

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- November 8, Sunday.—Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost.
 Octave of All Saints.
- " 9, Monday.—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.
- " 10, Tuesday.—St. Andrew Avellino, Confessor.
- " 11, Wednesday.—St. Martin, Bishop and Confessor.
- " 12, Thursday.—St. Livinus, Bishop and Martyr.
- " 13, Friday.—St. Nicholas I., Pope and Confessor.
- " 14, Saturday.—St. Lawrence, Bishop and Confessor.

Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

This church is commonly known as the Basilica of St. John Lateran. It is the Cathedral of Rome, and was the first of the great basilicas consecrated to Divine worship after the accession of Constantine had given peace to the Church.

St. Andrew Avellino, Confessor.

St. Andrew was a native of the kingdom of Naples. He gave up the practice of the law in order to devote himself more perfectly to the service of his Divine Master. Having entered the Order of Theatines, he led for many years a most penitential life, dying in 1608, at the age of eighty-eight.

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O Jesus, open wide Thy Heart,
 And let me rest therein;
 For weary is my stricken soul
 Of sorrow and of sin.

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 In things of earthly mould—
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 The Heart that grows not cold.

O Jesus' Heart, meek, patient, kind,
 My soul to Thee I turn,
 Thou wilt not crush the bruised reed:
 The sorrowing spirit spurn.

Then take me to Thy Sacred Heart
 And seal the entrance o'er,
 That from that home my wayward soul
 May never wander more.

Yes, Jesus, take me to Thyself,
 I'm weary waiting here;
 I long to lean upon Thy breast,
 To see and feel Thee near.

O Mary, by the priceless love
 Which Jesus' Heart bore Thee,
 Pray that my home in life and death
 His loving Heart may be.

—Exchange.

Law—order is Heaven's first law, and it must be the same everywhere. Nature obeys fixed laws, and man for his part must follow rule and obey a ruler; the planets revolve around the sun as well as turn on their own axes, whilst the sun draws its power, its light, its heat from God, the Creator of all. In the same way man, whilst having great power and independence in himself, still depends on God through the channels which He has appointed. Man in his wisdom must see the necessity of this. Take it, for example, in the family, the workshop, or what you will, any place where there are a number, some one must rule and all others obey; there may be minor differences; but in the main there must be a working around one great common centre all in harmony and under one established rule and order; there must be unity and co-operation on both sides; unity as to some one who governs, and unity as to all the rest obeying that one. We are to be docile and submissive to those placed over us; nay more, we are to respect and obey them. It must not be a sullen respect or an unwilling subjection, but one cheerfully given, because right and necessary, seeing in those who rule the representatives of God Himself, Who will hold them even to a stricter accountability than those over whom they rule.

The Storyteller

LITTLE STEVE

The tenement house which little Steve occupied, in company with some half hundred other human beings, looked out over the railway line. It was the dirty and squalid line which encircles the greatest of cities. If it had been a line which ran away to the country it would have looked different, Steve thought; but it was, like himself, destined to a treadmill round of the dreary town without a chance of escape.

The windows of the house were coated with such an accumulation of smuts that the light could hardly peep through. There was grass on the sides of the cutting, but it was a sadder thing that the dust which the March winds blew about so blindingly. Such poor, stunted, dirty grass! Steve often wondered how it had the heart to grow.

Steve had no one belonging to him. He existed on the common charity of the crowded house. His mother had been a flower girl, who had died of pneumonia in a hard winter, and no one had ever thought when she died of sending Steve to the poorhouse. Perhaps it was not so much deliberate charity as that it was nobody's business, and with so many children on the staircases and in the narrow street between the high, dreary houses, one child more or less hardly mattered.

If Steve belonged to one family more than to another, it was to Brady's, the occupier of the south room on the fifth floor. Mrs. Brady was a widow, and went out charring. There were five little Bradys, all like Steve, under the school attendance age. Mrs. Brady's way with them was to lock them out of the room if it was dry, in if it was wet, after she had given them their breakfast of a morning, and then go about her business. Each young Brady was first, however, presented with a hunch of bread for his or her dinner, which was eaten to save the trouble of keeping as soon as the maternal back was turned; and then empty stomachs were the order of the day till the mother came home at night.

To this forlorn little family Steve attached himself, watching over it much as a careful nurse might do amid the perils of the streets. By this he earned the right to 'doss' in the Bradys' room at night, which was much preferable to a bed on the landing. By and bye his occupation would be gone, for these children of the streets learn early to take care of themselves; but Steve was not one to look before, and for the day he hugged greedily as much of home and home ties as his connection with the Bradys afforded.

He had one taste shared by none other in the street. That was a great love of flowers, or anything that brought him the country. The feeling for the country which he had never seen was in his heart like the desire of the children of sailors for the sea. Sometimes he seemed to get a breath of it when the wind was in the west. At times during the long, long days he would adventure to the main thoroughfare, dragging the youngest Brady by the hand, and stand staring at a florist's window, till the shopman, suspecting larcenous desires, would order him away.

His eccentricity was put down in Greek street to an inheritance from his flower-girl mother, just as the little Bradys had the brogue and the impulsiveness of the country they had never seen.

It was this impulsiveness in Micky Brady that made the turning-point in Steve's life. They were standing gazing into the florist's window one day when the March wind felt like May, turning Steve's thoughts in the direction of wondering whether, hampered by Micky Brady, he could accomplish the walk to a certain growing stretch of herbage whereupon real, if very dirty, sheep grazed, and from which a line of trees was visible, which indicated to Steve all he guessed at of the country. The thought had come into his mind of a sudden, making his heart beat. The florist had just bid him begone for the ninth time. Each time Steve, who was a docile child, had retired obediently, only to creep back again almost unconsciously as the flowers drew him and their terrible guardian passed out of sight.

Suddenly Micky, whose small hand had been wriggling about in Steve's unnoticed for some time, so absorbed was Steve in his thoughts, got loose and dashed away. There was a shout. Steve made an agonised dart after the little three-year-old figure. In a second of time he saw many things—little Micky crushed under the feet of the great horse that was steadily bearing down upon him—the anguish of Mrs. Brady, who had been his one friend, his own life-long disgrace—this and much more was in his mind as he flew upon Micky's traces.

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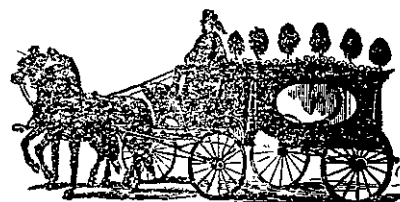
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The waggoner was the other side of the horse. Steve could see the stout country feet lifting themselves as steadily as the horse lifted his great feet with the fingers of coarse hair down to the hoofs. The waggoner had no idea of Micky's peril. Would he cross in front of the horse safely? Would he not? The question was answered by Micky suddenly falling almost under the great hoofs. At the same moment Steve was upon him, and had flung him away, roaring lustily at the assault, as he took it. But Steve was caught. Something crashed down upon his hips, pinning him to the ground. Steve closed his eyes. The pain for an instant was sickening. He thought the train had caught him at last against the wall of the tunnel, as he had so often dreamt. But why was Micky screaming? Micky was free of the tunnel. It was only he, Steve, who had been ground to powder. Then there was forgetfulness.

He came to himself in the white ward of the children's hospital. He had seen the outside of it many a time, but he had never guessed it to be like this. He was so walled up in something that he could not move, but he smelt wallflowers somewhere near his bed. Turning his eyes from one side to another, he could see a long row of little white-curtained beds. There were faces on some of the pillows, but others were empty. Away at the end of the long ward he could hear children talking and laughing quietly about the fire.

Presently a little boy on crutches came down the ward, and seeing Steve, called out:

'I say, Sister, her's 227 awake!'

Then a sweet-faced nun with white teeth came and stood by him and smiled at him and asked him how he felt, and fed him with something delicious out of a little flowery cup with a long spout.

'You're going on very nicely,' she said, 'and if you're a very good little boy, perhaps you'll be able to see your friend on Sunday.'

'My friend, miss?'

'Yes, your friend who brought you here.'

Of course it could only be Mrs. Brady, though Steve wondered how she came to be about when he met with the accident.

'Micky wasn't hurt, was he, miss?' he asked anxiously.

'Micky?' The nun looked puzzled for an instant, then she seemed to understand. 'Oh, I remember—the child you got hurt in trying to save. No, he wasn't hurt. He's all right, I believe. Now, don't talk any more, dear, but sleep if you can.'

With little intervals of pain and rest from pain, Steve got round the week till Sunday came. There was no inflammation, and Dr. Heys thought that the little chap in 227 bed might certainly see his friend if the latter was quiet and stayed only a short time.

When the visitors came tiptoeing down the ward, amid shrieks of delighted recognition from many little beds, Steve's heart fell. There was no Mrs. Brady. She had forgotten him. But who was this big man with the country freshness on his cheeks and the mild blue eyes, with the great bunch of wall flowers and daffodils and the obvious eggs tied up in a red-and-white cotton handkerchief, who walked softly to the chair by Steve's bed and took up his place there? Steve felt a dreadful certainty that it was all a mistake, and the visitor not for him; but the mild, serious eyes had no doubt in their gaze.

'The Sister told me as I might come and see how you was,' he said in a voice subdued to the softest key possible, thought it was naturally a big voice to match the big man.

'But I never saw you before,' said Steve, weakly. 'Isn't it another boy you want?'

'I want the boy my Dobbin knocked down in the Dover road last Monday. Not as he'd ever 'ave done it, but that he didn't see you, or yet the little shaver as was the cause of it all.'

'Oh,' said Steve, 'it's very good of you to come.'

Steve's friend came many Sundays before Steve was able to get on crutches and hop about the ward. His hip had been broken, and he was hardly likely ever to walk without lameness; the most the kind doctor hoped for was that he would not be very lame as he grew stronger. Steve wouldn't have minded very much if he had been told that he was to be an inmate of the hospital for life. In fact, he would have liked it. He liked the doctor, he liked the nurses, he liked the other sick children. Above all, he liked John Grainger's visits on Sundays, and these, no doubt, would cease when presently Steve went back to Greek street.

John Grainger did not seem to get tired of coming as the weeks grew to months. Sunday after Sunday he sat by Steve's

bed in the ward, or by the open window, when summer at length arrived, and Steve was able to sit in a basket chair and look out on the courtyard with the few beds of hardy flowers in its shabby turf. In those visits it was wonderful how much the boy came to know about the man. All the simple, quiet life, with its joys and its sorrows, he came to read like a book. He knew that John Grainger had lost his wife and son, and was lonely without them forever. He knew the house with its green porch, standing back from the road, where John Grainger lived. There were stocks and wall flowers under the windows; the windows had green, outside shutter. There was a little kitchen and a bedroom and a parlor, and all day while John Grainger was away, Trusty, his old collie, lay in the shelter of the porch. Outside there was a kitchen and flower garden with a hedge of sweetbriar, and there were beehives under a roof of thatch on a stool by the house wall. Beyond were the fields where John Grainger earned his living by growing flowers, fruit, and vegetables. Yesterday it might be daffodils, to-day asparagus, lettuce, and young peas, to-morrow strawberries.

John was an epitome of the seasons as they came. He had begun by bringing violets and daffodils; then came anemones and little sprays of lilies of the valley. One Sunday there was a bunch of flowering May, big as a Christmas tree. Now, this last Sunday of all, there were roses.

This day Steve presented a very different aspect from the dirty and ragged boy who had come in the day of the accident. He supposed they had burnt his old clothes. Anyhow, it was a pleasure to find himself in a clean linen smock, with knickerbockers underneath and stout shoes and grey woollen stockings, even if he had to share them with Paddy Brady presently.

'Tis the last Sunday I'll be comin' to see 'ee here,' said John Grainger.

'Yes,' said Steve, and in spite of him a big tear escaped down his cheeks. Life wouldn't be more tolerable in Greek street now that he was lame.

'Ye'll be ready by noon a-Wednesday. I've got strawberries for Covent Garden, an'll be back by that time.'

'I'm to see you again, then?' said Steve, with an uplifting of the heart.

'Bless 'ee, didn't think I was goin' forever?'

'Shall I see you in Greek street, then?' asked Steve, with a new hope.

'Th'art not goin' to Greek street no more. Th'art goin' home wi' me.'

'With you?'

'Aye, little lad, place of him I lost. You're nobody's bairn, they tell't me, but you're mine. We'll never leave each other.'

Steve closed his eyes and lay back. At first the joy seemed too much for him. 'Oh, sir!' was all he could say.

'Not sir, Steve, but daddy,' said John Grainger, taking one of Steve's thin hands and crushing it between his own.

Then Dr. Heys came in and smiled at them, and the two Sisters came up and looked and smiled and went away; and during the rest of the visit neither Steve nor John Grainger spoke, but sat hand in hand, with a bashful delight in each other.

After three days packed full of the painfully sweet anticipation, Steve was carried out in his new father's arms, with his crutch across his shoulder, and set in a comfortable old straw chair, in a great empty roofed waggon, smelling deliciously of strawberries. A basket of strawberries was placed in his lap, and John Grainger, sitting just under the till of the waggon, drove Dobbin at a walking pace through the dreary miles of streets.

But at last they passed the last row of squalid dwellings, and came out among fields; and then Dobbin broke into a steady trot, and the air grew purer and sweeter, and there were wide fields and woods, and sometimes they passed a bridge over a stream, or they went through a village of the most delightful cottages, bowered in roses.

It was all more exquisite than Steve could have believed possible, though he had listened greedily to the tales of happy children who had gone on Sunday school treats into the country.

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon they reached the cottage of Steve's dreams, and he was sat down in the little flagged yard, while Dobbin was taken out and turned into his own paddock, and Trusty came and laid his head on Steve's knee.

'He fretted sore when little Willie was taken,' said John Grainger, watching the dog.

Afterwards he carried Steve into the cottage, and setting him in the chimney corner, began to light the fire and boil the kettle for tea.

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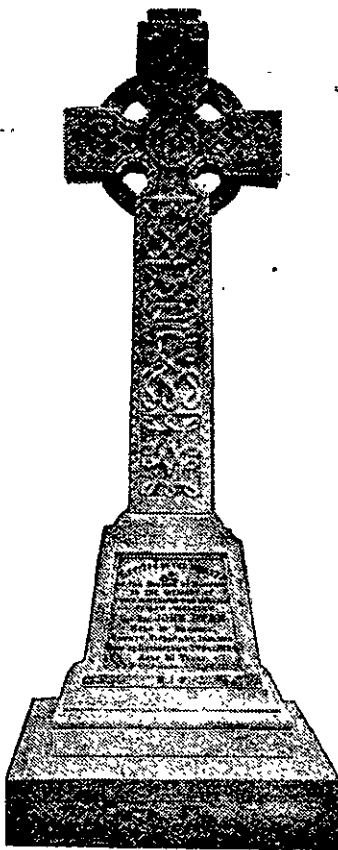
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But Steve was looking about him in bewildered happiness. The birds were singing in the little cottage garden without, and there was a sleepy hum of bees, and the cottage was flooded through its open door with sunshine and warmth. Steve felt as though he had died and wakened up in heaven. Were all the days to come to be really like this?

John Grainger had boiled a generous supply of eggs, had made the tea hot, strong and sweet, and had set a cup of it, with a great slab of home-made bread, served with honey, before Steve. 'All the time he was gravely smiling to himself.

'Seems as though Willie were come back,' he said at last. 'It was lonely here this goodish while back.'—*Catholic Weekly*, London.

THE DAY AFTER

She had been one of those beautiful girls, willowy of figure, golden of hair, pink of cheek, with clear grey eyes and a sweet dimpled chin.

She had married early. At thirty-nine the sheen of the golden hair was gone, her figure had lost its erectness, her color was faded. Now there was a pitiful stoop in the shoulders from burdens carried while too young, and there were grey threads, many of them, in her still abundant locks. But still, there the same beautiful—clear eyes and the sweet graciousness that had ever characterised her was, if anything, more intensified.

It had been a struggle, this life of hers, with this husband she had chosen. There had been poverty and hardships and many sicknesses, and he was not one of those chivalrous, thoughtful men. He loved her, of course, but somehow he never told her of it.

He was too engrossed in his own affairs to remember that she might perhaps like to be remembered on anniversaries and at Christmas time. He never proposed a holiday, and somehow she grew not to expect it.

But hers had always been a family to remember the birthdays. As far back as she could remember, she could recall her mother as saying, 'Now, to-day is my little daughter's birthday. She must be good and happy, and mother will try to make it a day to be remembered.' And mother always had, all through her life until her hands were folded in her last long sleep.

There was still at the old home the aged father and a young married sister.

'To-morrow is Elizabeth's birthday,' said Muriel, the young married sister, the night before. 'I'm going out there to see her. Haven't you a birthday present for her?'

The old father looked up. 'How fond your mother was of birthdays!' he said thoughtfully. Then he added, 'How would some pretty china do? To think of Elizabeth being thirty-nine and the mother of a family! She was such a pretty baby. Our first. Yes, get her the china, Muriel, and of the finest. The way has not been always easy for my little girl.'

'Belle's going to send flowers,' said Muriel, 'and I've a fine birthday cake to go with the silk waist I've made her.'

Elizabeth Wayland rose on her thirty-ninth birthday with a little flutter of her heart. Suppose he should remember and speak of it, after all, this husband of hers. Very carefully did she prepare an especially nice breakfast; but he, engrossed in his paper, did not apparently notice it. After he had eaten, he put on his hat and coat, bade her his usual careless good-bye, and went to his office.

'He has forgotten,' she thought as she watched him walk to the car. 'Ah, well, I won't speak of it.' But somehow that birthday was not going to pass unnoticed.

'Happy birthday, mother,' said Beatrice, her oldest, coming down half an hour later and handing her a pretty belt.

'Happy birthday,' exclaimed good Mrs. Starbird, her next-door neighbor, bringing in a beautiful tray cloth.

And then the postman brought her a birthday greeting in the shape of a long letter from her old school friend, telling her all the news of her dear old home town.

'To think that Mary Morris remembered it was my birthday!' she exclaimed happily.

By eleven good old Uncle Hiram, who lived in the next street, came puffing in.

'Your Aunt Lucy knew it was your birthday, and she sent this,' said the old gentleman, handing her a bundle. 'I guess if she'd forget everyone else's birthday she'd remember yours. You always was her favorite.'

The something proved to be a handsome sofa pillow, ornamented and enriched by Aunt Lucy's most beautiful stitches.

'My! it's beautiful, Uncle Hiram!' cried Elizabeth, flushing with pleasure. 'And just what I wanted.'

In the early afternoon Muriel came over. She kissed her oldest sister lovingly.

'A happy birthday to the best sister in the world,' she said.

Just then a man drove up.

'Father sent you up a set of china,' she added, 'and, dear me, here are the flowers.' She opened the door to receive the box. It was full of pink carnations.

'Elizabeth,' she said, 'Belle sent these with best wishes for a happy birthday.'

'Now, I'm going to stop to supper. Father, too, is coming over, and you are to wear this silk waist in honor of the occasion. This is my gift.'

She arranged her sister's hair, her still beautiful hair, though so thickly sprinkled with grey, slipped on the silk waist, fastened it and adjusted her skirt. Then she bade her look. 'You ought to have a pretty brooch,' she said, 'to set it off.'

It fitted to perfection, and the little pink stripe in it brought a tinge of color to the pale cheeks.

'You look as pretty as a rose,' said Muriel fondly. 'Now, Beatrice and I are going to get supper. I forgot to tell you that Horace ordered you some ice cream. He sends his love and wishes he could come too.'

Horace was their brother.

Her husband came home at the usual time that night, but the house was quite illuminated. The table was set beautifully with the new china, with the carnations as a centrepiece, and there was his wife in her 'silk attire,' sitting quietly with her father. There was chattering and laughter in the kitchen.

He looked surprised. Just then Muriel came in.

'Didn't you know?' she asked. 'Why, we're celebrating Elizabeth's birthday.'

The supper was perfect, the birthday cake was all it claimed to be, and there was ice cream and to spare for everybody.

But Elizabeth's husband was unusually silent. He looked at his wife more than once. 'How sweet she was; how good she had always been; how true and tender. And he? He who had wooed so tempestuously, loved so ardently, had forgotten—forgotten even her birthday.'

After the guests were gone, the children in bed, he went over to her. She was sitting in her favorite low chair.

'Elizabeth,' he said; 'I forgot—'

But Elizabeth only smiled.

'I knew you had,' she answered. And then all at once he seemed to realise that his careless conduct of so many years had done its work. She did not expect anything of him. His neglect, his thoughtlessness of such long standing had so dulled the keenness of her feelings that she could look and speak quite calmly of his lack of care. No; she did not expect anything of him.

'Why should she?'

And then recollections came trooping back, and he remembered.

The beauty was dimmed now, through servitude to him. The burden she had carried, the children she had borne him, the poverty and the disappointments and the toil. And yet through it all, how sweet, how dear, how unselfish she had ever been. The next morning he took his oldest daughter aside.

'Beatrice,' he said, 'yesterday was your mother's birthday. I did not give her anything. I forgot it. But yesterday I made a handsome sum of money, and to-day I'm going to buy her a present. Have her put on that silk waist again, will you, and get something nice for supper.' And Beatrice promised.

He went straight to her when he reached home.

'Dearest,' he said, 'yesterday was your birthday. You can't think how I felt when I saw your father and sister with their gifts, to think I had none, and, though it is the day after, will you accept, with my love, this?' And then he fastened in the lace at her throat a beautiful brooch of pearls. The loveliest, costliest thing she had ever known.

'Oh!' cried Elizabeth, flushing into her old-time beauty. 'And you remembered.'

Her husband put his arms about her. 'On the day after,' he corrected, smilingly. 'No; I'm not going to make any rash promises, dearest. You know my careless ways of old, but through it all I've never forgotten to love my wife. Shall we begin again on the day after?'

But Elizabeth only smiled. Her wonderful, rare smile, and he knew then and forever how she loved him.

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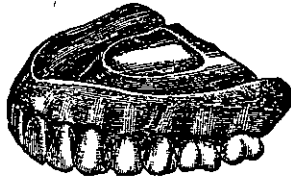
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Current Topics

An Anti-Humbug Society

Cardinal Moran, on a recent occasion, smilingly suggested the formation of an Anti-Humbug Society. Such a society would have so wide a scope and so much work to do in the world of shams of our day, that it would be kept as busy as a Swiss bell-ringer by day and not have time for 'forty winks' by night.

Cruel Fashion

The National Council of Women have (says a recent cable message) 'decided to appeal to the women of Australia to refrain from wearing the plumage of birds, with the exception of the feathers of ostriches and of birds that are killed to be eaten.'

Queen Alexandra made a like appeal, at least once, to all women within the Empire. Naturalists and societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals have lost their speech and dislocated their tongues beseeching lovely woman to spare the nesting egret and the beautiful humming bird and the harmless, necessary gull. But their appeals for mercy to 'our little brothers and sisters, the birds' (as the Saint of Assisi used to call them) have fallen on heedless ears; the cruel and unnecessary slaughter proceeds apace; fowlers, ministering to the passing craze,

'Keep the game alive
By killing all they could'—

after the fashion of Hood's poacher; and whole species of the brightest of the world's bird-life are being sacrificed at the altar of fashion. Three things make woman cruel—love, and hate, and fashion. And of these three, the least forgivable is the last. But feminine fashion, like religious passion, has no head to think and no heart to feel.

A Penal Law

According to an article in London *Truth* on the Eucharistic Congress, some curious relics of the penal code, besides those mentioned last week in our editorial columns, still cumber the British statute book. Among them is the law which compels a 'Papist' to sell his horse, no matter of how a value, to a Protestant purchaser for £5. This provision, says *Truth*, 'would apply to this year's Derby winner.' We look up sundry histories on our shelves, and we find that this particular Act was passed in the seventh year of the reign of King William of Orange (c. 5, s. 20); it was renewed, with various degrees of stringency, in the tenth year of the little Dutchman, in the second and eighth years of Queen Anne, in the second and sixth years of George I., in the first and ninth years of George II., and in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of George III. No Catholic was allowed to 'have or keep in his possession, or in that of anyone else for him, any horse, gelding, or mare which shall be of the value of five pounds.' Any Protestant was empowered to obtain a search-warrant, break open doors, etc., and, on tendering £5, was entitled to the possession of the hunter, racer, carriage-horse, or hack belonging to a Catholic. Any Papist concealing, or aiding in concealing, such horse, was liable to be sent to prison for three months, or to 'forfeit treble the value of said horse.' O'Connor, in his *History of the Irish People* (p. 209), gives an instance of the working of this Act: 'A Protestant walked up to a Catholic who rode a splendid horse on a racecourse, offered him £5, and arrogantly ordered him to dismount. The gentleman dismounted, drew out a pistol, and shot his horse through the brain.' By sections 4 and 18 of 2 George I., the horses of Papists might be seized and detained for ten days for the use of the militia. At the end of that time the authorities had the option of purchasing the animals at £5 each. If the horses were not purchased, they were returned by the authorities—provided that the Papist owners paid the sum demanded for their seizure, removal, and maintenance.

It is about high time to tear these rags of the penal code from the statute book and consign them to the oblivion which they would so well adorn.

The Eucharistic Congress

Many of the great English organs of public opinion have been getting their back knuckles on to the headpiece of the Government over the blunder perpetrated in first permitting a Eucharistic procession in the quiet streets about the Westminster Catholic Cathedral, and then exercising official pressure to stop

it at the eleventh hour, after all arrangements had been completed. The London *Daily Telegraph*, for instance, gets in some shrewd blows. 'The Government,' it says in the course of a lengthy and highly condemnatory article, 'have done the worst possible thing in the worst possible way. The Home Secretary allowed all the arrangements for the procession to be brought to completion. And then he and his chief got frightened, and yielded to the clamor of a small section of extreme Protestant opinion. These protests have come from organisations which draw no support whatever from the great mass of educated Englishmen, who are just as true as their fathers were before them to the abiding principles of Protestantism, though they now express themselves in ways more consonant with the enlightened spirit of the age.' Mr. Asquith, with much finesse, 'endeavored,' adds the *Daily Telegraph*, 'to induce the ecclesiastical authorities to act as though it were they, and not the Government, who had changed their minds, and to alter the fundamental significance of the procession, as though it were they, and not the Government, who were quailing before the manifestoes of the Protestant Alliance. In that case the Government would have been able to save their face, and the angry disappointment of Roman Catholics might have been diverted from themselves to the timid surrender of their own hierarchy. Naturally, the Archbishop and his advisers resolutely refused to walk blindly into so obvious a trap, and insisted that the Government should shoulder the responsibility which Mr. Asquith was anxious to evade. Archbishop Bourne replied that if the ceremonial had to be abandoned, the Prime Minister must publicly declare that it was abandoned at his request, and Mr. Asquith was then compelled to commit himself to the statement that "his Majesty's Government are of opinion that it would be better in the interests of order and good feeling that the proposed ceremonial, the legality of which is open to question, should not take place." Such an expression of opinion on the part of the Prime Minister was tantamount to a command; and the tone of the speech at the Albert Hall in which the Archbishop announced his decision did him infinite credit.'

'The ecclesiastical authorities,' says the same paper, 'are to be congratulated upon the calmness and dignity with which they bore a disappointment that must have been exceedingly bitter, and upon the success with which they communicated their own well-disciplined self-restraint to the followers who look to them for guidance. Had there been any rioting or breach of the peace in Westminster yesterday, the responsibility would have rested wholly upon the shoulders of his Majesty's Government, whose conduct throughout this lamentable business has been inexcusably weak and inconceivably foolish. The proper course for them to have taken was to make up their minds whether they meant to allow the procession to be carried out, and, having once made up their minds, to abide by the decision, whatever might be said on one side or the other. The improper and unpardonable course was first to give assent and then withdraw it a few hours before the procession was due to take place, after arrangements had been concluded which involved the inconvenience and the disappointment of thousands of persons dwelling in all parts of the land.' In another part of the same article the *Daily Telegraph* remarks: 'If the Mahomedans and Hindoos of the same city have been forced to tolerate each other's processions, was it too much to expect Christians to do the like—especially on the very day of the whole year when the Christian Church is invited to pray for unity and consider the blessings of reunion?' 'It is easier,' adds the same paper, 'to bear injustice than stupidity, and everyone must feel that this affair has been stupidly and needlessly mishandled. It deals a heavy blow at the sacred cause of complete religious toleration.'

That Italian Scandal

A flamboyant and misleading article in a politico-religious organ published in Wellington recalls the sensational manner in which a section of the English and New Zealand secular press 'wrote up' the scandal that took place some time ago at what was known as the Fumagalli Institute in Milan. This establishment was an orphanage. It was conducted somewhat on the lines of the 'Homes' conducted by the self-styled 'Pastor' Housely and his wife in Manchester, and which have recently figured by no means creditably before the Blackpool Bench. The Fumagalli woman who founded the Institute in Milan went into the business for the money that there was in it; she donned the religious habit and professed to be a nun (which she never was) in order the better to capture the coins of the charitable; and she and her business were, in the most public way, placed under the ban of the Church in Milan. Irregularities took place within

the Institute. The Italian anti-Catholic press and its foreign echoes described her as a 'nun,' the Institute as a 'convent,' and lied bravely and brazenly in their effort to fasten the 'scandal' to the Catholic Church. A prosecution followed; and an ex-priest-associate of the Fumagalli creature was, on vague, flimsy, and contradictory evidence, sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. As we stated at the time, on the authority of the Italian press and legal experts, there were at the time the gravest grounds for the opinion that there had been, in the case of the ex-priest, a miscarriage of justice. The well-informed journal, *Rome*, tells the sequel of the story: A few months ago when the court at Milan passed a heavy sentence on a priest accused of a horrible crime in connection with the Fumagalli Institute, we expressed the conviction that a terrible miscarriage of justice had taken place. That view has received very striking confirmation during the last week. The father of the chief witness against the priest, being at the point of death, called three witnesses, and in their presence made a solemn deposition that his daughter had committed perjury in her evidence, and that she had been constrained to do so by persons who were determined to secure the conviction of the accused. The child herself on being examined by the same witnesses confirmed her father's deposition, and declared that she and the other witnesses against the priest had been cajoled and terrorised to swear to things that were absolutely false. It may be taken for granted that a new trial will now be ordered, and will result in the complete acquittal of the unhappy victim—and thus will disappear the only shadow of a foundation for any of the charges brought just a year ago against the priests and religious of Italy.

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

IMPOSING CEREMONIES AND PROCESSIONS

In our last issue we gave an account of the ceremonies and meetings which took place on the first and second days of the Eucharistic Congress in London. Our Home files to hand devote considerable space to reports of the concluding ceremonies, meetings, and processions. It might be said that no event of recent years has attracted so much attention, this being due in a measure to the great gathering of Church dignitaries from all parts of the world and to the action of the Government in prohibiting the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of London at the instigation of a few narrow-minded bigots. The principal secular papers of London devoted considerable space to reports of the Congress, especially the *Daily Telegraph*, which, in its issue of September 14, gave eleven columns to reports of the proceedings on the previous Saturday and Sunday, and in addition had a leading article condemnatory of the weakness of the Government in giving way to the clamor of a few extremists.

On Friday morning the proceedings were begun with Pontifical High Mass in Westminster Cathedral, the celebrant being the Archbishop of Utrecht. The sections met at 10.30, and all of these were well attended. The most of the foreign visitors crowded to the one sitting in the Caxton Hall, where the French language was used. The appearance in the streets of so many prelates and priests attracted indeed a great deal of public attention in Westminster.

Reception by the Papal Legate.

On Friday evening the Cardinal Legate held a reception in the Albert Hall, when there assembled in that building the most cosmopolitan gathering ever seen within its walls. A correspondent thus describes the scene:—The Papal Legate raised his hand to bless the crowd as he went along, and to some who knelt to kiss his ring he smilingly extended his hand. Proceeding to the platform beneath the great organ, he took his seat on a dais, which had been prepared for the occasion. Other Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, and prelates of every rank, with great numbers of priests, soon reached the hall and came streaming in with the immense crowd of the laity.

The scene becomes more and more brilliant; the colors more vivid, the movements more lively. Here one might see black-robed Jesuits such as Father Bernard Vaughan or Father Donnelly recognised and greeted by friends on all sides. Elsewhere a white-robed Carmelite is in earnest conversation with a Capuchin in brown. They had been friends in youth, but oceans had separated them for long years. Now they meet, and their enthusiastic cordiality is pleasant to behold. The aged Cardinal Primate of Spain comes in. Nunners crowd around

to get his blessing. Other dignitaries come along. Ireland has representatives at every hand. Cardinal Logue as he goes to join the Legate is besieged by friends and admirers. In another quarter the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, is to be found chatting with old acquaintances. French priests abound. French laymen, too, are here in plenty. So are the bright, vivacious French ladies. In fact, ladies from every land are well in evidence. They are attired in unique fashion for a London assemblage, wearing high-necked dresses and in the majority of cases a black veil or mantilla.

A Distinguished Gathering.

They talk in English or French, Italian or Spanish—a few in all four. Some are quite ready to tell that the Spanish Cardinal wears the band of Isabella the Catholic, the Order of the Golden Fleece and the medal of Alfonso XIII., and that the prelate whose breast glitters with distinctions is, though Bishop of Nottingham, a man of military fame; and their opinions of men and things, freely given, are clear-cut and piquant if not always correct. The great Republic of the West has various representatives, foremost amongst them that popular member of the Sacred College, Cardinal Gibbons. Round him many assemble, for he is well known in Europe, and ever has something fresh and suggestive to say on events of current interest. Lancashire has sent not a few of her Catholic sons. The Bishop of Liverpool is accosted by fellow countrymen who greet him cordially, and not far off the Bishop of Salford is discussing a point of philology or a literary problem with friends. The Bishop-Elect of Shrewsbury has likewise come to pay his respects to the Legate, and near by is to be seen Colonel Walker, good-humored and jocose as usual. The Duke of Norfolk passes quietly through the great hall, stopping now and again to converse. Soon all the Cardinals are seated, the Spanish Primate, and Cardinals Logue, Gibbons, and Ferrari to the right and left of the Primate. The formal reception takes place. In single file the members of the vast gathering pass their Eminences on the platform, bowing to the Legate, and then descending to the body of the hall. Cardinal Vanutelli raises his hand to bless them one by one as they pass.

On Saturday morning there was a celebration of the Byzantine Liturgy in Westminster Cathedral. The unwonted spectacle drew together an immense congregation. The celebrant was the Very Rev. Arsenios Atiyeh, Archimandrite of the Melkite Church at Paris, the concelebrants and the deacon being Augustinians of the Assumption from Constantinople. The chant was chiefly in Byzantine Plainsong. The rendering by the choir of this strange music with the Greek text according to a complicated and foreign ritual was a great credit to the training of Mr. Terry, the choirmaster and organist. No trouble was spared to render the ancient rite with the dignity it deserved.

The concluding meetings of the various sections of the Congress were held on Saturday forenoon. At the close of the meeting in the Scottish Hall, Buckingham Gate, the Cardinal Legate delivered a brief address. He said he had visited the other sections, and could not neglect to visit this one. He was greatly touched by their reception, as he had been by the welcome extended to him elsewhere. Indeed, he could not trust himself to speak of that accorded to him at the great meetings in Albert Hall lest he should be overcome by his emotion. Sympathy had been shown to him, not only by Catholics, but also by the separated brethren and by the constituted authorities, who had shown their interest and good feeling. For all this he was deeply grateful. He did not, however, intend to keep all this to himself. It should be conveyed to the Holy Father, whose representative he was, and for whom it was meant. He regarded the Congress as an event remarkable in the history of this country, and he prayed that it might be followed by all the good results hoped for in deepening piety and faith in the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Father had charged him to convey to them his paternal affection and benediction.

CHILDREN'S PROCESSION.

One of the most interesting, as also probably the most touching, of all the proceedings in connection with the Congress was the Children's Service held at the Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, and the procession from the Embankment which preceded it. The children came from the Catholic schools in all parts of the metropolis and its immediate suburbs, and it was truly a moving sight which the little ones presented as they marched to the great Cathedral to add their youthful tributes to those which their elders had been paying to the Holy Eucharist during the week. The procession started from the Embankment, and both here and along the entire line of route to the Cathedral an enormous concourse of people was gathered to see

those Catholic little ones making profession of their faith. The starting point was at the Westminster Bridge end of the Embankment, and from here to past Hungerford Bridge, as well as in the adjoining thoroughfares, the different contingents were massed to the number of fully 20,000.

At the head of the procession was a banner of the Guild of Ransom bearing the motto, 'Jesus, Convert England,' by the side of which walked the founder of the Guild and the Chief Marshal of the procession, Father Philip Fletcher.

Banners of the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, and other saints, and bearing scriptural and other mottoes, were borne in large numbers, and at intervals there were over a dozen bands. A large proportion of the girls wore white and had veils over their heads, while the boys in most cases wore sashes of various colors. These, with the multi-colored banners, went to make up a scene of great picturesqueness. What perhaps touched one most of all was the evident pains which had been taken by the parents that the children should look as neat as possible, and this was particularly noticeable in the case of those from the poorer districts, for, though many of the young processionists bore the sign of poverty in their dress, all were trim and neat.

When the head of the procession reached the Cathedral, about half-past 3, an immense crowd had gathered in the vicinity, and received the children with cheers and the waving of hats and handkerchiefs. It took nearly an hour for the juvenile processionists to pass along Ambrosden avenue and file into the Cathedral, and as they entered the building they sang 'God bless our Pope,' which was heartily joined in by most of the crowd outside. When as many as accommodation could be found for in the great Cathedral were seated, numbering, it is estimated, between six and seven thousand, the spectacle presented was highly impressive. The scene in the immense nave was one of great beauty, the white veilings, yellow and white sashes, and chaplets of roses worn by the little girls, and the red sashes, roses, and emblems worn by the boys, combined with innumerable banners and bannerettes, giving forth a blaze of brilliant color. Beyond those in charge of the children, including many priests and nuns, no adults were allowed at the service at the Cathedral.

The occasional sermon was preached by Cardinal Logue, who, later on, addressed two other gatherings of children, numbering several thousand more, in large halls adjacent to the Cathedral.

Benediction was given by the Cardinal Legate, and in the Sanctuary were Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan; the Archbishop of Westminster, and many Bishops and other dignitaries. The hymns were sung by the children, and at the close of the service a procession, formed by his Eminence the Cardinal Legate, with his attendants, Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishops and Bishops, Abbots, and other prelates, and as they went down the processional way in the centre of the nave his Eminence Cardinal Vannutelli gave his blessing to the children. Soon after the children filed out of the Cathedral in perfect order and proceeded homewards, all apparently very happy for enjoying the great privilege of taking a leading part in so memorable a celebration.

MASS MEETING IN THE ALBERT HALL.

On Thursday morning it was announced that the Home Secretary and the Commissioner of Police had given their sanction to the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, which, from an early stage, had been a prominent feature in the arrangements for the Eucharistic Congress. On the same morning the Archbishop of Westminster received a private communication to the effect that the Prime Minister desired the abandonment of the public procession. What followed was summarised by the Archbishop of Westminster.

The Albert Hall was the scene of another striking manifestation of the strength of the Catholic Church in London, when the immense building was packed to its last inch by a magnificent meeting of the Catholic men of the metropolis. It holds, when filled as it was on Saturday night, close on 11,000, but had it been several times larger it would not have contained all who desired to be present, the result being that many thousands had to be content with waiting outside, and cheering the Papal Legate and other leading dignitaries as they arrived and departed. Not only was the meeting large, but it was enthusiastic almost beyond description, and it is doubtful if in all its history the famous building ever resounded to such cheering as was heard within it on that occasion. The reception accorded to Cardinal Vannutelli was almost frantic in its fervor, and repeatedly during the evening the vast audience broke into loud and sustained outbursts of cheers.

The chair was taken by the Cardinal Legate, who was accompanied on the platform by Cardinals Logue, Mercier, and Ferrari, and a large number of Bishops. When the cheering which greeted his arrival had subsided, Cardinal Vannutelli requested Archbishop Bourne to conduct the proceedings on his behalf.

Speech of the Archbishop of Westminster.

The Archbishop, who was most warmly greeted, said: Before we proceed with the business of the evening I have an announcement to make which will be a source of pain and surprise to you all. On Thursday last I received private intimation from the Prime Minister deprecating the procession to be held on Sunday. (Loud and angry cries of 'Shame.') I must ask you (he continued), please, to listen to my statement without interruption—and advocating its abandonment. I replied at once that I could not act upon a private intimation of this kind, and Mr. Asquith answered that his communication was purely confidential and must not be published. I insisted that, if any change were needed at this late hour, he must take the responsibility of making me a public request to that effect. I quote my message to him sent last night: 'Prime Minister, Slains Castle, Port Errol, Aberdeenshire,—Having considered your communication, I have decided to abandon ceremonial, of which you question legality, provided that you authorise me to state publicly that I do so at your request. You must recognise the extreme urgency and delicacy of the position in which you have placed me.—Archbishop, Westminster.' This morning he replied as follows: 'Archbishop, Archbishop's House, Westminster, London,—Your telegram received last night too late to answer. Since your Grace refers matter to our judgment, I have to say that his Majesty's Government are of opinion that it would be better in the interests of order and good feeling that the proposed ceremonial, the legality of which is open to question, should not take place. They much regret the inconvenience and disappointment which its abandonment may cause.—Asquith.' I at once made answer: 'Prime Minister, Slains Castle, Port Errol,—Have received your telegram. All elements of ecclesiastical ceremonial shall in deference to your wish as Prime Minister be eliminated from procession. Cardinals and Bishops will walk in full Court dress of their respective ranks. Expect Government to ensure all comfort and courtesy to our honored guests. Must, of course, explain fully and publicly the reason for the change of arrangements.—Archbishop Westminster.' I have, therefore (continued the Archbishop), the duty of asking their Eminences and their Lordships to proceed to the Cathedral to-morrow afternoon, not directly, but by the route marked out for the procession, dressed in cassock, rochet, and mantelletta or other garment of their proper rank. The ceremonial procession will take place within the Cathedral walls, and Benediction will be given to the multitudes who cannot enter from the balcony of the Cathedral. I trust that I shall in this way satisfy to some extent the legitimate desire of thousands of our people to have some part in the Congress, and at the same time avoid any action, the legality of which might be called into question, even by the most captious and capricious. I ask our people to accept the arrangement with the loyalty and respect which are due both to their ecclesiastical superiors and to the civil authorities, and to refrain from any action which might be wanting in dignity or self-restraint. As a loyal Englishman, still more as a Catholic striving in all things to be obedient to our faith, I feel it my duty to conform myself to the publicly expressed wishes of the Constitutional authorities, but I am not prepared to submit to the bigoted dictation of the Protestant Alliance or any similar society. (Great cheering.) I trust that when all the circumstances are known you will approve of the action I have taken. I ought in justice to say that up to this very moment I have complete assurance from the police that no danger was to be apprehended from even the ceremonial aspects of the contemplated procession, and I desire to place on record my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration shown to us throughout by the authorities and metropolitan police. (Cheers.) Also, so far as I am aware, no protest of any kind has been received from any person living on the line of route chosen for the procession. I have only one or two words to add. I want all the other arrangements of the procession to go on as before. I want our people to go to do honor to the representative of the Holy See, to receive his blessing, God's grace in their hearts, and that of the other Prelates who honor us by their presence in our midst, and although it is not permitted to us to carry with us our Divine Master, I hope and trust that those present, by the sentiments of their hearts, and by the fervor of their singing, will make not only the Cathedral, but the whole of Westminster, one great sanctuary of the most Blessed Sacrament.

Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Cardinal Mercier then proposed the following resolution:— 'This nineteenth International Eucharistic Congress pledges all who assist at it to promote by every means in their power solid and earnest devotion to the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar according to the mind and teaching of the Holy Catholic Church.'

The resolution was seconded by the Archbishop of Glasgow, and carried by acclamation.

The Cardinal Legate then read in Italian a telegram which he had received from Cardinal Merry Del Val, expressing the Holy Father's satisfaction on receiving the Legate's account of the successful opening of the Congress and the resolution of devotion to the Holy See passed at the Albert Hall meeting on Thursday night.

Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, who was received with a most enthusiastic welcome, moved the second resolution, as follows:— 'This International Eucharistic Congress proclaims the unalterable fidelity of all its members to the Apostolic See and their desire to conform themselves in all things to the instructions of the Holy Father.'

This was also carried by acclamation.

High Mass at Westminster Cathedral.

Sunday's ceremonies began with the celebration of Pontifical High Mass at Westminster Cathedral. Writing of the scene within the Cathedral, the *Daily Telegraph* said: 'Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.' And very eagerly they went up yesterday morning, with resolute faces and a determined will. It might have been said of Westminster Cathedral just then that all nations were flowing into it. Certainly many peoples were represented in that ever-increasing and excited crowd. The tongues of France and Germany, of Italy and Spain, were audible as one passed along, and it would not have been very surprising had strangers 'from the parts of Libya about Cyrene' declared themselves. But against this variety may be set a respect in which there was no difference at all. The multitude were unanimous in striving to enter in at the strait gate, and their struggle was made with might and main. They were no respecters of persons. Priests of many orders and grades; women with mantillas, which are awkward things in a crowd; young men and maidens, old men, children—there they were, pushing and struggling towards the doors; while some good fellows of the Metropolitan Police, when a weak person was in difficulties, plunged to the rescue.

The occasional sermon was preached by Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore.

THE PROCESSION.

Fortunately for the procession in the afternoon the weather was fine and mild. Soon after noon the multitude began to gather. The people came from all parts of the Metropolis, some as guilds and confraternities, with banners, and others arriving in groups by crowded brakes, omnibuses, and trams. A very considerable proportion were foreigners, easily discernible by dress, visage, or tongue. The Temperance League of the Cross, a body of men, drew up outside the Cathedral door as a guard of honor, a battalion of cadets ranged themselves on the left side of the street as a juvenile guard after awakening the echoes of Westminster with their bugles. The B division of Metropolitan Police held all the lines, with strong reserves at the corners and openings where disturbance and disorder might possibly arise. Bands of young men with white and yellow armlets constituted themselves a further but needless reserve at supposed points of danger.

At 2.15 the centres of thoroughfares which were to be traversed by the procession were cleared by the constables, more by persuasion than force, but, the streets not being very wide and the crowds being very dense, there was a good deal of squeezing before the necessary space could be obtained. Everything was in order and in readiness for the procession long before it started. The time of waiting was beguiled by the singing of hymns and the chanting of the 'Ave Maria' by a great battalion of young men, members of the various choirs of guilds, who were marshalled to the east of the sacred edifice in readiness to bring up the rear of the procession, and by various confraternities largely composed of foreigners, who stood to the west side, ready to head it.

It was a quarter to four when the procession of ecclesiastics issued from the great door of the Cathedral. First came, bareheaded, a great body of Regular clergy of the Jesuit and other Orders, who having, it was stated, been forbidden to wear their distinctive habits, carried them over their arms in protest, and

were attired in ordinary clerical garb. Then came the secular clergy, who wore surplices over their cassocks, and were also bareheaded. Next followed a long train of foreign Abbots and Cures in soutanes and buckled shoes, carrying their shovel hats in their hands. With them marched some of the Benedictines in black habits, followed by Dominicans robed in white. They were succeeded by the Monsignori, domestic prelates or Chamberlains of the Pope in purple, and after an interval there appeared the Cathedral acolytes in white, and the Cathedral Chapter. A much noted group of Byzantine clerics followed in black robes, with black, square, broad-topped hats, from which depended backwards some drapery of the same sombre color over their shoulders. They were heavily-bearded, swarthy men, like nearly all the Greek clergy. Large pectoral crosses of gold adorned their breasts. Next appeared the Bishops and Archbishops in their resplendent robes of purple, with their birettas, walking two by two, and then four Cardinals, Cardinal Logue, Cardinal Mercier, Cardinal Gibbons, and Cardinal Ferrari. Cheer after cheer had greeted these august dignitaries from thousands of throats, but all these acclamations were outdone when the Pope's Legate appeared. He stood for an instant in the doorway, as if awed by the multitudinous shout, glanced around at the crowded streets, windows, and roofs, removed his biretta in a bow of acknowledgment, replaced it on his head, and then descended the steps, blessing the people with both hands. All who could find space for genuflection, dropped on their knees before his uplifted right hand, while cheer succeeded cheer as the tall, red-robed figure proceeded with stately step and benignant smile on his circuit of the densely packed streets.

A number of Catholic noblemen and gentlemen acted as bodyguard to the Legate, namely, the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Ashburnham, the Earl of Gainsboro, Viscount Gormanston, Viscount Southwell, Lord North, Lord Clifford, Lord Louth, Lord Edmund Talbot, Admiral Lord Walter Kerr, Lord Vivian Stuart, Hon. Walter Constable Maxwell, and the Hon. Richard Preston. A train of ushers and officials followed them, and then the white-robed Guilds, chanting the 'Ave Maria,' and singing hymns. 'Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,' 'Sweet Sacrament Divine,' 'Hail, Jesus,' and 'God bless our Pope' were the favorites. The clergy, especially the foreigners, found themselves at home with 'Tantum Ergo' and 'Adoremus,' and the singing seemed generally in unison.

The route was a many-angled one. Starting from the Cathedral, the procession proceeded up Ashley Place, and struck southwards by Carlisle Place for some distance. Then it turned sharply eastward and southwards by New Place and north-westward by Rochester Row; from there it proceeded round two corners by Artillery Row into Howick Place, thence westward again, and next southward by Artillery Gardens, and southward by Ambrosden Avenue, returning to Ashley Place again, where it came to the Cathedral. Many of the houses along the course of these thoroughfares were

Decorated with Flags and Festoons;

but the finest display of all was outside the Convent of the Sisters of Charity in Carlisle Place. There was no serious mishap at any point. An occasional 'boo' from some protester was soon drowned in cheering; and an occasional rush to obtain a better place was quickly countered by the police.

Inside the church, the procession, which was shorn of so much of its ceremonial outside, was performed in its entirety. The Papal Legate and his suite lost no time in assuming vestments, and the Host was carried in solemn procession through the sacred building in the order originally arranged for outside; but not to disappoint the thousands outside who desired to take part in the ceremony, arrangements were made that Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament should be given to the people outside from the balconies over the great door. An altar was erected on the balcony, and after the procession inside, his Eminence, accompanied by the Cardinals and the Archbishop of Westminster and a bodyguard of Catholic peers of the realm, proceeded thence, and here a scene took place which for impressiveness has probably rarely been equalled in this country in modern times. A general salute by the buglers of the Catholic Boys' Brigade announced the arrival of the Cardinal and his suite. A hush fell on those below, and at a signal the multitude sang the 'Tantum Ergo.' Kneeling at the altar, his Eminence incensed the Blessed Sacrament, and in solemn silence he carried the Host to a forum, at each side of which floated the Papal flag and the Union Jack. Standing there in his vestments of white and gold, the Cardinal Legate elevated the Host on all sides to the worshippers below, the majority of whom stood

bareheaded and in a devotional attitude. Then an extraordinary incident took place. As if to give vent to their pent-up feelings, the huge crowd below broke the silence usually accompanying this ceremony by a wild outburst of cheering. Commanded to silence, they still insisted on this unusual demonstration, and a little hissing only served to foster the cheering, which speedily drowned the meagre counter demonstration. The Cardinal Legate then proceeded to give the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at each side of the great portal to give everybody an opportunity of taking part in the ceremonial. His Eminence and suite then went inside the Cathedral, and again a scene of great impressiveness was enacted. By this time twilight was darkening into night, and the sombre shadows in the Byzantine building thrown by the faint twilight that stole through the windows and the flashes of electric lamps that dimly lighted up the aisles gave an added solemnity. A soft voluntary from the organ, the music of which hardly reached the extremity of its precincts, was a fitting accompaniment to the renewed Procession of the Host, which again marched through the building. His Eminence knelt at the High Altar, the marbles of which were illuminated by half a hundred candles, surrounded by Cardinals in their scarlet robes and Archbishops and Bishops in appropriate vestments, each carrying a candle. The choir sang a Gregorian 'Te Deum,' and as his Eminence gave the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to a kneeling congregation the choristers rendered the 'Tantum Ergo.' The Cardinal Legate then gave his blessing, and the ceremony ended. The crowds outside waited for the breaking up of the congregation, and then dispersed without further incident.

Reception at Arundel.

The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk entertained at a reception at Arundel Castle on Monday some seven hundred guests, the majority of whom were visitors to England for the Eucharistic Congress. The principal guest was the Papal Legate, who was received at Arundel Station by the Duke of Norfolk. Cardinal Vannutelli travelled with the Archbishop of Westminster and Cardinal Gibbons, and was accorded a warm welcome by people who had gathered at the station. Many who had obtained permits for that part of the platform beside which the Legate's saloon was standing knelt to receive his Eminence's blessing as he passed.

In the course of conversation Cardinal Vannutelli said he thought the action of the Government, in causing a modification of Sunday's proceedings had in all probability done the Catholic cause no harm, but rather good, seeing it had evoked sympathy on all hands. He was very gratified to see that the tone of the London press generally in regard to the matter took this direction.

His Eminence subsequently drove through the town in a landau, with postillions and an outrider, to the Castle, being warmly cheered en route. The children of the Catholic Elementary Schools of Arundel and district were assembled in the Castle grounds in processional dress, and received the Legate's blessing. Among others present were Cardinals Gibbons, Logue, and Ferrari, and the Archbishops of Westminster, Paris, Utrecht, Ravenna, Montreal, Hobart, Aquila, and Ephesus; the Bishops of Valleyfield, Cork, Northampton, Southwark, San Carlos, Danqua, Middlesbro', Strasburg, Salford, Scissons, Autun, Kilmore, Auckland, Bruges, Ballarat, Newport, Vendrai, Langnes, Lismore, and Cebri; Prince Max of Saxony, Earl of Ashburnham and Lady C. Ashburnham, Lord Louth, Lady Margaret Domville, Sir Pyers and Lady Mostyn, Sir John Ross of Bladensburg, Sir John and Lady Knill, Sir Charles and Lady Cuffe, Admiral and Mrs. Whyte, Prince Ferdinand de Coy, Comte Henry Danville, Viscomte Di Parc and Baron Baude. Military bands played in the grounds, and refreshments were served in the great hall.

SUCCESS OF THE CONGRESS.

The opinions of the various prelates and ecclesiastics connected with the great and memorable Eucharistic Congress just concluded are practically unanimous (says the *Daily Telegraph*). The manner in which the faithful have rallied around their clergy in their tens of thousands, and the whole-hearted devotion and enthusiasm of the vast multitude of Catholics assembled in London, have been sources of the greatest joy to the Princes of the Catholic Church, from his Holiness Pope Pius X. downwards. Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, and the clergy in general are gratified to the fullest possible extent at the loyalty and devotion shown by their flock. With a view of ascertaining the special thoughts and reflections of the different dignitaries, questions were put to and opinions sought of many of the leaders of the Congress. There was, of course, a strain of sadness perceptible throughout on account of the Government's unex-

pected interference at the eleventh hour with the procession which had previously been sanctioned. That which was to have been the glorious termination of the most successful Eucharistic Congress ever held had perforce to be abandoned. The properly-constituted authorities had so willed and ordered; therefore the grief-stricken Catholics were provided with an unhappy opportunity of showing their respect for law and order. The Archbishop of Westminster had counselled them in public as to their duty as loyal citizens, and his followers accepted the advice without reserve. A greater disappointment could not possibly have been experienced by those taking part in the Congress. With that one great exception, the affair has been a huge success. Considered from a Catholic standpoint, the response to the appeal of the Pope to pay homage and adoration to the Blessed Sacrament was prompt and decided. There can be no two opinions as to the fidelity of Catholics to their religion. How deeply their principles are inculcated and the warmth with which they are cherished have both been made manifest by the marvellous success of the Congress. The final disappointment was in no way the fault of any of those taking part in the Congress, and the opinions here quoted are quite exclusive of the heartburnings caused by the action of the Prime Minister.

A prelate from afar, the Right Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, New Zealand, was enthusiastic in his praise of the Congress, its organisation and general success. He marvelled at the numbers who had taken part, and attributed the success achieved to the Blessed Eucharist being the life of the people, their faith, consolation, and joy. The procession of the children was most gratifying to him. 'Never,' said he, 'will those who walked in it forget the day when as children they marched in procession to honor Our Blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist. There may come a time when some of them will incline to irreligion and negligence, but the memory of that day of days will serve to remind them in after life of their duty to God and of His Church.'

'THE CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA'

ANOTHER SCHOLARLY VOLUME

Our copy of the third volume of the *Catholic Encyclopedia* has reached us after a long delay. Despatched from New York in June, it went to the bottom of the Pacific in the ill-fated steamer Aeon, remained there for some time, was fished up again, and was despatched to us by the New Zealand postal authorities after they had, with much care and thought, dried out of it as much of the briny ocean as left it, considering its adventures, a fairly presentable volume.

The third volume covers the ground from 'Brow' to 'Clancy.' It is uniform in size and appearance with the handsome, well-printed, and well-bound volumes that preceded it. Great as was the success, from the standpoint of scholarship and literary merit, of the first two volumes, it seems to us that in this third volume the editors have won, thus far, their best laurels. They have amply justified the prediction that we made when this great Catholic undertaking first entered the world of books—namely, that, as the literary staff 'found itself' (like Kipling's ship), and the work of organisation and co-ordination was got into a smooth and easy swing, the quality of the product, high as it was at the beginning, would steadily improve. Incidentally, the completion of the work of organisation has also resulted in the faster production of the volumes—vol. IV. will (it is announced) soon be ready. The present volume is a triumph of scholarship and research. As many as 245 writers have contributed signed articles—all of them experts, each in his own particular branch of knowledge, and representing all the principal civilised countries of East and West. To select at random, we find in vol. III. extended articles on such subjects as Bruno (St., and Giordano), Papal Bulls, Buddhism, Bulgaria (now so much in evidence in the world's politics), Byzantine art and civilisation, Calendar, California, Calvin, Canada, Candles (in ritual, etc.), Canon, Canticle, Capuchin, Cardinal, Carmelite, Catacombs, Cathari, Cathedral, Catholic, Celibacy, Celtic, Cemetery, Censorship, Censures, Charity, Charlemagne, Chile, China, Christendom, Christian, Chronology, Church, Cid, Circumcision, Cistercians. We purpose to return again to the contents of this valuable and well-illustrated volume. We may here remark that the *Catholic Encyclopedia* will, when completed, consist of fifteen volumes, embracing thirty-two distinct departments of knowledge, and will contain thirty thousand articles, two thousand illustrations, and seventy-five magnificent maps, which will prove of inestimable value to those interested in the work of Foreign Mis-

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CATHEDRAL CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH

Formerly, on the occasion of an appeal for funds for the Conference to enable it to carry on its mission of charity among the deserving poor and others needing a helping hand in their temporary destitution, which is always found to be a necessary part of the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a summarised report of the past year's operations was presented, together with a balance sheet showing the receipts and expenditure. Owing to the fact that these are embodied in the general report, published annually by the Superior Council of the Society in Sydney, and as such are made up to the end of each calendar year, to keep in line with all other conferences under the Superior Council, instead of as heretofore, in connection with the Cathedral Conference in July of each year, it has been decided to present in future a general outline only for the information of our benefactors and all others interested in the work of the society.

Meetings were held at regular intervals during the year. The Hospital and Consumption Camp were regularly visited. Orders for groceries, meat, clothing, boots, etc., were given where required, school books and other necessities provided for poor children; meals and accommodation were provided for a number of men in destitute circumstances, and travelling expenses advanced to enable several to go to other parts to obtain work. Owing to the generosity of a kind benefactor, a supply of coal was donated to many deserving cases during the winter through the medium of the society. On the recommendation of the society a fair proportion of orders through the Mayoral Coal and Blanket Fund was received by our deserving clients. Considerable supplies of Catholic literature have been judiciously distributed, and many services rendered in individual cases with successful results. We desire to thank most sincerely our devoted patron, his Lordship the Bishop, for many little acts of kindly interest and encouragement, and especially for his eloquent charity sermon on the occasion of our last annual appeal, which proved the means of providing the main portion of our funds for the year's operations. With infinite sorrow we parted from our late spiritual director, the Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chénais, after a number of years' devoted service and kindly intercourse with the members, owing to his transference to another scene of activity in the sacred ministry. In his successor, the Rev. Father O'Hare, we have attached to the society one who manifests deep interest in its works. The conference also suffered the loss of its president, Bro. E. O'Connor, J.P., who, after many years of devoted activity, felt obliged, for private reasons, to resign from the position. On receiving the resignation of Bro. O'Connor from the office so worthily filled for so long a period of years his Lordship the Bishop wrote the following tribute: 'I cannot express to you how I am grieved to hear of your determination, nor how deeply I appreciate your great services in the noble cause of the poor. Our dear Lord, Who knows all, can alone thank and reward you and yours for the same; but I know that it will be hard, very hard, to replace you, and I am sure that you will be greatly missed at the meetings of the Conference. I would venture to suggest that you still retain your membership, so as to have the share in the many indulgences granted to the society, and so as to give the Conference the advantage of your counsel from time to time. I am glad to know that you are not forced to the step you feel impelled to take by any ill-health or feebleness brought on by age. Thank God, you are still vigorous and healthy, and I hope and pray that you may be spared to enjoy many years of health and strength and ever-growing usefulness. Again expressing my deep regret at your resignation, and wishing you and yours every blessing, I remain, my dear Mr. O'Connor, yours very faithfully in Christ, J. J. Grimes, S.M., Bishop of Christchurch.'

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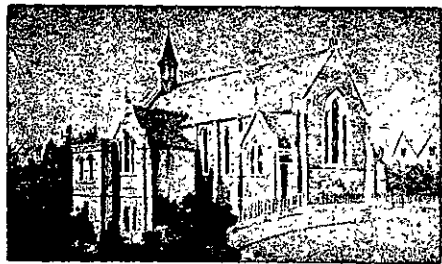
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The new Church will be solemnly blessed and opened on Sunday, 22nd November, 1908, at 10.30 a.m., by his Grace Archbishop Redwood, S.M. Should you be unable to be present at the ceremony, any offering you may wish to make will be gratefully received by any of the Redemptorist Fathers, and your name will be inscribed on the list of our honored benefactors.

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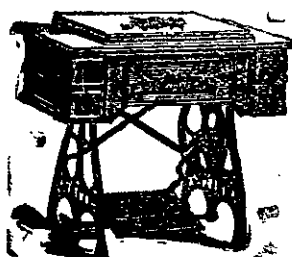
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MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

The 5.5 a.m. Palmerston-Dunedin train will NOT run.

An Extra Express Train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 9.25 a.m., stopping at the following stations: Waitati 10.26 a.m., Seacliff 10.55 a.m., Puketeraki 11.4 a.m., Waikouaiti 11.18 a.m., arriving Palmerston 11.40 a.m. This train will stop at Port Chalmers Upper to pick up passengers for stations at which it is timed to stop.

An Extra Express Train will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.10 p.m., stopping at the following stations: Waikouaiti 5.33 p.m., Puketeraki 5.50 p.m., Seacliff 6.0 p.m., Waitati 6.23 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.17 p.m. This train will stop at Port Chalmers Upper to set down passengers.

Trains for Palmerston and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 8.16 a.m. and 9.50 a.m., Sawyers Bay 8.45 a.m. and 10.18 a.m., Waitati 9.40 a.m. and 11.13 a.m., Seacliff 10.15 a.m. and 11.48 a.m., Waikouaiti 10.46 a.m. and 12.20 p.m., returning from Palmerston at 4.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m., Waikouaiti 4.45 p.m. and 6.2 p.m., Seacliff 5.20 p.m. and 6.33 p.m., Waitati 5.55 p.m. and 7.3 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 7.6 p.m. and 8.16 p.m. respectively.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Palmerston at 4.25 p.m. will NOT leave until 7.40 p.m.

The train usually leaving Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.0 p.m. will NOT run.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Port Chalmers Lower at 7.34 p.m. will NOT leave till 7.55 p.m.

An Extra Express Train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin at 9.5 a.m., Mosgiel 9.37 a.m., Henley 10.3 a.m., Waiholā, 10.16 a.m., Milton 10.42 a.m., Stirling 11.18 a.m., arriving Balclutha 11.25 a.m. This train connects with Lawrence and Catlins River Branch trains, and will stop at Caversham and Mosgiel to pick up passengers, and at Henley, Waiholā, Milton, and Stirling to pick up or set down passengers.

An Extra Express Train will leave Balclutha at 4.30 p.m., Stirling 4.37 p.m., Milton 5.12 p.m., Waiholā 5.34 p.m., Henley 5.47 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.56 p.m. This train connects with trains from Catlins River and Lawrence Branches and with evening train for Outram. It will stop at Stirling, Milton, Waiholā, Henley, and at stations Mosgiel to Caversham inclusive to pick up or set down passengers.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Clinton at 8.55 a.m. will NOT leave till 9.40 a.m., Mosgiel 10.22 a.m., Waiholā, 11.14 a.m., Milton 11.47 a.m., Balclutha 12.55 p.m., arriving Clinton 2.30 p.m.

The train usually leaving Mosgiel for Dunedin at 5.18 p.m. will NOT leave till 5.26 p.m.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Mosgiel at 5.15 p.m. will leave at 5.2 p.m.

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TUESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

Special Passenger Train will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.5 a.m. This train will make the same stops as, and run in time of, the Monday morning seaside train. Train usually leaving Port Chalmers for Dunedin at 7.8 a.m. WILL LEAVE at 7.5 a.m.

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SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

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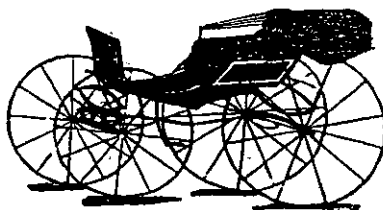
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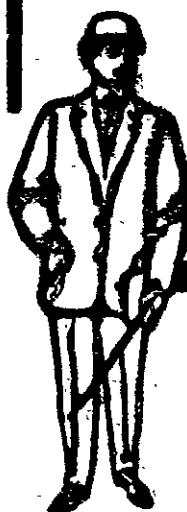
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- (1) Whether the number of Licenses existing in the District is TO CONTINUE.
- (2) Whether the number of Licenses existing in the District is TO BE REDUCED.
- (3) Whether NO LICENSES are to be granted in the District.

Nominations for the Appointment of Scrutineers, in accordance with "The Licensing Act, 1908," must be lodged with me not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, the tenth day of November, 1908.

And I hereby give notice that I shall, on Friday, the thirteenth day of November, 1908, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at my Office, Port Chalmers, publicly consider all Nomination Papers of persons to appoint Scrutineers in respect of the Licensing Poll for the said Licensing District which have been duly lodged.

Dated this third day of November, 1908.

G. G. CHISHOLM,
Returning Officer.**Notice of Polling Day**

In pursuance of "The Legislature Act, 1908," I, George Galloway Chisholm, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Chalmers, do hereby give notice that, by virtue of a Writ bearing date the 31st day of October, 1908, under the hand of the Clerk of the Writs, an Election will be held for the return of a qualified person to serve as Member for the said District; and that the latest day for receiving Nominations of Candidates will be the ninth day of November, 1908; and that the Poll, if necessary, will be taken at the several Polling-places of the said District on the 17th day of November, 1908.

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ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

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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, NOVEMBER 5, 1908.

OUR HIBERNIANS—A MISCONCEPTION



CATHOLICS have one precious privilege which, perhaps, they do not at all times appreciate. Outside the pale of our faith there are to be found a surprising number of persons who, with tinted spectacles and magnifying glasses, search the Church of Rome for sores as industriously as the prospector sifts the earth for gold or diamonds, and who devote so much time to this interesting pursuit that they commonly forget to look to the spiritual

households to which they owe real or nominal allegiance. Some of our well-meaning volunteer critics have lately been losing their rest—quite needlessly—over the Hibernian-Australasian Benefit Society. A suggestion was made to establish a branch of this splendid organisation in a Southland district. The suggestion elicited from an anxious brother of another faith an expression of surprise that this Society should be tolerated by the Catholic clergy of New Zealand, seeing that (according to him) a practically identical organisation (or one with which the Hibernians of this Dominion are affiliated) lies under the ban of the Church or clergy in Scotland and in the United States. The evidence of this latter statement, as regards Scotland, is furnished (1) by a circular letter of the Scottish Bishops, dated July 14, 1907, and having reference to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Of the which, more anon. (2) As regards the United States, our anxious Protestant friend supplies a statement—also in reference to the Ancient Order of Hibernians—which is said to be taken from the *Toronto Sentinel* (Canada). Of the which, likewise, more will appear in due course.

1. At the outset, we may remark (a) that neither of the statements, alleged above, directly affects the Hibernian-Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, which is a separate, independent, self-contained organisation; (b) that this admirable association extends throughout the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand; (c) that there are no branches

of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in any part of Australasia; (d) that the Hibernian-Australasian Catholic Benefit Society is not, and has never been, affiliated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Scotland; and (e) that, for the past three years or so, it has been affiliated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States. We are at present unable to say whether there is or is not any connection between the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States and Scotland. And now a word as to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. (a) It is incorrect to describe it simply and without qualification as 'a condemned society' in the Catholic meaning of that term. For, in the first place, the ends and aims of the society, as set forth in their rules and constitutions, are of the most praiseworthy kind, and represent the high-water mark of a truly Christian benefit organisation. In the second place, the overwhelming majority of the branches and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are in close touch and friendly relations with the Church (as, for instance, in Ireland and America). In the third place, the only sections of the organisation of that name that came even into momentary conflict with the ecclesiastical authorities were a few branches in Scotland as far back as 1882. And in their case, the trouble arose, not over the aims and objects of the association, but over abuses of a purely local and temporary character. For these abuses they, and they alone, were condemned by the Holy See on December 14, 1882. This condemnation carried with it no disapproval of the objects of the organisation; it was purely and solely a penalty of spiritual deprivation for given abuses which had, in time, grown as excrescences on an otherwise excellent organisation. The judgment of the Holy See was a rule of local discipline, arising out of a local case, for Scotland. It had no application to the members of the Order elsewhere. Moreover, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Scotland seems to have soon outgrown the particular abuses which led to its condemnation there, and the judgment against them seems to have fallen into desuetude. That circumstance, however, did not delete the writing against them; and so much was, in effect, intimated by the Scottish Bishops in a joint letter bearing date July 14, 1907. Their Lordships held, in accordance with the canons, that the judgment should be deemed to be in force until revoked. In the meantime they submitted the position of the organisation to the Holy See for instructions. But they nowhere in their letter, or in any later pronouncement in connection with the case, intimated any objection to the society as it is now, or suggested that the grounds of condemnation—which existed in 1882—are to be found in the organisation to-day. We have not learned the details of the ruling of the Holy See in the matter; but we may state that the proceedings of the various branches of the Ancient Order of Hibernians now fill a large part of the news columns of the two great organs of Catholic opinion in Scotland, the *Glasgow Observer* and the *Catholic Herald*, of Edinburgh. And, finally, we may remark that the whole question of the approval or condemnation of this or that association of Catholics is the Church's own internal and domestic affair, and that she is perfectly capable of managing it without aid or counsel from friends outside her gates.

2. According to Mark Twain, there are 869 ways of conveying a false or misleading impression. One of these (to be referred to at the close of next paragraph) is well illustrated in the story regarding the Ancient Order of Hibernians which is said to have been taken from the *Toronto Sentinel* of January 23 (presumably of the present year). The story, summarised in briefest terms, runneth thus: That a Catholic priest in Philadelphia refused to 'permit' a funeral service in his church because a lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians 'had been invited to attend'; that his alleged reason for such refusal was this: that he was told some unstated things (which he believed to be 'facts') by some condemned 'Molly Maguires'. (We may here state that the 'Molly Maguires' were an Irish secret society which, for some years previous to 1877, made themselves very objectionable in the coal regions of Pennsylvania. Like the Orange fraternity, they seem to have aimed at securing an undue share in political power and place, and their career—happily a short one—was marked by crime, and even blood, though not in any degree comparable to that of the Ulster organisation. A number of their leaders were convicted and executed in 1876-7, and the society was then broken up.) The *Sentinel* story furthermore credits the Philadelphia priest with having stated that he submitted the unstated things aforesaid (which he regards as 'facts') to Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia; that the Archbishop declared that the alleged 'facts' 'would constitute one of the greatest scandals the Catholic Church had ever known'; and, finally, that the Archbishop prevented the submittal of the before-

mentioned mysterious 'facts' to the Plenary Council in Baltimore.

This whole story may be briefly dismissed. (a) On the face of it, it has no bearing whatever upon the merits of the Hibernian-Australasian Catholic Benefit Society or upon its relations with the Catholic Church and the ecclesiastical authorities. (b) On the face of it, it does not bear out the statement or suggestion that the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States stands condemned by the Catholic Church or by 'the clergy.' Only one priest is mentioned as objecting to the Order—and that not on account of any existing fault or error, but on the strength of alleged (and unproven) statements said to have been made by convicted murderers regarding events that took place more than thirty years ago. Against this solitary voice (assuming that the voice spoke as stated) we have the fact that the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is intimately associated with the religious life of a Church which, there as elsewhere, is exceedingly careful both as to the aims and methods of its societies; that the bishops and clergy of the United States are closely connected with its organisation and management; that it is engaged in all manner of good works; and that its National Chaplain (elected at the Indianapolis convention in July) is none other than Archbishop O'Connell, of Boston, one of the ablest, most brilliant, and most devoted prelates under the Stars and Stripes. We may here add that, between July, 1906, and July, 1908, the organisation in the United States (including the Ladies' Auxiliary) added not fewer than 75,000 to its already vast roll of members. (c) The whole story, as told by the *Sentinel*, is pitched on the hysterical and exaggerated tone that is commonly associated with lack of accuracy and of balance. (d) Not so much as a solitary charge against the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States is even formulated or defined—there is nothing but a vague and shadowy Something, apparently of the fee-faw-fum order, on the alleged authority of a murderer's tongue; and it relates not to the present time, but to incidents of the last generation. (e) Not so much as a scrap or rag of evidence is tendered to show that there is, in all this shadowy and nebulous Something, any fact implicating in crime or dishonor even an individual member of the organisation either past or present; much less the Order as a whole. Till such evidence is forthcoming, natural right compels us to assume the innocence of the association as such and of its members both past and present. It is only with the Irish packed jury and in Looking-glass Land that the verdict precedes the evidence and trial nowadays. (f) Again: there is no evidence before us that the story put into the mouth of the Philadelphia priest was ever really told by him. (g) Here, too, we come to a subtle form of suppression of fact which has some bearing on the whole question. We were for a long period a reader, and for some time a subscriber, to the *Toronto Sentinel*—at a time when we were collecting materials for a book on an Irish secret society. Why were not our Southland Catholic friends informed that the *Toronto Sentinel* is a strong Orange paper, and the recognised organ of the lodges in Canada? That one item of information would have put a different complexion upon the whole story. The a-priori doubt and suspicion which attaches to the whole tale is greatly intensified by the particular source through which it reaches us. We may add that we have placed ourselves in communication with Archbishop Ryan and others in Philadelphia on this subject.

Facts in connection with either Catholic associations or associations of Catholics (they are not necessarily the same thing) are, of course, fair matter for news or comment in the newspaper press, whether of blue or 'yellow' hue. But we fail to see on what grounds an organ of the Orange lodges could consistently find matter for objection in the association of a society of Catholics, or even of a Catholic society, with a secret organisation conducted on the lines of the disreputable 'Molly Maguires.' For there was no crime perpetrated by that detestable association which was not perpetrated on a vastly greater scale by the Orange society, while the long catalogue of the latter's enormities embraces systematic rapine, massacre, repeated terrorism and violence, year by year, by great bodies of armed and drunken or semi-drunken brethren down to the present day, and other offences of which the 'Molly Maguires,' bad as they were, must be held guiltless. The terrible record of the Ulster organisation is told in the reports of numerous Parliamentary Committees and Royal Commissions, in the Acts of Parliament which suppressed the society, and in the Cumberland Plot investigation which closed its career in dishonor in 1836. By comparison with its high crimes, the 'Molly Maguires' were mere misdemeanants. Yet

the 'yellow' organisation never lacks reverend clergy to be its chaplains and grand chaplains, nor churches in which to hold its annual celebrations and thank the Lord that they are not like the rest of men—especially those chuckleheaded Papists. If the *Toronto Sentinel* were to devote its energies to reform the ways of the brethren, it would be too tired when night came to scold Catholics, or even to weep over the crimes of the happily defunct 'Molly Maguires.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Arrangements have been made for a presentation to his Lordship the Bishop on his return from Europe towards the end of January. The matter has been taken up in every part of the diocese.

Captain D. S. Columb and Lieutenants J. B. Callan, jun., and J. S. Columb, of the Hibernian Cadet Corps, have just received their respective certificates. We understand that there are still a few vacancies in the corps, which the officers are anxious to see filled.

The members of the Lawrence Catholic Girls' Calisthenic Club and other lady friends made a presentation of a gold sovereign case and a shaving outfit to Mr. James Airey prior to his departure from Lawrence. The presentation was made by Miss Alice Kelleher, who expressed the regret of the members of the club at the departure of their instructor, and gratitude for his self-sacrificing work in the past. Mr. Airey, in reply, thanked the donors for their gift and for the good wishes which accompanied it.

The St. Joseph's Ladies' Club concluded their 1908 session on Wednesday night of last week with an invitation social evening in St. Joseph's Hall, consisting of progressive euchre and musical items. The winning prizes for the euchre, for which over thirty tables were in play, were won by Miss Clancy and Mr. Young. Acceptable musical items were given by Misses Lean and L. Bryant, Messrs. Carolin and Lean, and Master McFarlane. During the evening the Rev. Father Coffey, on behalf of the members, presented Miss Staunton, president of the club, with an autograph album and a silver fruit knife as small tokens of the interest taken by her in the advancement of the club and in the social improvement of its members. The recipient suitably responded. Refreshments were handed round by the Ladies' Committee, and added greatly to the success of the evening's enjoyment.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 31.

On Tuesday, at St. Joseph's Church, Miss K. O'Sullivan, of this city, was married to Mr. Buckeridge, of the Wairarapa. Rev. Father Herring, S.M., performed the ceremony.

On Wednesday Miss L. Collins was married to Mr. John Quinlan at St. Joseph's Church. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Provincial.

On Sunday week the Redemptorist Fathers will preach a renewal mission of a week's duration in the parish of Wellington South. There will be First Communion and Confirmation on the last Sunday of the mission.

The mission at present being conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Thorndon, has been splendidly attended. The morning service at 6 o'clock sees the church filled in every part. The parish clergy and the missionaries are greatly pleased with the results.

At the conclusion of the mission at the Sacred Heart Basilica the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., will conduct a week's mission—the first of its kind—at Wadestown. Owing to the absence of a suitable building, a large marquee to be placed on the grounds of Mr. Blake has been procured for the purpose.

The sum of about £230 was realised by the Rev. Father Holley, S.M., as the result of his canvass of Thorndon in aid of the Cathedral fund. The efforts of Dean Smyth in Te Aro will, it is anticipated, result in a similar amount. In view of the present scarcity of money, these results are very satisfactory.

The new Catholic Club of St. Anne's at South Wellington hopes to have its large billiard-table installed during the coming week. The vacancy caused by the resignation of the club's

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secretary, Mr. James Fitzgibbon, owing to pressure of other duties, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. R. H. Williams.

On Thursday evening the pupils of the convent school, South Wellington, gave a delightful entertainment in St. Thomas's Hall in aid of the funds for the painting of the convent. Among the large audience present were the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., and Rev. Fathers Herbert and Herring. The performance was in every respect creditable to both the good Sisters and the pupils. The following items were contributed:—Part I.: Chorus, school children; song, Miss Fanny Hickey; recitation, Master Andray Noble-Campbell; duet, Misses Mabel Outtrim and Fanny Hickey; song, Miss Marie Fix; song, Miss Elsie Strickland; drill (dumb-bells), boys; chorus, boys. Part II.: Chorus, school children; song, Miss Mary Gamble; song, Miss Mabel Outtrim; drill (clubs), senior pupils; song, Miss Elsie Strickland; medley (historical), V. Haydon, F. Sullivan, J. McEnirney, E. Beveridge.

In connection with the proposal that school children should be provided with books at the cost of the State, it is observed that several candidates for Parliamentary honors have been asked whether they are in favor of the privilege being extended to pupils of Catholic schools. In view of the fact that our schools are free, and depend for support upon voluntary contributions, it is only fair and just that if the State is to provide free books that our schools should receive attention in this respect. Catholics would do well to bear this in mind at the coming elections. A little pressure would no doubt result in other candidates following suit.

Perhaps one of the most encouraging signs of the times, as far as Catholic education is concerned, is the large number of pupils from our secondary institutions attending the university, and there achieving splendid results. The recent results of the annual examinations at Victoria College once more demonstrate the solid grounding furnished by our institutions. Catholic students are again to the forefront. Many of them are ex-pupils of St. Patrick's College. The Fathers Gondringer and Gilbert, of St. Patrick's College staff, were particularly successful. The Rev. Father Gondringer secured a first class in Senior French, Senior German (with a certificate of proficiency in German pronunciation), Senior Mental Science, and Senior Latin. The Rev. Father Gilbert secured a first class in Senior English and Latin (repeated).

The results of the examination recently conducted here by the examiner to the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London, are to hand. The following successes were achieved by our convent pupils. Successes in singing are marked with an S:—Performers' Certificate (possible marks 200)—R. Rabone (S), 173; F. Morrison (S), 168; V. Lamacroft (S), 166.

Local Centre Examinations.—Advanced grade, honors, possible marks 150, honors 130, pass 100)—M. Storey (S), 138. Advanced grade.—Pass—M. McEnroe, 127; J. Greig, 125; G. Blacklock, 124; L. Bridge, 119; N. Green, 116. Intermediate Grade.—Honors—T. McEnroe (S), 136; G. Gibbs, 130. Intermediate Grade.—Pass—M. Outtrim, 123; M. Blake, 120; C. Greenfield, 120; I. Bunny, 117; I. Ross, 117; N. McGrath, 106.

School Examinations (full marks 150, distinction 130, pass 100).—Higher Division, distinction—E. Draper, 130. Higher division.—Pass—D. Flewellyn, 121; R. Bunny, 119; K. Franklyn, 117; A. Draper, 115; H. Rollo (Otaki), 106; L. Sullivan, 103; T. Mahoney, 101; K. McGrath, 101; M. Mahoney, 100. Lower Division.—P. Miller, 126; K. Madden, 120; K. O'Donnell, 118; M. Curran, 110; G. McGrath, 110; A. Hannan (Otaki), 109. K. Best (Otaki), 106; M. Gallagher, 105. Elementary Division.—Distinction—M. Bolton, 131; J. Waddell, 131. Elementary Division.—Pass—R. Simpson, 127; I. Fama, 125; P. Connolly, 123; M. Wildsmith, 118; D. Hunter, 113; B. Hunter, 112; K. McManus, 111; O. Arthur, 103. Primary Division, distinction—E. Black, 130. Elementary Division, pass—F. Gascoigne, 126; W. O'Sullivan, 124; L. Corrigan, 122; N. Devlin, 122; M. McMurrish, 121; L. Riddell, 120; T. Haywood, 113.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

October 31.

The annual devotions for the faithful departed are to take place in the Catholic cemetery, Petone, on Sunday afternoon, November 1, and will be continued throughout the month.

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, held on Tuesday, the 27th, Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert took the opportunity to urge upon those

present the necessity of establishing some home for epileptic children. Every week, she said, she was asked to take in some child epileptic, and this was impossible; nor was it fitting that they should be sent to mental hospitals. The Rev. Mother was elected on the committee of the Society.

The late Lord Petre, who died in June, was the son of the twelfth baron, after whom (as a director of the New Zealand Company) Wanganui was first named Petre. Some of the Petre family were early residents of Port Nicholson, and Thorndon was named after the baronial seat at Brentwood (Thorndon Hall).

The Wellington Catholic Club held their final progressive euchre party for the year on October 22 in the club rooms, when there were about 50 members and their friends present. The prize winners were Miss O'Flaherty and Mr. Cotterill.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 2.

His Lordship the Bishop returned to Canterbury from Westland at the end of the week, and on Sunday made an episcopal visitation at Darfield. During the week his Lordship is expected in Christchurch, and on Sunday next visits Lincoln.

Under the presidency of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the Catholic excursion committee have for some time been meeting regularly, and all details for the outing during the Christmas holidays are well advanced.

At the recent practical music examinations in connection with the Trinity College, London, the four candidates presented by the Sisters of Mercy, Lyttelton, were successful:—Senior (piano), Florence Henaghan, 69; Intermediate (piano), Gabrielle McEvedy, 74; Junior (piano), Sylvia Le Lievre, 69; Preparatory (distinction), Mary Kotlowski, 89.

On Thursday morning Mr. Mark Hambourg, the famous pianist, visited the Sacred Heart Convent and afforded the Sisters of the Mission and their high school pupils an opportunity of listening to a delightful recital in the convent schoolroom. Mr. and Mrs. Hambourg were received by the Rev. Mother Provincial and Rev. Mother Prioress and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. On taking her seat Mrs. Hambourg was approached by one of the little girls and presented with a beautiful bouquet. Several of the Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of Nazareth also availed themselves of the kindness extended of hearing the great artist. Mr. Hambourg played the first and last movements of the 'Moonlight Sonata' magnificently, and also gave Chopin's 'Ballade' and the magnificent transcription by Liszt of Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March.' At the close the Very Rev. Father Price expressed to Mr. Hambourg the heartfelt thanks of the community for the treat he had so generously afforded them. They were debarred from hearing the great artists of the world who visited Christchurch, and therefore such a splendid performance as they had heard would remain as a pleasant memory to them for all time. To the children of the school it was an object lesson of the highest possible nature. Mr. Hambourg in place of replying verbally played a 'Berceuse' by Chopin. At the conclusion of the recital Mr. J. M. Campbell, a talented comedian now on tour, delighted the audience with a few of his best stories, given in a style all his own, which have made him not alone popular but eminent in the profession. After the recital given in the convent on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hambourg were entertained to lunch by the Very Rev. Father Price, together with a party consisting of the Rev. Fathers Cooney, Richards, O'Hara, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lance, Mrs. Jones, Mr. F. Tait, Mr. J. M. Campbell, Mr. Baeyerz, Mr. R. A. Horne, and Mr. G. R. Hart.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

November 2.

A sad sudden death occurred at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday morning, when Mr. D. G. MacDonnell, who for years has been a prominent figure in Church and business circles in Auckland and Thames, passed away. He was born in Limerick, educated in Dublin, and studied for the law. He was a cultured gentleman, and it was always a pleasure to converse with him. He was a staunch Catholic and a sterling Irishman, and his place will be difficult to fill. His purse was always open to all good works, and his sterling worth it would be difficult to appraise. He leaves a widow to mourn her loss.—R.I.P.

Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., who has been in charge of Thames during Monsignor O'Reilly's illness, left on last Saturday for

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Gisborne, and will be on the East Coast, including Tolaga Bay, for some time. Before leaving Thames he was accorded a send-off in the Oddfellows' Hall, where a large gathering of parishioners assembled. The Children of Mary presented Father Tigar, through Miss V. Twohill, with a handsome travelling bag; Mr. John Connolly, on behalf of the young men, gave him a gold mounted quartz pendant; and Mrs. David Stewart presented him with a box of beautiful-silk handkerchiefs with Father Tigar's initials handsomely worked in the corner of each. Father Tigar thanked those present for their handsome gifts which, he said, he highly appreciated, and referred to the many kindnesses extended towards him during his stay at Thames, and hoped God's blessings would be bestowed upon them and their district. A fine musical programme was rendered, a plentiful supply of refreshments was handed round, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Throughout the week the sale of work in the Ponsonby Hall, in connection with the Sacred Heart parish debt, was carried on with unabated success. When opening the bazaar on last Tuesday the Mayor of Auckland stated that five months ago the debt on the Sacred Heart Church was £860, but owing to the untiring exertions of Father Edge it had been reduced to £300, and he hoped that at the conclusion of the present bazaar the debt would be extinguished. Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, and Mr. M. Casey also spoke. The display in stalls was very fine, and those in charge and their numerous attendants were most assiduous in their attentions to numerous patrons. The ladies in charge of stalls are Mesdames Ralph, Browne, Simpson, Reid, and Miss Haven. Rev. Father Doyle (secretary) and Mr. C. Reid (treasurer), and Rev. Father Edge were unremitting in their labors.

Reefton

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Ten miles from Ikamatua is the rising township of Waiuta, where the Blackwater gold mines are situated. Many of the miners are Catholics, and have decided to have a church near the mine. A certain amount of money has already been collected. At Cronadun also most of the settlers are Catholics. Their number is increasing rapidly, and they want to have a church, in order that Mass might be celebrated for them in a place more suitable than the one in which it is celebrated now. A meeting is to be held there shortly, which promises to be a great success. In a short time three nice little churches will be built to meet the needs of the growing and increasing Catholic population of the district of Reefton.

During the past two months we have had several meetings of parishioners for the purpose of making arrangements for the holding of a bazaar and art union in aid of the liquidation of the parish debt. The ladies of the parish have been engaged for some time in working for the bazaar, and the result of their labors promises to be most successful. The arranging of the details for the bazaar does not take up all the time of our worthy pastor, the Rev. Father Galeane, for he has presided over several meetings of his parishioners at Ikamatua, where a new church is to be erected to take the place of the old one, which is too small for the increasing Catholic population. The site selected is a section given by Mr. O'Malley, a well-known and highly respected resident of the district.

WEDDING BELLS

LUTJENS-HAUGHTON.

On Wednesday morning, October 21 (writes an occasional correspondent), a wedding which excited more than ordinary interest was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Roxburgh, the contracting parties being Mr. W. Lutjens, formerly of Waitahuna, and Miss A. F. (Jane) Haughton, daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Haughton, of Roxburgh. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Morkane. The bride, who was very prettily attired, was attended by Miss Butler, while Mr. J. H. Waigh, jun., acted as best man. After the ceremony the party proceeded to the Goldfields Hotel, where the breakfast was held. After due justice had been done to the good things provided, Father Morkane, in a happy speech, proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in being privileged to participate in the marriage of two such sterling persons. Other toasts were also duly honored. During the afternoon the happy couple, accompanied by the good wishes of a large circle of friends, drove to Lawrence, en route for the south, where the honeymoon will be spent.

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Father Hunt desires to thank heartily all those good friends who have so far generously subscribed to the Church of the Irish Martyrs. There is a sum of £900 required to complete present contracts, which do not cover the whole design, which must be one that is not unworthy of New Zealand Irish men and women and the Irish Martyrs. All the available cash has now been expended, and we trust to the generosity of the Irish people of New Zealand for the further help that is needed to complete the Church of the Irish Martyrs at Cromwell.

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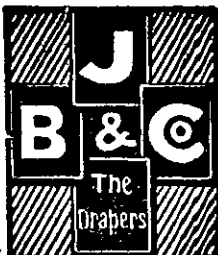
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ANTRIM—Monster Ocean Liners

On September 9 the keel blocks of one of the two new leviathan White Star liners were placed in position in Messrs. Harland and Wolff's yard, Belfast. This may be regarded as a matter of great importance in the shipping world since the two new ships whose displacement will be probably 60,000 tons each, and the cost of both being estimated at close upon £3,500,000 will mark a new era in the length and magnificence of passenger vessels afloat. The new ships, when completed, will be about 1000 feet long, capable of bearing a dead weight of 15,000 tons. The first of the two new mammoths will be named the Olympic, and when completed will provide some surprises in ship construction and fittings.

CLARE—An Enthusiastic Reception

On September 12 the presence of Mr. William Redmond, M.P., in Ennis was made the occasion of a great popular demonstration of welcome by his constituents. The popular member for East Clare, who was accompanied by Mrs. William Redmond, paid informal visits to the Convent, the Christian Brothers' schools, and other institutions, and they were everywhere greeted with the most hearty cordiality. In the evening, a great gathering assembled at the Town Hall, where addresses were presented from the various public bodies.

DUBLIN—A Change of Policy

A rumor has gained currency that an Irish paper identified with the Unionist cause is about to declare for Imperial Home Rule. This action will, we understand, find a reflex among London Unionist dailies.

Jews and Home Rule

A large meeting of Jews, held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on Thursday evening, September 10, passed a resolution pledging all present to support such measures as will secure for the people of Ireland self-government, and foster Irish industries.

Charitable Bequests

Mr. Henry Richard Spring, of Johnston House, Chapelizod, County Dublin, who died on May 26 last, has left £24,917, of which £2682 is English estate. Testator has bequeathed £2000 to the Catholic Bishop of Liverpool for the Irish poor of the diocese.

Peculiar Methods

Messrs. Browne and Nolan, Dublin, have, it seems to us (*Catholic Times*), good reason to complain of the manner in which the Irish National Board has been acting. For three years the 'Advanced National Reader' which they brought out was in use in the Irish Catholic National Schools, with the sanction of the Commissioners of National Education. It contained extracts from the poems of Clarence Mangan and D. F. McCarthy and from historical writings by the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, dealing with the wars of O'Neill and O'Donnell against Elizabeth. The passages from the poets and the Archbishop were more than 'The Imperial Protestant Federation' could stand. They considered that such reading should not be placed before young Irish Catholics, and brought the question up in Parliament. The National Board faithfully obeyed the behest of 'The Imperial Protestant Federation.' The 'Advanced National Reader' was condemned. No notification of the condemnation, however, was sent to the publishers. Only indirectly—through the publication of the board's correspondence with 'The Imperial Protestant Federation'—did they get any inkling of an objection being raised to the book. The Board of National Education allowed them to go on printing the volume and did not take the trouble to let them know they were destroying a property on which a good deal of time, thought, and money had been expended. Evidently some of the National Board's ways are not business-like.

GALWAY—Industrial Conference

An industrial conference was held recently in Galway. The chairman of the Galway Town Commissioners extended a cordial welcome to the delegates, and then vacated the chair in favor of Mr. Joseph A. Glynn, who presided throughout the proceedings. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne was on the platform, and a number of members of Parliament, including Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., Mr. Wm. Field, M.P., Mr. O'Malley, M.P., Mr. Boland, M.P., Lord Dunraven, Sir Horace Plunkett, Mr. T. P. Gill, Lord Clonbrock, etc. A resolution was moved by Lord Dun-

raven declaring that an organised effort should be made to develop the export trade of Ireland, that steps be taken to secure reliable information as to suitable markets for the Irish-made goods outside of Ireland, and that this information should be supplied to Irish manufacturers. Mr. Boland, M.P., seconded the resolution, and in the discussion which followed the Archbishop of Melbourne spoke, dwelling upon the desirability of providing in Ireland some other employment than that on the land, the results of which were so frequently capricious owing to the uncertainty of the climatic conditions.

KERRY—Bad for the Deer

An extraordinary motoring incident occurred near Killarney recently. As the Maharajah and Maharanee of Kapurthala were motoring from Glengarriff after nightfall through the forest, their passage was disputed by a fine red deer, which charged full tilt at the radiator of the vehicle. The impetus of a charge and the impact with the rapidly-moving car resulted in the instantaneous death of the animal.

Sad Drowning Fatality

A sad calamity befell the fishing community at Valentia Island on the night of September 14, by which six men lost their lives through the sinking of a seine boat. It appears that the crew of the seine boat, which was heavily laden with mackerel, finding that it was sinking, threw themselves into the boat which was following, and which also sank. Six men, all belonging to the district, were lost, and thirteen were rescued by another vessel. The two boats belonged to the village of Portmagee, and the seine boat had 12 men in her, whilst the follower had seven men. They had netted a shoal of mackerel in calm water, inside the harbor, but they were carried by the strong ebb tide running to the harbor mouth, where there was a heavy sea. The seine boat shipped some seas and sank, and the crew, in getting into the smaller boat, capsized her. Nineteen men were thus thrown into the water, and they struggled for their lives, terribly handicapped by being clad in oilskins and heavy clothing. The night was dark, and half an hour elapsed before another seine boat, belonging to Michael Cahill, in returning to the harbor, came upon the men clinging to the wreckage of the two boats. At great personal risk Cahill rescued thirteen men, the other six having disappeared just at the spot where eight fishermen lost their lives early last year. Three of the men when rescued were unconscious, and had to be medically treated. The names of the lost are: Patrick Kelly (married), John O'Sullivan (married), John Devane (senior), John Devane (junior), John O'Shea (single), and John Casey (single).

MAYO—Secondary Education

New intermediate schools are in course of erection at Castlebar for the secondary education of the youth of the town and of the county of Mayo, and which in themselves will be another memorial to the zeal and energy of the pastor of Castlebar, the Very Rev. Canon Lyons, P.P., V.F., whose efforts in improving the town and parish are well known. For a long time past it has been felt in Castlebar that a secondary school was sadly needed. The granting of increased facilities for university education in Ireland made the school more necessary than ever. Canon Lyons has undertaken the onerous task of building these schools, and of finding the wherewithal to pay for them. The schools are planned on modern lines, on the 'classroom system,' and will include facilities for chemistry, science, art, and manual training.

WEXFORD—Good Advice

The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, replying to an address presented to him at Clongeen on the occasion of his triennial visit to the parish, advised the people to get possession of the land, and said that if they did the country, with temperance and thrift, would become prosperous.

Visit of Cardinal Gibbons

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons left London on September 15 with his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, for a short visit to the West of Ireland. His Eminence will pay a visit to his relatives in County Wexford before returning to the United States.

The Temperance Movement

The following is a portion of the annual report issued by the Ferns Diocesan Temperance Committee:—Entrusted by our Bishop with the arduous and responsible task of developing and fostering a diocesan temperance organisation, we gladly avail of the opportunity afforded by this meeting to express our

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deep sense of gratification at the happy results of the memorable crusade which was preached throughout the diocese during the autumn of last year. Our thanks are due in a special manner to the members of the Religious Orders, who performed their laborious task with a whole-hearted earnestness that could not fail to ensure a large measure of success. We gladly acknowledge also the signal services of the diocesan clergy, who co-operated in this glorious enterprise in a manner deserving of the highest praise. It must not, however, be forgotten that the most encouraging feature of the campaign was the readiness displayed by the laity in general to put into practice the lessons of sobriety so lucidly and, at the same time, so forcibly, inculcated by the Missionary Fathers. One fact stands out conspicuous as a result of last year's crusade: it is clear beyond question that the moral sentiment of the people is on the side of temperance. Many battles must yet be fought, many victories must yet be won before we can hope to witness the death struggle of the drink evil. But it may be safely assumed that the flowing tide is with us when we find the moral sentiment of the public in our favor. The question now arises: How are we to turn to good account the advantage that has been gained? First of all, it must be borne in mind that the ultimate object of our society is the promotion of temperance. We have proclaimed, times without number, that total abstinence, which is the best safeguard for all, and the sole safeguard for many, is the most effectual means of promoting the practice of the noble virtue of temperance.

WATERFORD—Claim to a Title

Mr. Leslie O'Callaghan, Derrygallon, County Cork, is prosecuting a suit to establish his right to the title and estates of the late Viscount Lismore. The last holder of the title died last year, and it was thought that the title lapsed for want of an heir. The rent roll of the estates was once £70,000 a year, but for years the interest on heavy mortgages consumed most of the rents.

GENERAL

Vital Statistics

According to the annual report of the Registrar-General for Ireland, the number of marriages registered in Ireland during last year was 22,509, the number of births 101,742, and the number of deaths 77,334. The marriage rate was 5.14 per 1000 of the estimated population, showing a decrease of 0.02 as compared with that for the year 1906, but is 0.05 above the average rate for the ten years 1897 to 1906. The birth rate was 23.2 per 1000 of the estimated population, showing a decrease of 0.4 as compared with that for the preceding year, and is the same as the average rate for the ten years 1897 to 1906; and the death rate—17.7 per 1000—is 0.7 above the rate for the preceding year, but 0.2 under the average rate for the ten years 1897 to 1906. The returns for 1907 show that the natural increase of the population, or the excess over deaths, was 24,408. The loss by emigration amounted to 39,082, which exceeds the average number of emigrants for the past ten years. It would appear, therefore, that there was a decrease of 14,674 in the population during the year. With respect to immigration, there are no official records, nor is it taken into account in the estimate of the population to the middle of the year, which was 4,377,064.

Envoys in New York

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., leader of the Irish Nationalist Party, with Mr. Devlin, M.P., and Mr. Fitzgibbon, arrived in New York on September 16. One hundred members of the United Irish League of New York met Mr. Redmond and his friends at the dock and escorted them to Hoffmann House, where a formal reception was given in their honor.

Mr. J. J. Marlow, well known in the wholesale furniture manufacturing business, has opened a retail branch at 203 Princes street south, Dunedin, where he has on exhibition a comprehensive stock of high-class furniture in antique and modern designs at remarkably moderate prices. Mr. Marlow has also just started a factory in Manor Place, equipped with all the latest wood-working machinery, and operated by electric power, by means of which he hopes to place upon the market high-class goods at rates which will bear favorable comparison with those of any other house....

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People We Hear About

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The recent visit of the King and Queen of Spain to the Empress Eugenie, reminds us that she is eighty-two years of age, having been born in 1826, only seven years after the late Queen Victoria. It argues marvellous vitality that she has been able for so long to resist the sorrows which began to fall on her so thickly just seven and thirty years ago, when she and her consort lost their Empire, and the still heavier blow of nine years later, when her only son fell under the assegaes of the Zulus.

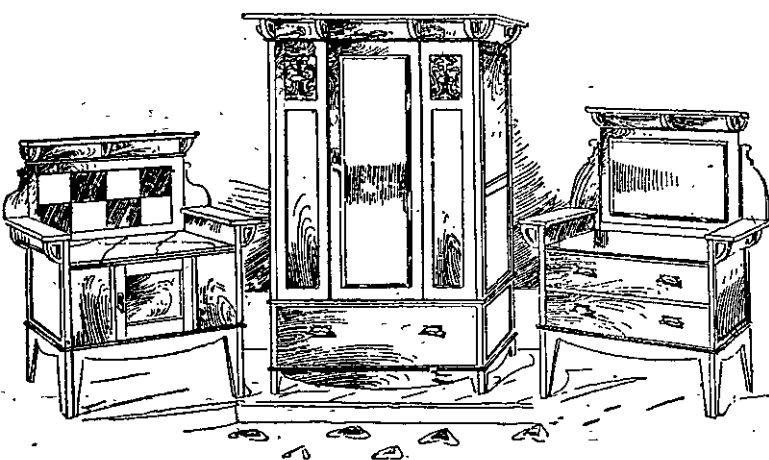
In retiring from the War Department, Mr. Taft ceased to be a public official for the first time since he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Ohio twenty-one years ago (says the *Philadelphia Ledger*). He left the Ohio Bench to become Solicitor-General of the United States and then circuit judge, and while in this office he was made President of the Philippine Commission, in 1900. His Philippine service continued until he became Secretary of War, in February, 1904.

The Dowager Duchess of Newcastle, who was among the prominent members of the English laity who assisted at the Eucharistic Congress, is one of the few Catholic ladies who have personally taken up slum work in the East End. She founded St. Anthony's Settlement in Whitechapel. There she lives, not in the mission itself, but in a small house close by, where she can guide and assist the work that is carried on. The Duchess lives the most simple life among her beloved poor, and regards her own least of all.

The presidential election in the United States this week brings to mind the fact that the present occupant of the White House is in his fiftieth year. He was only forty-three when he became President. A man must be five and thirty before he can be elected, but the great majority of the rulers of the United States since Washington's time were much older than that. Of the elected Presidents of the United States, Washington was 57 when inaugurated, Adams and Jackson were 61, Jefferson, Madison, and J. Q. Adams 57, Monroe 58, Van Buren and McKinley 54, Polk 49, Taylor 64, Pierce 48, Buchanan 65, Lincoln 52, Hayes 54, Garfield 49, Cleveland 47, Benjamin Harrison 55. The oldest elected President installed was William Henry Harrison at 68, the youngest, Grant, at 46. The average age of the 20 elected Presidents when inaugurated was above 56 years, including the odd months. Of Presidents reaching their office by way of the Vice-Presidency, Tyler was 51, Fillmore 50, Johnson 56, Arthur 50; average age, about 52 years. Mr. Roosevelt himself was not quite 43 when he became President upon McKinley's death. He was inaugurated in 1905 at 46.

Among the prominent laity present at the Eucharistic Congress in London was General Lord Ralph Kerr, son of the seventh Marquis of Lothian, who is now in his 75th year. Like his brother, Admiral-of-the-Fleet Lord Walter Kerr, he is a convert to the Catholic Church of many years' standing. Both are sons of the late Dowager Marchioness of Lothian, who formed one of a group of noble and distinguished Catholic ladies whose names were associated with every charitable work, and were familiar in every Catholic household in the later decades of the nineteenth century. Lord Ralph, who has had a brilliant military career, entered the 10th Light Dragoons (now known as the 10th Hussars) in early life. He was in command of his famous regiment in India, where he took part in the engagement at Futehabad, and afterwards attained distinction elsewhere. From 1891 to 1896 he was Major-General in command of the Curragh District. Thirty years ago Lord Ralph Kerr married the Lady Ann Fitzalan Howard, daughter of the fourteenth Duke of Norfolk, and he is, therefore, the brother-in-law of England's premier duke. A devoted son of the Church, he has been foremost in the support of every good cause.

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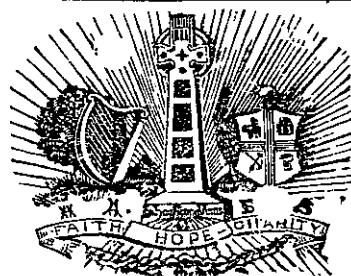
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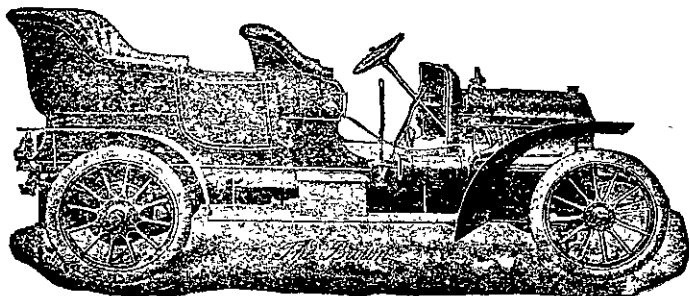
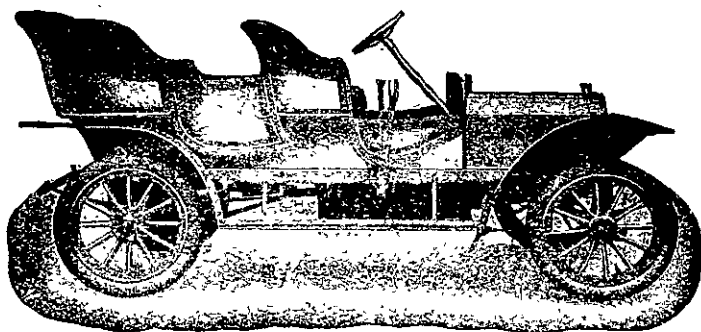
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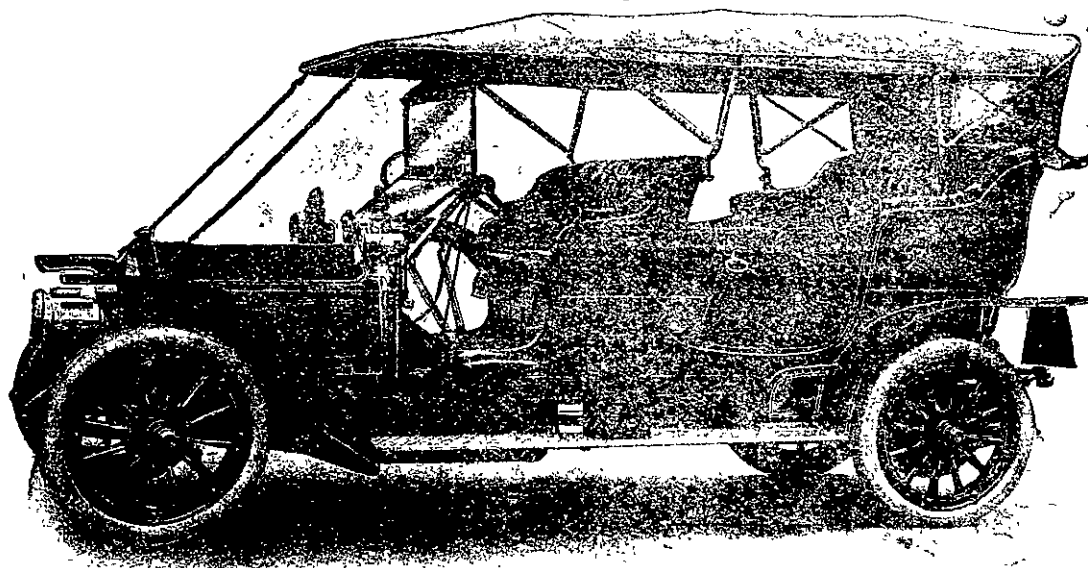
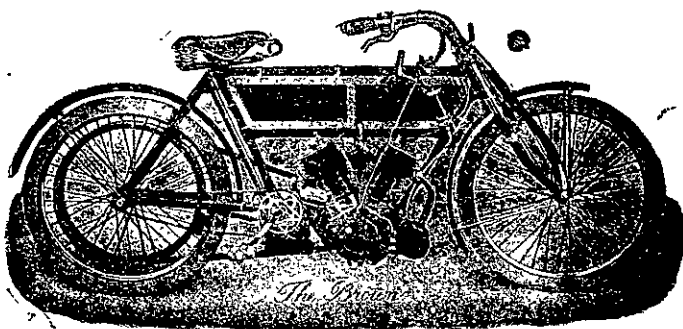


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CANADA—The Catholic Population

According to the latest and most reliable statistics, the Catholic population of Canada is 41.5 per cent. of the whole. Hence the Catholics in Canada number about 2,700,000.

The Ministry

The retirement of Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, from the Government has been announced (writes the Ottawa correspondent of the London *Standard*). His successor in the Cabinet will be Mr. Charles Murphy, a barrister, of Ottawa, and a leading Irish Catholic. Mr. Scott has been in public life over fifty years, and a member of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Administration since 1896 as representative of the Irish Catholics and the Government Leader in the Senate. He will be 85 next birthday, but is still mentally and physically alert.

ENGLAND—Catholic Grievances

Though the prohibition of the Eucharistic procession (says the *Catholic Times*) has wounded Catholic feeling to an extent unprecedented in this generation, it may be confidently affirmed that it will have beneficial results. In every quarter Catholics are demanding that an agitation should forthwith be commenced for the removal of the grievances under which they at present labor. The King's offensive Declaration and the penal clauses of the Emancipation Act must alike go by the board. We must win for ourselves that equality with non-Catholic citizens before the law which prevails in the United States and in other free countries. Every vestige and remnant of the old disabilities must be swept away. Measures must be taken at once to give practical expression to sentiments that all Catholics share. 'The Prime Minister's action,' says the Bishop of Salford, 'has strengthened our determination to work for the abolition of penal enactments which are objectionable to us, including the Royal Declaration.' Upon questions of this kind there will be no divisions or differences in the Catholic ranks. All will join hand in hand, whatever be their nationality or politics. It is not improbable that out of the new movement will arise a powerful Catholic organisation which will be an unwelcome surprise to the fanatics and will establish fair play for adherents of all creeds upon a firm and enduring basis.

Far Reaching Results

The Premier by his latest move has certainly played into the hands of his political opponents. The London correspondent of the *Birmingham Daily Post*, who, by the way, suggests that the Government's decision with regard to the procession may be due to 'a friendly hint' from a foreign Power, says it is thought amongst students of current events in London that the political effect of Mr. Asquith's intervention in the final proceedings of the Eucharistic Congress will be far-reaching; that every Catholic in the country, and not here alone, but also in the colonies, will henceforth be his determined enemy; and that the divorce between Catholicism and Liberalism throughout the Empire will be absolute and complete. That Liberals will suffer at the polls in consequence of the interdict may be taken as certain, and at Newcastle it would appear as if the entire weight of the Catholic vote were to be cast against the Liberal candidate. The matter will come before Parliament. Lord Edmund Talbot has already announced that he intends to bring it forward after the recess. The other Catholic members will be equally anxious to learn what Ministers have to say upon the subject, and if Mr. Asquith and Mr. Gladstone have an explanation to offer, they will do well to tender it at the earliest opportunity.

Then and Now

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, preaching at High Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Sunday, September 13, said in the course of his sermon: 'At the close of the eighteenth century, the Church in England had not yet recovered from the shock of the great upheaval. Her children steered their course in the barque of Peter under reefed sails, not knowing when the abating storm might be renewed with increased violence. The spiritual administration of the whole island was confided to four Vicars Apostolic. They were aided by about one hundred and twenty priests, scattered up and down the country. A few modest chapels, which could not be dignified with the name of Christian temples, were established here and there, and chiefly in the great commercial centres; and the entire Catholic population was estimated by Dr. Milner at 70,000. Let us now calmly survey the scene after the din

and smoke of battle have passed away; when penal laws are, happily, abolished, and when the scales of prejudice have fallen from the eyes of the English people, and when they stand forth in the full light of their sturdy manhood, and their generous, warm-hearted character. We see to-day a hierarchy composed of an Archbishop with fifteen suffragans; three thousand priests, ministering to a Catholic population of one million and a half. This consoling result is due, under God, to the zeal of the bishops and clergy, and to the generous co-operation of the laity. I may also add that, if the Catholic Church is viewed with so much respect and benevolence by the people of England, this circumstance may be ascribed, in no small measure, to the fact that the Catholic hierarchy, and especially the three Cardinals who have ruled the diocese of Westminster, have not only deported themselves as devoted churchmen, but they have taken a personal, loyal, vital interest in every measure that contributed to the moral, social, and economic welfare of their beloved country. Oh, what a change has come over the face of this city since the death of Bishop Challoner, one hundred and twenty-seven years ago! So stringent and oppressive were the religious restrictions in his day that he was obliged to observe the utmost circumspection in breaking the Bread of Life and dispensing the word of God to his scattered flock. His latter days were embittered by beholding his chapels ruthlessly destroyed by a mob in the "Lord George Gordon riots." He could almost literally say with the Prophet Elias, "With zeal have I been zealous for the Lord of Hosts, because the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, they have destroyed Thy altars; they have slain Thy Prophets with the sword, and I alone am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

FRANCE—The Public Schools

The Paris *Univers* publishes a declaration which the French Episcopate has addressed to all fathers of families in defence of free schools. The document concludes: 'You will watch the public school in order to compel it by all legal means to observe an honest neutrality. If the school stubbornly persists in being a danger to your children's faith you must forbid your children to enter it, at whatever price.'

SCOTLAND—The Catholic Truth Society

The proceedings in connection with the annual conference of the Catholic Truth Society of Scotland in Glasgow commenced on September 15, when a reception was held in the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross. A large and fashionable gathering of ladies and gentlemen from all parts of Scotland were received by the Bishop of Dunkeld, in the unavoidable absence of the Archbishop of Glasgow.

SOUTH AFRICA—The Catholic Magazine

The following editorial notice appeared in the *Catholic Magazine* for September:—'In our last number the editor announced that he would relinquish the editorial chair at the end of this month. Unfortunate circumstances have since supervened, that have made it imperative for him to do so at once. Dr. Kolbe's eyes have been a source of trouble to him for some considerable time, and now he finds it temporarily inadvisable to use them for reading or writing. As this new development of a long-standing complaint came upon him rather suddenly, it has been the occasion of some very alarming reports, which are happily without any foundation in fact. The doctor insists that he shall have a long rest from all work, and hopes that he may again recover the full use of his eyesight. In this hope and prayer the readers of the *Magazine* will heartily join. In the meantime, the *Magazine* will be carried on, and we shall make some important announcements on this subject at the beginning of next year.'

UNITED STATES—Resignation of a Bishop

The resignation of the Right Rev. John Lancaster Spalding, Bishop of Peoria, has been officially announced in the following note:—Bishop Spalding has been ill for three years and a half, and foreseeing that some years must elapse before he can hope to resume active duty in the diocese of Peoria, has, after due consideration, resolved to tender his resignation as Bishop of Peoria to Pope Pius X. The Bishop is now in his sixty-ninth year, and still suffers from the paralysis which brought him near to death. The Bishop has published a number of volumes on labor and religious topics. He was one of the arbitrators named by President Roosevelt to settle the great anthracite coal strike a few years ago. He was consecrated Bishop on May 1, 1876, and was the first Bishop of Peoria. Constant application to the work of the diocese and his literary pursuits weakened the constitution of Bishop Spalding. He was stricken with

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NELSON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 25.

The following pupils from the Convent, Nelson, were successful in passing the practical examination held on the 10th inst. by Mr. Henry Saint George, examiner for Trinity College of Music, London:—Senior division—Miriam Storey, 67. Intermediate—Mary Stevens, 81 (honors); Dorothea Frank, 70. Junior division—Trata Swainson, 81 (honors); Mary Duff, 67.

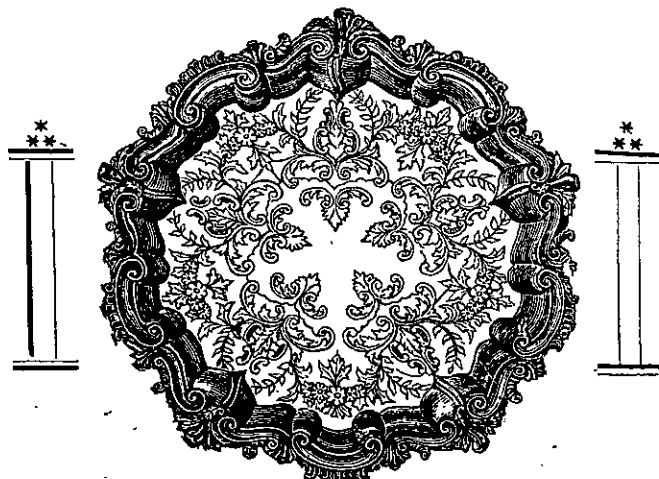
A numerous gathering took place at St. Mary's Hall, when the parishioners of St. Mary's entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seymour prior to their departure for the Lower Hutt (says the Nelson Colonist). The Rev. Father Clancy presided, and stated they had met to congratulate Mr. Seymour on his promotion to the position of postmaster at the Lower Hutt, and to say good-bye to him, Mrs. Seymour, and their family. He referred to Mr. Seymour being educated at St. Mary's School, being married at St. Mary's, and having had all his children born in Nelson. He referred to the many services Mr. Seymour had rendered to St. Mary's Church, having repeatedly acted as hon. secretary to bazaars, presentations, etc. The parishioners felt they could not let Mr. Seymour depart without giving him some token of their high regard for him and his. Father Clancy concluded his very happy speech by asking Mr. Seymour to accept a handsome silver tea and coffee service from the parishioners as a token of their warm esteem. Mr. Seymour said it was hard for him to find words to express his thanks to the parishioners and to Father Clancy. The gift was a valuable one, and would be highly prized by them. Reference had been made to his past services, but all he could say if he had really won the esteem of the people of St. Mary's, he was rewarded. He had spent his happiest days in Nelson, and he would carry away with him many pleasant recollections of the city, and those with whom he had been associated with. He again thanked them for their very handsome present. At intervals during the evening Mr. Naylor, Misses Greenfield, Clark, and Shane, and Messrs. Condell, Shane, and Kirton contributed musical and vocal items. After partaking of supper, 'Auld lang syne' was sung, and hearty cheers were given for Mr. Seymour, Mrs. Seymour, and the committee who had so satisfactorily carried out the arrangements.

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In these days of exercises unlimited it is well to know that it is very unwise to indulge in the practice injudiciously. Exercise should not be taken just after a heavy meal, as the digestive organs make a large demand on the blood supply, so that there is very little available for the exercise of the muscles. Again after a long fast exercise does harm rather than good.

Bones for Gravy.

Bones for making gravy should be boiled gently for over six hours, and then strained off. If, when cold, the bones look shiny they may have more goodness in them, and can be cooked in fresh water (sufficient to cover only) for a few hours. The bones should never be kept in an iron saucepan, but, when strained from the liquor at night, be placed on a clean dish.

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Intercolonial

His Grace Archbishop Kelly is expected to reach Sydney from Europe on January 2.

The real and personal estate of the late Mr. David Syme in Victoria has been certified for duty by the officer for probate at the sum of £929,481 6s 4d.

The Rev. Brother Brown, of St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, passed away on October 20, after a short illness. The deceased was a native of County Roscommon.

It is proposed to erect a memorial to the late Rev. Father Guilfoyle, Adm. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. What form it will take has not yet been decided on.

Mr. Thomas Loughlin, of Warrenheip, who built the new Church of St. John, in Kilkenny, Ireland, has been appointed one of the Pope's Chamberlains, in addition to being created a Knight of St. Gregory.

The population of the Commonwealth States is as follows:—New South Wales, 1,550,489; Victoria, 1,238,931; Queensland, 538,918; South Australia, 385,672; Western Australia, 262,309; Tasmania, 179,356; Commonwealth total, 4,155,673.

The Australian Medical Congress placed on record its deep sense of sorrow at the death of the late Sir Thomas Fitzgerald, one of the past presidents, and its recognition of the great services rendered by the deceased gentleman to the public and the profession. The resolution was moved by Professor Allen, of Melbourne University, and the seconder was Dr. John Thomson, of Brisbane, who remarked that Sir Thomas Fitzgerald's was a name to conjure with. He was the chief justice of the high court of surgery of Australia—in fact, was the high court himself.

After an absence of nearly six months (says the *Freeman's Journal*), his Lordship Dr. Olier, Bishop of Tonga, will leave Sydney early next month to return to his arduous missionary duties in the Islands. Bishop Olier's trip to Sydney was compulsory in order that he might recruit his shattered health, which had been undermined by the trials and privations endured by him in his labors amongst the islanders. He was treated at St. Vincent's Hospital on his arrival in Sydney, and has gradually recovered his usual health during his rest at Villa Maria, Hunter's Hill. His life record in the work of Christianising the savages extends over a period of twenty-eight years.

The Church has in every age held out a helping hand to science and art (says the *Melbourne Advocate*), and the great masters in painting, sculpture, and music were encouraged by her moral and material support. The presence of many men eminent in the medical and surgical professions at the Metropolitan Cathedral last Sunday recalled the fostering care of the Church in promoting research for the better treatment and the prevention of disease. Not a few of her sons have climbed to the topmost rung of the ladder in this noble art, and have given freely of their knowledge to the work of aiding sick and suffering humanity. The occasional sermon was delivered before the Medical Congressmen by the Very Rev. James O'Dwyer, S.J., who dealt in a masterly way with the relation of the Catholic Church to medical science.

Sunday, October 18, was a golden day in Temora, when the beautiful Sacred Heart Church, one of the finest country Catholic churches in Australia, was blessed and opened (says the *Catholic Press*). The building is truly striking in all its details, and it is a monument to the untiring energy and zeal of Father Fallon, the popular parish priest, who, backed up by the generosity of devoted parishioners, was enabled to carry out a great work in a remarkably short space of time. The building began on March 2, 1907, so it will be seen that no time was lost, although nearly £5000 has been expended. The ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, assisted by the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Armidale. The occasional sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Dean Hegarty. The subscriptions to the building fund received during the day amounted to over £1000.

During the present election campaign there may be a great diversity of opinion as to the merits of candidates, but all are agreed that Hondai-Lanka tea should be elected to the highest post of honor in the household...

Science Siftings

BY VOLT

Bird-Machines.

If, as is reported, M. Marcel Deprez, a French engineer, has discovered a method by which men can fly like birds, he has been more fortunate than his predecessors in the same field of invention. As long ago as 1872 M. Clement Ader, of Paris, spent many years and more than £25,000 in designing an artificial bird for the purpose of human flight. The bird was 54ft across, and was driven by a motor propelling-screw; but, although it is said to have flown a distance of 300 yards, nothing practical seems to have come of it. Herr Lillenthal sacrificed his life in similar experiments with a flying machine made by stretching linen over a scientifically curved wooden frame. Running down the slope of a hill against the wind, with the apparatus held in position by his arms, he was able to sail over a distance of a few hundred yards; but in his last flight in August, 1896, he fell to the ground after covering 200 yards, and fractured his spine. Messrs. E. P. Frost, R. F. Moore, and many others have experimented with 'bird-machines,' but all with unsatisfactory results.

The Bamboo.

The word bamboo suggests to most people a faithful fishing rod or a dainty fan. To the Japanese and Chinese, who are the most practical agriculturists in the world, it is as indispensable as the white pine to the American farmer. They are not only dependent upon it for much of their building material, but make their ropes, mats, kitchen utensils, and innumerable other articles out of it. There are some varieties of the bamboo plant, from the species which is woven into mats to the tall bamboo tree which the Chinaman uses for the mast of his large boat. One variety is cultivated as a vegetable and the young shoots eaten like asparagus, or they may be salted, pickled, or preserved. The rapidity of growth of the bamboo is perhaps its most wonderful characteristic. There are actual records of a bamboo growing three feet in a single day, or at the rate of one and a half inches an hour. Varieties of bamboo are found everywhere in Japan, even where there are heavy falls of snow in winter. It is a popular misconception that bamboos grow only in the tropics. Japan is a land of bamboos, and yet where these plants grow it is not so warm in winter as it is in California.

The Cactus.

The cactus is the strangest and most fascinating plant in the world. Some specimens are no larger than a thimble, while others often attain a height of 60ft., and weigh several tons. Scientists state these larger plants are as much as 2000 years old. The 'Water barrel of the desert' is the name given to the giant cactus of America, for the plant contains a fluid which is a fair substitute for water. Paper of an excellent quality is made from another variety of cactus—the yucca—while the agave species, largely grown in Mexico, supplies the Mexican with his national drink. This latter plant may be likened to a good-sized bush made up of a series of flat armored blades radiating from a central bulb. The 'honey water' is found in the innermost leaves, which roll themselves into a conical shape. A Mexican extracts the liquid by sucking it into a vessel which much resembles a pumpkin. After he has drawn as much of the fluid as possible into his pumpkin he empties it into the pigskins on the donkey's back and conveys it to the plantation brewery, where it is placed in tanks to ferment. After fermentation has taken place it is ready for sale, and is known throughout Mexico as Pulque. To the stranger this is anything but an appetising beverage; it looks very much like dirty soapy water, and its smell is most offensive.

The annual, *Cerise and Blue*, issued by the Old Boys of St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill, Sydney, has evidently come to stay, as the present issue, which is the third, shows all the signs of robust vitality and promise of length of years. The editors say as regards the prospects of the magazine: 'In view of the fates of other more ambitious magazines, it is with considerable sense of satisfaction that we not only still feel the solid ground beneath our feet, but also see prospects of attaining to a very respectable old age.' If the excellence of the present issue is to be taken as a standard of future ones, we have no doubt but that *Cerise and Blue* will have a green old age.

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'I hope you're well to-day.'

There's magic in your hand, boys,
If love but makes it strong
To reach and help someone that's down,
And keep him from the wrong.

—Exchange.

COUSIN MARY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

'Isn't Cousin Mary just lovely!' remarked Ethel to her mother, as they cleared away the supper dishes.

'Yes, your Cousin Mary is a very accomplished girl.'

'Accomplished! Why, how is that?' She says she can't sing or play or paint or recite. What does she do? She's just charming, but I didn't know that she had any accomplishments.'

'I'm sure I don't know what they are, but ever since Mary was just a young girl, people have always said, "What an accomplished girl!"'

'She didn't go to college, did she, mother?'

'No, her father died the year she graduated from the high school. The children were small then, and they hadn't much money, so Mary gave up her college course and took that position in the bank. She's been there ever since. I thought at the time that she was probably disappointed to give it up, but I never heard her mention it.'

'It's strange about her accomplishments,' persisted Ethel. 'I wonder what they are.'

'Well,' answered her mother, 'she must have some, because I heard it continually last summer when I visited sister at Belden. The pastor, the professor's wife, all the neighbors, and even the president of the bank remarked to me at different times, "What an accomplished girl!"'

'I shall find out what they are,' broke in Ethel, decidedly. 'We're going out to Uncle Nathan's to-morrow, and I'm going to solve this mystery about Cousin Mary's accomplishments.'

Accordingly the next morning the two girls started to walk to their uncle's, where they were to spend the day. Just as they were leaving town a farmer with a milk waggon overtook them.

'Have a ride, won't ye?' he called out good-naturedly.

'Oh, let's not be seen in such a horrid-looking rig!' whispered Ethel to her cousin. 'Tell him we're not going far.'

But Mary didn't hear. She was clamboring up into the seat next to the farmer. 'It's so kind of you to ask us,' she was saying, 'and it's ever so much more easy and jolly to let these big horses carry us than for us to walk. What a splendid team you have! What do you call them?'

Thus encouraged, the farmer impulsively told all about the merits of his wonderful team. 'An' here we air, right to your uncle's front door, an' I ain't got more 'n half through tellin' ye 'bout them horses. Never see how they did travel this mornin'. Say '—he was watching Mary as she petted the big black horses—'say,' he repeated, taking her hand to bid her good-bye. 'I had a little gal of my own once. She died when she was only three years old, but I somehow can't help thinkin' that if she'd a' lived she'd been just such a gal as you be, cheerful an' kind an' willin'-to talk to such old codgers as I be.' And before Mary could reply, he had climbed into the waggon and was far down the road.

'Didn't you get my telephone message this morning?' began Aunt Susan, after she had welcomed the girls.

'Why, no.'

'That's a perfect shame! You see, we found out last night that the threshers had to come to-day. I thought it would just spoil our visit to have so many around us, so I telephoned to you to wait till to-morrow.'

'Well, you've got us and the threshers, too, Aunt Susan, laughed Cousin Mary. 'But we can help, and—'

'Oh, there isn't so much to do. I have a good woman to help me, and I guess I'll set the table in the kitchen for the men. Then we can be by ourselves in the dining-room.'

'Oh, I tell you what would be fun to do!' cried Mary excitedly. 'Let's all eat together and let us trim up the table as if it was a harvest festival. It will give the men something to think about. Can we?'

'Of course you can, if you girls want to bother with it. It will be less work for me to have everybody eat at one time. There's the dining-room; fix it up to suit yourselves.'

When dinner time came and the hungry men were ushered into a dining-room all ablaze with the autumn glory of leaves and flowers, they were almost too surprised to eat. 'It's a new-fangled city notion little Mary's brought out with her,' explained Uncle Nathan, with a sly wink at his favorite niece. But the men enjoyed the novelty of it, and, as they went back to their work, more than one commented on the beauty of the trees at the autumn season.

'I wish—it was Mrs. Sheldon, the woman who helped Aunt Susan with the work—' Nellie could see it. Maybe she'd take an interest in gatherin' leaves and such.'

'Who is Nellie?' Both girls were asking the question.

'She's my girl, and she ain't well. It's a spinal trouble, and the doctors all say the best thing to do is to keep her lookin' on the bright side of things and get her interested in somethin'. But there ain't many bright things to look at when you're sick, and—'

'How far does she live from here?' eagerly inquired Mary.

'Oh, just down to the next house.'

'Let us go down and tell her to come up. Couldn't I, Aunt Susan?'

'Oh, you couldn't get her. She can't walk,' replied Mrs. Sheldon bitterly. 'She has to go in a wheel-chair.'

'I tell you what to do,' Aunt Susan said to Mrs. Sheldon, with an air of awakened interest. 'You run down yourself and bring Nellie up for the afternoon. I don't see why I didn't think of it before. The girls can help me to clear away the dishes while you are gone.'

In an astonishingly short time Mrs. Sheldon returned with Nellie, whose face flushed with pleasure as she looked at the pretty room.

'So you are a busy girl,' commented Mary, as Nellie took some light work from a little box and began sewing. 'What is it you are doing?'

'Oh, that's her embroidery,' answered her mother, with a little touch of pride. 'Nellie does beautiful embroidery, if I do say it.'

'Well, I should say she did do beautiful work!' and Mary stooped to examine it more closely. 'Ever try to sell any of it?'

'I didn't know that anyone would buy such stuff.'

'It's so beautifully done. Let me take some of your work with me next week, when I return to the city, and see if I can't find a sale for it. I almost know I can.'

Then before Nellie realised what she was doing she had told Mary the darling wish of her life—to earn money to help support herself and mother. 'I wouldn't mind always staying at home if I could only do something to help,' she murmured softly.

'Yes, and just think of the pleasure you will bring into other lives with your beautiful embroidery,' gently added Mary.

Thus the afternoon quickly passed. Night soon came and they were once more back in town. Ethel bounded lightly up the steps and into her mother's room. 'Cousin Mary has gone across the street to call on old Mrs. Dill,' she said with a happy little laugh; 'and I don't doubt that she'll get some sort of pleasure out of listening to that old woman's chatter of lamentations; for that is what one always gets at Mrs. Dill's.'

'I've found out about those accomplishments, mother. You'll laugh when I tell you. It's just love and interest and helpfulness, those little virtues, and yet they seem to have made a genius of Cousin Mary. At least we all think she's a genius, don't we?'

'Just think of the happiness she's brought to other people to-day!' she continued. 'That old farmer we rode out with; those tired, hungry men who ate their dinner in our pretty dining-room; Mrs. Sheldon and Nellie. Oh, yes, and I nearly forgot Aunt Susan and her hens. Why, mother, she certainly listened for an hour and a half to hen talk. Think of it! And she helped Aunt Susan feed the chickens and gather the eggs,

Then on our way home Uncle Nathan had to tell us about his being in the army—the same old stories he'd told ever since I can remember. I was nearly bored to death, but Cousin Mary acted as interested as though she had never heard them before. And now she's gone over to see Mrs. Dill. That's the 'climax'!

'And, incredible as it is,' she summed up after a moment's pause, 'I venture that every one of those people is talking this very minute about what a wonderfully accomplished girl Cousin Mary is. And it's all so funny, because she really hasn't a single accomplishment, only that she just loves everybody, and tries to make everybody happy.'

'Don't you think that any girl might be proud of such accomplishments?' inquired her mother tenderly.

'Indeed, I do, mother, dear, and I'm going to begin this very night to practise up on Cousin Mary's accomplishments!'

AN APT QUOTATION

The present election campaign in this Dominion reminds us of how a Canterbury aspirant for public honors in the days that are past made use of a quotation in a political speech that had the effect of completely silencing a rather noisy opponent.

During this speech he was repeatedly interrupted by a butcher, the proprietor of a large sausage-making plant. An adherent of the candidate finally took offence at the butcher's mocking remarks and yelled:

'Hey, you, leave politics alone and go back to your sausage machines.'

The butcher glared at the man and retorted:

'If I had this speaker in one of my sausage machines I'd soon make mincemeat of him.'

Then the candidate quoted from the platform with a smile:

'Is thy servant a dog that thou shouldst do this thing?'

ODDS AND ENDS

'Try the waiter with some of your French, dear.'

'By all means. Gass-on! Gass-on!'

'No, sir; only the electric light.'

'What do you think of the two candidates?' asked one elector of another the other day.

'What do I think of them?' was the reply. 'Well, when I look at them I'm thankful only one of them can get in.'

'I think I have the most tender-hearted husband in the world,' remarked Mrs. Smith. 'He can't bear to beat his children, even when they need it ever so badly.'

'That's nothing,' replied Mrs. Brown. 'My husband is so tender-hearted I can't get him to beat the carpet.'

'Pa,' said Johnny, 'what is a law-giver?'

'There ain't any such thing, Johnny,' replied papa, who had been involved in considerable litigation in his time.

'But this book says that somebody was a great law-giver, persisted the youngster.

'Then it's a mistake,' replied the father, cynically. 'Law is never given. It's retailed in very small quantities at very high figures.'

FAMILY FUN

Balancing an Egg.—All the world knows how Columbus on a historic occasion made an egg stand on end. After many learned theories had been advanced for balancing the egg he set the egg on end by, of course, mashing it down hard enough to form a base, but the problem is capable of still another solution. It is an easy matter to set an egg on a plate, for instance, if you know how. The trick is impossible until the egg has been boiled in an upright position. The portion of the hardened yolk at the end of the shell lowers the centre of gravity until the sphere can be spun or even balanced with ease.

Chinese Shadows.—Here is a simple way of making shadow pictures. Place a candle on the table and fix a piece of white paper on the wall at the same height from the floor as the light is. Now place some non-transparent object, as, for instance, a large book, between the candle and the paper, and on one side of the table place a mirror, so that it will reflect the light of the candle on to the paper on the wall. If you now put little cardboard figures between the candle and the mirror a shadow will be thrown on the white paper, and you can move your figures about just as you please.

All Sorts

For every ton of gold in circulation there are fifteen tons of silver.

Hyde Park contains 400 acres; Phoenix Park, Dublin, 1760 acres; Central Park, New York, 862 acres; Yellowstone National Park—the largest in the world—is 2,288,000 acres in extent.

Seafish and shellfish are hatched artificially on an enormous scale in Norway and North America, the Newfoundland hatchery turning out in one year 15,000,000 of cod fry and 400,000,000 of young lobsters.

'As swift as the flight of a swallow' is no idle phrase. Indeed, the little swallow is said to be the swiftest of all birds. It easily accomplishes two hundred and ten feet a second, and has been known to attain the tremendous speed of two hundred and ninety feet in the same short time.

A lady on one of the ocean liners who seemed very much afraid of icebergs asked the captain what would happen in case of a collision. The captain replied: 'The iceberg would move right along, madam, just as if nothing happened,' and 'he old lady seemed greatly relieved.

'I'm going to tell my daddy of you,' said little Willie, as the blacksmith was paring some shavings from the horse's hoof.

'Why, what have I done?' asked the blacksmith.

'You haven't got any shoes to fit Dobbin, an' you're cutting his feet small to suit those you have got.'

China took its name from Tsin, an emperor who founded a dynasty 300 years before the Christian era. He was the monarch who built the great wall and accomplished many other works of utility to the empire. It is also called the 'Celestial Empire,' because most of its early rulers claimed to be of heavenly descent.

'And have you any brothers and sisters, my little man?' asked the kind old lady.

'Yes'm,' replied the little man; 'I've got one sister and one and a-half brothers.'

'What?'

'Yes, ma'am; two half-sisters and three-half-brothers.'

The oldest man in the world, as far as we can discover, is a Russian peasant, Michael Boudnikoff by name. He is now one hundred and twenty-eight years old. He entered the Russian army in 1797, was married ninety-six years ago, and has been a widower for the last sixty years. His health is excellent and his mind perfectly clear, and he still smokes his pipe.

Recently a certain candidate for political honors was addressing the electors of the district, and was engaged in pulling to pieces the claims to election put forward by his opponent. 'To sum up,' he remarked, 'my opponent has not a leg to stand upon.'

From the back of the hall came an answering voice, 'The more reason that he should have a seat.'

Upon moving into a new neighborhood, the small boy of the family was cautioned not to fight with his new acquaintances. One day Willie came home with a black eye and very much bespattered with mud.

'Why, Willie,' said Mamma, 'I thought I told you to count a hundred before you fought!'

'I did, mamma,' answered Willie, 'and this is what Tommy Smith did while I was counting.'

When King William of Normandy invaded England and conquered the people, he made some very strict laws, and deprived them of many things they had enjoyed before. Every night, all over the kingdom, he caused bells to be rung at exactly eight o'clock, as a signal for all fires to be put out and all lights extinguished. The curfew-bell at eight o'clock came from the Norman French *couvre* and *feu*—'to cover the fire,'—because at that time the embers on the hearthstone had to be covered with ashes.

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