earned this guerdon of praise by the singularly happy and epigrammatic turn that it recently gave to one of the truths that underlie the whole difficulty of religious education in countries of mixed faiths. 'Protestants and Catholics,' said the *Spectator*, 'who differ so widely in religion can only be educated together when both are agreed to keep religion so much out of sight that it is in danger of being out of mind.' Which moves the *Catholic Standard* to remark: 'The epigram quoted above is worthy of Sir Richard Steele, the Irish fighting partner. It cuts in twain at one blow the whole web of sophistry on which the system of "Birreligion" is woven, and leaves it just a mere ridiculous wreck of a scarecrow in a corn field after an electric storm.'

### An Apt Description

'Statistical delirium tremens' is the apt description given by the *Melbourne Tribune* to a series of preposterously absurd figures which assert that 95 per cent. of American criminals profess the Catholic religion, and that from 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 persons have 'defected' from the 'Romish' Church in the United States. 'Statistical delirium tremens' is a much neater fit for such ludicrous assertions than the term 'fabrication,' for 'fabrication' does not necessarily connote irrationality. It is, perhaps, sufficient to say that these droll 'statistics' are the latest of the long series of very pretty mare's nests discovered by the Grand Master of the Victorian brethren of the Saffron Sash—Mr. Snowball, and that he is the same Mr. Snowball who, some years ago, declared in a letter to the Rev. H. Bride-Barber published in the *Riponsire Advocate* (Beaufort, Victoria) that there is no need whatever to substantiate by proof statements reflecting on the 'Romish' Church, when such statements are made on so important an occasion as the Twelfth of July!

### Man the Flyer

Flying machines and airships are now (in both a literal and figurative sense) very much 'in the air.' The big airships of the Zeppelin type suggest uneasy possibilities in connection with the warfare of the future, especially if Colonel Unge's new air torpedo justifies in any reasonable measure the hopes that are placed in it. In the matter of rival air-navies, a new meaning would be given to the anxious query of the Scottish lassie:—

'Gin a body meet a body  
Flyin' through the air,  
Gin a body hit a body,  
Will it fly? and where?'

The future seems, in the bulk of scientific opinion, to lie with the aeroplane—the 'heavier-than-air,' or true flying machine. And this consummation has been brought about chiefly by the phenomenal success that has been achieved by the American brothers Wright. The description of their flights, as witnessed by the representatives of the *Autocar*, the *Motor*, and other motoring journals, makes wonderful reading, and we are not surprised to learn, by a recent cable message, that the Weiller Syndicate has so far considered their aeroplane satisfactory that they have purchased the French rights and have proceeded to the manufacture of fifty of them. The story of *Dædalus* is, after all, not altogether a myth. But it has taken long ages, and many a death and broken bone, before man could perform the feats of soaring, flying, turning, swooping, rising, and describing figure 8's with which the Wrights have lately been amazing onlookers in America and France.

### Some Blunders

American humorists, from the days of Artemus Ward and the *Danbury News Man*, have sluiced many a nugget of humor out of such incongruities as the description of a prize-fight by the religious editor, or of a show of agricultural produce by the sporting reporter. The reports of Catholic events in the secular press contain, at times, gems of unconscious humor of purest ray serene that might, without blushing, take their place beside the conscious and deliberate blundering of America's professional funny men. In a recent issue, the *Melbourne Argus* 'worked off' a passably good instance of the minor sort when it said of Pius X. that he 'performed the ceremony of the Mass,' and that he 'hears and recites the Mass in the Shelta Sistina in the Vatican Palace.' The 'Shelta Sistina' is, presumably, the famous Cappella Sistina (Sixtine Chapel). The *Advocate* properly takes exception to the expressions, 'reciting the Mass' and 'performing the ceremony of the Mass,' and makes no secret of its surprise that 'ignorance of the doctrines and the ceremonies of the Catholic Church' is so 'often displayed' in the offices of great daily newspapers.

These occasional slips of the secular press are perpetrated in good faith and usually with a friendly intent, and arise solely from lack of acquaintance with our creed and ritual. Some years ago an Otago contemporary added to the gaiety of its Catholic readers by describing an 'evening Mass'; it was really reporting Vespers—only that and nothing more. The *Sydney Morning Herald* spoke of Bishop Higgins as 'administering High Mass.' An American daily paper told how a priest down in Omaha prevented a panic in his church by boldly throwing a 'blazing sacristy' into the street. And a writer in the *Catholic Sun* tells the following entertaining story:—'I had been requested, as being a Catholic, and thus familiar with church ceremonies, to report the obsequies of a celebrated archbishop for a daily paper. Having been taken ill, I could not attend. On the following morning an article appeared, very good in the main, but with this ludicrous description of the entrance of the bishops and priests to the sanctuary: "They wore long, flowing stoles and berettas, with cassocks on their heads, which they removed as they advanced to the altar." Picture to yourself the effect!' A historic instance of the blundering that is a joy for ever was that of the reporter on an English daily paper who, in his description of the new Westminster Cathedral, averred that he had seen 'several thurifers suspended from the ceiling'—forgetting, poor fellow, that the thurifer is the person who carries the thurible or censer. Reports of High Church Anglican functions have from time to time added their quota of inspired and well-meant blunders in ecclesiastical terminology. Thus, the *Westminster Gazette* some years ago quoted a report printed in a London daily paper which conveyed the portentous information that an Anglican vicar in the Modern Babylon had just been 'reported to the Archbishop of Canterbury for wearing a baldacchino'—a baldacchino being, by the way, the Italian name of a canopy erected over an altar or borne by four men over the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic processions.

In 1904 we reprinted from the *Glasgow Observer* some tolerably good specimens of ecclesiastical malapropisms which appeared in a local secular paper's elaborate report of the consecration of a Catholic bishop in St. Andrew's Cathedral. Some of these will bear repetition here. 'The writer,' said the *Observer*, 'noting that the procession genuflected as it passed the Lady Altar (where the Blessed Sacrament had been temporarily placed) stated that the clergy "paid homage to a brazen image of the Virgin." The vesting of the consecrating archbishop was summed up in the phrase: "His Grace was adorned with the amice," that all that was said of the long and solemn function was that "the Archbishop engaged at Mass at the foot of the altar." The *Observer* also tells of a reporter of a Highland paper who, describing a High Mass celebrated at the Fort Augustus Benedictine Monastery by the late Prior, the Very Rev. Jerome Vaughan, penned this inimitable sentence: "At this point of the proceedings the very rev. gentleman turned round and observed in stentorian tones, "Dominus vobiscum!"' 'It was an Edinburgh paper,' adds our Glasgow contemporary, 'which gravely stated that "the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles sang Haydn's Sixteenth Mass"; and it supplemented this remarkable item with the statement that "the thurifer was swung gently to and fro in front of the altar."'

There is no danger of the extinction of the joy-giving race of the Malaprops so long as there are non-Catholic reporters

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who have the courage—and the simplicity—to report the details of a Catholic ceremonial with which they are unacquainted, and of which (like Kipling's blackboard) they tell all they know—and very much that they don't.

### Heat, More or Less

Sydney Smith once found the heat so great in England that (said he) 'I found there was nothing left for it but to take off my flesh and sit in my bones.' According to a cable message, a somewhat similar condition of solar fervency prevailed in England last week—although (we are told) the temperature did not soar beyond 84 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. But, after all, it is not so much the height of the contractile needle of mercury that matters, as the amount of moisture in the atmosphere. Moisture is to sun-heated air pretty much like what mustard is in a bucket of warm water. Ninety degrees in the shade at Torquay or Margate might very easily be more oppressive than 120 at (say) Burke, or Narrabri, or Brewarrina, or Woolgoolga, or Jambaroo, or Goomaroo, or Koolymurtie, or Coomooroo, or Goondiwindie, or Yaranyackya, or Yackamoorundie, or any other of the Australian hot places with the cooing or gurgling or tongue-tangling names.

A temperature of 104—even of 110—in the shade may be quite bearable in Australia. After that, every warm-blooded thing says to the sun, each in its own articulate or inarticulate way:

'O, intermit thy wrath!

And on my throbbing temples, potent thus,  
Beam not so fierce!

Recounting the story of Captain Sturt's expedition of 1844, Sutherland, in his *History of Australia* (pp. 151-2), tells how the sun in the summer of that year toasted the vast plains of the interior of the great lone continent. The temperature reached at times 130 degrees in the shade; 'the earth seemed to burn like plates of metal; it split the hoofs of the horses; it scorched the shoes and the feet of the men. . . . They were unable to write, as the ink dried at once on their pens; their combs split; their nails became brittle and readily broke; and if they touched a piece of metal, it blistered their fingers. In their extremity they dug an underground room, deep enough to be beyond the dreadful furnace-glow above. Here they passed many a long day, as month after month passed without a shower of rain.' But even these high temperatures do not constitute a record; for we find in Mulhall's *Dictionary of Statistics* (4th ed., 1899, p. 773) the following entry: 'The greatest heat recorded was 133 Fahr. in the shade at Mourzouk, India, but Professor Wrede's observation in Central Arabia is 57½ Centigrade, equal to 135½ Fahr. in the shade, while the heat in the sun was 194 Fahr.' The writer of these lines was once upon a time hotly taken up for a statement, made by him in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record*, that the heat in a particular Australian State soared as high in a given year as 164 degrees Fahrenheit in the sun. The figures were described as 'absurd,' 'impossible,' and the rest; but the actual temperature officially certified for that year by the Government Astronomer was not 164, but 171.5 degrees in the sun. In the dry, clear atmosphere of the State in question, such a sun-temperature is quite tolerable; with a good dose of 'mustard' (that is, of moisture) thrown in, it would be as deadly as rat-bane.

### A Great Catholic Scientist

'The foremost man of science, not only in France, but in the world.' Such is the description of Louis Pasteur, the great Catholic scientist, given by Thomas Dwight, M.D., LL.D., Parkman Professor of Anatomy at the Harvard Medical School, Boston, in an address delivered at the recent Convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, reported in the *S. H. Review* of August 15.

Among the many practical triumphs of this devout Catholic investigator, he delivered a death-blow to the theory of spontaneous generation, and revolutionised both medicine and surgery. 'Through other experiments,' says Dr. Dwight, 'he established the principles by which aseptic surgery became possible. No man did so much for the introduction of the practical part, in spite of ridicule and unbelief, as Mr. Joseph Lister, of Glasgow. . . . In 1874 he wrote to thank Pasteur for "having taught him the only principle which could lead to the success of the system of antisepsis." Later on, when Lord Lister, he spoke yet more strongly, as the representative of the Royal So-

ciety, at Pasteur's Jubilee. "Truly," he said, "there does not exist in the entire world any individual to whom the medical sciences owe more than they do to you. Thanks to you, surgery has undergone a complete revolution, which has deprived it of its terror, and has extended almost without limit its efficacious power." . . . It has been said that Pasteur's discoveries sufficed of themselves to cover the war indemnity of five milliards of francs paid by France to Germany. . . . There is still to mention the introduction of inoculation against anthrax, a deadly disease of animals, and, finally, against the dread hydrophobia in man. Of old, this terrible disease was practically universally fatal; now, among those treated at the Pasteur Institute, the deaths are less than one in two hundred.'

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To be deep in history, as Newman found, is to be a Catholic. To be deep in science was, to Pasteur, to be a fervent Catholic. 'The more I know,' said he, 'the more nearly does my faith approach that of a Breton peasant' (the most devout peasantry, perhaps, in Europe). 'Could I but know it all,' added Pasteur, 'my faith would, doubtless, equal that of a Breton peasant's wife.' When he went into the greater Life, through the door of death, in 1895, he was fortified by the Sacraments of the Church; and, as he passed, one hand clasped the image of his crucified Lord, the other held the hand of his pious Catholic wife.

### The Church of History

It takes a very drastic mis-handling of the facts of history, coupled with a poorly developed sense of humor, to take seriously the 'historical joke' which claims for the Anglican Establishment an ecclesiastical 'continuity' with the Catholic Church of old England. This pretty bit of historical romance formed the subject of a discourse which was summarily reported in a recent issue of a Taranaki contemporary. To the readers of that summary whose eyes may fall upon this page, we commend the following extract from a review of Kanke's *History of the Popes*, which was recently contributed to the *London Daily Chronicle* by a learned English Protestant, Mr. George Sampson. 'It is a simple fact,' writes Mr. Sampson, 'that in the history of Europe the Church of Rome is the Church of the centre, the other bodies being merely provincial institutions. The Church of history is not the Church of England, nor the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion, nor the Society of Friends, nor the Union of Ethical Societies. The Church of history is the Church of Rome, as Newman asserts in the passage where he sadly admits that the "unbeliever Gibbon" is our only worthy ecclesiastical historian. But I will go further, and say that the Church of English history is the Church of Rome; for it gave us our cathedrals, set the form of our prayers, marked out our parishes, taught us our duty to the poor, raised our law; and our learning, won us much of our liberty, and laid the foundation of our last four centuries of progress. Without knowing something of this great Church, you can understand very little of English history, and to minimise the historic importance of the Papacy because you happen to be a Protestant, is as stupid as to minimise the historic importance of the House of Austria because you happen to be an Englishman.'

## THE CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

### MEMOIRS OF THE EARLY DAYS

(Contributed.)

#### A Franciscan Community.

It is still within the memory of many that a Community of Franciscan Fathers was in Auckland in the early days, states Mr. M. Nolan, who at the time was resident there, and was personally intimate with those missionaries, principally among whom were Father Dominic Golosi (Superior), Father Joseph Gregory, and Father Francis Del Monte. When in 1873 the Franciscan mission, which was established at Parnell, a suburban parish of the city, was broken up, the people of Auckland saw with sorrow the good and zealous priests, who had done so much for the Church in the north and wrought so hard in the spiritual interests of the Native race, leaving the colony, and, not without some personal regret, set sail for foreign lands. Some went to China, some to Egypt, and others to Italy. Father Joseph was sent to Alexandria in Egypt, where the Order had a convent, and labored among the Copts, Armenians, and other nationalities, which usually crowd into the city. In

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letters to his old friend, which I have before me, Father Joseph graphically described the bombardment of the city by British warships, at the beginning of the campaign against Arabi Pasha, which event occurred shortly after the arrival there of the Franciscan Father. Shells of massive dimensions fell thick and fast within the enclosures of the convent and adjoining hospital, which were crowded with refugees, but, miraculously, none exploded. Father Joseph subsequently went through the dangers of the cholera visitation, attending almost daily to the sick and dying, but he escaped unscathed. Later he was made Superior of the convent in the island of Cyprus. As a result of the bombardment, fire broke out in various parts of the ancient city—of Alexandria, and in its devastating fury swept far and wide. Nowhere was it fiercer than in the vicinity of the Franciscan institutions, which appeared to be in the principal line of attack. Here again, however, the intervention of Divine Providence seemed most markedly manifest, as the fire on all sides, after consuming everything within its course, stopped at the enclosures of the Franciscan buildings, which again escaped—a fact which greatly impressed the whole population. Father Vivand, O.S.F., went from Auckland to China, where he won the crown of martyrdom. Father Dominic Golosi went to Italy, and was killed by a brick from a building falling upon his head. Father Francis Del Monte also went to Italy, and subsequently to Colombo, Ceylon, where, when last heard of, he was still living.

The Rev. Father Chareyre, S.M.

Among the early missionaries who labored in various parts of the Dominion during the pioneering days was the Rev. Father Chareyre, S.M. He was a man of deep learning and more than ordinary attainments, who by zealous and self-sacrificing efforts for the religious and temporal advancement of the people greatly endeared himself to them and secured the enduring appreciation of those among whom he ministered. His longest term in any one place was probably that spent in Christchurch in the early seventies, from which place he finally left for his native France, where he spent the remainder of his life, principally as professor of theology and philosophy in some of the great seminaries. About 1877 he was nominated Bishop of Auckland, but successfully petitioned Propaganda against the appointment. In letters to an old friend in this city, he again and again expressed his love for New Zealand and its people. 'I recall most pleasing remembrances (he once wrote) of New Zealand. One likes to muse upon his young life, and unite past recollections with his present labors. How often do my thoughts fly away from the Boulevards, or even from the libraries of Paris, to the sunny valleys of Nelson, to the grand scenery of the West Coast, and to the broad plains of Canterbury!' In his conclusions regarding the then state of his unhappy country, even so long back as 1880, and the evident trend of affairs, political and religious, he was markedly prophetic. 'We must cross the Red Sea of blood and persecution (he remarked) before we reach the promised land.'

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Among the pioneer Catholics who came to Canterbury in the early days of settlement, and whose name deserves an honored place in any records treating of the foundation and progress of the Church in this province, is that of Mr. J. B. Sheath, head of the well-known family of that name—a family that has done so much to advance religion, and the prosperity of the community generally. Mr. Sheath, who departed this life a few years ago at an advanced age, came from Birmingham, England, and arrived at Lyttelton in July, 1861. In his native land he was principal of the famed gunmaking firm of Hollis and Sheath, of Birmingham, who manufactured the armaments used in the Crimean War, and large quantities of which went to America and other countries. After a varied and considerable amount of colonising experience, principally about the growing city of Christchurch, Mr. Sheath and family settled on the Opawa station in the Albury district, South Canterbury, now occupied by Mr. John Rutherford. The dwelling house, which formed the homestead, and is still in existence, was built in sections by a Mr. Dartnall in his yard at Christchurch, and before being despatched to its permanent site was erected in every detail to make certain that no part was missing. As showing the primitive and roundabout method of transit in those days, the sectional parts of the structure were carted to the old Ferry Wharf at Heathcote, thence taken by water round to Lyttelton, again shipped to Timaru, and, in completion of the journey conveyed to its final destination by Sheath's team of twenty station bullocks. An historical land-mark on the road is still known as the Level, or Sheath's Mound, where the

conveyance became fast embedded in the mud on its way to the Opawa station. It is interesting to learn that the late Mr. George Rhodes, of the Levels station, gave the first site for the Catholic Church buildings at Timaru. This proving unsuitable, Mr. Sheath successfully negotiated an exchange for the present splendid site. When Father Chataignier first settled in Timaru he was periodically (about once a year) conveyed out by Mr. Sheath from Timaru to the back-blocks. Mr. Sheath also guided him about from house to house wherever Catholics were to be found in the Mackenzie Country. Mass being always celebrated at Mr. Sheath's house, sets of vestments and other necessities for the celebration of Mass were always possessed by the family. The first bell used in connection with the Church in Timaru did service previously on the station in directing the men from distant parts. This was given to the Church, and very many other necessities were also supplied by the family. Mr. Alfred Sheath, a brother of Mr. J. B. Sheath, erected the first telegraph line in Canterbury—that between Christchurch and Lyttelton—and afterwards lines nearly all over New Zealand in the early sixties. The first telegram sent on the wires is now in possession of a lady of the family.

### Catholic Industrial Schools

In his annual report on industrial schools, the Minister of Education states there were seven Government schools and four private schools in existence last year. The total number belonging to all schools whose maintenance was a charge against the public funds was 1441. Of this total, 392 were resident at Government schools and 329 at private schools, the numbers boarded out with foster-parents for payment being 687. The net expenditure on the private schools was £1952 3s 3d. On December 31 last there were 519 children on the books of the four Catholic Industrial Schools, being an increase of three on the previous year. The following particulars show the distribution of the inmates in the Catholic schools:—St. Mary's (Auckland), 147; St. Joseph's (Wellington), 49; St. Mary's (Nelson), 262; St. Vincent de Paul's (South Dunedin), 61. From this it will be seen that there were 190 inmates in Catholic Industrial Schools for whom the Government did not pay anything.

The total amount in the Post Office Savings Bank to the credit of the earnings accounts of young people now under the control of industrial schools, or who formerly belonged to them, was £22,084 9s 10d at the 31st December, 1907. Of this amount, £17,514 18s 10d was held on account of Government schools, and £4,569 11s for private schools.

Regarding St. Mary's Industrial School (girls), Ponsonby, Dr. Darby reports as follows:—'I have inspected thoroughly every department of the establishment, and find drainage, water supply, etc., in good order. The children are well clothed and well fed. The dormitories are kept exceedingly clean and sufficiently ventilated. The children's bed-covering is ample, and suited for the season. Every care is taken by the Mother Superior, Sister Mary Francis, to insure thorough cleanliness and happiness amongst the large number of inmates under her immediate control.'

Dr. Mackin reports as follows on St. Joseph's Industrial School (girls), Wellington:—'I made my annual examination on the 4th June, 1908, and found the inmates happy, contented, and in the best of health. The dormitories, class, dining, and work rooms were scrupulously clean and tidy. The ventilating and sanitary arrangements are all that can be desired. Sister Ambrose is still in charge of the institution, and under her good management the health of the children is well looked after.'

Reporting on St. Mary's Industrial School (boys), Stoke, Dr. Bell says:—'During the year ended the 31st March, 1908, the health of the boys at the Stoke Orphanage has been good on the whole. At the end of August, 1907, there was an epidemic of pharyngitis and laryngitis, apparently influenzal in character. One boy died from laryngeal obstruction during this epidemic. I performed tracheotomy on him, but he ceased breathing soon after the trachea was opened. On the occasions of my visits the condition of the dormitories and offices has been satisfactory. None of the boys punished suffered in health therefrom. The septic tank is now working satisfactorily. The management of the whole institution appears satisfactory.'

The following is Dr. O'Neill's report on the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin:—'I am pleased to state that the health of the inmates continues in a very satisfactory state. Little sickness, and nothing of an infectious nature, manifested itself during the year. One death—the first in two years—took

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place, an infant succumbing to acute laryngitis. The sanitary arrangements are excellent, and all hygienic details, the feeding and clothing of the children, are capably attended to by the Rev. Mother Superior and Sisters.

## General Butler on Church Building

In the course of a speech at the opening of a bazaar at Greystones, County Wicklow, on August 15, in aid of the building fund of the local Catholic Church, General Sir William Butler said that Ireland had one long record of Christianity and church building, which, although it had been broken, had never been entirely severed since the days of St. Patrick. With the exception of the devastations wrought by the Danish invaders and the Saxon invaders church building had gone on in that country since the days of St. Patrick. The land was covered with churches when St. Patrick ceased his labors, and the most notable feature in the history of their country had in all ages been the construction of suitable buildings for the worship of God. He said that the difference between the Saxon and the Norman invaders was that the former destroyed church building, but the latter carried it on, and, in doing so, introduced Gothic idea of construction into their magnificent churches and edifices, the very ruins of which bore evidence of the genius of the Normans. During the so-called Reformation and for a period of 300 years church building was dead in Ireland. Nations that built churches and cathedrals were the greatest nations, great in their laws, in words, and in deeds, great in war and great in peace; just as they were great in construction, in design, and in illumination. He said this because there was a school of political economists who maintained that money which went into churches would be as well spent on other and more material matters on earth. That was not the lesson he learned from history, but

### The Very Opposite.

The Plantagenets were a great race of monarchs, and they covered England with churches. Napoleon built 3000 churches in France, and finished the Cathedral of Milan, which had been in course of construction for 100 years. The great American General, Stonewall Jackson, visited England before the Civil War in America, and it was not the greatness of London or its railways, it was not trade nor the Thames, nor Liverpool and its commerce, that struck his mind most. No; it was the lancet windows of Yorkminster Cathedral, and he spoke of them until his dying day. The people who built great churches in the past built up great empires. Let them never forget that fact. They built empires, not gingerbread or jerrybuilt, but empires that like their churches lasted. Let them take from England or France or Germany their Cathedrals of the Middle Ages, and what would remain of beauty or art, or what tangible evidence would remain of the genius of the people whose record was there in undeniable stone. Cathedrals lasted longer than palaces. The palaces of Whitechapel, Greenwich, etc., were gone, but the Abbeys of Westminster, Salisbury, and Canterbury were still with them in England. And

### The Day Would Come

again when Mass would be celebrated in some of those glorious chapels. There was no hurry about this, for God knew His own time best. These were the reasons, or some of them, why this church building, this idea of erecting houses of worship to the great God, was the most important of works which Irishmen ought to do. The church was the only place where the poor man, or the poor woman, could sit in peace and see beauty, and art, and light, and worship. Yes, the church was the poor man's palace, where he could sit down and see beauty and art, which he could not see anywhere else. When people scoffed at church building, they should scout their ideas—laugh at them. They did not know what they were talking about, and they knew nothing about history. He preferred that they should spend £26,000,000 a year on building churches to spending £13,000,000 on drink. The church spoiler might appear again, as he had appeared in Italy and in France. If, however, the church spoilers came, they could not take the pillars or their pavements, and for that reason he recommended them not to put their money in gold or precious ornaments, but in substantial walls and pavements, for then, if the worst happened, as of old, history would just repeat itself, and the ruined walls would remain and bear evidence in years yet to come of what their race suffered for the faith that was in them.

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# Diocesan News

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 3.

The Rev. Father Holley, pastor of Blenheim, is making satisfactory progress in his canvass of the Thorndon parish in aid of the Cathedral fund.

The State inspectors have submitted a report concerning the examination of our schools in Thorndon. The report is an excellent one, and speaks in terms of high praise of the splendid work in all branches being done by the Sisters of Mercy.

The annual social gathering of the city branches of the Hibernian Society will be held in the Alexandra Hall on Wednesday next. These branches have made great progress in recent years, and the gathering on Wednesday promises to be in every way an enjoyable and successful one.

The devotional services being conducted at the Sacred Heart Basilica in preparation for the coming mission by the Redemptorist Fathers have been splendidly attended by parishioners. The mission will be conducted by the Very Rev. Father Clune, and Rev. Fathers Lowham and MacDermott, and will commence in about a fortnight's time.

The Very Rev. Father Clune and Rev. Father Lowham, of the Redemptorist Order, were in town for a few days this week. On the completion of his work at Gisborne, Father Clune will return to Wellington, and there remain until the conclusion of the services incidental to the opening of the new church at Mount St. Gerard.

The high standard of musical culture obtaining in our convent schools is generally known and recognised. One of the convent's most promising young pupils, Miss Agnes Segrief, was this week the subject of most favorable comments by the local press. I understand that in the examinations recently held the convent pupils were once more very prominent in the list of successes. Detailed results will appear later.

As the result of a conference between delegates from the newly-formed Catholic Club and the Hibernians at South Wellington, it has been decided that the club room and its accessories at present the property of the Hibernians is to be taken over by the Catholic Club. The Hibernians are to have by way of a return the use of the club rooms whenever required, and members of the society will enjoy the privileges of members of the club for a term without payment of the usual subscription. Both societies are to be congratulated on the results of the conference. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, who was chiefly instrumental in bringing about so desirable an end, presided at the conference of the delegates Messrs. J. W. Callaghan, A. Guthrie, McErlean, and Murphy represented the Hibernians, and Messrs. Moriarty, Collins, Guise, and Fitzgibbon the Catholic Club.

On Sunday last the members of the Hibernian Society, in regalia, approached the Holy Table at the 7.30 a.m. Mass in St. Joseph's Church. The celebrant, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., recommended the society to the favorable notice of the parishioners. The young in particular should join this excellent society, the benefits of which from the material point of view were at least equal to those of outside societies. He exhorted all Hibernians to become members of the Sacred Heart Society. He expressed the hope that the society would continue to progress to such an extent that St. Joseph's would be unable to accommodate them. The quarterly meeting of the society was held on Monday evening in St. Patrick's Hall. There was a large attendance of members. After the transaction of much general business the spiritual director of the society, Rev. Father Venning, S.M., addressed the members. The sum of £80 was received at the meeting. The branch is making solid progress, new members being initiated at every meeting.

### Masterton.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 3.

The usual meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Tuesday evening. The president (Bro. J. Connor) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. One candidate was initiated and one proposed. During the evening the past president

(Bro. H. O'Leary) was presented by the members with a framed emblem of the society. The president and several members spoke of the good-work done by Bro. O'Leary, who was one of the founders of the Masterton branch in 1889. Bro. O'Leary suitably replied, and gave a brief outline of the branch since since formation.

The Garryowen Hockey Club held their annual social in the Wenvoe tea-rooms last Wednesday. The Very Rev. Dean McKenna presided. Invitations had been issued to the various other clubs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening the Very Rev. Dean presented the medals won during the season: For the best player in the team, Miss K. O'Leary; the most improved player, Miss R. Frost; the player who attended the most practices, Miss R. Chapman. The Very Rev. Chairman also presented Miss M. Stempa, the club's popular secretary, with a silver-mounted purse, suitably inscribed, and expressed regret at losing her services owing to her departure from Masterton.

The results of the examinations in practical pianoforte and singing, held at St. Bride's Convent, under the auspices of the Trinity College of Music, London, have been made available by the examiner. These show that the Sisters have again sustained their reputation as teachers of singing and pianoforte, as out of the twenty-four pupils entered for the examination they achieved the very creditable result of securing passes (and in many cases honors) with all the candidates. This result is all the more meritorious when it is considered that for three years in succession not one failure has been recorded in these examinations out of all the pupils entered. The highest honors of the examination rest with Theodora Shapter, who entered for the A.T.C.L. in singing, and secured honors with 87 marks. Last year this same lady achieved a similar distinction in pianoforte. The other results were as follows (the maximum marks being 100, of which 80 count for honors and 60 for a pass):—Singing: Senior singing—Bride Flahavan, 77. Junior singing—May Harris, 70; Madge Kelliher, 69; Gladys Turner, 68. Preparatory (singing)—Muriel Welch, 84 (distinction); Dorothy Fowler, 83; Rita Hodgins, 73; Rose O'Dowd, 64; Margaret Byrne, 62. Pianoforte: Senior honors—Marjory McKenna, 88; Mary O'Neill, 85; May Boustead, 81; Colina McKenzie, 77. Intermediate honors—Alma Fuller, 85. Intermediate pass—Coralie Smythson, 81; Kera Te Whaiti, 74; Olive Isaacson, 67. Junior pass—Effie Wall, 76; Mary Burke, 68; Clarence La Roche, 67. During his stay in Masterton the examiner (Mr. H. Saint George) paid a visit to St. Bride's Convent one evening, and entertained them with some violin music, which was much appreciated by the Sisters.

## DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

October 5.

In a private letter Miss Irene Ainsley, the talented vocalist whose concert company is now touring the North Island, states that in many of the towns visited they have had record audiences. An equally satisfactory tour in the South Island is confidently anticipated.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys visited Burnham on Saturday week, and played a drawn game with the Industrial School, each side scoring 9 points. The visitors assisted the inmates of the school to give an enjoyable entertainment. Mr. J. Donnell thanked the masters and boys, and especially Messrs. Archey (manager) and Anderson, for the welcome that was accorded the visitors.

At the great public meeting on last Wednesday evening to promote the construction of a ship canal, to connect Christchurch with the sea at Sumner, his Worship the Mayor (Mr. C. Allison), who presided, commenced his address by reading the following telegram from his Lordship Bishop Grimes:—'Wish-meeting and patriotic scheme every success; canal, methinks, would make Christchurch chief and wealthiest city in Dominion.' These sentiments were loudly applauded.

In the course of a sermon recently in the Anglican Cathedral, Bishop Julius, as reported in the local papers, indulged in some characteristic plain speaking. 'There were hundreds (he said) who came to the Cathedral had a prayer-book provided for them, joined heartily in the hymns and listened a while to the service, and when the plate went round they "went blind." They gave nothing, and never meant to.' He was speaking thus because on the congregation lay the claim for help for the poor and struggling round the diocese, and he implored them to give.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced at St. Joseph's Church, Lyttelton, on Sunday morning last. Both Masses were celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, who also preached morning and evening. On Monday and Tuesday Masses are to be celebrated at 6.30 and 9 a.m. On Monday evening the Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., will preach, and the devotion will terminate after the last Mass on Tuesday morning.

At the ordinary meeting of the North Canterbury Board of Education held last week the agitation for religious instruction during school hours received its quietus probably for a considerable time. The Appointments Committee reported that it had further considered the matters of school hours and religious instruction in schools, and recommended the adoption of the following regulation, which embodied the principles laid down in previous resolutions of the board:—'The ordinary hours of instruction in every district or aided school in the North Canterbury Education District shall in all the standard classes be five hours each day during five days of each week, but for the preparatory classes need not exceed four hours; and the teaching shall be entirely of a secular character. No teaching of a religious character shall be given in any school between the time of opening the school in the forenoon and the time of closing the school for the day.' The recommendation was adopted.

Preaching at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, at the 11 o'clock Mass on last Sunday week, the Very Rev. Father Regnault, S.M., Provincial, taking as a basis for his discourse the lives and labors of the early missionaries in the Dominion, enlarged in eloquent terms on the excellent work now being done in compiling the records of these noble men of past days. The reading of these 'Memoirs' in the pages of the Tablet are (said he) an inspiration, and those responsible for their production are performing a magnificent service not alone for the benefit of present-day readers, but for the edification and enlightenment of posterity. It is a work, he continued, that has not been taken in hand a day too soon, and were it not for the devotion of those now so engaged a vast amount of most valuable and interesting information already collected would have probably been lost for all time.

The Solemn Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral was commenced on last Friday morning. In the evening there was a good congregation, when the Rev. Father Hyland (Rangiora) preached on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, with a fervent exhortation to his hearers to more fully realise the inestimable privilege and duty of assisting thereat. On Saturday evening the Rev. Father Bell, S.M., delivered an instruction in simple but effective terms. The concluding sermon was preached on Sunday evening after Vespers by the Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton) to a crowded congregation on the 'Divine Institution of the Blessed Sacrament and the Real Presence.' Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the beautiful devotion, in which very many participated and approached the Holy Table. During the afternoon of Sunday especially the faithful in numbers attended at Adoration.

Mr. John Coakley and his family, much respected Catholic residents of Waiau, who are leaving the district, were the recipients of an address from their co-religionists. They were also entertained at a social farewell gathering in the local hall on last Friday evening. The hall was crowded with people from all parts of the Amuri, and the Rev. W. R. Campbell, of Hanmer, presided. Mr. D. D. Macfarlane, on behalf of his numerous friends in the Amuri district, presented Mr. Coakley with an illuminated address, which testified to the esteem in which Mr. Coakley was held during his residence of thirty-three years in the district, and a massive tea and coffee service and a pair of silver candle-sticks. Eulogistic speeches were made by Messrs. F. S. Northcote and R. A. Chaffey, the Rev. John Watt, and the Rev. Father Richards. Colonel Chaffey, on behalf of the Waiau Hack Racing Club, presented Mr. Coakley with a pair of field-glasses, as a mark of appreciation of his services for nearly thirty years as clerk of the scales. Miss Coakley was presented by Misses Lyford and Mannion, on behalf of her Amuri friends, with a silver-backed comb and brush, while Miss Irene Coakley received a very pretty brooch, Misses D. Creed and E. Crocker making the presentation. Miss Coakley was also the recipient of a presentation from the Waiau Ladies' Hockey team. Mr. J. Leonard Coakley, in the unavoidable absence of his father from indisposition, thanked the donors for the presentations made to the family. A programme of music, etc., followed.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club was held on last Tuesday evening. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy was present, and there was a good attendance of members. The

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president (Mr. D. Edmonds, jun.) occupied the chair. The annual report and balance sheet were presented by the secretary (Mr. J. Ainger), and adopted. The auditors in an appended report complimented the secretary on the excellent manner in which the books and accounts of the club had been kept by him. An animated discussion ensued on the prospects of the club. The balance sheet revealed a satisfactory working condition and financial position, the figures showing the total receipts to have been £112 3s 6d, expenditure £98 6s 11d, cash in hand £13 16s 7d, deficit on profit and loss account £38 2s; assets over liabilities, £103 18s 11d. Sir George Clifford retains the position of patron, and the Rev. Dr. Kennedy has been appointed spiritual director. The election of officers for the ensuing year proved an example of unanimity to such an extent that in no single instance was there a contest. The following is the result:—President, Mr. J. R. Hayward; vice-presidents—Messrs. G. Dobbs, E. T. Harper, and T. Adams; treasurer, Mr. W. Hayward, jun.; secretary, Mr. J. Ainger; assistant secretary, Mr. Harold Salmon; executive committee, Messrs. P. McNamara, M. O'Reilly, J. McNamara, R. Beveridge, and T. O'Connell, jun.; trustees, Messrs. J. R. Hayward, A. Mead, and M. O'Reilly; auditors, Messrs. Eric Harper and D. Edmonds, jun.; librarian, Mr. E. O'Connor. On the motion of Mr. G. Dobbs, a bonus was voted to the secretary for past valued services, and on the motion of Mr. J. R. Hayward a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring president, other officers, and members of executive committee. The retiring president, in acknowledging the compliment, gave some useful hints as to conserving the interests and extending the influence of the club. A proposal in the direction of appointing a house committee was delegated to the incoming committee.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 4.

Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., preached a retreat to the Convent boarders during the past week.

Miss Mary Dunne, of Timaru, was received into the Order of the Sacred Heart at their convent, Island Bay, Wellington, on September 24 by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy.

Rev. Father Tubman's envelope scheme for swelling the total of the new church fund has met with a great success. The amount from the envelopes so far is close on £400. The appearance of the old church has been altered very much by the iron roof, which now covers the shingle.

The Marist Brothers' pupils gave a most successful concert in the Theatre Royal recently, the lengthy and well-prepared programme speaking volumes for the attention and training given by the Brothers under their capable director, Brother Egbert. The principal item of the evening was a little drama entitled 'St. Aloysius Gonzaga,' the characters being well taken by Masters M. O'Meeghan, T. McGrath, L. Kane, W. Darcy, and another. Masters O'Meeghan, McGrath, and Brosnahan rendered acceptable songs, and Master Neeson got a great reception for his humorous recitations. As usual, the drill was excellent and had to be repeated. Mrs. Mangos helped everything along by her tastefully-played accompaniments.

In this progressive age, which prides itself upon its utilitarian spirit, it is pleasing to see that our Catholic schools can keep abreast of the times. About six months ago our local Convent Primary School opened a workroom in which the girls are taught dressmaking under the direction of efficient teachers. The hands have been kept busy since the inauguration, thanks to the kind interest shown by ladies in the district, who have found their orders carried out in a highly satisfactory manner. The aim is to safeguard the faith and innocence of our Catholic girls who can thus pass from the school to the workroom and earn a livelihood at the same salaries as are offered in the trade workrooms. Mr. Gow's recent report contains the following paragraph:—'A very good feature is the means taken to prepare the senior girls for domestic duties, laundry work, needlework, dressmaking, and cooking finding a place in the school course.'

### Greymouth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 2.

It is with pleasure that I record the success of the St. Columba Club representatives in the elocutionary competition

held in the Town Hall last Wednesday evening. The contest was held under the joint auspices of the three literary societies of the town—St. Columba, Trinity, and Mutual Improvement (Presbyterian). The keenest interest in the competition was aroused in town, and the twenty-four competitors had to face a very large audience. The programme was arranged under three headings—Prepared speeches, recitations, and impromptu speaking. Each society had three representatives in the prepared and impromptu speeches, and two each in the recitations. Three gold medals were offered as awards of individual merit for first places, three silver ones for second place. There was also a handsome silver cup to the society securing the greatest number of points. The St. Columba Club was represented in the set speech by Messrs. E. Casey (Napoleon Bonaparte), A. O'Donoghue (Oliver Goldsmith), and T. M. Heffernan (Robert Emmet); in the recitations by Messrs. E. Casey and P. Smyth; and in impromptu speeches by Messrs. E. Casey, P. C. Heaphy, and W. H. Duffy. To secure strict impartiality the committee selected judges outside of Greymouth, and were fortunate in securing two such able gentlemen as Rev. Mr. Rice (of Ross) and Mr. H. L. Michel (Mayor of Hokitika), whilst the Mayor of Greymouth (Mr. T. E. Coates) occupied the chair. The judges awarded first place in the set speech to Mr. T. M. Heffernan (Robert Emmet). The judges, in announcing the result, congratulated the winner on his fine speech, distinct articulation, and excellent modulation. The win was very popular, the winner receiving great applause from the audience. Mr. E. Casey (Napoleon Bonaparte) secured second place. In the impromptu speeches Mr. E. Casey was easily first, his fine speech winning rounds of applause from the audience. Our representatives were not placed in the recitations. The points gained by the various clubs for the Challenge Cup were as follow:—St. Columba Club 10, Trinity 8, Mutual Improvement 3. Our representatives secured two gold medals and one silver one. His Worship the Mayor then presented the cup to Mr. E. Casey (president of St. Columba Club), after which Mr. Coates (Mayor) invited the judges, contestants, and officials to supper at the Victoria Tea Rooms, where a pleasant hour was spent. Mr. E. Casey proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor, which was carried with acclamation. Thus ended a most successful function.

The distribution of Dominion Medals to the pupils of the Convent and Marist Brothers' schools took place in the Convent grounds on Friday afternoon (says the Greymouth Evening Star). His Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, who had kindly consented to preside at the distribution, addressed the children in a few well-chosen words. 'They had all assembled there,' he said, 'to commemorate the day on which New Zealand had been proclaimed a Dominion, and to show their loyalty to their dear native land. They should all love New Zealand—God's own country—and should strive to be patriotic and devoted subjects. The Church had always taught her children to respect civil authority, because all authority is from God. Before distributing the medals, he would ask the children to keep them not for their intrinsic worth, but for what they symbolised, namely, the proclamation of New Zealand as a dominion.' The flag was hoisted and the children sang the National Anthem. His Lordship then distributed the medals, and each of the children was also presented with a bag of lollies, which were generously supplied by the Borough Council. The pleasant little ceremony terminated by the boys giving three ringing cheers for the Dominion, and three more for his Lordship the Bishop.

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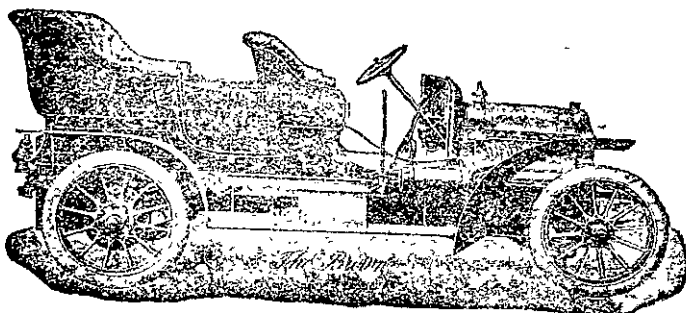
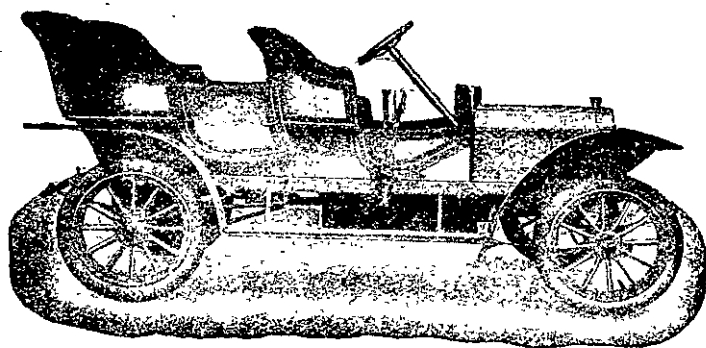
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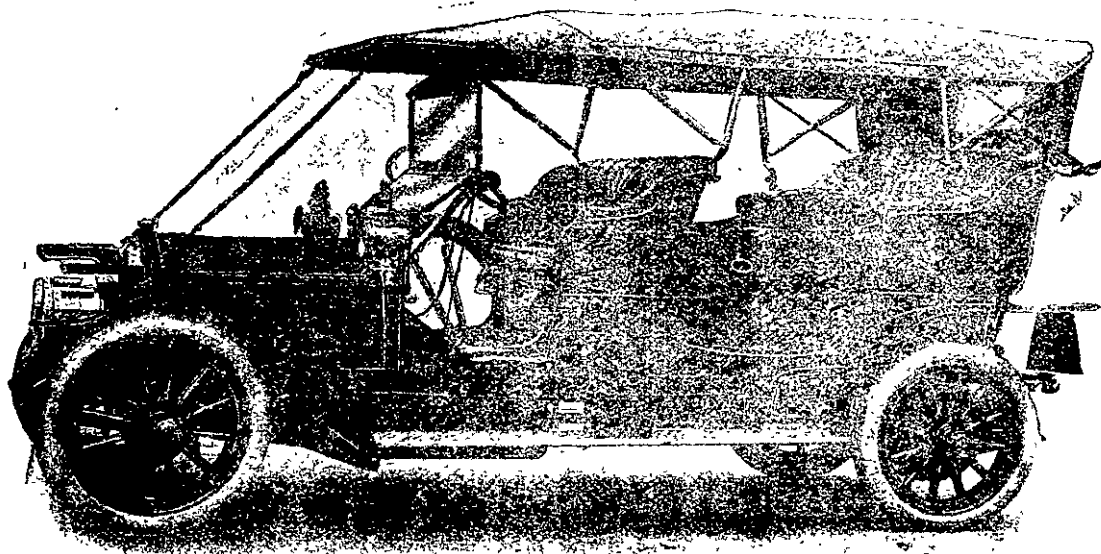
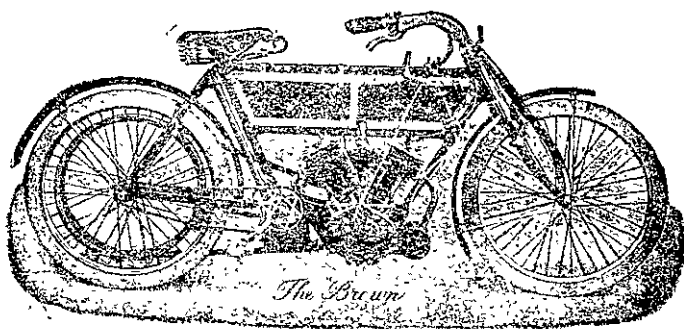


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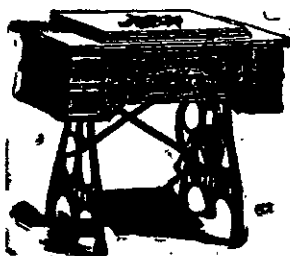
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### PRODUCE

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

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. The catalogue submitted was fully representative, and the prime lots of all lines on offer met with fairly good competition from a small attendance of buyers. Our offerings of medium and inferior quality in most lines, however, were neglected. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The market is quiet, and little business is passing, either for shipment or local consumption. Vendors who have held throughout the season are not readily disposed to accept merchants' present comparatively low limits. Quotations are unchanged as follow:—Prime milling, 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is firm, despite the slight fall reported in the London market. This firmness is principally due to the lightness of offerings. Prime milling is in request, while medium milling is readily quit for fowl wheat, which has strong inquiry. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 4½d to 4s 5½d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—With light arrivals the market is firm at late quotations. At auction we disposed of one line of exceptionally prime Up-to-Dates at £4 per ton. Medium quality is unchanged, whilst inferior descriptions lack inquiry and are difficult to dispose of even at low figures. We quote: Prime Derwents, £3 15s to £4; prime Up-to-Dates, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; medium, £3 5s to £3 10s; inferior, £2 7s 6d to £2 15s.

Chaff.—The market is fully supplied, and values are almost on a par with last week's rates. Prime quality has almost the sole attention of buyers, and medium and indifferent qualities in consequence are difficult to dispose of at quotations. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s to £4; medium, £3 5s to £3 10s; light, inferior, and heated, £2 10s and upwards per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report as follows:—

Oats.—Quotations: Prime milling, 2s to 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is very firm, but there is very little offering, while fowl wheat is in good demand. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 4½d to 4s 5½d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market is unchanged, and only prime quality is asked for. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium, £3 5s to £4 10s; light, inferior, and heated, £2 10s to £3 per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—Quotations: Wheaten, 45s; oaten, 47s 6d per ton.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was the usual attendance of trade buyers and others. For the oats catalogued there was only moderate competition, but fowl wheat, potatoes, and chaff had fair demand at prices about on a par with late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Considerable shipments are being made from this port, but these are chiefly made up of oats purchased some time ago by shippers. There is little new business to report, but any sales passing are on the basis of late quotations, which holders see no reason to reduce. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 0½d to 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling quality has ready sale at late values, but in the absence of anything like large stocks there is not much actual business to report. Medium milling sorts are not in favor with millers, but find an outlet as fowl wheat, which is scarce. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 5d to 4s 5½d; medium, 4s 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; medium and damaged, 3s 3d to 3s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market has been more freely supplied, and except for choice lots it has been difficult to maintain last week's prices. The demand is chiefly for prime, freshly-picked Up-to-Dates. Best are worth £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; medium to good, £3 to £3 10s; inferior and stale, £2 5s to £2 15s. Derwents have not much inquiry at—For prime, £3 15s to £4; medium, £3 5s to £3 10s; inferior, £2 10s to £3 per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Fair supplies are coming forward, and in the case of prime lots meet with good demand at about late values. Medium and discolored lots are difficult to place at satisfactory prices. The demand is almost entirely local, and is confined chiefly to best samples. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior and light, £3 to £3 7s 6d; straw chaff, £2 per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—Quotations: Wheaten, 45s; oaten (scarce), 47s 6d per ton.

### WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Monday to the usual attendance of buyers. Bidding was brisk, and prices were much the same as at the preceding sale. Best winter does brought from 19d to 21d; extra, to 23½d; good, 17d to 18d; mixed, 15d to 16½d; early winters, 13d to 14½d; autumns, 12d to 14d; summers, 7d to 9½d; winter blacks, to 22½d; autumns, 17d; fawns, to 14½d; horse hair, to 17½d.

Sheepskins.—Prices showed a slight decline on values ruling at last sale. Quotations: Best halfbred, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6; inferior, 3½d to 4d; best fine crossbred, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 5d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; best merino, 5½d to 6d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; pelts, 3d to 4d.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale on the 2nd inst., when we submitted a medium catalogue. There was a good attendance of buyers, and competition was keen, prices being a little better than at last sale. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 6d to 7½; good heavy do, 5½d to 6d; medium weight, 4½d to 5½d; light weight, 4d to 4½d; inferior, 2½d to 3d; prime heavy cow hides, 4½d to 5d; medium weight, 4d to 4½d; inferior, 2½d to 3½d; yearlings, 2½d to 4½d; calfskins, 2d to 5½d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is very little coming forward, and sales are readily effected at late rates.

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

There was a rather small entry of horses for last Saturday's sale, and those forward were chiefly light harness sorts. There was a fair attendance, and a moderate amount of business was transacted. Now that the weather has improved, the inquiry for good hacks and strong harness horses has improved. Draughts were poorly represented. Only a few of this class were forward, and these were only of medium quality. For really good young draught mares and geldings suitable for heavy town work and active sorts for farm work there is a splendid demand, and whenever these are forthcoming they realise full values. Spring-carters and spring-vanners are very scarce, and a number would sell to advantage at present. During the week we have sold several good plough mares at up to £50. Quotations:

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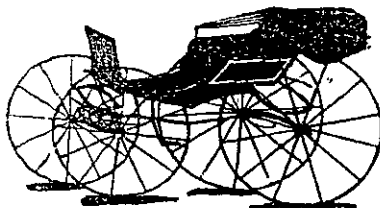
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### CASEY—KELLY.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Catholic Church, Waverley, on August 20, when Mr. Joseph Casey, son of Mr. C. Casey, Putiki, Wanganui, and formerly of Patea, and Miss Delia Kelly were joined in the bonds of Matrimony. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. B. Kelly. The Rev. Father Dwyer, of Hawera, assisted by Rev. Father Duffy, Patea, performed the ceremony. The bride looked very pretty in a beautiful dress of white mervilleux silk trimmed with silk lace, and wore the usual veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She was attended by Miss Kathleen Casey, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss M. Condon, cousin of the bride, as bridesmaids. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. M. Casey, as best man, and Mr. Kelly as groomsman. After the ceremony the contracting parties and guests adjourned to the Coffee Palace for the wedding breakfast. The newly-married couple left for Palmerston North, where the honeymoon was spent, taking with them the best wishes of a very wide circle of friends for a happy and prosperous future. The wedding presents were numerous and costly.

### SULLIVAN—PATTERSON.

On September 9, at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby (writes our Auckland correspondent), a very pretty wedding took place, the contracting parties being Miss Hilda Mary Patterson, eldest daughter of Mr. John Patterson, J.P., and Mr. William Sullivan, of Waihi. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Edge. The bride looked charming in an Empire gown of crepe de chine, with the customary wreath and veil. She wore a handsome diamond and amethyst bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a beautiful ivory prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom's mother. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Flossie Patterson (sister) and Miss Mary Sullivan (sister of the bridegroom), who wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. P. Sullivan (brother) as best man, and Mr. Desmond Patterson as groomsman. A reception was held at the residence of the parents of the bride, England street, where the toast of the newly wedded couple was proposed by Mr. P. J. Nerheny, J.P. The presents were both costly and numerous. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, who will make their home in Waihi, spent the honeymoon at Rotorua.

### BEST—JEFFRIES.

A marriage which attracted considerable local interest (says the Marlborough Express of September 10) took place at St. Mary's Church this morning. The bridegroom was Mr. E. H. Best, son of Mr. John Best, of Appleby, Nelson, the bride being Miss Lucy Jeffries, daughter of Mr. T. Jeffries, of Fairhall. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Holley, assisted by Fathers Fay and O'Sullivan, and at the conclusion a Nuptial Mass was celebrated. The wedding march was played by Miss McCabe. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. T. Jeffries, looked lovely in a dainty dress of ivory-tinted chiffon-taffeta, with transparent yoke, and sleeves of Brussels net. She also wore the customary wreath and veil, and carried a choice bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Pollie Jeffries, sister of the bride, and Miss Evelyn Best, sister of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr. Leslie Best, as best man, and Mr. Ernest Jeffries, brother of the bride, acted as groomsman. The bridegroom presented the bride with a very handsome brooch, set with two whole pearls of rare beauty. The bridesmaids were also presented with pearl and ruby brooches. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a dressing-case. After the ceremony the bridal party adjourned to the Club Hotel, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The usual toasts were duly honored. The happy couple left by motor-car for Picton, en route to Sydney, where the honeymoon was to be spent. Mr. and Mrs. Best took with them the heartiest good wishes for their happiness and prosperity of a large circle of friends.

### WELLINGTON

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

At the Sacred Heart Church, Thorndon, a number of children made their First Communion last Sunday.

At St. Joseph's Church the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will commence on Sunday, October 25.

The United Irish League will hold a progressive euchre and concert party on October 13 at Lyons', when members and their friends are expected to be present.

The penny collection for the school in the Te Aro parish amounted to £26 5s 6d for September.

From last Mass until Vespers the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place at St. Mary's and the Basilica last Sunday.

The members of the Petone Catholic Club will pay their return visit to the Wellington Catholic Club in the latter's rooms (St. Patrick's Hall) on Thursday, October 8, when they will be entertained by the local club members.

The many friends of Mr. R. Burke heard with sincere regret of his sad bereavement in the death of his wife, who passed away on Saturday at the ripe age of 75 years. The deceased was a respected member of the congregation of St. Mary of the Angels' from which the remains were taken on Monday to their last resting place at Karori.—R.I.P.

The Particular Council in connection with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which has been recently formed in Wellington, will hold a meeting at St. Mary's, Boulcott street, on Wednesday evening. The council is presided over by Mr. Martin Kennedy, and consists of the president, vice-presidents, and other officers of the following conferences:—Te Aro, Thorndon, Newtown, Petone, Masterton, Hastings, New Plymouth, and the Catholic Seamen's Union. The secretary is Mr. Reichel.

### Palmerston North

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Children of Mary held another of their series of most enjoyable progressive euchre parties in aid of St. Bernard's Library on last Thursday evening.

The quarterly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Tuesday. Brother C. McGrath (president) occupied the chair. There was a fair attendance of members, including the Rev. Father O'Bierne, chaplain, who with unfiring zeal is ever enlisting new members and fresh sympathies for the branch. Brother Fred Oakley was appointed trustee. The members will make their half-yearly Communion on next Sunday. Many new members were gained during the past quarter, and several candidates were proposed for election at the next meeting.

### Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—There was a large yarding of 252. The quality was good, and prices compared with last week's were firm. Best bullocks, £10 10s to £12; extra, up to £13 10s; medium, £9 to £10; inferior, £7 to £8; best cows and heifers, £9 to £10; light, up to £7.

Sheep.—2857 penned. Prices were about on a par with last week's quotations. Best wethers, 19s to 23s 3d; medium, 16s to 18s 6d; light, 14s to 15s; best ewes, 16s to 19s; extra, up to 21s; medium and light, up to 14s 6d.

Lambs.—51 penned. All were of good quality, and sold at up to 22s 6d.

Pigs.—111 penned. Small pigs sold at about late rates, but porkers and baconers were in short supply, and prices were consequently a shade higher than those ruling last week. Suckers, 19s to 22s; slips, 23s to 27s; stores, 33s to 38s; porkers, 43s to 48s; light baconers, 50s to 55s; heavy do, 58s to 63s.

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## DEATHS

**NEAGLE.**—On September 28, 1908, at Dannévirke, Winifred Violet Gwendoline, beloved wife of James Neagle, jun.; aged 27 years.—R.I.P.

**CORR.**—On September 26, at the Dunedin Hospital, Thomas, son of the late John Corr, of Westport, and M. A. Easton, of Wellington; aged 23 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

**LACY.**—Of your charity pray for the soul of Mrs Margaret Lacy, wife of the late Edmond Lacy, who died at her residence, Forforth House, Bansha, County Tipperary, Ireland, on January 29, 1908; aged 79 years.—R.I.P. We beseech thee, our Blessed Lady, and holy St. Patrick, to intercede for her before the throne of the Most High.

Inserted by her loving son, J. Sarsfield Lacy, Mangamahū, Wanganui.

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

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

*Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.*

*LEO XIII., P.M.*

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

*April 4, 1900.*

*LEO XIII., Pope.*



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1908.

## THE BOOK PROSECUTIONS



**I**N an address at Chelsea (Massachusetts) in 1885, Russell Lowell said: 'There is a choice in books as in friends, and the mind sinks or rises to the level of its habitual society—is subdued, as Shakespeare says of the dyer's hand, to what it works in.' In this well-known truth of human experience lies, especially for the young, the peril of the more or less erotic books that are being imported in great numbers into these countries. 'Mr. Dooley' says that a considerable number of the books that come tumbling out of the world's presses are the work of 'thin, peevish men' that are 'always gettin' licked.' It is this class that seems to be largely responsible at the present time for the flood of suggestive and unwholesome literature that is such a menace to the morals of the rising generation.

The authors of this malodorous literary waste—mostly women, by the way—have none of the qualities that would gain them a hearing by legitimate methods. They are of the class that are 'always gettin' licked' in the struggle for literary survival. Some of the unfit drop out of competition; some continue the unequal struggle and starve more or less decently; others resort to unworthy devices to win a passing notoriety and the dishonored shekels that come of it. Among this class, some achieve their end by the method which enables a small man to step for a moment into the limelight by attacking a great man or a great organisation. Thus, the *soi-disant* 'Roman Catholic' McCarthy contrived to turn into chinking coins of the realm sundry agglomerates of slipshod and semi-illiterate printed stuff, the sole merit of which, to the class of readers to whom he appealed, was his rough and calumnious attacks upon the Catholic priesthood and the Catholic people of Ireland. A similar remark applies to the preposterous, 'penny-dreadful' sort of No-Popery romance with which the Rev. Joseph Hocking doses the same class of readers, as Mrs. Squeers dosed the boys of Dotheboy's Hall with measures of brimstone and treacle. Another class of the people that are 'always gettin' licked' strain to secure readers by appealing to still baser passions than those of religious or racial animosity. From all that we have been able to learn, the 'neurotic, erotic, tommyrotic' printed stuff which they inflict upon the world sufficiently reveals the inability of the authors to achieve success along honorable and legitimate lines of literary work. On October 6, at Christchurch, Mr. Bishop, S.M., in fining sundry booksellers and booksellers' assistants for vending such pernicious stuff, made a remark which may be aptly quoted in this connection: 'The books were of varying degrees of immorality, but immorality was present in each, and it could not be gainsaid that if the immorality were taken out nothing else was left to induce any reader to give the books a second thought.'

In giving his decision, Mr. Bishop quoted the following from a judgment by Chief Justice Cockburn: 'A great many publications of high repute as literary productions in this country have a tendency which is immodest and immoral, and might have been subject matter for indictment. But it is not to be said that

because in many standard works there are objectionable passages that therefore the law is not as alleged on the part of this prosecution—namely, that obscene works are the subject matter of indictment. I think the test of obscenity is whether the tendency of the matter charged as obscenity is to degrade and corrupt those whose minds are open to immoral influences, and as to how those into whose hands publications of this sort fall would regard this work. I am quite certain that it would suggest to the minds of the young of either sex thoughts of a most impure and libidinous character.' We hardly think that the spasmodic prosecutions conducted here and there will cleanse the shelves and counters of the booksellers or seriously, if at all, reduce the number of works of fiction of an erotic tendency that are being imported at a great rate into New Zealand. Where poison is being poured into the human body, the physician's first principle of treatment is to stop the supply, then to deal with that which has penetrated into the system. A similar course of action should be adopted in regard to the fiction of an erotic tendency which is poisoning the moral system of many of our young men and maidens. The Customs should be a barrier to cut off the further supply of the infecting medium. With a proper mandate, the police might then be trusted to deal as effectively as circumstances would permit with the unclean or suggestive works which have found a lodging within the Dominion, on the shelves of the booksellers. From the legal point of view, those that have got into private hands must continue to work their mischief without resort. There is, unfortunately, a tendency in some quarters to regard 'business' as a thing without relation to conscience or the moral law. The better class of booksellers will, no doubt, take to heart the lesson of the recent prosecutions, acquaint themselves, as far as they can, with the character of the publications which they expose for sale, and exercise a proper boycott against immoral works and those having an immoral tendency.

We commend to their imitation the example of the large Dublin bookselling and publishing firm of Messrs. Eason, who, some twelve or fifteen years ago, taught a London publishing house a lesson that might be taught to other publishing houses to-day with much benefit to youthful morals. In the *Review of Reviews*, Mr. Stead had described as 'The Book of the Month,' and given lengthy extracts from, a novel antagonistic to Christian marriage. The Messrs. Eason owned at the time, besides their Dublin business, the bookstalls at the Irish railway stations. Their supplies of the *Review of Reviews* were very large. But they promptly returned to Mr. Stead the whole of the big consignment containing the book review in question, and accompanied it with a letter in which they notified him that they declined to be the medium for the circulation of such attacks on Christian marriage. Mr. Stead remonstrated. 'But the only result of his remonstrance was this: Mr. Charles Eason wrote him a letter in which he declared that a fresh perusal of the article in the *Review of Reviews* served only to convince the firm more fully as to its pernicious influence. 'I do not doubt,' wrote Mr. Eason, 'that the topic of Free Love engages the attention of the corrupt Londoner. There are plenty of such persons who are only too glad to get the sanction of writers for the maintenance and practice of their evil thoughts, but the purest and best lives in all parts of the field of Christian philanthropy will mourn the publicity you have given to this evil book. It is not even improbable that the perusal . . . may determine the action of souls to their spiritual ruin.'

Such an example deserves the flattery of extended imitation.

## Notes

### Parasitic Diseases

'It is in man's power,' said Pasteur, 'to make parasitic diseases disappear from the face of the earth, if the doctrine of spontaneous generation is a chimera, as I am convinced it is.' Pasteur dynamited the theory of spontaneous generation, and his prophecy in regard to parasitic diseases is gradually working towards fulfilment. A Maori leper—a victim of 'the most ancient and most human' of all parasitic diseases—was last week sent from our Quail Island to his home in the North, after having been pronounced free from the dread malady. And from Victoria and New South Wales comes the welcome intelligence that owing to the sharp eye which the public health authorities keeps to sanitation, tuberculosis has considerably decreased in those two States. Leprosy was once pretty nearly as prevalent in Europe

as tubercular disease is now. But the children of to-day may live to see the time when the consumption scourge is as rare among white peoples as leprosy is at the present hour.

### Catholic Advance in England

The growth of tolerant feeling towards Catholicism in England, the spread of Ritualism, and the advance made by the Church in Great Britain recently formed the subject of melancholy reflections by an Orange brother (Mr. Albert Bruntnell) in the Rev. Dill-Mackay's organ, the *Sydney Watchman*. Mr. Bruntnell recently visited England, and has come back to Australia with feelings turned black and blue by the things that he has seen. The *Melbourne Tribune* quotes (among others) the following pained remarks of Brother Bruntnell in the *Watchman*:— 'The growth of Ritualism in a large portion of the Church of England is very serious. The most serious part of all is that thousands of our own Protestant people are becoming inured to their surroundings, and it does not now impress them as it once did. The visitor, of course, notices it. A member of the Legislative Council of Victoria, who returned in the same steamer with me, informed me that he went to his little parish church in the town where he was born, and he did not recognise it as the same place. The burning of candles, the wearing of vestments, and the ritual made him feel very uncomfortable and much concerned. The townspeople seemed to regard it as quite the usual thing. When I visited the City of Lincoln the first time, a young man who belonged to the L.O.L., from Leichhardt, Sydney, told me that he had not been able to find an Orange Lodge to affiliate with in the whole of the city. The young man told me that he had been to the Church of England vicar and asked if there was such an institution, and he met with nothing but a scornful rebuke. I stayed in the South of England, where a Bible Christian minister declared to me that he did not know what the L.O.L. was, and asked me to explain.' Mr. Bruntnell concluded with this assurance: 'There can be no doubt but that Roman Catholicism is making a great advance in England.'

### DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commences on Friday morning at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin.

A long-service and good-conduct medal has been awarded to Warden J. O'Reilly, of the Prisons Department, Dunedin.

On October 1 a very enjoyable social gathering was held in St. George's Hall, Milton, in aid of the convent schools. It was organised by the Children of Mary, who are to be congratulated on the admirable arrangements, as it was the most successful held in Milton during the year.

On Monday night, at St. Joseph's Hall, the Rev. Father Coffey, on behalf of the ladies attending the ambulance class, presented Dr. Hastings with a shaving set. Father Coffey, in making the presentation, thanked the lecturer for the admirable manner in which he conducted the class. Dr. Hastings, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be associated with the class, and thanked them very heartily for their presentation.

A grand bazaar and sale of work in aid of the Dominican Convent building fund is announced to take place on Friday and Saturday next (says the *Tuapeka Times*). The ladies of the congregation and their friends have been working hard during the past few months in preparation for the event, and they have got together a very large and varied assortment of articles of an ornamental and useful character. An attractive feature of the bazaar will be the original and varied character of the side-shows which are being arranged for.

On Sunday—the feast of the Holy Rosary—a Missa Cantata was celebrated at half-past 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Church, Milton, by the Rev. Father Farthing, and the choir, which had been considerably augmented, rendered Webbe's Mass in G, Miss Scanlan being organist. Father Farthing (says the local *Herald*) preached an impressive sermon on the Real Presence. At the conclusion of the Mass there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the evening devotions, when the Rev. Father Morkane (Lawrence) preached an eloquent sermon. There were large congregations both morning and evening. The altar was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The final meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club for the present season, held on Friday evening, took the form of a smoke concert, which was largely attended. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Joseph Swanson, T. Hughes, E. Wilkie, O. Swanson,

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H. Miles, and J. Sweeney, a flute solo by Mr. Deehan, and a recitation by Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. F. Heley acted as accompanist. At the conclusion of the musical programme Mr. Deehan referred in eulogistic terms to the services rendered the club by its president (Rev. Father Coffey), who, he said, spared no effort to further its interests and assist the members by his advice and encouragement. Rev. Father Coffey, in replying, thanked the members for their appreciative references to himself, and assured them that he thoroughly enjoyed himself in the club, and though at times he found it difficult to attend, he was always ready to help along the club and willing to sacrifice his time in its interests.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Friday morning. High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Corcoran, Rev. Father Cleary being deacon and Rev. Father Coffey subdeacon. After Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the school children took part. The music of the Mass was rendered by the choir of the Dominican nuns. On Sunday there was Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock, Rev. Father Liston (Holy Cross College) being celebrant, Rev. Father Cleary deacon, Rev. Father O'Donnell (Queenstown) subdeacon, and Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The devotion was brought to a close after Vespers on Sunday evening, when there was a procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The attendance throughout the devotion was very good, and at the early Masses on Sunday very large numbers approached the Holy Table. To Misses Murphy and White much credit is due for the tasteful decorations of the high altar.

On Rosary Sunday, at the 9 o'clock Mass, a most impressive ceremony was witnessed by a congregation which filled every part of St. Joseph's Cathedral, when 70 boys from the Christian Brothers' School and 40 girls from the Dominican Convent made their First Communion. The boys, under the charge of the Rev. Brother Moore, wearing blue sashes and medals, and the girls tastefully dressed in white, with wreath and veil, entered the Cathedral in procession, singing the touching hymn 'O take me to Thy Sacred Heart.' After the Gospel, the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., gave an impressive instruction to the First Communicants, at the same time reminding the congregation of the lessons they could learn by looking back to their own First Communion day. Appropriate hymns were sung by the children during the Mass. After Mass the children marched in procession to St. Joseph's Hall for their Communion Breakfast, which was presided over by the Rev. Father Coffey, and where their wants were well looked after by a number of the ladies of the congregation.

On Friday, October 2, in the Garrison Hall, a grand military tournament, under the patronage of his Worship the Mayor and the commanding officers of Dunedin, was held, at which valuable trophies were presented to the winners of the various competitions. Captain Columb, of the Hibernian Defence Cadets—a corps consisting of the present and past pupils of the Christian Brothers' School—sent in a team under Sergeant J. Salmon to compete in the competition for physical drill, open to all defence cadet corps in Otago. Though competing against long-established corps, the Hibernians succeeded in carrying off the beautiful silver cup, presented by the Dresden Piano Company. Their victory was a popular one, as the ovations which they received from the large audience testified. Captain Columb is a most enthusiastic officer, and the prominent success of his team is due solely to the deep interest he takes in the training of the lads under his care. This is the first time that the Hibernian Cadets have appeared in public competition, and their success augurs well for the future.

The football season just brought to a close has been a very successful one, as far as the Christian Brothers' School is concerned. The school played in three different grades, with the following results:—In the Senior School Grade competition they carried off the cup and eleven silver medals, having won every match played during the season. The same team also annexed the coveted five-aside tournament medals, proving themselves superior to all-comers, and winning the coveted title of champions of the schools of Dunedin for the season 1908. In the fourth grade competition the school came second, having lost only two matches during the season. In the junior schools competition the school team did very well, considering that the teams they played against were much stronger than they, for among the twelve teams they came fourth on the list. Moreover, they were runners-up in the final of the junior five-aside tournament, for which no fewer than twenty-six teams entered. Considering that this is only the third year since the school took to Association football, it speaks well for the stamina and pluck of the lads attending the Brothers' school.

## Oamaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 5.

The weekly meeting of the Catholic Club on Friday evening was devoted to impromptu speaking and selected readings. The president (Mr. T. O'Grady) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. Some capital speeches were delivered, and very interesting readings were given by Rev. Father O'Neill and Mr. F. Cooney.

The customary Rosary Sunday procession in which the various confraternities, the Young Men's Club, and a large number of the congregation took part, was held yesterday afternoon. The route was through the presbytery and convent grounds and back to the Basilica, where Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay. The choir rendered appropriate music during the ceremonies.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

October 5.

Rev. Father Curran is expected to arrive in Auckland in about three weeks.

High Mass was celebrated at St. Benedict's yesterday by Rev. Father Williams, Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., being deacon, Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., subdeacon. Rev. Father Tigar gave a short discourse on the devotion of the Rosary, and urged all to join its confraternity.

Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., returned last Thursday from Gisborne after opening a new church at Tolaga Bay. He leaves next Thursday for Tāumarunui, and opens a new church there on Sunday next. The Avondale new church will be opened on Sunday, October 18. It is a serviceable and neat edifice, reflecting great credit on the parishioners and on all concerned.

Yesterday the annual renewal of baptismal vows took place in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The children of the parish mustered in the convent school, Hobson street, and, with the Confraternities of the Children of Mary and Guard of Honor, marched to the Cathedral. The afternoon was fine, and with the big muster of processionalists and a large concourse of people the proceedings passed off admirably. The profession of faith was read by Miss Ryan. Rev. Father Meagher briefly addressed the children, and lucidly explained the meaning of the day's ceremonies. After the singing of hymns the procession reformed and went back to the starting point. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place throughout the day. In the evening the church was full, when Rev. Father Meagher delivered an eloquent sermon on the Holy Rosary and on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the church followed, after which there was Benediction.

The initial movement to build a Catholic church at Raglan is of such recent date that it is really astonishing how in so short a space of time the object has been accomplished. It is only during the past few years that the Catholics have been sufficiently numerous in this district to warrant regular periodical visits of a priest to minister to their spiritual needs. It speaks much, therefore, for their devotion to their religion and their zeal on its behalf that so few people have found means to erect a church of their own. Though the edifice is of modest dimensions it is quite sufficient for all requirements, and is, moreover, a substantial monument to the energy of those by whose efforts it was raised. It is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

It was blessed and opened on Sunday morning last, when the building was crowded to the doors. The congregation consisted, of course, of many others besides Catholics, but that body was fully represented not only locally but also by visitors from Auckland and Waikato. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Edge (Ponsonby), assisted by the Rev. Father Cahill (Ngāruawāhia). Mass was subsequently celebrated, and at its conclusion the Rev. Father Cahill delivered a brief address, bearing on the erection of the church as a means of honoring God. During the course of his remarks he thanked those outside his own people for their goodwill, kindly interest, and aid in erecting the building. In the evening the church was again filled. After the Rosary a sermon was preached by Rev. Father Edge. A choir rendered the music both morning and evening, Miss Malone officiating at the harmonium. The opening of the church was availed of by several children as a special opportunity for making their First Communion.

The new church was built by Mr. W. J. Smith, of Raglan, from a design prepared by Mr. Wrigley, architect, of Cam-

bridge. It is of locally grown rimu throughout, the interior being match lined and oiled, and the windows, doors, and joinery were all made at Mr. Smith's workshops. With the exception of a balance of £20 remaining due on the purchase money for the land, the church is free of debt. The harmonium is the gift of Miss Ralph, of Huntley, who also has been a generous contributor to the building fund.

On Monday evening there was a social gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, at which the visitors who had come to attend the opening of the church were entertained. A very pleasant time was spent with cards, instrumental music, and singing, and during the course of the evening the Rev. Father Cahill presented Miss Ralph, on behalf of some of the local parishioners, with a pair of artistically ornamented panels, in recognition of the practical help which she had rendered towards the erection of the church. In acknowledging the gift Miss Ralph expressed her appreciation of the spirit that prompted it, and remarked that anything she had done to assist she regarded as a duty. At the request of some of those present Mr. Baulcarl made reference to the whole-hearted manner in which Mrs. O'Sullivan had devoted herself to the carrying out of the undertaking to provide a church for Raglan, and said it was the unanimous opinion of those who had worked with her that it was to her efforts the realisation of the project was mainly due. Rev. Father Edge suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to Mrs. O'Sullivan on that lady's behalf.

### Thames

The many friends of the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, V.F. (says the *Waikato Independent* of September 29) will be pleased to learn that he has almost recovered his health and strength after his protracted illness at the Mater Hospital, where he has been so kindly cared for by the Sisters of Mercy. He is at present on a visit to Cambridge. On Sunday last he celebrated Mass at 8 a.m., and in the evening, after the Rosary, delivered a most eloquent and impressive discourse on the feast of the day, basing his remarks on the sixteenth chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. At the conclusion he gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, being assisted by the Rev. Father Holbrook. During the week the Right Rev. Monsignor will visit many of his old friends in the Waikato district, and hopes soon to be able to resume his pastoral charge at the Thames. Monsignor O'Reilly first visited Cambridge to administer to the Catholic congregation in the year 1869. He next visited the town in 1872, and in 1876 he took part in the consecration and dedication of St. Peter's Church, Sunday last being the thirty-second anniversary of the opening of the church.

### Gisborne

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The third euchre party competition for the phonograph prize was held last evening in Erskine's Hall; 108 players sat down at the tables, and very enjoyable and keenly contested games took place. The special lady's prize, presented by Mr. Segedin, was won by Mrs. Hepburn, and the gentleman's prize, presented by Mrs. H. Martin, was won by Mr. Hogan.

At St. Mary's Church this afternoon a pretty wedding was solemnised by the Rev. Father Lane, assisted by the Rev. Father Dignan, when Miss Mary McConville, eldest daughter of Mrs. M. McConville, of Kaiti, was united to Mr. P. Gavin. The church was prettily decorated by the Children of Mary. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. M. J. McConville), looked winsome in a handsome gown of cream embroidered voile, trimmed with Brussels lace, silver tassels, and pearl beadings, the skirt being elaborately finished and of flowing Empire style. The bridesmaids were Misses Nellie and Emily McConville, sisters of the bride. Mr. P. Barry acted as best man, and Mr. P. McConville as groomsman. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome gold bangle, and to the bridesmaids gold bangles. As the bridal party left the church Messrs. Vita Bros. played the 'Wedding March.' After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bride's mother. The presents received were both numerous and costly.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS

Correspondence intended for our issue of October 15 should reach this office on the morning of October 12, as, owing to Labor Day, we shall have to go to press a day earlier, with next week's issue.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. MALAGHAN, QUEENSTOWN.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mrs. Malaghan, who was one of the oldest residents in the Queenstown district, passed away on the 26th ult. As the sequel to a holy life is a holy death, Mrs. Malaghan, fortified by the rites of Holy Church, died the death of the just. She was the wife of the late Mr. T. J. Malaghan, who was Mayor of Queenstown for many years. Both were staunch Catholics, and were thoroughly Irish in sentiment and aspirations. They have left behind them to mourn their loss one son (Mr. T. Malaghan, of Queenstown) and Mrs. Alice Black (wife of Mr. John Black, of Paeroa). The great esteem in which the deceased lady had been held was evinced by the large number that followed her remains to the Queenstown cemetery on last Monday week. The Rev. Father Delany read the burial service at the grave.—R.I.P.

### MR. THOMAS CORR, DUNEDIN.

The benzine explosion which occurred on board the s.s. Moana at Port Chalmers a few weeks ago has had the effect of cutting short the career of a very promising young man, Mr. Thomas Corr, who succumbed last week to the injuries he had received on that occasion (writes a correspondent). The late Mr. Corr was a marine engineer in the service of the Union Steam Ship Company. He was an earnest, practical Catholic, the occasional difficulties of attending to religious duties which a seafaring life brings with it having in his case the effect of making him all the more assiduous in the practices of religion whenever opportunities presented themselves. He was the possessor of a thoughtful and kindly nature, which drew to him many friends, who will regret his untimely end. He was attended during his last moments by Rev. Father Corcoran, who also officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

### MR. MICHAEL NOONAN, GREYMOUTH.

Quite a gloom (writes our Greymouth correspondent) was cast over this town last Monday evening, September 28, when it became known that Mr. Michael Noonan had passed away. The deceased was engaged in business for a number of years in this town, and was universally respected and esteemed. He was a model Catholic, and was always foremost in all movements in aid of Church and school matters. The Catholic congregation can ill afford to lose such a member, and his edifying life was a pattern to the young men of the town to follow. The deceased was a patron of the St. Columba Catholic Club, and took an active part in all its functions. The deceased was 58 years of age, and was a native of Ireland. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn the loss of a loving husband and devoted father. The body was conveyed to the church, where a Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated. The funeral took place on Thursday, and was followed to the Greymouth cemetery by a large concourse of mourners from all parts of the West Coast. The Rev. Father O'Dwyer read the burial service at church and graveside.—R.I.P.

### MRS. J. NEAGLE, JUN., DANNEVIRKE.

On Monday week last (September 28) there passed away at Dannevirke, in the person of Mrs. J. Neagle, a lady who was very highly respected, and whose death was greatly regretted by the people of the town and district. It is with deepest regret (says the *Dannevirke Advocate*) that we have to record the death of another well-known Dannevirke resident in the person of Mrs. James Neagle. The late Mrs. Neagle was as highly respected as she was widely known, for, blessed with a bright and cheerful disposition, she was a willing worker in any good cause for which her aid was solicited, while in her own home she was known to be a most excellent wife and devoted mother. The deceased lady leaves four young children, and the fullest sympathy of the whole community will go out to Mr. Neagle in his sad and sudden bereavement. There was a large congregation present at the Requiem Mass at St. Michael's Church on Wednesday for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. James Neagle, who was a valued member of the church and choir. The funeral was held in the afternoon. The procession to the cemetery was thoroughly representative of the town and district; the most of our leading town and country residents were either present or represented. The burial service at the graveside was read by the Rev. Father Cahill, who afterwards delivered an impressive address, in which he highly extolled the many virtues of the deceased.—R.I.P.

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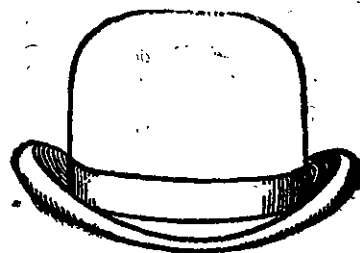
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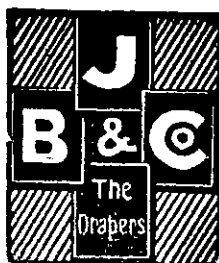
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# Irish News

## CLARE—A Pastoral Letter

In a Pastoral Letter which he has issued, the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, appeals to every man and woman in his diocese who has the temperance and prosperity of the country at heart to join in breaking up, once and for ever, the demoralising custom of distributing drink at harvest gatherings.

## Gaelic Students

The work of the Connacht Irish Training College, Tourmaheady, is now in full swing, and the attendance of students to date exceeds that of any previous year, numbering as it does close on two hundred. The roll of students includes some from Vienna, Canada, Oxford, London, Paris, as well as many from some of the Leinster counties.

## CORK—Queenstown as a Port of Call

The announcement that the Cunard Company will abandon Queenstown as a port of call from the first of March next, and that they have made arrangements for their larger steamers to go to Plymouth instead, has naturally created grave anxiety in the South of Ireland. Were the big boats to cease visiting Queenstown the prosperity of the town and of Cork would be seriously jeopardised. There is, too, a rumor that the leviathan vessels are to be taken away from Liverpool. It is not, however, probable that the recent reports will prove true. There is in existence a contract with the Postmaster-General for the carriage of the American mails by the Cunard Company via Queenstown to New York, and it will not expire until 1927. The Postmaster-General is not likely to allow Queenstown to be taken out of the itinerary of the steamers. If he did he would, of a certainty, expose himself to a severe attack from the Irish members, the Unionists as well as the Nationalists. The advantages which would result from a change must be far clearer than they are at present before the Government, and travellers will give their sanction to alterations such as those with which rumor has been busy.

## Work for the Lawyers

Further litigation is being set on foot against Edward Corcoran, the Cork harness-maker, now living in Dublin, and the heirs of the late Hannah Gallagher, a fruit vendor, also of Cork, who were held by the Supreme Court at Washington some months ago to be entitled to the estate of their cousin, John Sullivan, a millionaire, who died suddenly in 1900 in Seattle, Washington. The proceedings are likely to be protracted, as litigation of the character about to be begun can be continued for an indefinite time under American law. As was reported at the time, Commissioner N. W. Bolster, of Seattle, about a year ago held a court over the grave in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Cork, in which, as one set of claimants alleged, the parents and sister of the late John Sullivan had been interred. After the taking of evidence on the spot, all the human remains in the grave were brought to the surface and photographed.

## DONEGAL—A Bounteous Harvest

Not within living memory (writes a Letterkenny correspondent under date August 15) have the prospects of a bounteous harvest in Donegal been so pronounced. The corn is cut with heavy bulk and good quality. The potato crop will be very heavy and free from disease; and the flax crop is also the best on record for many years.

## DUBLIN—Fatal Accident

As we were informed by cable at the time, Mr. E. H. Ennis, the newly-appointed Assistant Under-Secretary for Ireland, met with a fatal accident on August 18 in Dublin. He was driving in a jaunting-car, when the horse stumbled and fell, throwing Mr. Ennis violently on to the roadway. Taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, he died there in about an hour. Mr. Ennis, who was a Catholic, was a native of Belfast.

## GALWAY—The Archbishop of Melbourne

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne on August 16 opened a bazaar at Mount Bellew in aid of the liquidation of the debt on the recently erected Temperance Hall. Replying to an address of welcome, his Grace said he was not surprised that they had laid such stress on the question of education, as it really underlay not only the religious but all social and political life. Referring to the University Act, he said it would open

to young Irish men and women opportunities of advancement and enlightenment which had been denied since the penal laws were first put into operation. The vision of a learned, free, and generous people which presented itself to Cardinal Newman when he contemplated the future of Ireland seems destined to be realised. But in the matter of primary education they expressed a fear lest the attempt recently made in England to secularise the schools, or more correctly to sectarianise them, might be repeated in Ireland. He would add one word of caution. Ireland was now on her trial. She appealed to the civilised world to aid her in her efforts towards legislative independence, subject, of course, to the supreme authority of the Crown. The civilised world was sympathetic, but closely observant. Every outrage, or imputed outrage, was magnified and circulated as far as the electric cable reached. It was incumbent on Irishmen, therefore, to regulate their words and actions so that no impartial observer should judge that the time for Home Rule had not as yet arrived. 'Use the powers you possess,' said his Grace, in conclusion, 'in such a way as to justify your demand for larger powers, for your legislative independence. Then a new Ireland, a regenerated Ireland, a learned Ireland, a self-governing Ireland will wisely provide for the present needs, and revive the glories of our past history.'

## KERRY—The Kenmare Property

We (*Freeman's Journal*) are requested to deny the report that Lord Kenmare intends to dispose of his residence and demesne of Killarney. This rumor, which first appeared in the English press, has caused him and his family annoyance. Its publication may have originated from the fact that he is selling to his tenants their farms under the Land Purchase Act, and pending the payment of the purchase money by the Government he is seeking a tenant for the mansion and extensive deer forest around the Lakes of Killarney, but only for two years.

## LIMERICK—The Gaelic League

Father M. Ryan, parish priest of Knockavilla, who has been elected vice-president of the Gaelic League in succession to Canon O'Leary, was born in Pallasgreen, County Limerick, in 1844. He is a man of strong convictions and great earnestness, and should prove a tower of strength to the league. During the troubled times of the Land League he took an active part in the agitation, and was twice imprisoned for so doing, the last occasion being in 1887, when he spent Christmas Day in gaol.

## MAYO—Death of a Priest

The death took place at Ballycastle, County Mayo, on August 15 of Rev. John Timlin, in the 83rd year of his age and the 55th of his life in the sacred ministry.

## MONAGHAN—Drowning Fatality

A very sad drowning fatality occurred at Annalore, Clones, on August 14, resulting in the death of Miss Florence Manley, daughter of Mrs. Manley, Neybliss, and her little brother, aged about eight years. Miss Manley was home on a holiday from Dublin. It appears she took her little brother with her to a friend's house at Annalore. While sailing a toy boat on the Finn River the lad fell in, and it appears that his sister jumped in to save him and both were drowned. On their being missed a search was made, and the bodies were found in the river, the child being clasped in his sister's arms. The tragic event evoked the greatest sympathy in the district.

## WATERFORD—The Trappists

The Monastery of Mount Melleray, of which the Right Rev. Dr. Maurus O'Phelan was consecrated Abbot on August 15, was founded in 1833 by a body of French exiled Trappist monks. When they first settled down the land was a barren waste. Under their devoted labors it was, in course of time, transformed. It is now one of the most fertile and beautiful countrysides in Ireland.

## The New Abbot of Mount Melleray

The Right Rev. Dr. Maurus O'Phelan (writes the Dublin correspondent of the *Catholic Weekly*) was consecrated Abbot of Mount Melleray on August 15. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, and was attended by a very large congregation, including several ecclesiastics. The new Abbot is a native of County Waterford, and was educated at the Melleray Seminary. He was ordained a priest of the Order nearly thirty years ago, and for several years past was Prior of the community. Assisting the new Abbot were the Right Rev. Dr. Beardwood, Lord Abbot of Roscrea, and the Right Rev. Dr. Delaney, retired abbot. The Rev. Thomas Mockler, St. John's, Waterford, acted as master of ceremonies,

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assisted by the Rev. Father Stanislaus, chaplain, Mount Melleray. Father Mockler read the Papal mandate, after which followed the examination of the Abbot-elect, the obeisance, the prostration, the reception of the rule of the Monastery, and the conferring of the crozier and the ring. Subsequently the newly-invested Abbot bestowed his blessing on the congregation. During the day the Monastery was visited by large numbers of people; and there were present in the congregation that assisted at the ceremony several relatives of the new Abbot. The new Prior of the Monastery is the Rev. Father Eugene Ahern, and the Sub-Prior Rev. Father John Prendergast.

### Visit of General Butler

A bazaar was opened at Greystones, County Wicklow, on August 15 in aid of the building fund of the local Catholic Church. The opening ceremony was performed by General Butler, who took the opportunity of giving an effective answer to those who are for ever lamenting the waste of public money on church building in Ireland. In introducing the General to the large audience present on that occasion, the parish priest, Father Matthew Flood, said: 'General Butler honors us by his presence here to-day, and comes to help us by opening our bazaar. The Irish people, all the world over, of every creed and class, are proud of him. He is truly a man of parts. If we view him as a soldier he is conspicuous on the banks of the Red River; in the far-off North-Western Provinces; in Western Africa among the dusky sons of Ashantee, on the banks of the Nile, and more recently he is most conspicuous in South Africa. As a man of letters, who has not read and admired his "Great Lone Hand"? Who is not charmed with his biographical sketches? He is also known to have practised betimes, and with success, the art of Aesculapius, and he is now engaged in the intricate and difficult work of an educationist. In his private and domestic life he is also distinguished. Who but he could have won the heart and hand of the fair lady whose reputation is world-wide?'

### GENERAL

#### The Parliamentary Fund

The amount subscribed to the Irish Parliamentary and National Fund up to August 15 was £5100. This shows a decrease when compared with the total for the corresponding period of last year.

#### A Chimerical Assertion

Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., writing to the *London Standard*, says:—'At present the Union is a kind of fetish maintained and observed through fear of consequences, which you indicate by saying that "given a Colonial Constitution" Ireland would be free to raise and maintain an army and navy of its own. Let us admit that is true, just as the same is true of New Zealand. Is it probable? One may desire the absolute independence of Ireland, just as one may desire the total abolition of armaments; but the former is as attainable as the latter, or, in truth, depends on the latter. Even without raising the question whether Ireland, if independent of England, could maintain her independence, this much is clear, that separation could never be accomplished with the consent of England, and could therefore ensue only as a result of some vast European convulsion in which the English power would go down. If Ireland be given local autonomy, I am certain that a sense of her own interest will retain her always within the Empire, apart from other forces, and upon that follows acquiescence in the Imperial control of military forces. While England remains the centre of a world-wide political system, Ireland, situated as she is, must inevitably be included in it while the system lasts. The question of tariffs is wholly on a different plane. Will anyone, in face of the existing facts, deny that separate and competing tariff systems are impossible within one empire? Will anyone assert that the commercial system and taxation of Australia and New Zealand should be regulated by the present Imperial Parliament? Lastly, you assert that Ireland is "two nations." There are two races far less distinct than there are in Canada. There is one nation which through centuries has been struggling towards full existence. The present system emphasises and perpetuates divisions on the lines of race and creed. The assertion that Home Rule would mean danger to the Empire is chimerical, and there is no reality for the fear that the Protestant minority would be oppressed. The new association, he adds, will do a service if it sets Englishmen thinking and inquiring what Ireland and what the Empire stand to gain by Home Rule.'

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## People We Hear About

The Hon. Edward Blake, who resigned his seat for Longford on account of ill-health, has made steady recovery since his return to Canada.

An exchange is responsible for the following story:—During the summer of 1865, when the Pope was yet a simple priest at Tombolo, near Padua, the Austrian Army was manoeuvring in the neighborhood. One day, in the course of the manoeuvres, a soldier, overcome by faintness, fell from the ranks, and was left behind in charge of a comrade. The young priest, Father Sarto—the present Pope—who was passing at the time, at once hastened to the presbytery, and returned shortly with bread and wine, and with the greatest solicitude succeeded in restoring the soldier, to whom, before leaving, he gave a medal which had been blessed. Boyer (that was the soldier's name) at the termination of his military service, returned to his native village, where to-day he is the proud proprietor of a small tobacco shop. Not being a reader of the papers, it was not until some few months ago that he learned that the Pope's name was Sarto, and that he was formerly a priest at Tombolo. He at once addressed a letter to the Pope reminding him of the incident which had occurred more than forty years ago, and renewing his thanks. Pius X., who remembered perfectly well the circumstances, has just sent to the old soldier, through Cardinal Merry del Val, his apostolic benediction and an order for 200 lire.

In a notice of Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., who recently attended the Convention of the United Irish League of America, in Boston, *Harper's Weekly* said: 'There would be nothing unseemly in Mr. Redmond standing to-day with those landlords of Ireland who, he says, will not sell their lands, but who will be made to sell. But that John Redmond is what he is, the star of the mighty drama now unfolding itself in the House of Commons, is one proof of his genius. The son of William Archer Redmond, of Wexford, of a family of blue-blooded Norman Catholics, he was sent for his education to Clongowes Wood College, a historical Jesuit institution of Ireland. He finished in the equally exclusive and aristocratic surroundings of Trinity College, Dublin. His family connections, his friends, his associations of all his class should have produced a different kind of young man than John Redmond when he stepped out to enter upon a career. At Trinity the history of his country had proved an enthralling study. He found himself face to face with the world at a time when Ireland was in the throes of a struggle that needed new blood, and when the brilliant attainments of Charles Stewart Parnell were dazzling nations. Redmond opened his ears to the voices of the times; his conscience was touched by what he heard, and he went to Parnell, who lived in the neighboring county of Wicklow, and asked to be permitted to follow him.'

Cardinal Gibbons, who attended the Eucharistic Congress in London last month, was born of Irish parents in Baltimore on July 23, 1834, ordained priest in 1861, appointed Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina in 1868, Bishop of Richmond in 1872, and Archbishop of Baltimore in 1877. He was created a Cardinal in 1886. *Putnam's Monthly* has an interesting sketch of his days as Vicar Apostolic, from which we learn that when he went to Carolina, 'the Catholic Church was represented by a mere handful of humanity, so few that a Catholic was looked upon as a curiosity; more than this, as one uncanny, to be suspected, shunned. The rites of the Church were regarded as a sort of sorcery. In Wilmington, where the only church of this belief existed between Charleston and far-away Petersburg, in Virginia, the feeling towards those who worshipped in it was anything but kindly. Little girls whose parents attended it had their aprons torn off in the street and suffered other abuses. Catholic children were forced to leave the one school in the place, because the Protestant fathers and mothers threatened to close its doors if they were not excluded.' But 'within a year the clouds had broken. The broadmindedness, and especially the Americanism, of the Bishop gradually changed the feeling towards him and his followers. From being distrusted at first he became esteemed. Through his influence the spirit of the town towards the Catholics was transformed from hostility to goodwill. The example set by their head was emulated by his parishioners, until finally the gap between Catholic and Protestant was closed apparently for ever.'

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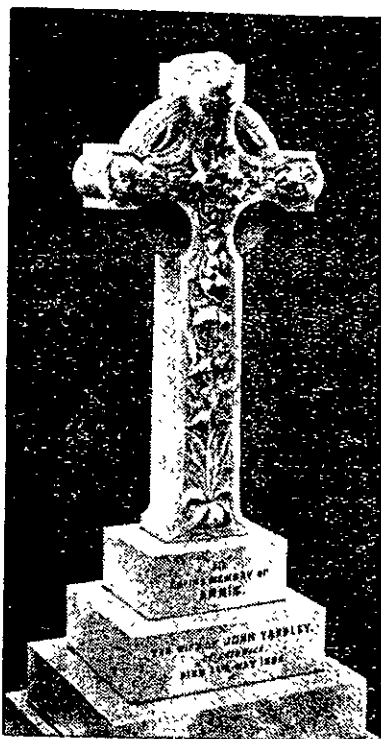
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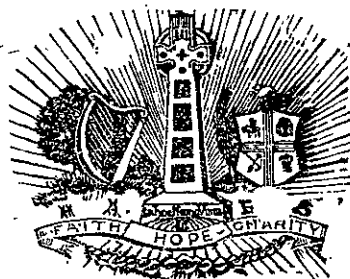
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# The Catholic World

## CANADA—Ecclesiastical Provinces

Canada is divided, ecclesiastically, into eight provinces, nine—if we include Newfoundland. The Apostolic Delegate, his Excellency Most Rev. Donatus Sbarretti, D.D., resides at Ottawa. The provinces are Quebec, five dioceses and one vicariate-apostolic; Montreal, five dioceses; Halifax, five; Kingston, four; Ottawa, two; Toronto, three; St. Boniface, two, and two vicariates-apostolic; Victoria, two, and one vicariate-apostolic; Newfoundland, three dioceses. There are ten archbishops; twenty-seven bishops, and one mitred abbot; 3381 priests of whom 1172 belong to religious Orders. The churches number 2552; the seminaries fourteen; universities and colleges sixty-eight; charitable institutions 267.

## The French-Canadians

The Prince of Wales had an opportunity on July 27 of learning something of the inner life of the French-Canadian habitant. He was the guest at luncheon of Monsignor Mathieu and the priests of Laval University and the Seminary of Quebec at their country vacation retreat at St. Joachim, a lovely rural estate in the heart of the woods at the foot of lofty Cape Tourmente. The property has belonged to the seminary ever since the time of Bishop Laval, who founded it. The estate was his own summer home. The Prince and his suite, with the distinguished company attending him, including the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Lovat, Lord Strathcona, Lord Ranfurly, Earl Grey, Lord Dudley and others, went down by electric car. The retainers of the seminary and the other people of St. Joachim, descendants of the very first Canadian settlers, were gathered around to greet the Prince, who shook hands with many of them, and grouped some of them around him to be photographed with him. The Duke of Norfolk and others of the party did the same thing. The Prince declared himself much charmed with the outing. On the way back to town along the picturesque Montmorency and Beauport road, one or two halts were made to call upon parish priests. At Beauport the cure presented to the Prince an old lady, aged 100, with whom the Prince shook hands and chatted pleasantly in French. All along the route the country people gave him a most enthusiastic welcome.

## An Exodus

An unusual exodus was witnessed in Montreal the other day. Two and a half centuries ago the venerable Margaret Bourgeois, with her little band of four devoted French women, founded the famous teaching community of the Ladies of the Congregation of Notre Dame, and all these long years the headquarters of that community have been on St. Jean Baptist street, adjacent to the time-honored Church of Notre Dame de Pitie. The community has now moved into a magnificent new home, with its 150 novices and 200 professed members, of whom there are nearly 1500 in the Dominion.

## ENGLAND—The New Bishop of Shrewsbury

The news of the appointment of Canon Singleton to the vacant see of Shrewsbury (says the *Catholic Times*) will be received with genuine joy by the Catholics of the diocese. There could be no more popular appointment. Monsignor Singleton's life and labors have been most closely associated with the region over which he holds spiritual authority. Born at Birkenhead, he belongs to a family which has long been distinguished for devotion in promoting the public weal and Catholic interests. No man was better known in Birkenhead than his brother, the late Alderman Singleton, and few did so much to further the welfare of the town. Mgr. Singleton's qualifications and experiences fit him peculiarly for the responsible post in which he has been placed by the Holy See. His powers as an administrator are of exceptional excellence, and it may be said with perfect accuracy that never has an undertaking failed to which he has set his hand. In the discharge of parochial work he has been keenly alive to the value of every opportunity for extending Catholic influence, and the flourishing condition of the Catholic Young Men's Society and other organisations in connection with St. Joseph's Church, Seacombe, of which he has been rector since 1887, is, in no small measure, due to his encouragement and energy.

## GERMANY—His First Mass

Catholics in the Eternal City, no less than throughout all Germany, have been deeply interested and impressed by an event that occurred in Venloo, Holland, on the feast of St. Dominic (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Dublin Freeman's Journal*).

On that day an aged man ascended the altar for the first time to celebrate Mass; and the strange thing was that he was Prince Karl von Lowenstein-Wertholm Rosenberg, one of the most brilliant Parliamentarians of the German Reichstag. On St. Dominic's day last year this Prince, to the surprise of the political world of Germany, as well as to the whole feudal aristocracy of that country, entered into the religious Order of St. Dominic as a novice. After having spent his life, which has now passed the ordinary span of three score years and ten in the service of the Church and of the State, he comes now, at the age of 74, to devote himself to the service of God in the religious State. He has been a man of action rather than a man of contemplation all his life. In the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 he fought like a hero for his country. The persecution of the Catholics of Germany which followed that war found a strenuous opponent in him, working in harmony with Windhorst, Reichensperger, Schorlemer-Alst, and Malinkrodt, and others. In fact, in every good work his presence and his name were prominent; and now, at last, he has taken the white habit of the Dominican.

## Catholic Congress

The Catholics of the whole world (remarks the *Catholic Times*) are proud of the practical work done by their German co-religionists in the interests of religion, and look forward with pleasant anticipations each year to the proceedings of the annual Catholic Congress. This year the Congress has been held at Düsseldorf, and it would have been difficult to select a town better suited to be the theatre of such an assemblage. Twenty-two miles from Cologne, it is one of the finest towns on the Rhine, the streets being broad, planted with avenues of trees, and containing splendid shops. The seat of many manufactories, it is about the most densely peopled portion of the Prussian dominions. It was peculiarly appropriate that a Catholic gathering which devotes itself so earnestly to the consideration of social and labor questions should have taken place in such a large centre of population, where some four-sevenths of the inhabitants are Catholics. The speeches, discussions, and resolutions were well up to the best level of former Congresses. The German Catholics have proved once again that their enthusiastic loyalty to the Holy See is not on the wane, that their unity is firm as ever, and that their methods of solving the problems of the day, whilst in harmony with Catholic doctrine and sentiment, are admirably adapted to the promotion of the people's welfare.

## ROME—Anniversary Celebration

The anniversary of the Holy Father's coronation was a gala day at the Vatican (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Catholic Times*). The Papal troops were early at work putting up flags and bunting in their various quarters, and the quiet majesty of the halls and cortile was made bright by the addition of many colors. The band of the Gendarmes played in the cortile of San Damaso before and after the Solemn Mass of Commemoration, and also in the afternoon. The procession of Cardinals, Bishops, Generals of religious Orders, Chamberlains, and others formed outside the Papal apartments and moved through the Sala Regia and the Sala Ducale towards the Sistine Chapel. The Pope, attended by Cardinals Segna and Della Volpe, came last, and his Holiness frequently blessed the crowds who lined the passages. The Holy Father presided at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by his Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, who was assisted by Canons representing the Chapters of three great Basilicas of the city. The Sistine choir, under the direction of its beloved Maestro, Don Perosi, seemed exceptionally good, and rendered the Mass of Palestrina and other selected pieces with wonderful sweetness and devotion. There were twenty Cardinals present, including his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons; many Bishops were also at the Mass, as well as the Diplomatic Body and some strangers. The Pope gave the Benediction and a special indulgence, and appeared fresh and vigorous, notwithstanding the many duties of the morning, as he returned to his private apartments.

## UNITED STATES—A New Seminary

Mr. John J. McGrane, one of the leading Catholic laymen in Brooklyn, has purchased a large building from the Lutherans at Hawthorn, Westchester County, at a cost of £10,000, and presented it to the Salesian Fathers as a novitiate for Italians studying for the priesthood. The Hawthorn institution will be known as Christopher Columbus Hall, in honor of the Knights of Columbus.

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### An Example of Zeal

An incident showing the zeal and devotion of Cardinal Gibbons occurred several days ago (says the Baltimore Sun). With the exception of the staff of the Maryland General Hospital there are few persons who have heard of it. About 9 o'clock one night a sick call came to the Cardinal's residence. A woman who had been operated on at the hospital was dying, and a priest was asked to come to her bedside immediately. Unfortunately, all of the priests at the Cardinal's house were out at the time, and the Cardinal ordered his messenger to go to a neighboring church and ask one of the clergy there to answer the call. A few minutes later the messenger returned. Fearing, however, the priest would not reach the hospital in time, the Cardinal hurried there. The Sacraments were administered to the dying woman, who expired the next morning.

### GENERAL

#### Venerable Prelates

Archbishop Colgan, of Madras, India, is now stated to be the oldest Catholic prelate. He was born at Donore, County Westmeath, Ireland, April 1, 1824. The next oldest prelate is Bishop Cameron, born at St. Andrew's, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, on February 16, 1827. Archbishop Colgan landed in India in 1844, and Bishop Cameron entered the College of Propaganda, Rome, in the same year. Dr. Colgan exchanged his title of Bishop of Aureliopolis for that of Archbishop of Madras in 1856, the year in which Dr. Cameron exchanged his title of Bishop of Arichat for that of Bishop of Antigonish.

#### The Church in Korea

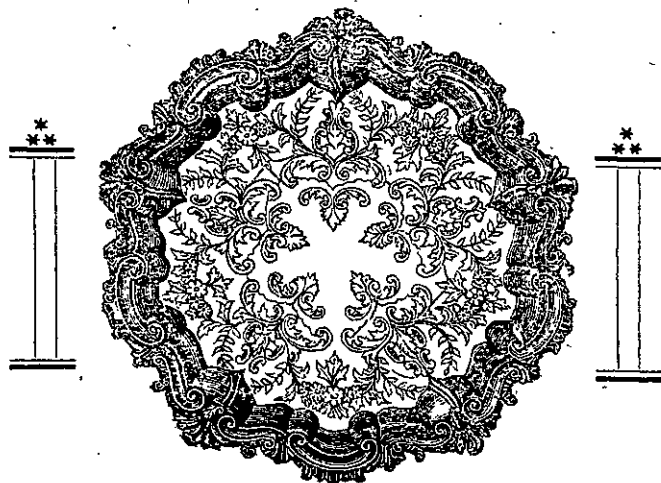
The Vicar-Apostolic of Korea has given an interesting account of the progress of the Catholic religion in the 'Hermit Kingdom' (says the Universe). Mgr. Hucl, who was recently in Paris, said: 'When I reached Korea in 1890 there were 13,000 native Catholics; there are now 65,000. There are, on an average, 3,000 adult baptisms every year; we have 50 priests, of whom ten are natives. Our progress would be immense if I could open more schools. The Koreans understand that the Japanese owe their victories to education. If I could open a college at Seoul, all the families of the higher classes would send their children to it.'

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#### Some Uses for Salt.

For neuralgia take a small bag made of muslin or flannel, fill with salt, heat, and apply to the affected part. Many cases of so-called diphtheria could be cured by a gargle of salt and water if taken at the start, gargling every hour, or half-hour if necessary. One teaspoonful of salt in a glassful of water is a cure for many stomach troubles, relieving colic and indigestion when taken regularly once a day. Wash the head occasionally with salt and water to lessen the falling out of the hair. Salt dissolved in warm water is restful and healing for tired and inflamed eyes. Brine is recommended for mad-dog bite. Wash the wound well with the mixture, then bind it with a cloth covered with salt. Salt-strewn carpets sweep easily, and are left with brightened colors. Sprinkling salt on the stove when a dinner-kettle has boiled over will prevent a disagreeable odor.

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These directions for cleaning wall paper are likely to be of service to many a housewife. Proceed as follows:—Cut into eight portions a loaf of bread two days old. With one of these pieces, after having blown off all the dust from the paper by bellows, begin at the top of the room, holding the crust in the hand, and wiping lightly downward with the crumb, about half a yard each stroke, until the upper part of the paper is completed all around. Then go around again, with the like sweeping stroke a very little higher than where the upper-stroke finished, till the bottom is finished. This operation, if carefully performed, will often make very old paper look almost equal to new. Great caution must be used not to rub the paper hard, nor to attempt cleaning it in the horizontal way. The dirty part of the bread, too, must be continually cut away, and the piece renewed when necessary.

#### Care of Flat-irons.

Many people have been annoyed at finding their irons quite rusty after they have been put away a few days. The way to prevent this happening is before you put them away to rub a little warm grease over them, and then wrap them in brown paper. When you take them out to use, dip them into hot water that has had a small piece of soda dissolved in it, rub dry, and then put them to heat in the usual way. When they are ready to be used on the ironing board, have a piece of brown paper with a little powdered bathbrick on it, and rub the surface of your iron with this. It seems rather a lengthy process, but it really does not take long to do, and housewives will be rewarded for the trouble they have taken by finding the irons delightfully smooth and easy to use, and when they are like this the ironing can be done twice as quickly.

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## Intercolonial

The membership of the Cathedral Club, Melbourne, stands now at 229.

On Sunday, September 26, the Very Rev. Dean Phelan, V.G., blessed the new presbytery at St. Brendan's, Flemington. The cost of site and building is about £4500.

The Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Wilcannia, blessed and opened a new church at Carinda on Sunday, September 13. The cost was over £500, and it was opened free of debt.

The Sisters of St. Joseph in the Diocese of Maitland will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their coming to the diocese in December next.

The Right Rev. Dr. Corbett, Bishop of Sale, has made the following clerical changes in the diocese:—Rev. Father MacMahon, of Cowwarr, has been appointed assistant priest at Yarram; Rev. Father Buckley, of Bairnsdale, assistant priest at Cowwarr, and the Rev. Father Hurley, who recently returned from a holiday trip to Ireland, has been appointed assistant priest at Bairnsdale.

The Queensland Minister of Lands, in the course of an address at a public meeting recently, said that he had concluded arrangements with a company or syndicate who proposed to obtain alcohol from the grass tree. Mr. Bell added that he had let them have some 400 miles of country, about 100 miles wide, along the coast, commencing at Caboolture. The alcohol is not to be used for human consumption. The representatives of the syndicate are expected to shortly make a proposal to extract the alcohol from the prickly-pear, and use it as fuel.

The Very Rev. Father Sturzo, S.J., passed away at Loyola, Greenwich, on September 17, at the age of 82 years. The deceased was a native of Sicily, and had been received into the Order nearly 68 years ago. After the troubles in Italy in 1860, Father Sturzo and other members of the Society of Jesus proceeded to Ireland, and in 1865 he was made master of novices of the Irish province. In 1877 Father Sturzo was made Provincial of Ireland, a further proof of the trust reposed in him; in 1881 he was Rector of Tullabeg College, with Father William Delaney, now Rector of University College, Dublin, as Prefect of Studies. In 1883 he was ordered to Australia as Superior of the mission, and shortly after his arrival he opened the novitiate, and on ceasing to be Superior in 1886 he remained master of novices till 1901.

The death is reported of the Very Rev. Thomas Guilfoyle, Adm., St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, who passed away at his sister's residence, Portland, at the early age of 48 years. The deceased was a native of Portland, where his father and mother were old and respected residents, and came from the County Tipperary. Father Guilfoyle received his early education at St. Patrick's College, Melbourne, and afterwards at the Jesuits' College, Seven Hills, South Australia. He was educated for the priesthood at Manly College, and was ordained by the late Bishop, Dr. Moore, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, in 1885, being the first priest ordained by the deceased prelate. The *Ballarat Star*, in its obituary of Father Guilfoyle, says: "Many anecdotes are related as showing the simple character and charitable disposition of the deceased clergyman. Many years ago in Stawell he was given a buggy and pair of ponies. He drove about in the trap for a while, but later on it was noticed that he was doing all his visiting on foot. When asked what he had done with the turnout, he replied, 'Oh, I got hard up and sold them.' Careful enquiry elsewhere elicited the fact that he had spent all the money received by the sale among the poor of Stawell. While he was in Ballarat a friend noticed him one cold, wet day walking along the street without an overcoat. He presented Father Guilfoyle with a new overcoat. Shortly afterwards he met him minus the coat, and asked him where it was. 'Oh,' was the reply, 'I can do without it all right. I met a poor chap who wanted it more than I did, and I gave it to him.'"

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## Science Siftings

BY VOLT

### The First Matches.

The first sulphur matches, now upwards of a century old, appear very awkward according to our modern ideas of convenience. They were known as 'spunks' and varied in length from five to seven inches. These were generally packed in bundles of a dozen tied together with bits of straw. Some that were made in 1830 are now preserved in York Museum. They were even less satisfactory than they appear, since the sulphur refused to strike fire.

### Boiling-point of Water.

Water boils at different temperatures, according to the elevation above the sea-level. In London water boils practically at 212 degrees Fahrenheit; in Munich, Germany, at 209½ degrees; in the City of Mexico, at 200 degrees, and in the Himalayas, at an elevation of 18,000 feet above the level of the sea, at 180 degrees. These differences are caused by the varying pressure of the atmosphere at these points. In London the whole weight of the air has to be overcome. In Mexico, 7000 feet above the sea, there is 7000 feet less of atmosphere to be resisted; consequently less heat is required, and boiling takes place at a lower temperature.

### Windmill Churn.

Butter is made in a variety of ways, by hand power, steam power, even dog power; but it is safe to say that the churn herewith described is entirely a labor-saving device. The laborious old hand churn has been replaced among many enterprising farmers by a patent churn run by a dog treadmill. In the great modern dairies the butter is churned by the ton by steam or electricity. The windmill churn, in actual use in some parts of Holland, is at once a very simple and an inexpensive solution of the problem. The milk is placed in a jar or similar vessel, which is enclosed in a box, which in turn is fixed to the axle of the windmill. The wind, of course, does the churning, and the faster the wind blows the quicker will the butter appear.

### Queer Positions of Hearts.

There is one curious fact which not everybody notices about the common, finger-long, green caterpillars of our larger moths. Their hearts, instead of being in front, are at the back of the body and extend along the entire length of the animal. One can see the heart distinctly through the thin skin, and can watch its slow beat, which starts at the tail and moves forward to the head. Hearts of this sort, reaching from head to tail, are not at all uncommon in the simpler creatures. The earth worm has one, and so have most worms, caterpillars, and other crawling things. Hearts in the middle of the back also are quite as frequent as those in what seems to us to be the natural place. Many animals, the lobster, for example, and the crayfish and the crab, which have short hearts like those of the beasts and birds, nevertheless have them placed just under the shell in what, in ourselves, would be the small of the back.

### The Atlantic Cable.

Wednesday, August 5, marked the golden jubilee of the completion of the Atlantic cable. On August 5, 1858, after many disheartening failures, the European end of the cable was landed at Douglas Bay, Valentia, and almost immediately a message was received through it announcing that the American end was being landed at Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. Then followed a cablegram from Queen Victoria to the American President, and telegraphic communication between the two continents was an accomplished fact. True, the first cable was unsatisfactory, and after a couple of months it gave out altogether, chiefly owing to the excessive current sent through it; but the fact remained that a cable had been successfully laid, and thereafter it was only a question of the improvement of the working apparatus. Then it was that the Belfast man, Professor William Thomson, afterwards to be known as Lord Kelvin, came to the rescue with his mirror galvanometer, and the permanence of the system was assured. Since then another scientist of Irish blood, Signor Marconi, has taught us to do without cables altogether, but even this cannot diminish the greatness of the achievement of the men of fifty years ago.

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Is mother's hair a little gray,

Her step a little slower?

Is life a hill growing hard to climb?

Make not their pathway steeper;

Smooth out the furrows on their brows,

Oh, do not make them deeper.

There's nothing makes a face so young

As joy, youth's fairest token;

And nothing makes a face grow old

Like hearts that have been broken.

Take heed lest deeds of thine should make

Thy mother be a weeper;

Stamp peace upon a father's brow,

Don't make the wrinkles deeper.

In doubtful pathways do not go.

Be tempted not to wander,

Grieve not the hearts that love you so,

But make their love grow fonder.

Much have thy parents borne for thee,

Be now their tender keeper;

And let them lean upon thy love,

Don't make the wrinkles deeper.

Be lavish with the kindly deeds,

Be patient, true, and tender;

And make the path that ageward leads,

Aglow with earthly splendor.

Some day, the dear ones, stricken low,

Must yield to Death, the reaper;

And you will then be glad to know

You made no wrinkles deeper.

## THE RIGHT TIME TO WRITE

It was ten o'clock, and Irene, who had been reading all the evening, looked up from her book in surprise as she heard carriage wheels on the driveway. A moment more and there was a soft, familiar tap! tap! tap! at the door.

'It's Nan!' she cried, and running into the hall, joyously admitted her sister.

'How perfectly lovely! How did you happen to come? Have you a holiday?'

The tall, pale girl, wearily dropping her suit case, did not answer these questions, but asked another:

'How's mother?'

'Oh, she's all right.'

'And father, is he any worse?'

'Why, no, I think his rheumatism is really better. They're both in bed. Why, what's the matter, Nan, dear?' asked Irene, in astonishment, as her sister sank into a chair and began to cry.

'Is there anything wrong at the office? You haven't lost your position, have you?'

'No, oh, no!' sobbed Nancy. 'It's only that I've been so worried and unhappy all day, and it's such a relief to find everything all right. I'll be all right myself in a minute.'

Irene, still mystified, said nothing, but busied herself by gently removing Nancy's hat and pulling off her gloves, while Nancy slowly grew calm.

'Was mother very sick yesterday?' she asked, at last.

'Why, no; she just had one of her old headaches.'

'Was father in a very serious condition?'

'Well, hardly. He was gardening a good part of the afternoon.'

'Then, Irene, why did you write me that he was "failing fast," and that mother was "awfully ill"?' I got the letter this morning, and I've been so nervous about them all day that I could scarcely work, and just before closing time at the office I made up my mind that I simply must come home, even if I could stay only a few hours, for I have to go back on the earliest train to-morrow. Of course, at this time of night I had to take a cab from the station and the trip from the station will cost me nearly five dollars, and you know we can't

well afford to throw that amount away. I don't see how you could send me such an alarming letter.'

'O, Nannie, I'm so sorry! I didn't realise how my blueness would affect you. I was discouraged for a little while yesterday, when mother was in bed with the headache and father complained that his rheumatism prevented his digging and hoeing the way he used to. I felt lonesome, too, because my best girl friend has gone away to study music, so I scribbled a wail to you. Mother got up quite well for tea, and some of the boys and girls happened in in the evening, and we had such a jolly time I got entirely over my blue mood.'

'I wish you had waited until then to write. Please select your cheerful moments for writing to me. It's hard enough to have to live away from home without being worried unnecessarily.' Tears again welled up in tired Nancy's eyes, and Irene, throwing her arm round her, said:

'O, Nannie, how thoughtless and selfish I've been!'

## IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE DISLIKED

Don't meddle. In every community is found a meddlesome person who is responsible for two-thirds of the misunderstandings that make life such a problem.

Don't complain. What's the use? The chronic complainer travels a long road and pays heavy toll in the way of lost opportunities and pleasures.

Don't rehearse your ailments, physical or otherwise. People have to listen to you not because they are interested, but because they are trying to be polite.

The world is full of pains, heartbreaks—no one has a monopoly of them.

There is a certain grim sort of comfort to be derived from telling how one has lain awake all night keeping company with an aching back. But it only gains for one the reputation of being a bore.

Don't try to boss. It is one of the surest and most direct routes to unloveliness, yet many women travel there to their own undoing.

Learn to mind your own business. It is each individual's prerogative, upon reaching years of discretion, to shape his own affairs.

Wise is the woman who recognises this, and grants as well as exacts this privilege. She it is who numbers her friends by the score whose domestic life is serenest.

## PROOF LACKING

'I should think Jane MacIntyre would leave school. None of the girls will have anything to do with her.'

'Why not?' asked Georgine's father. The remark had not been intended for his ears, but since he had heard it, there was no way out of answering the question.

'She took some money out of Laura Wiltie's pocket. It was a fifty-cent piece.'

'Who saw her take it?'

'Nobody. But she must have done it. She is the only girl in the school who is poor enough so that she'd ever think of stealing what didn't belong to her. And, besides, she was in the cloak room after the bell rang.'

Georgine's father shook his head. 'I'm afraid you wouldn't do to serve on a jury, my dear. It takes too little to convince you. A girl is poor, and so she would steal. She is alone in a room with money which can't be found, and so she has stolen. There is an old principle of law which has given satisfaction after being tested a great many centuries, and that is to treat an accused man as innocent till he is proven guilty. It would be worth your while to remember this.'

Georgine came home the next evening with something of interest to tell.

'What do you think, papa? Laura found that fifty-cent piece in the lining of her coat. It had slipped through a hole she didn't know was there. And the girls who treated Jane horrid are so ashamed that they don't know what to do. Next time I won't believe anybody guilty till it's proved.'

## OVERHEARD BY JOHNNY IN THE PARLOR

'This is a hard family to live with!' pouted the Piano. Miss Susie pounds me every day for an hour or two!'

'Well, at least you don't have to work!' exclaimed the Clock. 'My hands are never idle; they keep them moving every minute and second.'

'Talk about work!' cried the Table; 'why, almost everything is put on me.'

'I wouldn't mind work,' observed the Lamp, 'but I'm sensitive, and it isn't pleasant when you're quite bright to be turned down once or twice every evening.'

'Sensitive!' sneered the Mirror. 'Think of the ugly faces often turned on me!'

'And think also,' said the Carpet, 'how the children jump on me; still I'm not worn out yet.'

'You may all talk till you're tired, yet you must admit that not one of you is so sat upon as I am,' finished the Chair, decisively.

### ONE BETTER

'Madame,' briskly spoke up the gent. in the check suit, when the lady of the house appeared at the door, 'I have here an invaluable invention for daily domestic use—a combination of useful utensils no housekeeper should be without, combining, as it does, in one compact tool, a corkscrew, a paper-cutter, a tin-opener, a nut pick, a bodkin, a shoe-buttoner, a—'

'No, thank you,' she answered curtly; 'I have all the hair-pins I need.'

The next moment the door was slammed in his face.

### SHOP TALK

Two newsboys sat in the gallery of a theatre in which 'Hamlet' was being played. It being the first time they had seen a play, they were held breathless with excitement. In the last scene, after Hamlet had killed Laertes and the King, the Queen had died of poison, the younger of the two could contain himself no longer. Turning to his chum of the streets, in rapturous tones he said: 'Oh, Bill, what a time that must have been for sellin' extra specials!'

### ODDS AND ENDS

Bombay's population is the most crowded of any in the world. There is one house with 691 inhabitants, and another with 663.

'I like to hear my husband whistle; it shows that he is happy.'

'Is that a sign? Why, my husband whistled yesterday when I showed him my dressmaker's bill, but I am certain he was not happy.'

A teacher was instructing a very juvenile class about animals. She fully explained what an extinct animal was, and asked if anyone in the class could name one. Little Johnny jumped up and said: 'Please, miss, I can.' 'Well, Johnny, tell us,' encouraged the teacher. 'Dicky, our canary,' replied Johnny, 'the cat stincted him.'

Tommy: 'Pa, what is an equinox?'

Pa: 'Why, er—it is—ahem! For goodness sake, Tommy, don't you know anything about mythology at all? An equinox was a fabled animal, half horse, half cow. Its name is derived from the words "equine" and "ox." It does seem as if these public schools don't teach children anything nowadays!'

### FAMILY FUN

**Magical Glass.**—Place the palm of your hand completely over the mouth of a goblet nearly filled with water, bending the fingers at right angles. Then, still pressing your palm down tightly, straighten out your fingers to a horizontal position. This will produce a partial vacuum, and you will be able to lift the glass from the table.

**A Little Experiment.**—Not all colors absorb a like amount of warmth. White, for example, absorbs much less warmth than black; therefore we use light-colored clothing in summer and dark in winter. The absorbent quality of colors is cleverly illustrated by the following experiment:—The inner sides of a cut glass are pasted out alternately with a white and black strip of paper and carefully dried, so that they do not bulge. Then a number of pins are taken, their heads dipped into molten wax or stearin and fastened against the outer side of the glass. A piece of candle is placed in the centre of the glass and lighted. The candle end must not be much longer than the strips of paper. It will not be long before the pins fastened to the black surfaces will drop down, the heat having melted the wax or stearin. The pins fastened to the white surfaces remain in their places much longer.

## All Sorts

At Kouka, in Central Africa, the average annual temperature is 83.5 degrees Fahrenheit. This is the world's record for heat.

'Will you have your eggs cooked on both sides?' asked the waiter.

'Yes, please,' replied the diner; 'on the outside and on the inside.'

The Japanese system of letters is called Iroha, from the names of the first three letters, 'i,' 'ro,' and 'ha,' on precisely the same principle as that which gives to our own system the title 'alphabet.'

The smallest coin in the world having a genuine circulation is probably the Maltese 'grain,' a tiny fragment of bronze about as big and round as the top of a slate pencil, and worth only one-twelfth of a penny.

The Jordan is one of the most crooked rivers known. In covering a distance of sixty miles, for that is the length of a straight line drawn on the map between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, it runs two hundred and twelve miles because of its many windings.

'Is that dog of yours smart?'

'Smart? Well, I should say so! I was going out with him yesterday; and I stopped and said: "Towser, we have forgotten something!" And bothered if he didn't sit down and scratch his head to see if he could think what it was.'

The ant's mouth consists of a pair of powerful mandibles. In the case of warrior ants, which do the fighting of an ant community, the mandibles are the most prominent feature of the insect. They are so strong that when fixed in the flesh of an enemy the ant's dead body may be pulled off before the mandibles will lose their hold.

A gentleman who takes a business view of things, when recently asked respecting a person of quite a poetic temperament, replied:

'Oh, he's one of those men who have soarings after the infinite and divings after the unfathomable, but who never pays cash.'

Herbivorous animals do not eat all of nature's menu. The horse refuses the water hemlock that the goat eats with avidity, and, on the other hand, the goat refuses some plants that are eaten by the sheep. The tobacco plant is avoided by all save the goat, man and the tobacco worm. Some botanists think that no plant is absolutely poisonous, but only relatively so, being harmful to only certain animals.

A backblocks newspaper proprietor quickened the memories of his subscribers in the following novel manner:—'All persons knowing themselves indebted to this office are requested to call and settle. All those indebted to this office and not knowing it are requested to call and find out. Those knowing themselves to be indebted and not wishing to call are requested to stay at one place long enough for us to catch them!'

A recent search among the muniments of Ripon Cathedral discloses the interesting fact that the builder of the Cathedral organ in 1530 was an Irishman, James Dempsey. From the specification it would seem to have been a noble instrument, and reflected credit on its Irish builder. This James Dempsey, according to Dr. Grattan Flood, had been organ builder to Gerald, Earl of Kildare. He settled in England in 1529, and built many organs. His last work was that of Doncaster parish organ in 1561, and he died at Doncaster in July, 1567.

The costliest pun that was ever perpetrated was probably that of Sir William Collingbourne, for which he paid with his head in 1484. Richard III. was then on the throne, and, with his agents, Ratcliff, Catesby and Lovel, was working his crooked will upon the English nation. Using as the basis of his satire the wild boar on the King's shield, and the popular use of the word Lovel as a name for dogs, Collingbourne wrote the following:—'The rat, the cat, and Lovel the dog, rule all England under the Hog.' The punster was sent to the block for his ill-judged witticism.

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