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MARRIAGE

O'CONNELL-NEWMAN.—On October 21, 1908, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., Denis, eldest son of the late Anthony O'Connell, of Naseby, and Mrs. A. O'Connell, now of Roslyn, Dunedin, to Henrietta (Ettie), third daughter of George Newman, of Roslyn, Dunedin.

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 12, 1908.

AFTER THE CONGRESS



THE scientist discovers valuable remedies for human ills in the poisonous root of aconite (the monk's-hood of our gardens) and in the berries of the belladonna or deadly nightshade which is to be found in many a grove and fence-side in the British Isles. The Lord of science, too, draws meat out of poison, good out of evil, when to Him it seemeth good. At times He makes the very authors of evil furnish the antidote or remedy to the wrongdoing that they had intended. This has been the case with the wild and whirling clamor with which a small section of banded enthusiasts in England called for the revival of obsolete penal laws in connection with the Eucharistic Congress in London. They tied themselves into knots of angry protest; but their very vehemence overhauled its purpose; all their thought and talk and toil served only to enhance the success of the Congress, and to hasten, in Great Britain and Ireland, the dawn of the era of perfect religious equality which it was their chief object to delay or utterly prevent. A few chief results of the clamor may be here noted:—(1) The increased extent and intensity of the attention which was directed to the Congress: from being, in a sense, a national function, it was made international: the eyes of the world were upon it; (2) the greatly increased attention which was devoted, both by Catholics and Protestants, to

the Church's teaching in regard to the Blessed Eucharist; (3) the intensified devotion of Catholics to the Real Presence; (4) the dense crowds of fervent worshippers who—to the number of some 150,000—were drawn to the Westminster Cathedral to make reparation, by their presence and their devotion, for the insults offered to our Lord in the Sacrament of His love; (5) the increased sympathy and generosity with which the great organs of public opinion in England treated the proceedings of the Congress, and (6) the noble manner in which they pleaded the cause of equality of treatment for people of every form of religious faith.

'That the Eucharistic Congress in London,' says the *Tablet* of October 3, 'has resulted in a quickening of religious faith, and of love for the Blessed Sacrament, among the Catholics of England, seems happily beyond doubt. And we may fairly hope also that the great and sacred pageant, which was also a collective act of devotion, may have happy results for our Protestant countrymen as well. . . . The Congress was primarily a great act of faith. It was a public profession of belief in the Blessed Sacrament. If it was a great demonstration, it was a demonstration only of love and devotion and Catholic unity. And it must be remembered that, while during those memorable days the eyes of the world were turned towards London, the scenes enacted there were in some sort reproduced wherever in the kingdom there was a Catholic Church. By their communions and their visits to the Blessed Sacrament the Catholics of England, however sundered, were united at that time in one common outpouring of love and devotion to the Mass and the Holy Eucharist. And so the main object of the Eucharistic Congress in London was attained.' The opposition to it was well summarised as follows by the *Church Times* (Anglican): 'The outcry began from the merest hatred of a particular form of worship; and that hatred, invoking the law, carried the day. English Protestantism has not even begun to be tolerant. It has little power to interfere, because the laws in restraint of religion have been reduced to a mere shadow of their former selves; but when there is any weapon available, it will fight against toleration. If Englishmen are to live up to their profession, they must strike every weapon out of its hand. They must remove from the Statute Book every appearance of "concession," and base the equal rights of positive law on the only sure foundation of natural and indestructible right.'

Notes

A Catholic Press Association

An American Catholic Press Association was called into being some months ago in Cincinnati. The *Catholic Times* states that 'it has now a large membership.' When will Australia move?

The 'Unwritten Law'

The 'unwritten law' in the United States has been pleaded in justification of sundry crimes from picking pockets to wilful murder. The 'unwritten law' of the States also blocks, to Catholics, the path to the presidential chair. With all his popularity, Roosevelt's chances of another term as President of the United States would be utterly destroyed if he became a Catholic. Taft, the newly-elected President, is a Unitarian—at least nominally, for it does not appear that his practice of that faith is of a very strenuous or exhausting order. The American President's chair might bear the legend that long adorned the walls of Bandon, in Ireland:

'Turk, Jew, or Atheist
May enter here, but not a Papist.'

Twain and the Burglars

Some weeks ago a cable message described how two burglars had entered the home of Mark Twain (S. L. Clemens) in Connecticut, seized his big assortment of presentation and other plate, and made off with the booty. The sequel was not told. The sheriff and the neighbors were aroused and a pursuing party was quickly formed. They chased the laden burglars down the railway line and, after a hot run, captured them as they were boarding a train at Bethel, with the plate in their possession. There was some powder-blazing between pursued and pursuers, and two of the bullets found billets—but the damage done did not rise much above the level of that achieved in a French duel.