

the formulating of a definite, connected, and effective scheme of such training of the young idea. His ill-timed and rhapsodical denunciation of religious morality elicited this disconcerting 'back-hander' from the distinguished Belgian historian, M. Godefroid Kurth, who is also head of the Belgian Historical Institute at Rome: 'If it be true that all humanity in all ages and in all countries discovered a part of eternal truth and justice, it is equally incontestable that its notion was singularly obscured up to the day when He came Who pronounced the definite formula of our ideal, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God above all things, and thy neighbor as thyself." If, then, you would achieve the moral education of your child, bring him early into contact with the matchless Master Who would have little children go to Him, and Who realises, for them and for us and for all ages, the sublimest type of man. *Ecce Homo!*—Behold the Man!' 'These words,' says a London contemporary, 'were greeted with loud and prolonged cheers, which must have opened M. Buisson's eyes to a sense of the strength of a body of opinion with which he had failed to reckon. But this was not all. After M. Kurth came Dr. Adler of New York, who gave it as his experience, after thirty years' experience in the teaching of morals, that he was convinced of two things: "That moral education is inseparable from religion, and that it cannot be imparted solely by oral teaching. The personal example of the teacher is also necessary."'

The outstanding fact of the whole investigation is this: that, amidst much diversity of opinion as to sanction and method, there is complete unanimity as to the need of systematic moral instruction and moral training in the school to 'counteract the poison of evil environment,' to 'kindle new ideals of duty,' and to 'give necessary help in the secret struggle against personal temptation.' And a great body of the highest expert knowledge proclaims, in addition, that this moral instruction and moral training is 'inseparably connected with the sphere of religion.' We propose to return to this subject in a later issue.

Notes

After the Congress

'Most beneficial,' said the Archbishop of Melbourne, will be the results of the recent Eucharistic Congress in London. 'It will,' added he, 'mean the beginning of a new age of fervor and devotion amongst Catholics, and will open the eyes of Protestant Englishmen to the position which the Catholic Church once held in their country, and it will show them the vitality and strength she still has, notwithstanding all that she has suffered since the revolt of Henry VIII.'

Tohungas, Brown and White

A Canterbury contemporary flails heavily the 'superstition' of the Maori, as disclosed by two recent deplorable cases that have figured in our criminal courts—one of them in connection with tohungaism. We turn to the advertising pages of our contemporary, and we find (as we had expected) that it is making itself the sounding-board of tohungaism—of fortune-telling charlatans, and of quacks that are more heartless in their way than the benighted brown medicine-man whose father was a cannibal. We have not an abiding faith in the consistency of newspapers that denounce tohungaism, whether brown or white, in one column, and blazon forth its tinsel virtues in the next.

Religious Equality

The movement for the abolition of the last of the penal laws against Catholics gathers force day by day in the British Isles. Mr. W. Redmond, M.P., has intimated to the Clerk of the House of Commons his intention to introduce a bill for the removal of penal enactments against Catholics. And there are other indications of troubled times in store for the Government unless it is prepared to yield to the Catholic demand for equality before the law. Evil is often wrought by want of thought. And good is also done full many a time where evil was intended. The fanatical outbreak of a small extreme and noisy section of the public on the occasion of the recent Eucharistic Congress may result, in the near future, in a statutory equality being accorded to our co-religionists which will give the rinderpest to the 'handful of obscure bigots' (as the Radical *Star* calls them) of the Protestant Alliance.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration took place at Lawrence and Ranfurly on last Sunday.

The Rev. Father Lynch (Palmerston) and the Rev. Father McMullan (Ranfurly) leave Naples about the twentieth of next month for New Zealand.

A meeting will be held in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of his Lordship the Bishop on his return to the Dominion, about the middle of January.

Rev. Brother Brady, who sat for his First Year's Arts in Senior Latin, Senior French, and Senior Mathematics at the recent University Examinations, received official information that he has passed. He intends to take out his degree at the local University.

All the pupils sent up by the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin and Mosgiel, to the practical music examinations, conducted by the representative of Trinity College, London, Mr. Saint-George, were successful. The following is the list:—Intermediate honors—Maggie Lynch, 90; Katie Walsh (Mosgiel), 84. Intermediate pass—Irene Carmody, 79. Junior honors—Florrie McRae, 84. Junior pass—Dora Heward (Mosgiel), 76; Josephine Kaveney, 73; Mary Finn, 69. Preparatory—Jack Dyer, 70.

In a private letter received in Dunedin, and dated October 4, his Lordship the Bishop said he was to leave London for Naples on October 30, and from there proceed to Rome, where he was to remain for four weeks. His Lordship had arranged to leave on his homeward journey by the Ormuz, which leaves Naples on December 6, and expected to arrive in Dunedin about the middle of January. His Lordship was hopeful, before leaving Ireland, of securing the services of one or two young priests for the diocese.

The Christian Brothers' senior school grade cricket teams opened the season in brilliant style. Against the High School C on last Saturday the Brothers' A team compiled 184 runs against 8. P. Spiers 44, G. Wakelin 27 not out, H. Drury 23, J. Fogarty 18, were the chief scorers. P. Collins took 7 wickets for 2 runs, J. Stapleton 3 wickets for 5 runs. In the match Christian Brothers' B versus High School B, the Brothers' lads made 225 for 7 wickets against High School's 11. For the Brothers' team P. O'Connor made 106 (school record), M. McKeefry 35, F. Cameron 32, being the chief scorers. T. Layburn took 6 wickets for 5 runs, McKenzie 3 wickets for 6 runs.

The results of the examination in practical music, conducted by Mr. H. Saint-George at St. Dominic's Priory on November 6, were as follow:—Higher Examination—Sophie M. Hall, A.T.C.L. Senior Grade—Kathleen Quill (honors), 96; Dorothy King (honors), 85. Pass—Josephine Sweeney, 75 (singing); Maggie Cunningham, 75; Elsie Smyth, 67 (Lawrence). Intermediate Grade—Pass—Kathleen Sullivan, 71. Junior Grade—Mabel Esquilant (honors), 88 (singing). Pass—Mary M'Keay, 78; Marion Coutts, 77. Preparatory Grade—Connie Millar, 86 (violin); Rosalie Chiaroni, 82; Katie Leslie, 82; Olga Pierce, 80; Eric Strain, 79. All the candidates presented at this examination were successful.

Rev. Brother P. J. Hennessy, assistant to the Superior-General of the Christian Brothers, left for Sydney on Monday last, after an examination of the Brothers' school in this city. He spoke in high terms of the work being done at the school, and was much impressed with the fine moral tone pervading the whole establishment. During his stay he visited the chief places of interest in and around the city, with all of which he was greatly pleased. After an inspection of the Brothers' schools in Sydney, he goes to India to inspect the Indian establishments, thence to Gibraltar and Rome, and hopes to reach Dublin at the latter end of May. Before coming to New Zealand he visited the Brothers' establishments in Newfoundland, United States, South Africa, and Australia. For many years Brother Hennessy was Superior of the famous North Monastery Schools in Cork.

Palmerston North

Mr. Moriarty, of the *Tablet*, is once again on his rounds through this extensive district.

The Rev. Father Costello, at all the Masses to-day gave a gentle reminder of the presence of the *Tablet* representative in town, and how very much he would like to see that excellent Catholic paper in every home in the parish.

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