

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

November 22, Sunday.—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost.
 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.
 „ 23, Monday.—St. Clement, Pope and Martyr.
 „ 24, Tuesday.—St. John of the Cross, Confessor.
 „ 25, Wednesday.—St. Catherine, Virgin and Martyr.
 „ 26, Thursday.—St. Sylvester, Abbot.
 „ 27, Friday.—St. Virgil, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 28, Saturday.—St. Gregory III., Pope and Confessor.

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.

St. Cecilia was a member of a noble Roman family. Betrothed by her parents, against her own wishes, to Valerian, a pagan, she succeeded in converting him and his brother to the Christian religion. On this coming to the ears of the Prefect of the city, the two brothers were beheaded. The same sentence was passed on St. Cecilia, but, owing to the clumsy manner in which the executioner performed his task, the holy virgin lingered for three days in great agony, A.D. 230.

St. Clement, Pope and Martyr.

St. Clement filled the chair of Peter on the death of St. Cletus, A.D. 91. He was a Jew by birth, and a companion of St. Paul, by whom he is mentioned, in the Epistle to the Philippians, as one of those 'whose names are written in the Book of Life.' After a pontificate of nine years, St. Clement suffered martyrdom under Trajan, A.D. 100.

GRAINS OF GOLD

PRaise TO CHRIST.

O Jesus, King most wonderful,
 Thou conqueror renowned,
 Thou sweetness most ineffable
 In whom all joys are found.

When once Thou visitest the heart,
 Then truth begins to shine;
 Then earthly vanities depart,
 Then kindles love divine.

Jesus, Light of all below,
 Thou fount of living fire,
 Surpassing all the joys we know,
 And all we can desire.

May every heart confess Thy name,
 And ever Thee adore,
 And, seeking Thee, themselves inflame
 To seek Thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues forever bless,
 Thee may we love alone;
 And ever in our life express
 The image of Thine own.

—Exchange.

To be an honest man is, in the last resort, the highest of social positions.—Henry Perreyve.

Seek not proud riches, but such as thou mayest get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly.

Some thoughtful person has condensed the important mistakes of life and decides that there are just fourteen of them. Most people believe there is no limit to the mistakes of life; that they are like drops in the ocean, or the sands of the seashore, in number. But here are the fourteen great mistakes: It is a great mistake to set up our own standard of right and wrong and judge people accordingly. To measure the enjoyment of others by our own. To expect uniformity of opinion in the world. To look for judgment and experience in youth. To endeavor to mould all dispositions alike. To yield to immaterial trifles. To look for perfection in our own actions. To worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied. Not to alleviate all that needs alleviation so far as lies in our power. Not to make allowances for the infirmities of others. To consider everything impossible that we cannot perform. To believe only what our finite minds can grasp. To expect to be able to understand everything.

The Storyteller

LARRY O'NEILL

Half an hour past noon on a bright May day, Larry O'Neill, for lack of anything better to do, dropped into Christie's salerooms. Some necessary legal business had obliged him to leave his retirement in Donegal, and when he found the family solicitors were not to be hurried into any unlaywer-like speed, he found time heavy on his hands. Once he would have had no difficulty in spending a few days pleasantly enough in London, but that was prior to the time of the occurrence that had transformed the light-hearted Larry O'Neill into a gloomy and morose recluse.

The famous salerooms were pretty well filled, and Larry found an unoccupied chair and looked indifferently around him. As he did so, the occupier of the next seat turned towards him, eyed Larry doubtfully for a few minutes, and then held out his hand.

'Captain O'Neill, isn't it?' the man said, eagerly.

Larry's face darkened.

'No—I am in the service no longer, Mr. Hilton,' he said quietly.

'Well, you're Larry O'Neill, anyhow,' Mr. Hilton said, 'though I doubted the fact for a minute. I never knew you had a taste for bric-a-brac.'

'Oh, I haven't!' Larry smiled slightly. 'I merely strolled in here because I had nothing else to do. Are you purchasing?'

'I have just bought a Kang-he-vase,' Mr. Hilton replied. 'It's very unique.' Then he sighed. 'One has to cultivate an interest in something or another.'

'I suppose,' Larry assented indifferently and rose to his feet. Mr. Hilton did likewise.

'There is nothing else I want,' he explained. 'Come to my flat for luncheon, will you, Larry?'

Larry began an excuse. Mr. Hilton interrupted him.

'You'll do me a kindness, really old fellow,' he urged. 'I'm very lonely at times,' and then Larry remembered that Mr. Hilton's wife, to whom he had been tenderly attached, had died at San Remo seven or eight years before.

'Thanks, then, I will,' Larry assented, 'but I should warn you that I'm not the best of company.'

'Neither am I,' Hilton responded.

Soon afterwards the two men were seated at a simple, well-cooked luncheon in a quiet street not far from Piccadilly.

'I couldn't bear the country,' the elder man confessed, 'nor the house where Jane and I had lived so long alone together. My nephew, who will succeed me, occupies the house in the summer. I brought a couple of old servants with me to London.'

Larry was sympathetically silent.

'But you, Larry, why have you turned hermit? Jane liked you—for her sake, excuse what might seem an impertinent question,' Mr. Hilton went on after a moment.

Larry looked across the table.

'Do you not know?'

'Know!' Mr. Hilton shook his head. 'But, there—perhaps my question roused painful memories. Don't—'

Larry laughed, a hard bitter laugh.

'Painful memories are seldom long away from me,' he said. 'You know I went to India.'

'Well, I was in command of a troop during a period of unrest among the natives. A certain tribe was disaffected, and we feared a rising. It took place, and though we had been in a measure expecting it, we were surprised at the moment I was in command, and I blundered hopelessly.'

'How was that?'

'I don't know in the least. I felt drunk, stupid, dazed, and my man had to help me into the saddle. What orders I gave I have no idea; but we were beaten back ignominiously, disgracefully, and all through me. Only for Tyson, the next in authority, matters would have been worse. As it was, India and England rang with the miserable story. There were some who said, because I was a Catholic and an Irishman, that I was a traitor.'

'But could you not account in any way—'

'In no way. I have no recollection of anything really till our defeat was accomplished. I was a ruined and disgraced man. For myself, though I loved service, it would not have mattered, but my father— The old man believes we are descended from Conn of the Hundred Fights. You can guess the blow it was to him to hear his only son described as a coward or a traitor.'

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'Larry, you are neither.'

'I was one or other to all men. My father never openly reproached me or questioned me. Ah, Hilton, I think I could have borne it better if he had. I retired to Carrickdun, and I have tried, God knows, to make the best of things both for him and me. Sometimes I see a look on the old man's face that seems to me to ask for an explanation, and I can give none. I wonder you did not hear of the thing at the time it occurred.'

'When was it?'

Larry mentioned a date.

'Ah! My wife was dying then, abroad,' Mr. Hilton said. 'I was only interested in that fact. And then—things are speedily forgotten. Some new sensation turns up.'

Larry nodded, a deeper shadow overspreading his face.

'I seldom leave home,' he said, after a moment, 'but I had to come here. A piece of land was sold to the railway company. I dreaded meeting any of the set I once knew. I need not have feared—not things alone, but people, are forgotten. You are the first to recognise me.'

Mr. Hilton played nervously with his fork. He had liked Larry O'Neill well in the days long past, and ventured on a question hesitatingly.

'And you— You were engaged, Larry. Did the marriage come off?'

'No—how could it? I released Miss Trevor. She accepted her release.'

'Miss Trevor—Constance Trevor.' Mr. Hilton thought a moment. 'She is unmarried yet. I saw her at some art show not long since—as beautiful as ever. Did she act under compulsion? Her father was rather determined.'

'There was no compulsion. Constance simply thought as the world thought—I was either a traitor or a coward.'

'Strange!'

'To none more so than me,' Larry said. 'How could any one account for what was unaccountable? There was only one person who believed in my honesty and courage.'

'Who was that?'

'Mollie Blake. Miss Trevor's mother was Irish, you know. That's how my acquaintance with the family began. Mrs. Trevor was Mollie's aunt. Poor Mollie! She was an orphan, unprovided for, and exceedingly simple, young, unformed, and quite ignorant of the world, too. Yet her vigorous and foolish championship gave me comfort. I wonder what became of the child?'

Mr. Hilton shook his head.

'Like you, I have not mixed much with my kind.'

There was a long silence. Mr. Hilton was not an adept at the art of making conversation. He tried to think of something to think about, while Larry sat grave and abstracted, his thoughts far back in the past. The host was relieved by a summons from his man-servant, and left the room. When he returned he carried a vase in his hand. Larry had not moved.

'This is my recent purchase,' Mr. Hilton began. 'It belonged to Sir Stephen Mereham, once Foreign Secretary. He died a year ago.'

'Yes,' Larry responded. 'I know. A sister of his was married to an officer in my—the regiment. Mrs. Tyson was a pretty, hysterical little woman, but very kind. She was much affected by that unfortunate affair. More than she had the least right to be, seeing that we were the merest acquaintances.'

Mr. Hilton had no desire to go back to the unsatisfactory subject. He began divesting the vase of its inner wrappings.

Just look at this, Larry,' he said; 'even if you aren't an art critic, the vase will appeal—'

There was a loud crash. The precious vase had slipped from its owner's hands and fallen on the side of the brass fender.

'Oh!' Larry ejaculated. Mr. Hilton was gazing at the fragments in consternation.

'What a pity!' Larry said. 'And the thing is shattered, I fear. No patching of it up?'

'No, no.' Mr. Hilton stooped over the pieces and lifted a couple of sheets of paper. Half mechanically he began reading them.

'God bless me! God bless me!' he cried. 'How on earth—what on earth!' He dropped into a chair, and went on reading while Larry retreated to the windows and looked out. When he turned from his momentary contemplation of the opposite houses, Mr. Hilton was still reading with distended eyes the thin, crumpled sheets of paper.

'Larry, Larry! Do you know what this is! It is most marvellous, most wonderful. How fortunate I am to find it! God bless me!' Mr. Hilton ejaculated excitedly.

'What is the matter, Hilton?' Larry inquired.

'And you here! Why, it is simply astonishing, dramatic!' Mr. Hilton tried to compose himself, and held forth the sheets. 'This is a letter from Mrs. Tyson to her brother, Sir Stephen. He must have stuck it in the vase.'

'Indeed!' Larry observed.

'And forgotten about it. He was absent-minded, it is said, or perhaps he compromised with his action.' One doesn't know, can never know,' Mr. Hilton said. 'Read the letter, Larry.'

'Why should I read what was not intended for my eyes?'

'Nor for mine,' Mr. Hilton laughed; then added solemnly: 'Why, Larry, it is your justification. It was Mrs. Tyson had you—drugged.'

'Drugged!'

'Yes. She was nervous about her husband going into action, into danger—a poor, foolish goose of a woman she was, I should judge. She obtained some powerful native drug from an Indian servant, which she determined to administer to her husband when the hour of danger arrived. The dose was warranted to produce a form of illness that would render the person taking it quite unconscious. The illness was to resemble an attack of heart trouble that would even deceive medical men. Well, the woman placed the powder in a cup of coffee, and in the confusion of the moment you drank it, and not Tyson.'

Larry raised his hand to his head.

'Wait a moment, please. I remember the coffee. It tasted queer, and I did not finish it.'

'Consequently you missed the full dose.'

'Tyson got all the credit out of the rising. He is General Tyson now,' Larry said. 'He was a brave soldier.'

'His wife was not a fit wife for him, evidently. She did not confess anything till your ruin was accomplished. Then she wrote to her brother, telling him all.'

'I cannot believe it.'

'There it is in black and white. What are you going to do, Larry?'

'Larry made no reply.'

'Look here,' said Hilton; 'let me interview Mrs. Tyson. I know her. She is a society woman and capable of denying the affair altogether if she is allowed. Let me tackle her. She might suspect you and be prepared.'

Thus it was that Mr. Hilton journeyed into fashionable quarters that same afternoon and was fortunate enough to find Mrs. Tyson alone in her drawing-room. He told the story of the interview to Larry O'Neill at dinner.

'She's a poor, weak creature, and capitulated almost at once. She was simply bewildered into doing so. The lapse of time had left her almost forgetful of India. What will you do, Larry?'

'Nothing, I think. So many years have passed, and I have grown accustomed to the present state of things. My father, of course, shall know.'

Hilton determined differently.

'Oh, well, perhaps you are right,' he commented, in non-committal tones; but next day he sought and obtained an interview with an important personage in the Foreign Service. He also called on Miss Trevor. As a result of these two calls Larry received a couple of invitations. The interview with the important man did not last long. Larry was determined to leave the past alone, and perhaps the Foreign Office individual was not altogether sorry. His interview with Constance Trevor was longer. The passing years had touched the lady but lightly. She was fully as beautiful, perhaps more so, than when Larry had seen her last; nevertheless, he greeted her, much to his own surprise, without a quickened pulse.

'No, don't apologise, Constance,' Larry said. 'I may call you Constance, may I not? You could do nothing but follow the example of all the world. Nobody kept belief in me—well, except little Mollie Blake. By-the-bye, has she married yet?'

'No. She developed modern independent notions after my mother's death, and is a hospital nurse. Just at present she is spending part of her annual holiday with me. She will be down in a moment or two. Won't you take a cup of tea—Larry?'

Not only on that afternoon, but on several subsequent ones, did Larry partake of tea in Miss Trevor's drawing-room. Constance was never deceived. It was not for her sake he lingered in London when even his business at the lawyers had been accomplished. Four months later Hilton was induced to visit Carrickdun, and one September evening he and Larry's father, the latter younger in looks and spirit than for years back—sat smoking by an open window while Larry and his wife strolled about the gathering dusk.

'Mollie is just the wife for him,' Mr. O'Neill commented. 'She says she would have married him at that unfortunate time

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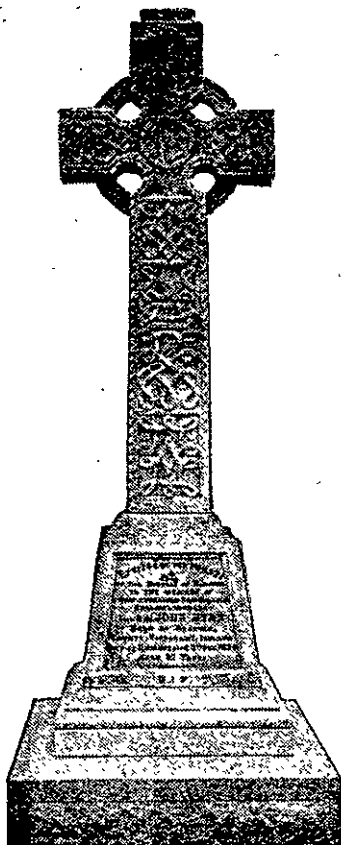
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had he asked her; but of course she was only seventeen then.

And Irish-hearted,' Mr. Hilton replied. 'I have a sort of pity for Miss Trevor,' and the speaker laughed, 'and for myself.' 'Yourself?'

'Yes. Didn't the truth come out through the breaking of my beautiful Kan-he vase? It was smashed, your know, and it was a beauty.'

Hilton laughed again lightly, as if well pleased.

HIS OWN GREED

Three men sat before a roaring wood fire in a forester's hut, only a few perches away from the spot where the express from London to Scotland had run into an impassable snowdrift. The forester had brought forth bread and cheese for his unexpected visitors, and piled the hearth high with wood, and then retired to bed. The three men had divested themselves of their overcoats and produced pipes and tobacco, and were feeling fairly satisfied with their temporary quarters. One was a stockbroker, one a doctor, and the third a solicitor.

'This confounded snow!' the physician growled. 'It will keep us back a good three hours!'

'There is no good in grumbling,' the lawyer wisely opined. 'We may as well make the best of a bad situation. I propose we tell stories.'

'Hear, hear!' the stockbroker applauded.

'You begin,' said the doctor.

'Well,' the lawyer answered readily, 'I don't mind if I do. Dunstan Priory should not be more than three miles away.'

'What of that?' the doctor questioned.

'I was thinking of the place and of an incident that happened there. However,' the speaker filled his pipe afresh, 'I'll tell you the story. It is over twelve years since Lord Dunstan died. He had died rather suddenly, and I was summoned to the Priory. The dead man's nearest relative was a certain Harold Dunstan, a cousin. There had been little intimacy between the two men, but when I reached the Priory I found the new Lord Dunstan established there. We spent the days preceding the funeral searching in all places for a will, but none was to be found. Nor did it seem to matter much, since the next-of-kin was the one to whom the dead man would presumably have bequeathed his property and his money.'

'I don't like the man,' the village doctor confided to me when I met him on his rounds the day previous to the funeral, 'nor did the late lord. Harold Dunstan is a greedy miser.'

'I was of the same opinion myself; but I only laughed and returned to the Priory. When dinner was over Harold Dunstan, the clergyman of the parish, and I went to the room where the dead body lay in an open coffin. His valet stood beside it. On the left hand of the dead man a diamond ring flashed in the light.'

'Is the ring to be buried with him?' I inquired.

'The valet answered. It was his master's expressed desire that such should be the case, and the clergyman corroborated the statement.'

'It is a very valuable ring,' the latter said. 'I know he was offered five hundred pounds for it. But he attached some special value to it. I never saw him without the ring.'

'Should the coffin lid not be screwed down?' I suggested.

'No, no,' Harold Dunstan said. 'There will be time enough in the morning,' and after a few minutes we withdrew.

'Tis a wonder Lord Dunstan did not marry,' I said later to the clergyman. 'He was a comparatively young man when he succeeded unexpectedly to the title.'

'Yes,' he assented, 'yes. But he never seemed very happy. By the bye, is the estate entailed?'

'No,' I answered, and then I retired to my room.

'I am, and always was, a light sleeper. My bedroom was nearly opposite the room where the dead man lay. It was long past midnight when I was roused by the tread of a stealthy foot. It took me some minutes to dress, and when I stood, at length, in the corridor I fancied I saw some one vanish in the gloom of the farther end. There was a faint line of light under the door of the room opposite mine. I turned the handle and went in. The valet had a small packet in his hand, as he stood by the coffin.'

'What are you doing?' I demanded.

'The man turned round suddenly at the question, yet he showed no signs of guilt.'

'I am putting this,' he held up the packet, 'back in the coffin.'

'No,' I said, 'not until I see it.'

'It is nothing—nothing, indeed, of any consequence,' he protested, 'but I promised my master I would place it in his coffin.'

'Give it to me,' I ordered, and the valet did so with evident reluctance. 'Now,' I added, 'take off the lid.'

'The man did so. The ring was gone from the dead man's finger.'

'I thought so,' I remarked grimly. 'Where is the ring?'

'Mr. Dunstan—Lord Dunstan, I should say—took it just now. In so doing he disturbed that packet. He did not notice that it fell on the floor. I sleep in the closet adjoining.' The valet had no appearance of guilt.

'I don't believe you,' I said.

'The man shrugged his shoulders.'

'Go to his room noiselessly,' he said, 'and ask him.'

'It seemed good advice, and I acted on it. With the packet in my hand and the valet at my side, I passed to Lord Dunstan's chamber. The door was slightly ajar, and I had a momentary view of his lordship critically viewing a ring by the light of a candle. I coughed, and Lord Dunstan turned hastily.'

'You have the ring,' I said. 'That is all right, of course. I thought some other person had taken it.'

'Lord Dunstan muttered something under his breath. To this he added the information that he didn't see why a valuable ring should be stored away in the Dunstan vault, nor yet what affair it was of mine. I agreed with the latter part of the sentence, bade him a polite good-night, and returned to my own room with the valet. The valet was an old man, and had been long in the service of his late master. I apologised for my suspicions.'

'Sit down,' I said, and poked the fire to a blaze. 'Do you mind telling me what this packet contains?'

'The man took the chair I indicated.'

'No, sir,' he answered straightly. 'Indeed, I am rather glad of the opportunity of speaking.'

'I threw a shovelful of coals on the fire and took a seat. The valet began to speak.'

'My master,' he said, 'had no expectation of ever inheriting the Dunstan title or property. Quite suddenly two deaths placed him in the position of heir to the title. He was married at that time to an Irishwoman, and a Catholic.'

'Married!' I gasped. 'Lord Dunstan was not married!'

'The valet smiled.'

'He was secretly married. Some mention of his marriage presumably reached the then Lord Dunstan. He was a fanatic and a bigot, and he told my master he should never inherit the property except on condition that his wife and children should be, like himself, of the Protestant religion. My master was in a difficulty, but he had no doubt but he could persuade his wife to abandon her faith. She refused. He threatened to take their boy—there was one child—from her, and to bring him up a Protestant. I never knew the particulars. Mrs. Dunstan was young and impetuous. She fled, taking the child with her, and leaving nothing to indicate where she had gone.'

'My master kept silent,' the valet continued. 'He was furiously angry, and then he heard suddenly of the death of his wife and child. They had been drowned on their way to America. He was an altered man from that time and his life was neither very long nor happy. That packet in your possession holds some letters, the proofs of his marriage and of the birth of his child, and photographs. He asked me to place it in his coffin with him. The ring he prized so much was one belonging to his mother, which his wife had worn from the time of her marriage till her flight from him.'

'And his wife and child were drowned?' I asked.

'The valet hesitated. He might be mistaken, he said, but quite lately he thought he had seen his master's wife in London. His master was ill, and he did not like to speak. And probably he had been mistaken.'

'But he wasn't,' the lawyer concluded briskly; 'one wonders how Lord Dunstan remained ignorant. He was a hermit, to be sure. It was quite readily ascertained that his wife and son were not on board the ship referred to by the valet. His wife had allowed her husband to be deceived, so that she might keep her boy. We had some work ferreting them out. Harold Dunstan was furious, and talked of plots and intrigues, and threatened a law suit. He was better advised, however. The Irish lady and her son reside at the Priory now; and the latter is a very fine young fellow and an ideal landlord. The valet is quite a personage; and Harold Dunstan must often reflect that he owes the loss of the title and property to his own greed.'

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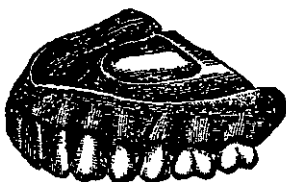
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Current Topics

Men and Maids and Marriage

A shrewd priest in Baltimore has been giving the following counsel to young men contemplating marriage: 'Don't always call in the evening, when she is dressed up. Call around in the morning, say about 10 o'clock. Go in the back gate and see if she is helping her mother or playing the piano.' Which moves the *Milwaukee Catholic Citizen* to remark: 'This advice was not, of course, intended to be literally followed. It was merely enforcing the suggestion that a young man should see to it that his future wife is something of a homemaker. In the romantic time of courtship the prosaic facts of married life are apt to be ignored. But young men can observe, even while they admire. Are there the indications of tidiness? Is there the disposition to do helpful things? Handy, heady, and deft?—or merely a chocolate-eating butter-fingers? Any incontrovertible evidence that she can bake bread?—you know she can eat cake. She can dress—but can she dress-make? Don't be too critical; don't expect too much; but don't "go it blind," either.'

Our National Debt

In Disraeli's *Tancred*, Fakredeem says: 'You cannot judge of a man by only knowing what his debts are; you must be acquainted with his resources.' This ought to be the ready answer to those who groan in spirit at the contemplation of New Zealand's bulky public debt. In a recent issue of the *Glasgow Herald*, Mr. Gilbert Anderson replies in part as follows to an editorial lamentation on the subject in that paper: 'It is true that the public debt is £64,000,000, but you do not mention the fact that this is invested in profitable undertakings—railways, advances to settlers, purchase of land for settlement—all of which are self-supporting and remunerative. The balance spent on roads and bridges, if not paying directly, cannot be said to be unremunerative. The exports, which are £18 per head of population, are the largest of any country in the world. The land laws are framed on the most liberal basis to encourage settlement. The farmers are noted for their prosperity. The people earn wages from two to three times greater than is paid here. The cost of living to the working man is less than in Scotland or England. It is true that the population is little more than Glasgow, but whose fault is that? Is it not owing to the apathy of the present generation in Scotland? There is room in New Zealand for plenty of people of the right class. But to my mind what is lacking is any organisation as formerly to advise and encourage the betterment of the people.'

Converting a Wife-beater

There is a wife-beater resident in the Beech Forest, Victoria. It is his habit, whenever he gets an overdose of 'lickwid litten' (which happens occasionally), to belabor his wife with his unmanly fists and turn her out of doors. Sundry of her female relatives threatened vague reprisals. But the menace was deemed by him to be a *brutum fulmen*; and the pot-valiant lord of creation took his drunken amusement as usual—acting as did Joe Miller's bibulous rustic, who conscientiously thrashed his wife whether he found her up or whether he found her abed. A week or two ago the Beech Forest rustic

'Got on a spree
And went bobbing around'

on his corkscrew homeward track. 'As his wife was ill,' says the Melbourne *Argus* report, 'some neighbors carried her away for protection to a farm some distance off.' Meantime, three sturdy female relatives of the ill-used house-mother had prepared stout scourges made of inch rope, two feet six inches long. They made an unexpected evening call upon the returned 'drunk,' and, with their Manila arguments, proceeded to convince him of the error of his ways. 'They belabored him so severely about the legs and body with the rope ends,' says the *Argus* report, 'that he cried for mercy. They desisted only when they became exhausted, and it was not until three days later that the man was able to leave his bed. The women who took the work of chastising him in hand were two spinsters (whose brothers are reputed to be good boxers) and his sister-in-law. He has since stated that he intends to prosecute the women, and, while he is being urged to do so by some of the residents, it is not thought likely that he will bring the case into court.'

A couplet in *Hudibras* runs as follows:—

'Women, you know, do seldom fail
To make the stoutest men turn tail.'

Those sturdy Beech Forest women are evidently made of the stuff that sent the gallant women of Limerick to the defence of their beleaguered city walls.

Ten Thousand Warriors Bold

John Bright's strong point was not by any means a well developed sense of humor. He wrote, for instance, regarding the book of the noted American humorist, Artemus Ward: 'His narratives lack consecutiveness, and some of them, I fear, are not faithful to fact.' Equally bright (no pun is intended) is the writer of a belated correspondence in a Wellington contemporary, who takes quite seriously the ponderous 'humor' of the threat of '10,000 Orangemen' to break up the proposed Eucharistic procession through the quiet streets around the Westminster Catholic Cathedral. This is one of the old red sandstone jokes of the Orange fraternity; and the brethren—and non-brethren who are acquainted with the history of the society—know 'where the lafture should come in' and giggle, as in politeness bound, even though the flavor of the jest be decidedly chestnutty. Those '10,000 Orangemen' must be rather worn and wilted by the amount of work that has been thrown upon their throats and boot-soles during the past hundred years and more. They form part of the army of 50,000 brethren who (winking the other eye) threatened the Crown and the British army full many a time and oft before the first suppression of the society by Act of Parliament in 1825. They hurled melodramatic defiance at the Empire before and after the passing of the Emancipation Act of 1829. We also find the 50,000 comedians 'tearing around considerable' against the extension of (partially) equal civil rights to Dissenters by the repeal of the Corporation and Test Acts. They threatened to throw the Queen's crown into the Boyne if Catholics were relieved (as they were in 1869) of the obligation of maintaining the Protestant Established Church in Ireland. They warned Father Mathew that he must not, at the peril of his life, carry his temperance crusade north of the Boyne. But Father Mathew went, and saw, and conquered—and among his warm admirers and disciples were many wearers of the saffron sash. The rank and file of the brethren can do a bit of blood-letting at times—as at the massacres of Dolly's Brae, Carrowkeel, Maghery, Tullyorier, Tanderagee, etc. But the swords of the 50,000 are of boiled leather, and they do all their killing, and their other deeds of valor, with their mouths.

In the eighties, they increased the strength of their standing army by a second 50,000. During the Land League and Home Rule agitations the whole 100,000 spent most of their time vowing that they would 'line the ditches' north of the Boyne, and wipe out the British army if it dared to say them nay. The 'big yellow' comic-opera standing army has fallen so far below its old peace strength, that only 10,000 'true blues' were ready to perform deeds of derring-do against law and order—and Popery—during the Eucharistic Congress in 'famous London town.' The recurrent jest of the 50,000 valiants was from time to time taken seriously by sundry Irish Nationalist newspapers—during temporary lapses from the true Celt's polite appreciation of even an attempt at a joke. Thus, in 1854 and 1857, they invited the invincible 50,000 'loyal' rebels, not to go all together—for a considerable garrison of those ready volunteers would, of course, be needed to check the progress of Popery at home—but to send a mere regiment or even a battalion of their picked Bobadits to battle for the Empire on the hard-fought fields of the Crimea and of distant India. But not so much as a corporal's secretary did the gallant 50,000 pasteboard warriors send against either Russian or Sepoy. And just so many—and no more—of those voiceful but cautious braves would have been found to do battle with the 150,000 Catholics that would have defended from insult, with their very lives, the Sacramental Presence of their Lord. The 50,000 are, in fact, like another famous army that was 'invincible in peace and invisible in war.'

A writer in the *Glasgow Observer* tells how a number of enthusiasts—a good deal more valiant than the 10,000, since the former at least 'materialised'—assembled some fifty years ago to burn the Blessed Virgin in effigy in a public square! Can you imagine, asks this writer, 'the uproar that would have followed a similar decision on the part of Catholics concerning the mother of the Prince of Wales? . . . However, the inevitable Irish-

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men had heard of the scene to be enacted, and assembled in great force near the appointed spot, with short, thick sticks thrust up the sleeves of their jackets. When asked for what purpose they were carrying the sticks, one of them replied: "Why, then, *avourneen*, we were afraid you wouldn't have wood enough to burn the Blessed Virgin out and out, and so we brought these little *kippeens*, *asthore*, to keep up the blaze." The valiant organisers of the bonfire suddenly changed their minds, and found that they had urgent business elsewhere, and the Irishmen had to carry their *kippeens* home again without making any additional blaze, saying to each other as they returned: "*Naboclish, avic.*" The race has not died out.

Thank God! The race has not died out.

Mixed Marriages

In one of his happiest punning epigrams, Samuel Lover wrote:

'Though matches are all made in heaven, they say,
Yet Hymen (who mischief oft hatches)
Sometimes deals with the house t'other side of the way,
And there they make Lucifer matches.'

Some of the gravest trials that afflict the Church in most English-speaking countries are the evils (domestic and religious) arising directly and indirectly out of mixed marriages. In these, of all wedded unions, Hymen his mischief most oft hatches. The bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Milwaukee (United States) have lately been legislating on the subject. The October number of the *Ecclesiastical Review* states that the bishops were inclined to refuse all dispensations for mixed marriages, 'as apparently the only method of lessening the tendency to contract such marriages, but finally agreed, before taking this extreme step, to suggest to their priests a course of action which, whilst rendering the obtaining of dispensations more difficult than heretofore, would operate beneficially in producing conversions.'

Here are some extracts from the *Instruction* which resulted from the meeting of the bishops, and which is now in force throughout the province:—

'In future no dispensation for mixed marriages will be granted unless the non-Catholic party has taken instructions from the priest twice a week during six weeks on Catholic doctrine, as well as on the Sacrament of marriage in particular, and the duties connected with married life. Therefore application for a dispensation should be made only after the six weeks' instructions have been given. . .'

In addition to this, 'all marriages between Catholics should be solemnised at the nuptial Mass, and pastors should insist on this.' And 'no marriages of any kind are allowed to be performed in private houses.'

Penny Cables and Penny Post

Penny-a-word cables are a consummation devoutly to be wished. But it looks as if the agitation in their favor has a long road to travel before it reaches its goal. Still thornier, perhaps, was the progress to penny postage. Within the last two years of the reign of Charles II. one Robert Murray, an upholsterer, inaugurated in London a system of penny postage which must be regarded as very generous for the time. Sydney, in his *Social Life in England from the Restoration to the Revolution* (pp. 227-8) tells us that 'all letters which did not exceed a pound in weight, and any sum of money which did not exceed ten pounds in value, and any packet which did not exceed ten pounds in weight, were conveyed at a cost of one penny within the city and suburbs, and of two pence to any distance within a circuit of ten miles.' The same author tells the sequel. The city porters stormed against the innovation. 'The system was denounced by the Protestants as a contrivance, on the part of notorious Papists, to facilitate the communication of their plots of rebellion one to another. The infamous Titus Oates assured the public that he was convinced of the complicity of the Jesuits in the scheme, and that undeniable evidence of it would certainly be found by searching the bags.' The upshot of the agitation that wagged its tongue so volubly against the penny post was this: William Docwra (into whose control the business had passed) was mulcted in damages and costs; the postal system, with its profits and emoluments, became part and parcel of the royal establishment; and the penny rate was forthwith abolished.

In 1708 one Charles Povey established a halfpenny post in London. But the Government of the day smote the new enterprise at high velocity and broke it to pieces. Nearly seventy years later—it was in 1776—a private firm inaugurated a penny post between Edinburgh and Leith. After some years (in 1792) it was absorbed by the General Post Office. Till Rowland Hill got his big shoulder to the wheel of reform, exorbitant prices were many times charged for the carriage of postal matter. Postage on a letter from London to the provincial towns cost ninepence and even more. 'The captain of a ship,' says a historian of the time, 'arriving at Deal, posted a 32oz pack for London, and the person to whom it was addressed was charged as postage upwards of £6.' The Rowland Hill of the submarine cable may, and probably will, have an arduous fight; but the movement for penny cables, having begun, is not likely to be easily checked. And time and invention, as well as public need, are on his side.

Tipping

The Sydney *Freeman* is 'out' against tipping on travel. It is, however, a forlorn hope. The custom is ingrained beyond the power of any reform less energetic than an earthquake or a revolution. It is bone of the bone and flesh of the flesh of railroad and hotel-life in Australasia, in the British Isles, all over the Continent of Europe, and even in 'the land of the free and the home of the brave.' After his lecturing tour around the world, Max O'Rell said in his book of confidences, *Between Ourselves*: 'Tipping is universal. You find the custom even among the aborigines of the Antipodes. I once gave a copper to an Australian native. "Sir," he said, "it is not a coin of my color I want; it's one of yours." I like a good repartee,' adds Max. 'I gave him a sixpenny-piece, and I never saw such a beautiful set of teeth in all my life.' We have before us a record of a clever young Frenchman, François Dumon, who left Denver City (United States) some years ago to return to his native country, having in his possession £8000 which he had received in tips during five years' service as a waiter under the Stars and Stripes. Of this tidy little fortune, no less a sum than £1600 was raked in during the year of the St. Louis exhibition. And before us is an extract from the London *Daily Telegraph* of July 28, 1898, which gives the decision of the High Court of Vienna, confirming the judgment of the Lower Court, that tips are in Austria a legal claim, enforceable at law. Oliver Wendell Holmes recommends his readers to tip the itinerant music-grinder by dropping a button in his hat. He would be a bold traveller who would treat with such levity an evil that is so riveted into our social order by tyrant custom as that of tipping.

Catholic Freemasons

Some time ago a Freemason, of some prominence in the craft in New Zealand, informed us that the bulk of the brethren of the mystic tie in these countries view with disfavor the admission of Catholics to their ranks, and look with deep distrust upon the motives which led to their initiation. And well they may. And now from across the Pacific comes a statement, from a high Masonic source, that the brethren in America also 'have their suspicions' about Catholics that seek to cross the portals of the well-tyled lodge. Joseph W. Pomfrey is a thirty-third degree Mason; he is likewise editor of an organ of the craft entitled *Five Points Fellowship*; and in its columns he has recently delivered his soul upon the subject of Catholic Freemasons in the following outspoken way: 'His Holiness Pius X., following the noble example of the long line of illustrious Pontiffs of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, has recently issued an Encyclical forbidding the laity of the Roman Catholic Church uniting with the Masonic fraternity. For so issuing, he is entitled to the everlasting gratitude of Masons the world over, for the very good reason that the Encyclical will have the effect to keep out of the Masonic order an undesirable class of men. A Roman Catholic becoming a member of the Masonic order, and claiming to hold his membership in the Roman Catholic Church, cannot be true to both, and if false to either, he cannot be true to either. It is fair to infer that it is not the sublime teachings of Freemasonry that attracted the Roman Catholic, but only the substantial benefits he hoped would accrue to him by becoming a Freemason.'

The 'sublimity' of Masonic teaching apart, Brother Pomfrey has spoken well and wisely.

Saturday last was the forty-third anniversary of the consecration of his Lordship Dr. Murray, Bishop of Maitland.

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A CATHOLIC ANSWER TO DARWINISM

A DISCREDITED THEORY

(Concluded from our last issue.)

Another Unanswerable Argument

to Natural Selection, which was admitted by Darwin himself to be the most obvious and gravest objection to his theory, is the evidence of fossil remains. If it be true that one plant has been evolved from another, and animals evolved from plants and from one another, then during the process of evolution there must have been millions of transitional or intermediate forms, or what are called 'missing links,' millions of half a plant and half an animal, and half one animal and half another. Now, as a matter of fact, no such missing links have ever been found in geological records. Darwin tried to explain this by saying that our geological records are very imperfect. There is, however, no getting away from the fact that there have been discovered fossil remains of birds, fishes, reptiles, and insects, and all these fossil forms entirely agree with our present classification of animals, with its wide gaps separating one group from another without any missing links or intermediate forms. But these and other arguments that could be urged against natural selection are now rendered unnecessary by the brilliant and epoch-making work of Abbe Mendel, which compels Darwinians to seek for a new theory to account for the variety and beauty of the universe.

It is a common cry of the enemies of the Church, and a cry as false as it is absurd, that priests are opposed to scientific research, for they desire to keep their people in darkness and ignorance so as to be better able to dominate their minds and twist them into whatever direction they think fit. An equally false opinion is that the mind of a priest is so saturated with tradition and authority that it is unfitted to think and reason and experiment for itself. What are the facts? Far from the Catholic Church being the enemy of science, almost all the great discoveries in natural and physical science are the work of her devout and illustrious sons, for in the words of De Maistre, 'the sceptre of science belongs to Christian Europe.' It was to a Dominican Friar, Albertus Magnus, and a Franciscan Friar, Roger Bacon, that we are indebted for the inductive method of research which is the foundation of modern science and has yielded such brilliant results. It was they who first broke away from the tradition of Aristotle and the Alexandrian school, and first pointed out that the true way to search out the secrets of nature was by observation and experiment. It was a humble Polish priest, Copernicus, who laid the foundation of astronomy by making the sun, and not the earth, the centre of the solar system. It was a Benedictine monk, Basil Valentine, who was the first to use qualitative analysis in chemical research, and who laid the foundation of modern chemistry. It was an English priest-physician, Linacre, who founded the Royal College of Physicians of England, and for his eminence in scholarship and scientific intellect had the greatest European reputation of his day. It was Stensen, a Danish priest (who became a Bishop), that laid the basis of modern geology, and was one of the greatest anatomists of his time, being known to every medical student of the present day as the discoverer of Stensen's duct; and it was a French priest, Abbe Hailiz, who founded the modern science of crystallography. Many other examples could be cited to conclusively prove that the sacred calling of the priesthood is compatible with the highest scientific attainment. I shall, however, content myself with a consideration of the brilliant and

Epoch-making Work of Abbe Mendel,

the importance of which is being daily recognised throughout the scientific world. Gregor Johann Mendel was born in 1822 in Austria. He became an Augustinian Friar, and showing a special aptitude for the study of biological problems, he was allowed, after his ordination, to pursue his studies in the University of Vienna. The experiments on which he founded his famous laws of heredity occupied him sixteen years, and were made in the garden of the monastery at Brunn, of which he ultimately became Abbot. To show how truly scientific he was and how carefully he guarded himself against error, his biographer, Professor Walsh, tells us that his experiments were founded on the minute examination of no less than 10,000 plants. The whole scheme of experimentation was so planned that for the first time in the history of studies of heredity no extraneous and inexplicable data were allowed to enter the problem. Mendel did not waste his energies on theorising or speculating what

things might be, but like his illustrious Catholic fellow-scientists, Roger Bacon and Louis Pasteur, he went direct to nature herself and searched out her secrets by observation and experiment. Time and the technicality of his work forbade me to go into details. It will suffice to state that by systematic cross fertilisation of plants on a large scale he was able to determine with scientific exactitude how the plant evolved its color, its shape and form, how it became smooth or wrinkled, the color of the seed coat, the size of the pod, the distribution of the flowers along the stem, and all its other characteristics. From his experiments he was able to deduce certain laws, and the substance of these laws is that plants, and by implication animals, do not change in their structure and organs on account of any external conditions such as the struggle for existence, or climate, or environment, but the changes that occur are due to the inherent qualities of the parent cells from which they are descended, from the egg-cell and the pollen-cell, or what are called the 'germinal particles.' The importance of Mendel's laws will be evident by the following quotations from leading biologists:—Professor Morgan, whose recent work on 'Regeneration' has gained him a world-wide reputation as a scientific biologist, states that 'the recent demonstrations of the mathematical truth of Mendel's laws absolutely confirm Mendel's original observations and give the final *coup de grace* to the theory of natural selection. We are now in a position to answer the oft-heard but unscientific query of those who must cling to some dogma: If you reject Darwin, what better have you to offer?' Professor Wilson, a distinguished zoologist, states that 'studies in cytology (that is in the observations on the formation, development, and maturation of cells) confirm Mendel's principles of inheritance and furnish another proof of the truth of these principles.' Professor Castle, of Harvard University, states that 'what will doubtless rank as one of the greatest discoveries in the study of biology, and in the study of heredity, perhaps the greatest, was made by Gregor Mendel forty years ago. The Darwinian theory then occupied the centre of the scientific stage, and Mendel's brilliant discovery was all but unnoticed for a third of a century. Meanwhile, the discussion aroused by Weissman's germ plasma theory, in particular the idea of the noninheritance of acquired characters, put the scientific public into a more receptive frame of mind, so Mendel's law was rediscovered by De Vries, Correns, and Tschermak in 1900, and now attracts the attention of every scientific biologist.' Professor Bailey, the editor of an authoritative 'Encyclopedia of Horticulture,' says that Mendel's teaching strikes at the root of difficult and vital problems, and presents a new conception of the proximate mechanism of heredity. It challenges old ideas and opinions, emphasises the great importance of actual experiments for the solution of many questions of Evolution, and forces the necessity for giving greater attention to the real characters and attributes of plants and animals, and to those vague groups that we are in the habit of calling species.' Professor Bateson, whose book on Mendel's 'Principles of Heredity' is the standard work on the subject in the English language, says that the Mendelian principles enable us to deal in a comprehensive manner with phenomena of a fundamental nature, lying at the very root of all conceptions, not merely of the physiology of reproduction and heredity, but even of the essential nature of living organisms. I venture to say that Mendel's experiments are worthy to rank with those that laid the foundation of the atomic laws of chemistry.' Finally, Mendel's biographer, Professor Walsh, says that 'the history of Mendel's work, its thoroughly simple yet satisfactory character, its basis in manifold observations of problems simplified to the last degree, and its present general acceptance by scientific workers all over the world, clearly illustrate that there have been too much theorising and too little observation and experiment in the premature acceptance by biologists of the theory of natural selection. The present generation should be warned

Not to Surrender Their Judgment to Theories,

No matter how fascinating they may seem, but to wait in patience for the facts of the case, working, not theorising, while they wait.' From these quotations it will be evident that Mendel's researches have dealt the final deathblow to the Darwinian theory of natural selection. One more thought and I am done.

The discovery by Mendel of his laws in heredity, like the discovery of radium, emphasises once more that there is no finality in science, for what is orthodox science to-day may be heterodox science to-morrow on account of some fresh discovery. This has always seemed to me to be the basis of the misconception in some minds that there is an antagonism between science and religion. These minds do not seem to grasp the fact that a true religion must be final in what it teaches, for

the clearest mark of its truth, and the very quintessence of its truth, must be the unchangeableness of its doctrine, whereas science must be ever changing, and full of countless theories which are either confirmed or rejected by new discoveries. Hence a Catholic should be extremely careful in accepting as true any scientific theory which, for the time being, may seem to be opposed to his Faith, for he can rest assured that the works of God cannot contradict the words of God, or, as Bishop Hedley puts it, 'If the theories of modern science seem to contradict the science of Catholic dogma, then it is the former that must be altered, and will be altered, by fresh discoveries, not the latter.' If I might attempt to paraphrase the beautiful and inspiring words of the 'Laudate,' the Roger Bacon, the Copernicuses, the Valentines, the Linacres, the Stensens, the Pasteurs, and the Mendels of the future, will not only praise the Lord in His holy places and in His mighty acts and the multitude of His greatness, with the sound of the trumpet, the psalter and harp, with the timbrel and choir, and with strings and organ, and with cymbals of joy, but they will likewise praise the Lord with the telescope and microscope, with the test-tube and balance, with forceps and scalpel, and with magnet and electrode, by revealing to His children the unity and harmony and beauty of the Design in the work of 'the world's great Author, the universal Lord'

BISHOP LENIHAN IN LIVERPOOL

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET

The Irish Nationalists of Liverpool on Tuesday evening, September 29, entertained the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, at a banquet in the State Restaurant in recognition of his services to the cause of Irish Nationalism. Additional interest was given to the occasion by the presence of Mr. J. G. Swift MacNeill, K.C., M.P., who for so many years has been a prominent figure in the movement.

Mr. Austin Harford, J.P., (chairman), in proposing the toast 'Ireland a Nation' said they were pleased to welcome such a fearless supporter of the Irish cause as the Bishop of Auckland. They also extended a cordial welcome to Mr. Swift MacNeill, a Protestant member of Parliament returned by one of the most Catholic constituencies in Ireland.

Alderman Purcell, J.P., proposed the toast of the evening 'Our Guest.' They had entertained in Liverpool, he said, distinguished Irish clerics and literary men, but they had never before had the privilege of entertaining an Irish Nationalist Bishop. Whilst disavowing any desire to speak fulsomely, he yet felt bound to give expression to their appreciation of his Lordship's many good qualities.

The toast was received with cheers, and his Lordship in acknowledging the heartiness of his reception said he came from the most democratic country in the world. They had government of the people by the people, and they could fully understand, therefore, that the people of Ireland would never be contented until they had the same system of government as New Zealand so happily enjoyed. Prejudice was a nasty word, but he feared England was full of it; even some English Catholics joined with the Orangemen in the cry that Home Rule would mean Rome Rule. He could not understand this attitude of mind. In New Zealand they knew nothing of it. He repudiated the charge of disloyalty. He had yet to learn they had cut off a king's head, yet from time to time some of the highest in England had given their aid to treason. His Lordship could not believe that the Imperial Parliament would much longer consent to be concerned with petty details. The time was coming when Home Rule would be granted necessarily to Ireland, Scotland, and Wales also. But who would be the authors of it? Those members of the Irish Nationalist Party who will never rest until they see that their country attains its ambition, namely, Home Rule. After eulogising the Irish Party his Lordship spoke of the large Irish Catholic population of New Zealand, whose sympathies were entirely with them. If the need arose let them send out their envoys, and their fellow-countrymen would help them, as they had helped them before.

Mr. T. Burke, J.P., C.C., proposing the toast of the 'Irish Parliamentary Party,' said that rightly or wrongly they represented the majority of his countrymen, and although he might not agree with all they said or did, yet he supported them because he wanted to see Ireland govern itself. He agreed with Edmund Burke that a country never yet was wrong in its expression of Nationalist feeling. In asking them to drink to the Irish Party,

he coupled the toast with the name of that distinguished professor of constitutional law and able representative of Ireland, Mr. Swift MacNeill.

In acknowledging the toast, Mr. Swift MacNeill, who was accorded an ovation, said it gave him great pleasure to assist at a festival in honor of a Catholic Bishop, although he knelt at another altar. They had differences of creed in Ireland, but there was no difference of nationality. He, though a non-Catholic, felt perhaps as keenly as any Catholic in the land the slight which had been put upon the Catholic religion in connection with the procession at the recent Congress. If that procession had been held in Ireland there would have been no such insult. They heard sometimes charges of intolerance brought against Irish Protestants. These charges were true, but the incentive had come from English Government sources whose desire had been to set the Irish against each other for the purpose of their common subjugation. What was the attitude of the Irish Parliament? This Parliament, of which no Catholic was permitted to be a member, extended the franchise to the Catholic population, they admitted Catholics to the Grand Jury and to the Bar—they passed a full and complete Catholic Emancipation Act, with no reservations. That Act was rendered inoperative through English influence, and O'Connell, who was a barrister of two years' standing at the passing of the Union, said in his first speech he ever made that he would sooner trust his own Protestant countrymen to give full rights to the Catholics than he would trust the Union; and thirty years afterwards he accused that Union of having retarded Catholic Emancipation for a generation. He (the speaker) was not of a sanguine disposition, but he was as certain as he was of his own existence of the near establishment of the Parliament in College Green in all its pristine glory. Everything was making for it. Those who read the signs of the times could see that it would be a race between the Tory and the Radical Parties which should give it them. He believed at the present time the House of Commons would vote for Home Rule by a majority of two hundred. It was being held back by two or three gentlemen who, in their anxiety to get within the Cabinet, had given pledges, which were not asked for, that there should be 'no Home Rule this time.' Mr. MacNeill resumed his seat amidst general cheering.

After the toast of 'The Visitors,' proposed by Councillor John Geraghty (Bootle), and responded to by the Rev. T. G. Rathe, O.S.B., an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

St. Patrick's College Sports

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The St. Patrick's College sports were held on the Basin Reserve on Monday, November 2. The weather was perfect and the ground in good order. The finishes were very close, and in some cases extremely difficult to judge. This was especially the case in the 100 yards open, when Cullen, Ryan, and Fitzgerald came in practically in a line, the two first named just gaining first places on the tape. In this race Cullen equalled the college record of 10 two-fifth seconds. The 440 yards open was a well contested race, Cullen from scratch winning from J. Ryan in good style. The performance of the day, however, was undoubtedly J. W. Stewart's in the 120 hurdles. His time was 16sec, which is 1-5sec below standard time. The final of the 50 yards dash was a splendid race, Coakley just catching the judge's eye by inches. The mile was eagerly looked forward to, as promising some excitement. Rochford from scratch was expected to win, and he fulfilled expectations, winning comfortably from Mulgan in good time. During the afternoon Mr. McLaughlin's band supplied a good programme of music. Among those present were Lady Ward, Miss Eileen Ward, Miss Ruby Seddon, Colonel Robin, Major Hughes, and his Grace Archbishop Redwood. The officials were—Starter, Mr. J. E. Henrys; referee, Mr. T. S. Ronaldson; timekeepers, Messrs. W. B. Missen and T. C. Colman. The other officers were: Revs. C. T. Graham, D. Hurley, F. S. Bartley, and Messrs. W. E. Butler, T. Collerton, and N. Crombie. The handicapping was done by Messrs. M. Devoy, J. W. Stewart, J. Rochford, A. J. Cullen, and R. C. Cameron.

The following were the results:—

100 yards flat handicap.—First heat—W. Maher, 1; Fitzgerald, 2. Second heat—Cullen, 1; Lynch, 2. Third heat—M. Maher, 1; J. Ryan, 2.
100 yards (under 15).—M Kay, 1; Brown, 2. Second heat—Kelly, 1; E. Simpson, 2. Third heat—Dufou, 1; Yourelle, 2.

100 yards (under 17).—Porter, 1; Hogan, 2. —Second heat—W. Maher, 1; Hunt, 2. Third heat—Blake, 1; Hodgins, 2. Throwing cricket ball.—Simpson, 1; Burke, 2; Mulgan, 3. 220 yards flat handicap.—First heat—Butler, 1; Cameron, 2; W. Maher, 3. Second heat—Coakley, 1; Mahoney, 2; Cullen, 3. 220 yards (under 17).—First heat—Downey, 1; Dooney, 2. Second heat—Blake, 1; Porter, 2. Third heat—Hogan, 1; Hodgins, 2. Hop, step, and jump.—Burke, 1; Carmody, 2; Dwan, 3. 40ft in. Potato race.—First heat—M'Cormack, 1; O'Rourke, 2. Second heat—Porter, 1; Kilgour, 2. Third heat—Moreland, 1; Baker, 2. Fourth heat—Fitzgerald, 1; Dooney, 2. Half-mile.—Poff (115yds), 1; Fitzgerald (115yds), 2; Porter (115yds), 3. Time—2min 12sec. Final 100 yards (under 17).—Hogan, 1; Porter, 2. Long jump.—Cullen, 1; Rochford and Carmody, 2. Final 100 yards flat.—Ryan and Cullen, 1; Fitzgerald, 2. Time—10 2-5sec. Final potato race.—Porter, 1; Baker, 2. Final 220 yards (under 17).—Downey, 1; Hogan, 2. 440 yards flat handicap.—Cullen, 1; J. Ryan, 2; Cameron, 3. Time—55sec. Final 100 yards (under 15).—Youelle, 1; Kelly, 2; Browne, 3. High jump.—Coakley, 1; Kane, Baker, and Doherty, 2. 5ft 2in. 50 yards dash.—Heats—Butler, 1; Rochford, 2. Devoy, 1; Porter, 2. Smith, 1; Burke, 2. Coakley, 1; Cullen, 2. Final 220 yards.—Coakley, 1; Mahoney, 2; Cameron, 3. Time—24 2-5sec. Medley race.—Cullen and Devoy, 1; Burke and Poff, 2. 120 yards hurdles.—Heats—Ryan, 1; Burke, 2. Cameron, 1; Porter, 2. Carmody, 1; Morland, 2. Final 50 yards.—Coakley, 1; Porter, 2; Burke, 3. Half-mile (under 15).—Porter (55yds), 1; Kilgour, (40yds), 2; Harvey (100yds), 3. 400 yards (under 17).—Poff (30yds), 1; Maher (scr.), 2; Doherty (18yds), 3. Final 120 yards hurdles.—Cameron, 1; Morland, 2; Burke, 3. One mile handicap.—J. Rochford (scr.), 1; Mulgan (120 yards), 2; Dooney (140yds), 3. Time—5min 10sec. Consolation race.—M'Donald, 1; Casey, 2; M. Maher, 3. Old Boys' race.—J. Prendeville, 1; T. Collerton, 2; M'Namara, 3.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

His Grace Archbishop Redwood paid a visit on Friday last to the Sacred Heart Convent at Island Bay, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a number of candidates. His Grace also gave First Communion to a number of pupils at the institution.

The very fine representation of St. Gerard in ecstasy, an account of which appeared in this column last week, has now been placed in position in the Church of St. Gerard, Hawker street. The painting has already been the object of considerable attention and general admiration.

St. Anne's Catholic Club, South Wellington, bids fair to become a live organisation. The members have decided to hold a social evening on Wednesday, the 25th inst. The small billiard table, originally the property of the Hibernians, has been removed to the new rooms.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Thorndon, will begin to-morrow, and conclude on Tuesday morning. The special sermon for to-morrow evening will be preached by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial). The sermon on Monday evening will be preached by Rev. Father Mahony, S.M.

On the 9th inst., at the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, Meanee, Miss Minnie Lawton, of Taradale, was married to Mr. W. H. Burgess, of the Post and Telegraph Department, Napier. The Rev. Father McDonnell celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The wedding march was played by Rev. Father Kimbell. Misses Kate and Teresa Lawton acted as bridesmaids, Mr. W.

Johnston as best man, and Mr. R. Cassidy as groomsman. The wedding breakfast was laid at the residence of the bride's parents, where the usual toasts were proposed by Rev. Father McDonnell and others. During the afternoon the happy couple left for Wellington, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The first mission given at Wadestown has been most successful. The large marquee, in which the services were held, was always well filled. The Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., who conducted the mission, is well pleased with results. The mission at South Wellington, which the Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., conducted, was splendidly attended at every service. On Tuesday and Friday evenings the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., preached. His Tuesday evening's discourse was on 'Confession,' and his Friday's discourse on 'The Real Presence.' Both discourses were so treated as to assist the non-Catholic to a proper understanding of the doctrines concerned. The Rev. Father Lowham preached at all the other services, and also gave the usual morning instructions. — On Friday at South Wellington the ceremony of the Forty Hours' Adoration was begun. To-morrow (Sunday) the parishioners will approach the Holy Table in a body, and after the last Mass there will be a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the church grounds. There will be First Communion at the early Mass, and in the afternoon his Grace the Archbishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

November 13.

The Wellington Catholic Club held a smoke concert in their rooms, Boulcott street, on Thursday evening, when there was a fair number present.

The bazaar was opened at Otaki on Saturday, November 7. The entertainments provided were very good, splendid business was done, and it is expected that over £200 will be netted.

At the Lower Hutt Catholic Church on Tuesday Miss K. T. Haggerty was married to Mr. W. J. Hayes, eldest son of Mr. Edmund Hayes. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Father Lane, assisted by Rev. Father Walshe.

Rev. Father Leprêtre, of Hawke's Bay, arrived in Wellington on Wednesday, after a trip to Italy and France. Dr. Cahill also returned from Australia on Wednesday, much benefited by his trip.

The new branches of the confraternity of the Sacred Heart Association, Thorndon parish, will hold their initial meetings at the Basilica on November 25 and 27. As a great number have given in their names it is expected that there will be in all about 100 guilds.

On Sunday, November 8, the children of the Te Aro parish made their First Communion at St. Mary's Church at the 8 o'clock Mass, and in the evening renewed their baptismal vows. At the 10.30 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's his Grace Archbishop Redwood administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 100 candidates.

On Monday last a cricket match was played on the Basin Reserve between teams from the Wellington and Newtown (St. Anne's) Catholic Clubs, the latter winning by 46 runs. The scores were—Wellington, 49 and 61; St. Anne's, 82 and 74. Those who performed creditably were Mahoney 27, Guthrie 15, E. Foote 13, and Butler 13 for the winners, and J. McGrath 14, J. R. Hunt 12, and P. McGrath 10 for the losers. For St. Anne's McCordle took seven wickets for 4 runs, and for the Wellington Club Casey four for 8 and P. McGrath eight for 31 runs.

Everything passed off successfully at the first annual picnic of the Petone Catholic Club at Upper Hutt on Monday. Some sports events were got off during the day, and resulted as follows:—President's Handicap—W. Ryan, scr, 1; T. Fitzgerald, scr, 2; F. Jackson, 2yds, 3. Club Handicap, 100yds—P. Phelan, 5yds, 1; T. Fitzgerald and W. Ryan, scr (dead heat), 2. Ryan won the run-off. Single Ladies' Race, 75yds—Miss Cummings, 1; Miss Scrimshaw, 2. Ladies' Race, long skirts, 75yds—Miss Stemper, 1; Miss Simpson, 2. Married Women's Race, 50yds—Mrs. D. Jones, 1; Mrs. J. Martin, 2; Mrs. A. Skinner, 3. Executive Dash, 75yds—T. Fitzgerald, 1; D. Jones, 2. Three-legged Race, 75yds—Miss Stunell and W. Ryan, 1; Miss Scrimshaw and T. Fitzgerald, 2. Open Race, 100yds—K. Ryan, 1; Organ, 2; C. Sullivan, 3. Guessing Competition—Mrs. D. Hyde. Mr. L. Gaynor acted as starter, Mr. J. Martin as judge, and Mr. T. Fitzgerald as secretary.

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Inglewood

The convent school (says the *Inglewood Record* of November 6) was examined on October 26, when a most satisfactory result was shown, and the inspector's remarks thereon were distinctly complimentary, and cannot be other than highly satisfactory to the Sisters in charge, whose good methods of careful training and efficiency of organisation receive very satisfactory reference in the report. Of the compulsory subjects, the inspector says: 'Reading, very satisfactory; composition, essay good, formal composition fair; writing, carefully taught; spelling, good; recitation, very satisfactory; arithmetic, good; drawing, good; physical instruction, very satisfactory; geography, good in Standard VI., fair in other Standards; history, weak.' The 'additional' subjects are: 'Satisfactory,' 'fair,' and 'good'; and of the 'P' classes, which are under the charge of Sister M. St. Mildred, the inspector says: 'These classes passed a very satisfactory examination; the order and discipline of the school is very good; efficiency of the school very satisfactory.' The details are: P1, 11 boys and 2 girls; P2, 7 boys and 11 girls; P3, 11 boys and 11 girls. In Standard VI. (writes a correspondent) out of eight pupils six gained certificates of proficiency and two obtained competency certificates. In referring to the work in the different Standards the inspector says: 'The work in these classes has been treated in a careful and intelligent manner. Standards I. to III.—The results of the examination in these classes show that the teacher has been painstaking and thorough in her work. P Classes—Very satisfactory work has been done in these classes. The teacher has evidently used good methods in the treatment of the subjects taught.' Such commendation must be gratifying alike to the Sisters and parents whose children are privileged to attend a school where great care and good organisation result in such successes.

Nelson

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

The practical examinations in music by the representative of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music were held at the convent on November 2. The following is the list of successful candidates:—Advanced Grade (piano)—Misses Frank and Moule. Higher division (piano)—Misses McDonnell and Shields. Lower division (piano)—Misses Adams, Johnston, and Scott. Elementary division (piano)—Misses Hayes and C. Scott. Primary division (piano)—Misses Hood, McGrath, Blick, and Bird. Rudiments, Local Centre—Miss Moule.

On Saturday last the remains of the late Mr. James Armstrong, sen., were laid to rest in the new cemetery, Nelson. Born in penal times (1820) in Ireland, he emigrated, while still very young, to Yorkshire, and there married. In 1852 he landed in Nelson with his wife and young family. He was for many years engaged in survey work in New Zealand. In religion he maintained his holy faith against all-comers. He was an assiduous reader of controversial works, and a constant and ardent admirer of the *Tablet*. Woe betide the luckless tyro who dared attack his faith! Armed with chapter and verse of Scripture, day and date for all his opinions, he was more than a match for any opponent. At length, crowned with years, at the advanced age of 88, fortified by the rites of Holy Church, his last moments vocal with prayers and ejaculations, he slept his last sleep in the presence of all the members of his family. The Rev. Father Clancy made feeling reference at all the services on Sunday to the loss of such a staunch and exemplary member of the Church. —R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The Very Rev. Father Price, Administrator of the Cathedral parish, has made many necessary improvements since his appointment. That which most needed his attention was the Bishop's residence, on which nothing had been spent since his Lordship's arrival, twenty-two years ago. Father Price considered it unworthy of the name, 'episcopal residence,' and so had it enlarged considerably, renovated throughout, and refurnished. Now it is complete, and well worthy of its name. This has cost a large sum of money, and a meeting was held in the Brothers' school on Sunday, the 15th inst., to devise the means of raising the balance due on the building, which is considerably over £1000.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes presided, and after eulogising the work done, called upon the Administrator to address the meeting. Father Price then explained what had taken place up to the present, and suggested holding a bazaar next Easter to extinguish the debt.

The meeting was entirely in sympathy with Father Price's suggestions, and resolved that a bazaar be held during Easter time, and that the meeting form itself into a committee to assist in carrying out the same. Father Price was elected manager and treasurer, and Mr. E. O'Connor hon. secretary. An executive, consisting of Messrs. P. Burke, J. Power, T. Cahill, Darby, J. J. Wilson, and E. O'Connor (with power to add), was elected to assist the Administrator. Father Price announced that he would call a meeting of ladies as early as possible, with a view to discussing bazaar details. He also thanked those present for their attendance, and, after passing a vote of thanks to his Lordship for presiding, the meeting closed.

Waimate

His Excellency the Governor, whilst in Waimate last week, paid a visit to St. Patrick's School. His Excellency (says the *Waimate Times*) inspected the new church, now in course of erection, while on his way to the school. He was received by Fathers Aubry and Tymons, and Mr. L. Toohers was also present. On entering the school, Miss Maggie Ferriter read and presented the following address:—

'May it please your Excellency,—The pupils of St. Patrick's School have much pleasure in extending to you a hearty welcome on the occasion of your first visit to Waimate. We welcome you as the worthy representative of our King Edward VII., and to him through you we gladly offer our sincere loyalty. We hail you as a noble scion of a distinguished Irish family which has given many illustrious names to Church and State. We welcome you as a kind gentleman, our hearts go to you, remembering the keen interest you display in the youth of New Zealand, and we shall endeavor to become more and more worthy of your kind appreciation.'

His Excellency thanked the children for their very nice address. He assured them that he was very glad of the opportunity of seeing their school. It was his duty as representative of the King to see all parts of the Dominion, but no place more so than where the boys and girls were assembled, for he remembered that in a comparatively short time they would be doing the duties of their seniors were now doing, and much of the future welfare of their country depended on them. They would make it or mar it. Much depended on them and their influence. In their case there was a special reason why they should make use of their opportunities. At the State schools the education was free, but their Church thought they should have schools of their own, and at great sacrifice their parents provided for them. They should, therefore, work heartily, and learn all they could while they had the opportunity. He came from the same country as very many of their parents had come, and he had a warm heart for them. Let them honor and serve the Empire and give it first place, and then their own New Zealand, but never forget to keep a warm spot in their hearts for Old Ireland.

The children then sang in very good style 'Let Erin Remember.' The children were then given a half-holiday at the request of his Excellency.

This concluded the proceedings, and at the invitation of Father Aubry his Excellency was escorted to the presbytery and partook of light refreshments. The party then drove to the railway station, in time for the midday express, the school cadets giving a farewell cheer as the train, with his Excellency aboard, moved off.

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Those who wish to aid them may send their subscriptions to the Father Superior, Mount St. Gerard, Oriental Bay, Wellington.

The following is the copy of the appeal:—

We, the Redemptorist Fathers, take the liberty of sending you the following statement and appeal in connection with our new Church at Mount St. Gerard, Oriental Bay, Wellington.

Since our arrival in New Zealand, some four years ago, to labor for the people of the Dominion, we have striven hard to pay off the initial debt incurred in securing a permanent home at Oriental Bay, Wellington. The house, though in a good state of preservation, had to be altered and enlarged in order to accommodate the community, whilst we were forced to hold all the religious services in two of the rooms. The inconvenience of this became so great that, notwithstanding our lack of funds, and the already heavy debt incurred in the purchase of the property, we ventured, with the sanction and encouragement of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, S.M., to erect a new Church, placing our confidence in the good Providence of God and on the generosity and charity of the people for whom we labor.

As the special nature of our work prevents us from taking any parochial charge, we have no parishioners to whom we might appeal or who would share the burden of debt with us. Therefore, we reluctantly make our first public appeal to friends, benefactors, and the charitably-disposed to enable us to pay off the £6000 debt which we have been compelled to take on ourselves, without having any private resources whatever to draw upon.

The many tokens of sympathy and kind appreciation that we have received in the past, both from the clergy, secular and regular, and from the laity in and outside the Dominion, make us hopeful that the response will be a generous one.

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.

Yours faithfully,

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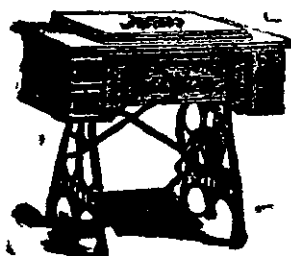
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Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report :

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. The attendance of buyers was smaller than usual, and for all classes of produce, except potatoes, bidding was so languid that a large proportion of our catalogue had to be passed in. Values ruled as under :—

Oats.—The demand during the past week has been very slack, and sales for shipment have only been possible at reduced prices. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; good to best feed, 1s 6½d to 1s 7½d; inferior and medium, 1s 5d to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is no change to report. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 5d to 4s 5½d; medium, 4s 4d to 4s 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; medium, 4s to 4s 2d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Prime Up-to-Dates and Derwents are worth £3 17s 6d to £4; good, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior to medium, £2 10s to £3 5s per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf, which is the only kind in favor with buyers, sells at £3 7s 6d to £3 10s, choice to £3 12s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 5s. Inferior, light, and discolored have slow sale at £2 5s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote: Wheat, which is in short supply, at 37s to 40s; oaten, in good supply, at 40s to 42s 6d per ton (pressed).

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

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Values ruled as under :—

Oats.—Quotations are practically without change. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 8½d; good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; inferior to medium, 1s 6d to 1s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is keen demand from local millers for prime milling quality at late values. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 5d to 4s 5½d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 3s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market, owing to lightness of arrivals, shows a decided improvement. We quote: Prime Up-to-Dates, £3 15s to £4; medium, £2 15s to £3; inferior, £1 per ton upwards (bags in).

Chaff.—The demand is almost entirely confined to prime oaten sheaf, inferior lines being neglected. We quote: Extra choice, £3 12s 6d; prime oaten sheaf, £3 5s to £3 10s; medium, £2 15s to £3; light, inferior, and heated, £2 10s upwards per ton (bags in).

Straw.—Quotations: Oaten, to £2 5s; wheat, £2 per ton (pressed).

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Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale on the 12th inst., when we submitted a catalogue of 301. The attendance of buyers was good, and competition was on a par with late sales. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 6½d to 7½d; good heavy, 6d

to 6½d; medium weight, 4½d to 4¾d; inferior, 3d to 4d; good heavy cow hides, 4½d to 5½d; medium, 4½d to 4¾d; inferior, 3½d to 4d; yearlings, 1d to 3d; calfskins, 2d to 6d per lb.

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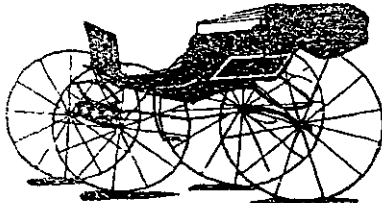
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The General Election

The general election which took place on Tuesday was not productive of much excitement, as there was no very burning question of a political character before the electors. The licensing question absorbed the principal attention, and practically eclipsed the political side of the contest. The Government had no programme to place before the constituencies, and they relied mainly for support on the work done by their party for many years in encouraging people to settle on the land, on their labor legislation, and on similar matters affecting the social well-being of the people. The Opposition were practically in a like position: they had no programme for the future, and furthermore they had no record to point to as an incentive to the electors to put them into power. They could not attack the policy of the Government without the danger of raising up serious opposition, and consequently they had to confine themselves to criticism of the administrative acts of the Ministry. How far the public agreed with the criticisms of the Opposition can be judged by the results so far announced—Government 34, Opposition 16, Independents (three of whom might be classed as Liberals) 4. The sensation of the contest was the defeat of the Minister for Lands (Hon. R. McNab) at Mātaura. With this exception all the Ministers were returned save the Hon. Mr. Carroll, who will probably have to run the gauntlet of a second ballot. As we have said, the licensing question altogether overshadowed the political side of the contest, and in many instances entered largely into the choice of a representative, irrespective of his opinions on public matters. There are twenty-two second ballots to be held next week owing to the fact that no candidate received an absolute majority in any of the following electorates: Waitemata, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Egmont, Wanganui, Manawatu, Pahiatua, Palmerston, Wellington North, Wellington East, Wellington South, Wellington Suburbs, Hurunui, Nelson, Avon, Ashburton, Geraldine, Timaru, Dunedin North, Tuapeka. The following are the members who were elected on Tuesday:—Government supporters—Ward, Sir J. G., Awarua; McGowan, Hon. J. Thames; Fowlds, Hon. G., Grey Lynn; Millar, Hon. J. A., Dunedin West; Reed, V., Bay of Islands; Stallworthy, J. Kaipara; Baume, F. E., Auckland East; Poole, C. H., Auckland West; Lawry, F., Parnell; Greenslade, H. J., Waikato; Brown, J. Vigor, Napier; Jennings, W. T., Taumarunui; Remington, A. E., Rangitikei; Hall, C., Waipawa; Hogg, A. W., Masterton; Field, W. H., Otaki; Wilford, T. M., Hutt; McKenzie, R., Motueka; Colvin, J., Buller; Guinness, Hon. A. R., Grey; Seddon, T. E., Westland; Buddo, D., Kaipoi; Davey, T. H., Christchurch East; Ell, H. G., Christchurch South; Witty, G., Riccarton; Laurenson, G., Lyttelton; Steward, Sir W. J., Waitaki; Duncan, Hon. T. Y., Oamaru; Allen, E. G., Chalmers; Sidey, T. K., Dunedin South; Arnold, J. F., Dunedin Central; Mackenzie, T., Taieri; Thomson, J. C., Wallace; Hanan, J. A., Invercargill. Opposition—Massey, W. F., Franklin; Mander, F. Marsden; Bollard, J., Eden; Lang, F. W., Manukau; Herries, W. H., Tauranga; Okey, H. J. H., Taranaki; Hine, J. B., Stratford; Pearce, G. V., Patea; Guthrie, D. H., Oroua; Buchanan, W. C., Wairarapa; Rhodes, R. H., Ellesmere; Hardy, C. A. C., Selwyn; Allen, J., Bruce; Malcolm, A. S., Clutha; Fraser, W., Wakatipu; Anderson, G. J., Mātaura. Independent—Glover, A. E., Auckland Central; Fisher, F. M. B., Wellington Central; Duncan, J., Wairau; Taylor, T. E., Christchurch North.

OAMARU

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

November 9.

The usual weekly meeting of the Catholic Club on Friday evening was attended by a fair number of members, the president (Mr. T. O'Grady) being in the chair. The programme took the form of a variety evening. The most enjoyable items were humorous readings by Mr. T. O'Grady and Rev. Father O'Neill, both of whom did their items full justice. The club has lost another useful member in Mr. J. de Courcey, who has been promoted to a position in the post office at Wanganui, and left for the north on Thursday. His friends wish him every success in his new sphere.

The following are the results of the local centre practical examinations, held on November 2 by Mr. Henry Saint-George, at the Dominican Convent:—Senior Division—Florence Reid (singing), 78 (honors); Georgina McKenzie (pianoforte), 69 (honors). Intermediate Division—Maggie Ardagh (pianoforte), 67; Eileen O'Meara (pianoforte), 67. Junior Division—Janie

Pringle (pianoforte), 87 (honors); Doris Potter (pianoforte), 84 (honors); Rita Falconer (pianoforte), 83 (honors); Kathleen O'Donnell (singing), 83; Lily Grant (pianoforte), 73; Elsie Fleming (pianoforte), 70; Eva Miller (pianoforte), 69. Preparatory—Bridget Foley (violin), 82; Honora Rooney (violin), 77; Gretta Cooney (pianoforte), 72. A junior singing class of 25 pupils was also examined, gaining honors with 81 marks. Mr. Saint-George expressed himself highly pleased with this section of the examination, especially commending the clear enunciation, precision, and maintenance of pitch throughout.

November 16.

The Oamaru Catholic Club held its annual competition for the diploma presented by the executive of Federated Catholic Clubs on Thursday evening last, there being a fair attendance. The Rev. Father O'Neill officiated as judge, and awarded first place to Mr. J. R. Wallace, who took for his subject 'Oliver Goldsmith.'

Milton

St. Joseph's Schoolroom was filled on Tuesday evening of last week (says the *Bruce Herald*), when a representative gathering of friends had assembled to formally farewell Miss E. Scanlan on the eve of her marriage, and to show their recognition of her many years' services. Since her childhood Miss Scanlan had been organist of the Milton Catholic Church, and had always taken a most prominent part in the social work connected with the Church. The first part of the programme took the form of a concert, to which the following contributed items:—Misses E. Coleman, M. Coleman, Scanlan, I. Reid, and A. Wisneski, Rev. Father Farthing, and Messrs. W. Kirby, M. Curran. At the conclusion of the concert a presentation, on behalf of the congregation, was made by the Rev. Father Farthing, who said the gathering had a two-fold object. The first one was to say good-bye to Miss Scanlan, who would leave them next day for her future home in the North Island, and the second to give a tangible recognition of the esteem in which she was held by the congregation and Children of Mary, of which society she was president. Father Farthing said he had only been five months in the district, but during that time he had seen much of what Miss Scanlan had done for the Church, of which she was one of the most faithful supporters, and a true daughter. It was through her zeal and energy that the Church choir had been reorganised, and its present successful state achieved. She had assisted in every way to further the best interests of the Church, and the congregation was under a deep debt of gratitude to her for the efficient and courteous manner in which she discharged her offices. On behalf of the congregation he then presented Miss Scanlan with a full afternoon silver tea service, inscribed: 'To Miss E. Scanlan, from the members of St. Mary's, Milton, in appreciation of her many services.—11/11/08.' The reverend speaker concluded by wishing Miss Scanlan a long, happy, and prosperous life.

The Rev. Father Howard (South Dunedin) said he was pleased to speak relative to the good qualities of Miss Scanlan. She was always obliging and willing at any time to assist in anything for the good and welfare of the Church and congregation. He had much pleasure on behalf of the Children of Mary in presenting her with a silver cake dish and set of carvers. He was sure she would appreciate them, and hoped they would bring her some happy recollections. He was pleased to know she was so highly esteemed. He could not let the occasion pass without a word of praise to Mr. McMurtrie, who was a man of sterling qualities. He was a man whose ambition would certainly be rewarded. Miss Scanlan had endeared herself to the people of Milton, and had a wide circle of friends, and she would be missed by them all. In conclusion, he wished Miss Scanlan and Mr. McMurtrie every joy and happiness, and that prosperity may shine on them every day of their lives.

Messrs. W. Kirby and J. Moroney also spoke eulogistically of Miss Scanlan's many services to the Church.

Mr. Scanlan, responding on behalf of his sister, expressed his gratification at the appreciation of her services. He thanked them all for the handsome presents and for the kindly expressions. Anything which she had done for the Church had been a labor of love, in which she had always been met with whole-hearted co-operation by the congregation.

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WATERS—COX.—On September 10, 1908, at St. Raphael's, Hawarden, by Rev. Father Richards, Alfred Frederick Waters, of Hawarden, to Ann, second daughter of J. W. M. Cox, Hawarden.

DEATHS

McKEAY.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of W. H. McKeay, who died at his son's residence, 84 Main South road, Dunedin, on November 5, 1908, in the 92nd year of his age, fortified by the Rites of the Church. Requiescat in pace.

RAINES.—On November 5, 1908, at the residence of his son-in-law, Pahiatua, William George Raines (formerly stevedore for New Zealand Shipping Company); aged 69 years. R.I.P.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

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

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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 19, 1908.

MORAL INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN SCHOOLS.



THE autumn day in 1906 a number of educationists assembled in private conference in London. The object of the gathering was 'to consider whether more might not be done by means of moral instruction and training in schools to impart higher ideals of conduct, to strengthen character, and to promote readiness to work together for social ends.' The preliminary discussion showed a deep appreciation of the importance of development of the moral sense during school days. But there was many a rift between opinion and opinion even as to so fundamental a matter as the place of the religious sanction in moral education, while debate circled freely around such questions as the conditions which exercised a good moral influence in a school, and (among other matters) the relative extent of the parts to be played by the teacher and the parents in the training of the moral faculties of children and in forming their character along the lines of true manhood and true womanhood. It was decided to procure and sift fuller information both in the United Kingdom and in other countries. A Provisional Committee was set up with this object in view, an Advisory Council formed by them, consisting of several hundred persons, 'representing many different points of view and almost all forms of educational experience'; an American Committee was formed; oral evidence was received from selected witnesses, and investigators were commissioned to 'prepare reports upon the methods of moral instruction and training in the schools of Great Britain and Ireland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan.' The results of the labors of these mixed and somewhat heterogeneous groups of educationists are gathered together in two copulent octavo volumes now before us, issued a few weeks ago by the great London publishing house of Longman, and entitled *Moral Instruction and Training in Schools: Report of an International Inquiry*.

The expert knowledge of the Committees in the art of imparting knowledge reached, no doubt, a generally high level. Their qualifications to speak upon the place of moral training in education, and the methods thereof, were, however, of the most diverse kinds. And yet an expert acquaintance with this vital matter lay at the very foundation of the whole inquiry. The great majority of the investigators and of the members of the Committees, of the Advisory Board, and of the speakers at the Moral Education Congress, had a deep knowledge of social needs and of the vital importance, to the individual and to the nation, of the moral influence which may and ought to be exercised by the school. But the investigator, for instance, who, like M. Buisson (a French delegate at the Moral Education Congress), rejects the very foundation of true morality, and substitutes for the eternal principles of right conduct the vague and vapid 'neutral' and 'civil' platitudes of the atheistic Government schools of the Third Republic, is not likely to appreciate in any high degree the important place that moral training should occupy in personal and domestic and social life, or to give much or valuable help towards

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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CATHOLICS AND PROHIBITION

LETTER BY THE BISHOP OF CHRISTCHURCH

The following letter by the Bishop of Christchurch appeared in the *Press* of last Tuesday:—

Sir,—My attention has been called to certain leaflets which, notwithstanding the refusal of our Administrator to allow such a procedure, were distributed yesterday evening to the Catholics of Christchurch as they came out of the churches. These leaflets, which bear no signature, are addressed to the members of 'The Catholic Church in New Zealand.'

As I am neither the Pope nor the Metropolitan, I cannot assume the right to direct 'the Catholics of New Zealand,' much less to dictate to them; but it is my right to direct aright those of my diocese, which includes the whole of Canterbury and Westland and a part of Nelson. Hence I would crave your permission to say to them through the columns of your valuable journal:

1st. That the direct and impassioned appeal of one of the leaflets bears the unmistakable stamp of modern Manichæism.

2ndly. The writers thereof say not a word of 'Temperance, Truth, and Justice,' which are cardinal virtues, whilst Prohibition is not.

3rdly. According to them Prohibition is the be-all, the end-all of our political, social, religious, and moral life, verily containing 'the whole law and the prophets.' 'Be a Prohibitionist,' they seem to say, 'and your salvation is secured.'

4thly. All my priests and many of my flock know that for many a long year I am a practical abstainer. They know, too, that were I sure that Prohibition prohibits, that where enforced it does away with intemperance and the many awful evils this degrading vice brings in its train, I would vote Prohibition tomorrow, that I would at least vote for Reduction were I not convinced that it is contrary to the laws of equity and justice.

5thly. The writers of the address 'To the Catholics of New Zealand' quote the words of the late Pope and those of Cardinal Manning. The Pope and the Cardinal, like every other priest or priest or true Catholic layman, should and would do all in their power to 'combat the destructive vice of intemperance,' as the Pope unhesitatingly affirms; they neither would nor could condemn any kind of 'drink' as an evil in itself. Neither they nor any other enlightened Catholic could condemn one who, believing a glass of wine or beer necessary or beneficial to his health, deems it no crime to procure it. The Pope and the Cardinal believed and taught, as every Catholic must, that it is the 'abuse' and not the 'use' of such things that is to be deprecated. The Pope and the Cardinal, with every other true Catholic, fully agree with the great St. Chrysostom, who, addressing a Manichæan who, like our twentieth century Prohibitionists, would fain persuade us that all alcoholic drinks are essentially evil, exclaimed:

'I hear men say when these excesses happen, "Would that there were no wine!" What folly! When men sin in other ways, dost thou then find fault with the gifts of God? What madness is this! Did the wine, O man, produce this evil? No, it was not the wine! But the intemperance of such as take an evil delight therein. Say, then, would that there were no drunkenness, no luxury! If thou sayest, "Would that there were no wine!" thou wilt by degrees go on to say, "Would that there were no steel, because of the murderers; no night, because of the thieves; in a word, thou wilt destroy all things since all things may be abused."'

Speaking in one of the London churches shortly before his lamented death, Cardinal Manning spoke these words. 'I will go to my grave without tasting intoxicating liquors, but I repeat distinctly that any man who should say that the use of wine or any other like thing is sinful when it does not lead to drunkenness, that man is a heretic condemned by the Catholic Church. With that man I will never work. Now, I desire to promote total abstinence in every way that I can. I will encourage all societies of total abstainers. But the moment I see men not charitable, attempting to trample down those who do not belong to the total abstainers, from that moment I will not work with those men.'

6thly. During the course of my visitation throughout the diocese I have given the total abstinence pledge to thousands, some of them being respectable hotelkeepers, but I am careful to remind them that as of themselves they cannot keep so solemn a promise they must seek the grace of God, the help of prayer and the Sacraments—in other words, help from the Most High.

7thly. Finally, firmly convinced as I am that no mere Act of Parliament will ever make a nation or a people sober and upright, and knowing well that, in spite of every prohibitive legislation, some worthy people will always believe that they can no more do without stimulants than the bulk of the nation without drugs (the abuse whereof is so greatly to be deplored), I cannot but think before God that Prohibition would give rise to deceit, untruth, and other wickedness to procure what the law would prohibit.—Yours, etc.,

J. J. GRIMES,
Catholic Bishop of Christchurch.

November 16.

St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin

On Sunday afternoon, on the invitation of the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and the Sisters of Mercy, the ladies who made the recent canvass of the city and suburbs on behalf of the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin, visited the institution. There were also present, in addition to the Rev. Father Coffey (manager), Mr. Justice Williams, the Mayor of Dunedin (Mr. J. McDonald), Dr. O'Neill, Mr. J. McR. Gallaway, Rev. Brothers Hennessy and Brady, etc. At the time of the arrival of the visitors the children, to the number of between sixty and seventy, were amusing themselves in the playground, and here one could not help noting their healthy, happy looks, their neat attire, and the abandon with which they enjoyed themselves, whilst the thought occurred to the visitor that it would be difficult to find an equal number of children brought up in their own homes, who would look such pictures of health and happiness. In addition to those in the playground there were also a number in the nursery, some only a few months old, who were too young to mingle with the others. Later on the visitors were treated to a programme of part-songs, action songs, club-swinging, recitations, etc., by the children. All the items of the varied programme were remarkably well given, and would have done credit to the pupils of any primary school in the Dominion. It is needless to say that they were warmly applauded by the audience.

At the conclusion of the programme Rev. Father Coffey took the opportunity of thanking the visitors for their presence, the ladies who had so kindly undertaken the canvass on behalf of the funds of the institution, and also the generous subscribers. It was unnecessary for him to say anything of the work of the Orphanage; the visitors could see for themselves how the children were cared for, and they had just had an example of the varied nature of their training. As an evidence of the good health enjoyed by the inmates he might mention that, although they had close on 100 children there, it was four years since there was a death in the institution. The inmates received their education at the parish school, and their conduct and obedience were such that none of the parents whose children were attending the school raised the slightest objection to the orphans being received there. In addition to a good, practical, secular training they also received a sound religious education which was a guarantee for their future welfare. They mingled with the other children in the playground and were examined with them by the Government Inspector. The collection for the Orphanage amounted to £170, fully one-half of which was contributed by non-Catholics, who recognised the good work that was being done by the institution. He desired to thank all the generous subscribers, Dr. O'Neill, who gave his services gratuitously to the Orphanage, Messrs. Callan and Gallaway, and Miss Mowat, instructress in calisthenics, who gave her services free.

On the invitation of the Rev. Father Coffey, the Mayor of Dunedin, Mr. Justice Williams, and Mr. Gallaway gave brief addresses, in the course of which they complimented the Sisters of Mercy on the healthy and happy appearance of the children, and on the excellence of the little entertainment provided for the visitors. Mr. Gallaway said it was only those who had the opportunity of seeing the children before coming to the institution could realise the change that had been effected in them after being a time in charge of the nuns. He also paid a meed of praise to the work of Mrs. Jackson on behalf of orphans and neglected children.

Afternoon tea was then dispensed, after which the visitors inspected the dormitories, nursery, and other parts of the institution, where everything was as neat and as clean as loving care and self-sacrifice could make them.

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DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

The Cathedral debt was reduced by £1250 by the late Dominion fair, while the residue of the Cardinal's reception contributed its quota.

On last Tuesday evening a large number of club members assembled in the club rooms for the purpose of tendering a farewell to Mr. James Lonergan, who is about to take his departure for Sydney for the purpose of prosecuting his musical studies in that city. The tables were very tastefully decorated, and the whole arrangements reflected the greatest credit on the organising ability of Mr. P. Clarke, the musical director. The president of the club occupied the chair, and after the toast of the Pope and King had been duly honored he presented Mr. Lonergan with a handsome pocket-book, suitably inscribed. He referred to the great esteem in which Mr. Lonergan was held by his fellow-members and the sterling qualities by which he endeared himself to them, and expressed the assurance he felt that the energy which had been displayed by their guest in the past would infallibly lead him to success. Mr. Lonergan's health was then proposed by Mr. Clarke and enthusiastically honored. In replying, Mr. Lonergan spoke of the many happy days he had spent among the old boys, and said he would always treasure the token of their appreciation and esteem. Mr. Lonergan, sen., also spoke, thanking the Old Boys' Club for the honor it was that evening conferring upon his son, and emphasising very forcibly the great advantages to be derived from membership in a Catholic Club. A splendid musical programme was provided, Mr. Lonergan himself being in exceptionally good voice, and he was ably assisted by artists of such high standing as Messrs. T. Gussotto, Pritchard, Fred Rowe, F. Adeane, L. O'Malley, and last, but not least, Mr. Allan McElwain, whose humorous recitals were greeted with much laughter and prolonged applause.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Club was held on last Thursday evening. There was an excellent attendance of members, and the proceedings were marked by the greatest enthusiasm. The secretary read the annual report, which showed the great progress that had been made by the club during the past year, as evidenced by the increased activity in all the branches. Notwithstanding the heavy outlay occasioned by the alterations to the premises, the balance sheet showed that the finances of the club were in a particularly sound condition. The splendid work done by the social committee in this connection and by its energetic secretary, Mr. R. O'Brien, in particular, received special commendation. The election of officers resulted as follows:—General secretary, Mr. C. J. Mahon (re-elected); vice-president, Mr. F. Carrington; auditor, Mr. W. Kemble. A vote of thanks to the retiring vice-president (Mr. J. J. Furlong) was unanimously carried on the motion of Brother Borgia. A vote of thanks was accorded to the editors of the *Catholic Magazine* for the noble work they are doing in the cause of Catholic clubs and Catholic literature. Speaking to this motion, the Rev. Father Murphy, who was present with the Rev. Father Wright, spoke of the difficulties encountered in the publication of the local periodical, *The Catholic Monthly*, and solicited the support of all club members for this little magazine, which he felt was destined to do much good among the Catholics of the Auckland diocese. Father Murphy also proffered the valuable suggestion that there should be printed cards showing the objects of the club, etc., and that these cards should be distributed among the hotels and boarding-houses, so that visitors from the country might have an opportunity of knowing of the existence of the club and enjoying its benefits during their sojourn in the city. After some routine business had been gone through, and about fifteen new members had been enrolled, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

The oratorical competition promulgated by the Federal Executive took place in the club rooms on Saturday, the 14th inst. Mr. W. E. Hackett was appointed sole judge out of ten nominations. A 'field' of seven faced the 'starter,' and the winner was Mr. T. O'Shea, who spoke on Daniel O'Connell; Mr. J. McKenna, on Napoleon, being a close second. The other speakers were Messrs. C. Mahon, P. Sheehan, F. Adeane, B. Cottrell, and H. Vanderspeck. In giving his decision, Mr. Hackett congratulated the speakers on the high order of excellence maintained by them, and promised to donate annually for five years a gold medal of the value of five guineas, to be competed for under conditions to be drawn up by the committee. To the Sacred Heart College Debating Club, the members of which were present, Mr. Hackett further promised a donation under similar conditions of a gold medal, valued at two guineas. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hackett was carried by acclamation.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

November 16.

Canterbury's great annual event, 'People's day' of the Metropolitan Show, on Friday last proved yet another breaker of records. The weather was almost everything to be desired, which, together with the splendid display itself, was the means of attracting the enormous attendance of about 35,000 patrons, whilst the day's financial takings considerably exceeded those of any previous year. All this goes to prove the prosperous condition of the country.

Mass was celebrated at the church of Our Lady Star of the Sea at Sumner at eleven o'clock on last Sunday in the presence of a fair congregation of residents and visitors. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., who was celebrant, directed attention to the improvements recently effected in the church grounds and enclosures, and other matters of interest relating thereto.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. McKEAY, DUNEDIN.

There passed away on November 5, at his son's residence, St. Clair, at the age of 91 years, one of the oldest members of the legal profession in Dunedin in the person of Mr. W. H. McKeay. The deceased was born in London, but spent many years of his early manhood in France, where he was engaged in business. He came out to Victoria in 1850, and, after spending some time on the diggings, went to England, returning to Victoria a little later. In 1862 he came to Dunedin and studied the law, starting in business with Mr. G. E. Barton, and subsequently entering into partnership with Mr. John Mouat. Afterwards he practised on his own account. About fifteen years ago he accepted the position of Supreme Court librarian. For the last two or three years his health had been unsatisfactory, and during the last eighteen months the assistant librarian, Miss Bentham, relieved him of much of his duty. Towards the end a carbuncular boil at the back of his head caused trouble, but he really died of old age. Mr. McKeay was known to the profession as a skilful conveyancer, and he was a critical French scholar. Being of a retiring disposition, given more to study than to talk, Mr. McKeay was not a man to form sudden friendships, but those who had the privilege of his acquaintance enjoyed his ripened views on public and national questions. He leaves one son and four grandchildren.—R.I.P.

MR. W. G. RAINES, WELLINGTON.

A very old and respected resident of Wellington in the person of Mr. William George Raines, passed away on November 5 at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. E. Sullivan, of Pahiatua. Deceased had been in the Dominion for over 45 years, and had been in the employment of the New Zealand Shipping Company for 28 years. He was in bad health for the last twelve months, and thinking that a change would do him good went to England and Ireland for a trip six months ago, and had only been back five weeks at the time of his death. The funeral took place on Sunday, November 7, at Karori, and was attended by a large number of friends, the cortege being over half a mile long, which showed the great respect in which he was held. The Rev. Father Schaefer officiated at the church of St. Mary of the Angels and at the graveside. He leaves a family of four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

WEDDING BELLS

(From our Hawera correspondent.)

DONNELLY-BIGGINS.

A popular wedding was solemnised at St. Joseph's Church on October 21, when Mr. Peter Donnelly, of the firm of Messrs. Cole and Donnelly, and fourth son of the late Mr. P. Donnelly, was married to Miss Mary Biggins, sister of Mr. J. Biggins, Hawera. Rev. Father O'Dwyer officiated. The bride, who wore a dress of cream silk voile, with silk insertion, and hat to match, was given away by her brother. Mr. George Maingay acted as best man. The bridesmaid was Miss Evelyn Lynsky, cousin of the bride. A large number of friends of the bride and bridegroom were present at the subsequent wedding breakfast, at the Shamrock Hotel, when the health of the newly-married couple was honored. Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly went up the Wanganui River on their honeymoon trip, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

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Irish News

ARMAGH—Distinguish Visitors

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons was on a visit to his Eminence Cardinal Logue, at Ara Coeli, Armagh, during the last week in September. Amongst the other distinguished guests of the Cardinal were Most Rev. Dr. Hendrick, Bishop of the Philippines, accompanied by his secretary; Most Rev. Dr. McSherry, Bishop of Port Elizabeth; Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Dromore; Right Rev. Monsignor McGean, St. Peter's, New York, and Rev. Father Briody, New York. His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons visited most of the places of religious and historic interest in the city and environs, and expressed himself as greatly struck with the architectural beauty of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

CARLOW—The Patrician Brothers

The popular Irish Order of the Brothers of St. Patrick celebrated, at Tullow, County Carlow, the first centenary of their foundation on Sunday, September 27. The order was founded by Bishop Delany, of Kildare, in 1808, to meet the educational needs of the time. The Right Rev. Dr. Foley was present, and spoke in the warmest terms of the work of the Brothers. There was a great gathering of clergy and leading laymen on the occasion. The Holy Father sent his Apostolic Benediction. After the church ceremonies, an address of congratulation was presented to the Superior-General and Brothers of the Order by the members of the Tullow Town Commissioners, on behalf of the people of that town and district. To this address the Superior-General, the Rev. Jerome O'Bryne, replied, and in the course of his remarks mentioned that not only were the Brothers of the Order cradled in their midst, but Tullow is the very spot where the Brothers of St. Patrick first saw the light. Though they had four flourishing establishments in India and six in Australia, it was solely due to the want of Brothers that their extension had not been more rapid, for during the past two years alone they had very desirable applications from Canada, South America, Australia, New Zealand, and India, all of which they had been reluctantly compelled to refuse.

CORK—Assistant Under-Secretary

The Lord Lieutenant has appointed Mr. Edward O'Farrell, barrister-at-law, to be Assistant Under-Secretary. Mr. O'Farrell, who was called to the Bar in 1882, was Registrar of the Land Commission, and has been since 1903 the Secretary to the Estates Commissioners. Mr. O'Farrell, who is about 53 years of age, was born at Middleton, County Cork. He comes of an old Catholic Munster family, his father having a small landed estate near Youghal, which he sold under the Ashbourne Act. He was educated at Trinity College. There he had a distinguished career, winning a Classical Scholarship in 1878. He was called to the Bar in 1882, and joined the Munster Circuit. Having practised for a few years, he was appointed Registrar to the Sub-Commission for the fixing of fair rents. Afterwards he was appointed Registrar to the Land Commission Court, in succession to Sir John Franks, and devoted himself with energy to the work of that responsible office. He continued as Chief Registrar to the Commission dealing with purchase matters until the passing of the Land Purchase Act of 1903. Then he was appointed Registrar and Assistant Secretary to the Estates Commissioners, and has since acted in that capacity.

Death of a Canon

Widespread regret (writes a Dublin correspondent) has been caused by the news that on September 27, at his residence, the Very Rev. John Canon Lyons, parish priest of Kinsale, passed to his reward, after a career in the sacred ministry of forty-six years. Born beneath the shadow of Toghher Castle, in the year 1836, from his earliest years he showed dispositions which marked him out as a suitable candidate for the priesthood. His classical studies were pursued at the Mission House, Cork, where so many of the older generation of priests were, under the Vincentian Fathers. Thence he proceeded to the Irish College, Paris, and was ordained in the year 1862. In 1884 he received the pastoral charge of the extensive parish of Kilmichael. The Bishop of the Diocese, recognising his merits, transferred him to the more convenient parish of Monkstown, and appointed him a Canon of the Diocese of Cork. He was a profound Gaelic scholar, and the leading Gaelic writers constantly consulted him on their difficulties, and were desirous to receive from him a critique of their literary productions. His forte was the deriva-

tion of the Gaelic names of places, and he displayed his profound knowledge of this subject in a series of lucid articles in the *Cork Archaeological Journal*. Archaeology was for him a life-long study, and there are few raths or Oghm stones, or other subjects of archaeological interest in the diocese of Cork that were not visited by him.

DUBLIN—The Parnell Monument

Sir William Butler is to lecture in Dublin in aid of the funds required to complete the Parnell monument there. Sir William was an intimate friend of Mr. Parnell, and is naturally interested in his memorial. About £3000 is still wanted.

KERRY—Death of a Religious

The death occurred on September 18 of Mother Emilian, of the Mercy Convent, Killarney, after a brief illness. The deceased, who was a daughter of Mr. Wm. Duane, Churchtown, County Cork, was 54 years of age.

A Lesson for the North

The Cahirciveen Board of Guardians, composed almost entirely of Catholics, have unanimously elected a Protestant, Mr. Shuel, as solicitor to the board. On the occasion Mr. Sloane, one of the guardians, made a speech which might be taken to heart by his co-religionists in the North of Ireland. Mr. Sloane said: 'As a Protestant member of the board, in the first place, I thank you for electing Mr. Shuel with such unanimity; you have given the lie to those bigots who say that a Protestant cannot live in the South of Ireland, but you have given those narrow-minded bigots on the north of the Boyne a flat contradiction, and those bigots, who are so narrow-minded as to say that a Protestant cannot live in the South of Ireland because of the Catholics, are not worthy to be men. I am in public life for the last thirty-two years, and during that long period I always experienced the greatest courtesy from the Catholics, and never got the slightest insult from any Catholic, or never got any disrespect from any of them. When the King of Portugal was assassinated the narrow-minded Protestant bigots of England asserted to King Edward VII. that he had forfeited his Crown, as he had attended a Requiem Mass celebrated for the repose of the soul of the King of Portugal, but King Edward did not mind those narrow-minded bigots. A broad-minded Protestant never stoops to this mean narrow-mindedness. I, a Protestant, who was practically unknown to the Catholic electors of the Emlagh Electoral Division, elected me as one of their representatives on the Cahirciveen District Council on June 3 last, which is another proof of the calumnies of those bigots in the North.'

LIMERICK—Boxing Exhibitions Condemned

In the course of a letter to the local press, the Right Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, says: 'With great regret I observe by public notices through the city that it is proposed to hold pugilistic matches, one of these days, in the theatre. I regard this as nothing less than a scandal, and I beg publicly to protest against it. These boxing matches are brutal and degrading exhibitions, and must debase the tone of the society which tolerates them.'

Freedom of the City

The Limerick Corporation have decided to present the freedom of the city to Mr. Joseph O'Mara, concert and opera singer, who is visiting some of the principal Irish cities, before his departure for the United States to fulfil professional engagements. Mr. O'Mara is a native of Limerick.

MAYO—Given over to the Beasts of the Field

Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan, addressing a large audience in the Town Hall, Castlebar, recently, said he could not help referring to what he must describe as a lamentable sight to be seen on one's journey, with rare exceptions, all the way from Dublin to the far west of Mayo. That beautiful stretch of country seemed to have been given over to the beasts of the field, with the result that it had deteriorated even in his memory. They were told that negotiations between landlord and peasant for the transfer of land to the value of forty millions had actually taken place. How long were they to wait before these negotiations were to be realised and carried out? He wanted the people of Ireland to be given reason to feel that it was worth while staying at home, and becoming scientific farmers on lands that could yield them a decent livelihood. Anyone was a benefactor to his country who got them to take more interest in the productiveness of their country. The Gaelic League was pioneering in that direction.

WEXFORD—Enniscorthy Castle

Enniscorthy Castle, the residence of Mr. Roche, J.P., where Cardinal Gibbons took a week's rest after his numerous visits to

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Technical Instruction

A joint committee of representatives of the Technical Instruction Committees of New Ross and Enniscorthy Urban Districts held a meeting recently for the purpose of electing a principal and a domestic economy instructress for both towns. There were eight candidates for the first-named position. The Department of Agriculture, etc., wrote that on reviewing the qualifications they would be prepared to sanction only the appointment of Mr. Thomas Lungley, Kilkenny, who was unanimously elected, the salary being £160 with locomotion allowance. For the office of domestic economy instructress there were nine applications, all approved of by the department, but two of which were withdrawn. On a poll being taken, Miss O'Mara, Limerick, received the majority of votes and was declared elected, the salary being £80 with locomotion allowance. Mr. W. H. Howard, B.A., New Ross, was reappointed commercial instructor at £70, to include locomotion and night allowance.

GENERAL

National Education

The report of the Commissioners of National Education, Ireland, for the year 1907-8, states that the total number of schools on December 31, 1907, was 8538. Of these 335 were convent schools and 129 workhouse schools. The average number of pupils was 732,460, and of these 74 per cent. were Catholics. The total number of teachers was 14,771. The Commissioners protest against the action of the Irish Government in abandoning the bonuses, which were a part of their scheme of improved salaries. They consider that a great deal could be done in the way of attracting a better class of teacher by the combination of this 'bonus' scheme with a better system of pensions.

Alleged Increase of Lunacy

The increase of inmates in lunatic asylums in Ireland of recent years has been the cause of spreading abroad an idea that lunacy has been increasing in that country to a greater extent than in England and Scotland. Some light was thrown on the subject at a recent meeting of the Richmond Asylum Committee by the Resident Medical Superintendent, who stated, in the course of his report, that the number of inmates on the asylum books was 1566 males, and 1587 females. Since the last meeting 18 males and 23 females were admitted. Dr. Donelan also reported that a large proportion of those admitted latterly were in a very feeble state of bodily health, and many were cases of senile, mental, and bodily decay, who, up to recent times, were scarcely regarded as eligible for admission to asylums. The growing tendency on the part of union officials particularly, and, indeed, of the public, to send those suffering from bodily enfeeblement to the asylum was an important factor tending to give an exaggerated impression of the number of the insane. In fact, to a considerable extent, these institutions seem to be now regarded as district infirmaries as well as district asylums.

Irish Envoys in America

Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, in a cablegram to the *Freeman's Journal* from Boston, says: 'In twenty-five years' experience of Irish-American gatherings I have previously witnessed no such triumph as the present successful Convention. The Convention has been an unparalleled success, unequalled in my experience of any previous Convention. A hundred thousand dollars has been pledged, of which eighty thousand dollars is already practically subscribed. Irish National spirit is higher than ever before witnessed. Contributions are pouring in steadily. The declarations of the delegates, the public, and the press are outspoken and unanimous in favor of a pledge-bound party and endorsement of the league. American sentiment is decisively and outspokenly with us. Ireland need not fear for American support, for she has got it overwhelmingly. There is confidence in the speedy triumph of the Home Rule cause. The universal unanimity and determination and patriotism of the Convention constituted an unparalleled event. The Bishops, clergy, and people are subscribing. The envoys and five hundred delegates of the Boston Irishmen's Harbor Excursion were received officially at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, by Commander Clark, who paraded an Irish-American military company in the envoys' honor. The envoys were banqueted by the Charitable Irish Society, the oldest Irish organisation in Boston, antedating the Revolution.

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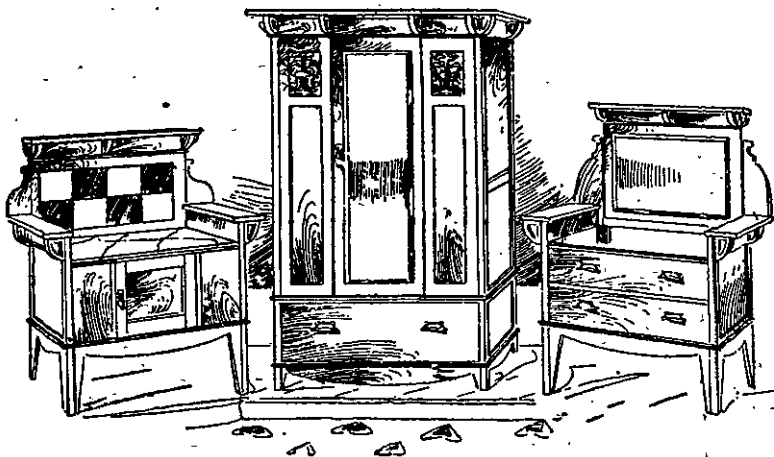
Mr. Henry Blount was the intermediary through whom the Catholics of France sent their gift of flowers for the Westminster Congress. The son of Sir Edward Blount, K.C.B., one of the pioneers of French railways, and his wife, Gertrude, daughter of William Charles Jerningham, he was born sixty-four years ago. An old Scotsman, he is one of the directors of the West of France Railway, a chevalier of the Legion of Honor, and a Deputy-Lieutenant for Sussex. He married, in 1869, Marguerite, a daughter of M. le Baron de la Rochette.

Mr. Percy Fitzgerald has more than 200 volumes to his credit, amongst them 'Fifty Years of Catholic Life and Progress' and 'Eucharistic Jewels.' He was a close personal friend of Charles Dickens, in whose correspondence there are many kindly references to him. Mr. Fitzgerald was born in 1834 in County Louth, Ireland, and was educated at Stonyhurst, of which famous college he has published an interesting volume of 'Memories.' He was called to the Irish Bar in 1855, but his bent was towards literature. He owns large estates in Ireland, but his heart is in Fleet street.

Sir Horace Plunkett, with whom Father Bernard Vaughan was recently staying on a visit at Foxrock, County Dublin, had a large house-party to meet the eminent Jesuit, including the Earl and Countess of Fingal and many of the Irish gentry of the district. Sir Horace, who is a son of the sixteenth Lord Dunsany, derives his pedigree from the same ancestor as Lord Fingall. In early life, he was engaged for some years in cattle-ranching in America. For more than a quarter of a century he has taken great interest in all agricultural questions in Ireland, on which he is recognised as an authority; and some fifteen years ago he founded the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society. For some years he sat as M.P. for Dublin. He has a charming abode—'Kilteragh'—at Foxrock, near Dublin, and spends some portion of each year in London.

Lord Walter Talbot Kerr, G.C.B. (son of the seventh Marquis of Lothian), who has just entered his seventieth year, joined the Royal Navy, of which he is now Fleet-Admiral, in 1853. He saw active service as a cadet of the Neptune and the Cornwallis in the Baltic during the Crimean war, and as a midshipman with the Naval Brigade at the Relief of Lucknow by Sir Colin Campbell, receiving for both operations two medals and the clasp for Lucknow. Close on forty years ago, on the second anniversary of his attainment of the rank of Commander, he gained the silver medal of the Royal Humane Society by heroically saving life in the River Tagus. He has been thrice a Lord of the Admiralty, has held command in the Channel and Mediterranean Squadrons, and was an A.D.C. to the late Queen Victoria. Lord Walter is president of the Nottingham Diocesan Schools Association, and is a member of the Catholic Education Council. The late Lady Amabel Kerr, whose name will ever be held in benediction in the Catholic Church in England, was his wife; and Father Ralph F. Kerr, of the London Oratory, is his eldest son.

The Earl of Granard, who, rumor asserts, is about to choose as his future wife one of the fairest and wealthiest of American heiresses (says the *Catholic Weekly*), has recently been staying in New York on a visit to the home of the young lady and her mother. Lord Granard, who of late years has been a well-known figure in the London social world, is a high and greatly esteemed official of the Court. Appointed a Lord-in-Waiting to King Edward in 1905, he holds at present the important position of Master of the Horse in the Royal household, and is, it is stated, an especial favorite with his Majesty, who has entrusted him with many missions of an important character. Lord Granard, who is of commanding height and strikingly handsome appearance, and who is much admired for his geniality and urbane disposition, was formerly in the Scots Guards, and served with his regiment in the late South African war. He is a Privy Councillor, and a Grand Cross of the Order of Isabella and of Charles III. of Spain. On his mother's side he is a descendant of the Petres, a noble family who hold a pre-eminent place among the Catholic aristocracy of England for their unswerving fidelity to the faith through the long era of persecution, and who have supplied an honorable roll of ecclesiastics to the Church for four centuries. The founder of his race was Sir Alexander de Forbes, chief of his clan, who was made a peer of Scotland by King James II. in 1448. A later ancestor, the first Earl, who was a devoted adherent to the Royal cause in Scotland, received that dignity as a recognition of his services under Montrose, and was appointed Marshal of the Army in Ireland in 1670, and the family have been settled in the country since that period.



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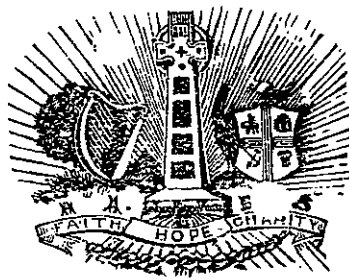
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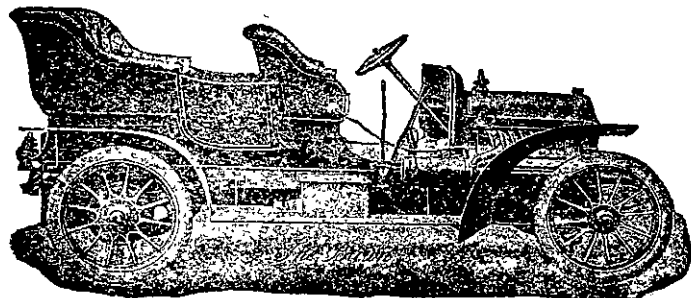
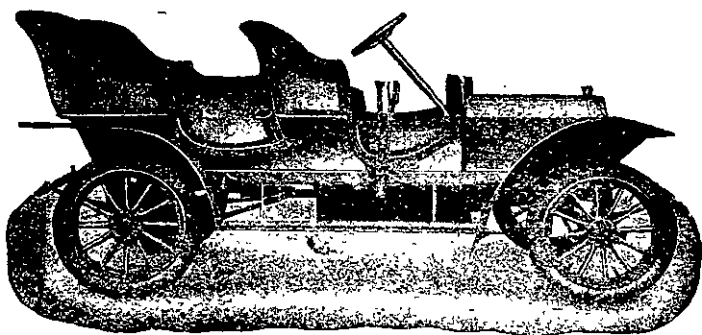
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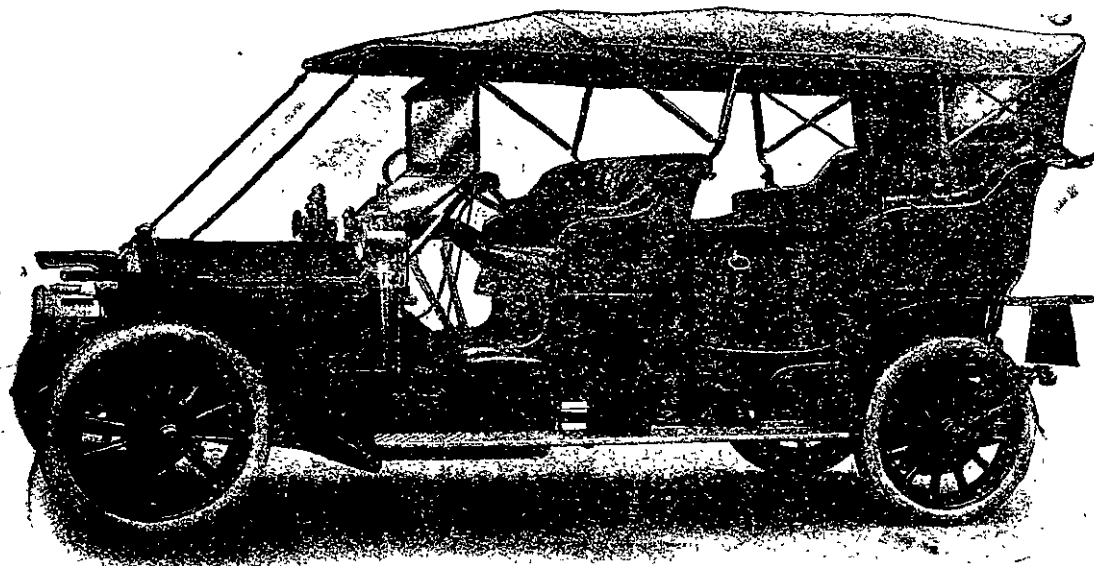
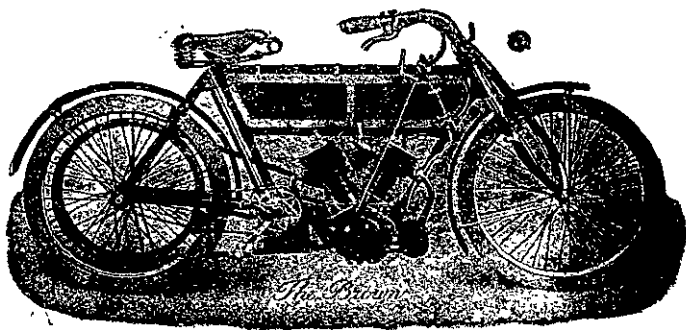


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ENGLAND—A Precious Souvenir

One of the most highly valued of the treasures possessed by the Duke of Norfolk is a beautiful golden crucifix which was presented to him, when quite a little boy, by the late Pope Pius IX. The occasion was a visit to Rome of his Grace's father, the late Duke, who was accompanied to the Vatican by his young son, and received in audience by the Holy Father. During the interview the Sovereign Pontiff, who was much taken with the future head of the Howards, asked the lad what he would like best. The boy's response was an unexpected one. 'Holy Father, I should like to see your bedroom; for they say no one is ever allowed to go there.' Smilingly, the Pope took the boy by the hand and led him into his private chamber. There, taking down from the wall the crucifix which hung at the head of the bed, he placed it in the hands of the delighted guest, and bade him keep it as a remembrance. There is now no more greatly revered object than that precious souvenir of the gentle and saintly Pío Nono, bestowed on the Duke at his first audience with Christ's Vicar.'

ROME—Brazilian Pilgrims

A body of Brazilian pilgrims were received by the Holy Father on September 28, being introduced by the Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro. His Holiness said Brazil was one of the countries that gave him joy, because though Church and State had been separated, religion was respected.

Sports at the Vatican

The Holy Father was present for nearly two hours at the International Sports, which took place in Rome on September 26 in Bramantes' Courtyard at the Vatican. Irish athletes distinguished themselves. Carroll gained the gold medal for rope-climbing; McCarthy won the gold medal for the high jump; while in the long jump Kirwan and McCarthy were equal. On Sunday all the athletes taking part in the sports marched in procession through Rome.

The Holy Father and Ireland

The Holy Father has once more been disclosing to representatives of Catholic Ireland the cordiality of his feeling towards her people. Ireland has, indeed, had a high and honored place amongst the nations that have been tendering homage and affection to the Holy Father on the occasion of his jubilee (says the *Catholic Times*). The Municipality of Dublin, on September 24, presented its greetings and good wishes through Mr. J. P. Nannetti, M.P., ex-Lord Mayor, who, to the manifest delight of his Holiness, referred with pride to the fact that the blood of Italy and of Ireland commingles in his veins. The Pontiff spoke with emotion of the sentiments of devotion and attachment contained in the Irish address from the Council, and he regarded the exquisite illumination of the work as a proof that in artistic decoration the Irish hand has not lost its cunning. The Irish Confraternities, the members of the Young Men's Society of Ireland, and, above all, the Irish athletes, who have achieved such brilliant victories in the Vatican sports, who figured so prominently in Sunday's great procession through the Eternal City, and who have so well deserved an enthusiastic welcome home from their fellow-countrymen, met with the kindest reception from his Holiness. The Pontiff expressed his conviction that to the firmness of their faith are chiefly due such religious liberties as the Catholics of England enjoy. The warm, hearty tribute paid to the fidelity of the Catholics of Ireland will encourage them in the struggle upon which the Catholics of these islands have entered for abolishing the last remnants and vestiges of intolerant laws.

Irish Music at the Vatican

The scene at the Vatican on September 24, when his Irish children crowded round the Holy Father in such numbers and so enthusiastically attested their filial homage, will not soon be forgotten by the Pope or by any one who enjoyed the privilege of being present. Particularly inspiring (says the *Catholic Times*) was it to the Irishmen, to hear in such a spot the stirring strains of 'The wearing of the green,' as Mr. Ceannt, in the picturesque costume of the Gaël, marched into the Sala Consistoria with stately stride, playing the pipes, passed before the Pope, whose surprise and admiration were evident, and then, playing still, withdrew. In our Roman correspondent's letter the incidents of the memorable reception are described in detail. In a letter to us the Rev. J. W. Thomson, of St. James's, Raw-

tenstall, thus gives the impression made upon him: 'I had the great pleasure of being present at the audience granted by the Pope to the pilgrims from Ireland. This was very kindly allowed me by Dr. O'Hagan, of the Irish College, Rome. The distinctive note of this remarkable audience was the intense enthusiasm displayed by the Irish Catholics in the actual presence of the Holy Father. Although I was present at three or four audiences in former years, I never remember to have heard or read of the like. The Sala Consistoria, where we were all assembled, surely never heard such cheers, resounding Irish cheers. Suddenly, as if to accentuate all this, were heard the well known strains of the Irish pipes. Coming gradually from a distance, the player advanced between the two rows of ladies, lay gentlemen, and clergy, and stopped in front of the Pope. Never, I venture to say, did Pope before hear such music. Pius X. was very visibly pleased, laughing good humoredly. Our Roman correspondent says that the Irish music and cheers seemed to dispel, as if by magic, every vestige of the care of which the Pope's face had shown signs.'

The Holy Father's Health

Pope Pius X.'s references to his few remaining years, at his reception of the Venetian pilgrims, do not seem to have depressed his old subjects of the Patriarchate. One of them, a journalist, Signor Succardo, who for twenty years has been a friend of the Pope, describing his interview, says the Pope has still all the appearance of a man in the full vigor of life. Apart from his white locks, his three-and-seventy years appear to weigh lightly upon his shoulders. The upright head, lively step, quick, clear eye, strong voice without a break, the animated, sparkling, pointed conversation of a mind ever on the alert and nourished by the prodigious memory which is one of the principal characteristics of his Holiness, proclaim his vigor. His strength, for the rest, is lavishly spent without fatiguing itself, during the long day's labors that endure from five in the morning until far into the night. Never for a moment relaxed, the strange thing is that his bearing never shows the slightest trace of weariness.

SCOTLAND The Faith in the Highlands

To-day (writes an Edinburgh correspondent) a large percentage of the population of the Western Highlands and Hebrides are Catholics, and there are many well known aristocratic families who have never departed from the Faith. There can be no doubt whatever that in recent years Catholicism has made headway in the Highlands of Scotland. In Banffshire and in some of the Lowland counties the progress has been most marked. Tomintoul has been a living centre of the Faith for more than five hundred years. And other districts follow close on the heels of 'the highest town in Scotland.' Rationalism may marshal its forces, but so far it has failed to make the slightest impression on the sturdy, unconquerable Faith of the loyal Catholics in Glenlivet or in the far north.

UNITED STATES—The See of St. Louis

Rev. C. J. Armstrong, a Baptist editor of St. Louis, Missouri, in an article on the religious status of that city, says that the Catholics of the Missouri metropolis number 350,000, as against 128,985 affiliated with all other Churches. This certainly is a splendid showing for the strength of Catholicity in St. Louis. The corner-stone of a new Cathedral was laid at St. Louis on October 18 by the Apostolic Delegate, Monsignor Falconio.

Religion in Panama

On account of the large number of Catholics among the Italian and Spanish laborers (says the *Canal Record*, of Panama), the commission maintains four chaplains of that Faith. A chaplain who visits the camps and hospitals along the line of the canal lives in Panama City, and local chaplains are stationed in Ancon, Culebra, and Colon. A chapel is being built at Culebra by the Catholics on a site furnished by the commission. A Catholic chapel was part of Ancon hospital, as transferred by the French to the Americans, and it is maintained by the commission. The Cathedral and churches in Panama and Colon are also used by the Catholics of the Zone.

What Catholics Pay for Education

Rev. P. J. Riordan, of Chicago, recently stated that if all the parochial schools in that city were closed it would cost Chicago taxpayers 10,000,000 dollars to erect school buildings enough to accommodate the new pupils, and 2,000,000 dollars a year additional to pay the wages of the increased number of teachers that would be required. This is a striking demonstration of the tremendous financial sacrifice the Catholics of Chicago are compelled to make in order that they may secure for their children the great blessing of a Christian education. And it is

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GENERAL

The Catholic Hierarchy

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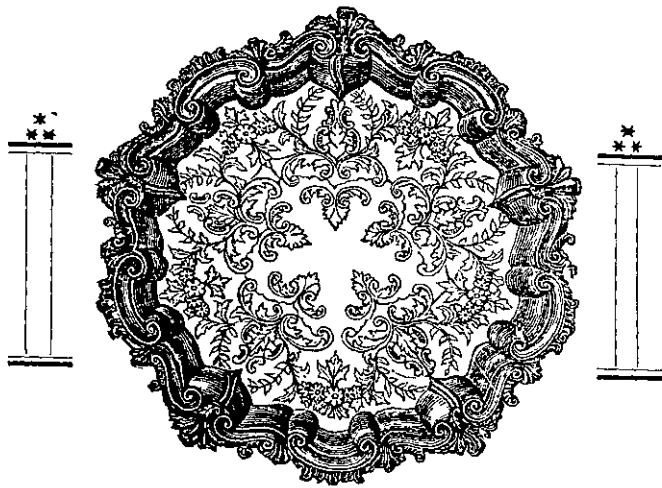
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Sun Baths for Nerves.

'Imitate your cat, madam, and take a sun bath these spring mornings if you want to get rid of your nerves,' said a specialist to one of his patients recently. 'See how lazy and happy pussy looks as he stretches his body and blinks his eyes in the morning sun. If cats had nerve diseases this would be the best thing in the world to cure them.'

'Every sanatorium has its sun room now, but women ought not to wait till they have reached the sanatorium stage of breaking down before they indulge in anything as cheap as a sun bath. Any woman who has a south window and an easy chair can have a sun bath every morning if she only determines to take it. If the potatoes have to be peeled, or the stockings darned, they can be done during the sun bath, but the best way of all is to take it just as the cat does—in the laziest fashion possible. Move your chair within range of the sunlight and luxuriate for half an hour. It's better than gallons of medicine, and may save hours and hours of dullness or staying in bed later on.'

'One of my patients who had a severe case of nervous prostration last spring brought herself out of it after I had tried everything, just by chasing the sun around the house from window to window, so that she got every bit that came in during the day.'

Mending China and Glass.

An excellent cement for china or glass can be made out of gum arabic and plaster of Paris. Make a thick solution of the gum arabic in water, and then stir in enough plaster of Paris to make a thick paste. Apply to the broken edges of the china with a camel's hair brush, and stick them firmly together. Do not use for three or four days, and then your china will be perfectly firm and as good as new. I have also made china as good as new by putting the broken ware together with strings, and then letting it simmer on the back of the stove in sweet milk for a day. The milk should cover the dish. I had a piece broken out of a fine glass water jug, and thought I would have to throw it away, but mended it with cement, and it has served its purpose for several years since, and is as good as ever. Dissolve one part of indiarubber in some chloroform, then add sixteen parts of gum mastic in powder form. Let this stand for several days, shaking frequently. Apply to the glass with a fine brush.

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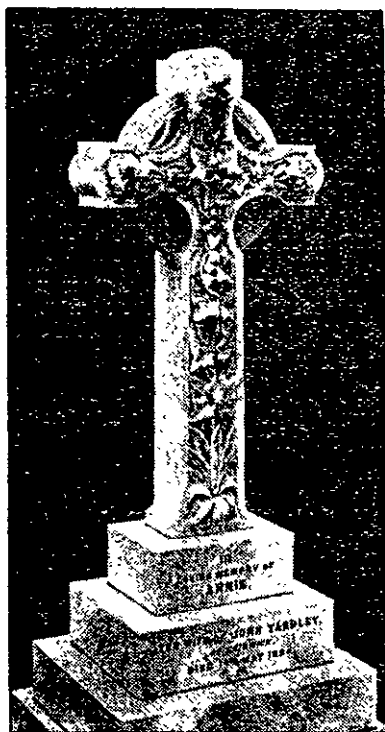
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Intercolonial

Among the passengers by the French mail steamer which arrived in Sydney last week were eight priests from France, who are to take up missionary work in the South Sea Islands.

Four Irish priests arrived in Sydney on October 31 by the Orient mail steamer. All came from All Hallows College, Dublin, and were the Rev. Fathers Bernard O'Farrell, Michael O'Connell, Daniel O'Sullivan, and John O'Reilly.

News was received in Carcoar the other day that the Rev. Philip Ryan, first resident priest of the district, had passed away at Mount Melleray, Waterford, on October 1. He had been a member of the Community for the past twenty-six years.

The report of the Registrar for the year 1907 shows that the people who constitute the membership of friendly societies in New South Wales have shared in the general prosperity. New societies increased from 45 to 62, while membership of friendly societies proper went up to 116,985, an increase of 10,307 on the previous year.

The Rev. Fathers Flannery and Rohan, from All Hallows College, Dublin, and the Rev. Father O'Regan, from Thurles College, arrived recently in Melbourne. They have been temporarily appointed by the Vicar-General as follows (says the *Advocate*):—Father Flannery to Collingwood; Father Rohan to Flemington; and Father O'Regan to the Cathedral. Four young Australians will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Patrick's College, Manly, Sydney, on the 30th inst., the feast of St. Andrew, and on their arrival in Melbourne fixed missions will be assigned to them, as well as the new arrivals from Ireland.

News of the death by drowning of the Rev. Father Perthuis, a French missionary stationed in the New Hebrides, and of one of the Sisters of the mission, was brought to Sydney (says the *Freeman's Journal*) by the French steamer *Pacificque*. The deceased were on their way from the island of Ambrym to the island of Mallicolo in an open boat, when the little craft was suddenly struck by a squall, and was either overturned by the violence of the wind or was driven on to a reef and capsized. The identity of the Sister had not been established when the *Pacificque* left, but it was gathered from the natives that the victim was either Sister Clemaneau or Sister Marie Jacques. The crew of ten natives clung to the bottom of the upturned boat, and were subsequently rescued.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran has made the following changes and appointments in the archdiocese of Sydney:—The Rev. E. Hanrahan, from Araluen to Cobargo; Rev. M. McNamara, from Cobargo to Araluen. The Rev. William Barry, of St. Mary's Cathedral, has been appointed Administrator of St. Joseph's Church at Newtown, during the vacancy created by the death of the Very Rev. Dean Slatery. The Rev. R. Murray will leave Bega to assist in the Wollongong parish. The Rev. T. Vaughan leaves Bulli for Bega. The Rev. John O'Reilly will act as assistant at Bulli; the Rev. Bernard O'Farrell at St. Augustine's, Balmain; the Rev. M. O'Connell, at Erskineville; the Rev. D. O'Sullivan, at Moruya; and the Rev. R. O'Regan, jun., will leave Moruya for St. Mary's Cathedral parish, where he will assist.

Miss Pauline S. Gill, a native of this State (says the *Sydney Freeman's Journal*), has obtained the unique distinction of taking first place in all Ireland at the Intermediate Examination just held there, thus securing the coveted medal. She also secured the medal for first place, second year in experimental science. Those medals (says an exchange) are looked upon as the badge of the highest test of efficiency in the student. Miss Gill also won several money prizes. She received her primary education from the nuns of St. Joseph, Sydney, and is at present being educated by the Loreto Order at their College, Stephen's Green, Dublin. A branch of this famous Order is located at Normanhurst, North Sydney line. Miss Gill, it may be mentioned, was much junior in years to her fellow-competitors at this examination.

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• Tree Life.

Brazilian cocoanut palms live from 600 to 700 years, and the Arabs assert that the date palm frequently reaches the age of 200 to 300 years. Wallan's oak near Paisley, Scotland, is known to be more than 700 years old, and there are eight olive trees on the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem, which are known to have been flourishing in 1099. The yews at Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire, were old trees when in 1132 the abbey was built, and a redwood in Mariposa Grove, California, is a manifold centenarian. Baobab trees of Africa have been computed to be more than 5000 years old, and the deciduous cypress at Chapultepec is considered to be of a still greater age. Humboldt said that the *Dracaena Draco* at Orotava, on Teneriffe, was one of the oldest inhabitants of the earth.

The Cape of Good Hope.

An early navigator, Bartholomeu Diaz, commissioned by King John II. of Portugal to continue the work of African exploration down the west coast, sailed from Lisbon in August, 1486, with a small force and landed at several places, of which he took possession in the name of his master. As he approached the southern extremity of the continent he was blown out to sea by a tremendous storm and doubled the Cape without knowing it. Land was not again made until the mouth of the Great Fish River was sighted, and the ships came to anchor in Algoa Bay. A council held there decided to return home, and on the way back the Cape was discovered and christened by the commander, in remembrance of his first experience, Cabo Tormentoso, or Cabo des Todos les Tormentos; that is, Cape of All the Storms. When the discovery was reported to the king he immediately saw the immense possibilities of a new road to the Indies, and bestowed upon it the happier name of the Cape of Good Hope. By a singular corruption of its first title the Cape was long known to English seamen as the Cape of Torments, and the legend of the 'Flying Dutchman' was localised there by a misunderstanding of the experience of this Portuguese expedition.

Troublesome Insects.

Many insects produce a good deal of irritation, and even dangerous sores, by biting and burrowing in the human skin, without secreting any active poison (remarks Sir Ray Lankester in the *Daily Telegraph*). Often they introduce microscopic germs of disease in this way from one animal to another, as, for instance, do gnats, tsetse-flies, and horse-flies, and as do some small kinds of ticks or mites. The bites of the flea, of midges, gnats, and bugs are comparatively harmless unless germs of disease are introduced by them, an exceptional occurrence. They may be treated with an application of carbolic acid dissolved in camphor. The pain caused by the acid stings of bees, wasps, ants, and nettles can be alleviated by dabbing the wound with weak ammonia (hartshorn). Insects which bury themselves in the skin, such as the jigger-flea of the West Indies and tropical Africa, should be dug out with a needle or fine blade. The minute creatures, like a cheese-mite, which burrow and breed in the skin of man and cause the affliction known as the itch, must be poisoned by sulphurated acid—a result achieved by rubbing the skin freely with sulphur ointment on two or three successive days. A serious pest in the summer in many parts of England is a little animal known as the harvest-man. These are the young of a small red spider-like creature, called *Trombidium*. They get on to the feet of persons walking in the grass, and crawl up the legs and burrow into the tender skin. Benzine will keep them away if applied to the ankles or stockings when they are about, and will also destroy them once they have effected a lodgment.

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BABY HAS GONE TO SCHOOL

The baby has gone to school; ah me!
What will the mother do,
With never a call to button or pin,
Or tie a little shoe?
How can she keep herself busy all day
With the little 'hindering thing' away?

Another basket to fill with lunch,
Another good-bye to say,
And the mother stands at the door to see
Her baby march away.
And turns with a sigh that is half relief,
And half a something akin to grief.

She thinks of a possible future morn,
When the children one by one
Will go from their home out into the world,
To battle with life alone,
And not even the baby be left to cheer
The desolate home of that future year.

She picks up garments here and there,
Thrown down in careless haste,
And tries to think how it would seem
If nothing were displaced;
If the hours were always as still as this,
How could she fear the loneliness?

ADA'S LESSON

'We have drawing and music and writing and spelling and arithmetic and ever so many other things in our school,' said Ada, who was checking them off on her fingers as she spoke. 'What do you and Fred study at your school, Ella?'

'We've never been to school,' said Fred and Ella together. 'Mama teaches us at home.'

'Never been to school and you're eight years old!' said Ada in surprise. 'Isn't that awful?'

'Our schoolhouse burned down just before school commenced,' said Ella. 'We'll go next term.'

'I suppose you don't know very much, then,' said Ada. 'Of course your mama hasn't much time to hear your lessons. We have a drawing teacher and a regular teacher and a music teacher, besides a superintendant. It keeps us just awful busy.'

Fred and Ella looked very sober after that. They loved their mama and thought she knew everything without looking in any book, but she was very busy, and some days they had very short lessons. They had no drawing nor music, and they did not even know what Nature study was that Ada talked about. They were sorry their mama had said the lessons should go right on during their cousin's visit, for now she would find out how little they knew.

'Mr. Masters wants six and one-half dozen of eggs at sixteen cents a dozen,' said Mr. Forbes, coming in just then. 'Which of you children can tell me how much that would be?'

'Where is a pencil?' asked Ada, looking around for a piece of paper. 'I know I can tell quicker than anybody.'

'One dollar and four cents!' cried Fred, and a minute later Ella said it too.

'How do you know?' asked Ada, in surprise, dropping her paper. 'You have had that problem before.'

'No, we haven't,' said Fred, 'but every time we gather the eggs mama asks us how much they will bring in market. She makes problems out of everything, and won't let us take a pencil to work them.'

'I never get my highest grades in arithmetic,' said Ada, 'but in Nature study I often get one hundred.'

Fred and Ella asked what Nature study meant. 'Why, it's about trees and flowers,' said Ada. 'It shows how to tell trees and plants.'

'Oh, is that it?' cried both children. 'Can you tell me what every tree is by looking at it?'

'Our book shows every tree,' said Ada positively. 'I know them all.'

'What is that one out there?' asked Mr. Forbes.

'I—I guess I'd have to have my book to tell,' said Ada. 'Anyway, it's got the leaves all off and our book shows the leaves. I think it must be an oak tree.'

'That's the tree we get our hickory-nuts off of,' said Ella.

That day Mrs. Forbes cut her hand, and Fred and Ella got dinner. They had baked potatoes, fried eggs, baked apples, and fried sausage all on the table when their papa came in, cold and hungry. Ada wanted to help, but she did not know how, so she could only look on and wonder how her cousins had time to learn so many things.

When her mama came for her, Ada had learned many things. 'Mama,' she said, 'Fred and Ella have never gone to school, and they know lots more than I do. And the worst of all is that I told them how much I knew. I've told them how sorry and ashamed I am, and they forgave me, but I wish I hadn't talked that way.'

'My dear, you have learned one lesson to last you all your life,' said her mama. 'The people who really know a great deal are the ones who never boast about it.'

THE RIGHT KIND OF CHARITY

A thoughtful woman asked the other day, in the course of conversation, 'Are we charitable enough? Not the charity that consists in almsgiving, do I mean, but the charity that thinketh no evil and speaketh none. Are we not too prone to judge our fellow-travellers on life's highway? And do we not credit too readily the whispered reports of evil concerning our neighbor? Now,' she continued bravely, 'I am not trying to condone the faults of this one or that one, nor asking you to accept as your associate one who you are convinced is not worthy of your regard. But, good friend, I would rather be imposed upon and trust an unworthy person than to charge with evil, even in my heart, one who is, to all intents, trying to live right.'

THE BLIND MEN AND THE ELEPHANT

There were once six blind men who had often heard of elephants, but who had never seen one for, being blind, how could they?

It so happened one morning that an elephant was driven down the road where they stood, and they asked the driver to let him stop so that they might see him.

Of course, they could not see him with their eyes; but they thought that by touching him they could learn just what kind of animal he was.

The first one happened to put his hand on the elephant's side. 'Well, well!' he said, 'now I know all about this beast. He is exactly like a wall.'

The second felt only of the elephant's tusk. 'My brother,' he said, 'you are mistaken. He is not at all like a wall. He is round and smooth and sharp. He is more like a spear than anything else.'

The third happened to take hold of the elephant's trunk. 'Both of you are wrong,' he said. 'Anybody who knows anything can see that this elephant is like a snake.'

The fourth reached out his arms and grasped one of the elephant's legs. 'Oh, how blind you are!' he said. 'It is plain to me that he is round and tall like a tree.'

The fifth was a very tall man, and he chanced to take hold of the elephant's ear. 'The blindest man ought to know that this beast is not like any of the things that you name,' he said. 'He is exactly like a huge fan.'

The sixth was very blind indeed, and it was some time before he could find the elephant at all. At last he seized the animal's tail. 'O, foolish fellows!' he cried. 'You surely have lost your senses. This elephant is not like a wall, or a spear, or a snake, or a tree; neither is he like a fan. But any man with a particle of sense can see he is exactly like a rope.'

THE REASON WHY

An old plasterer is called upon to give evidence for the plaintiff. Counsel for the defendant tries to bully him.

'Your name is John Dobbs?'

'Yes.'

'Are you the same John Dobbs who was sentenced to eight days' imprisonment for using bad language?'

'No.'

'Are you the same John Dobbs who was sentenced to a couple of years' hard labor for theft?'

'No, that wasn't me, either.'

'Then you have never been in prison?'

'Yes, twice.'

'Ah! and how long the first time?'

'One whole afternoon.'

'What!—and the second time?'

'Only one hour.'
 'And, pray, what offence had you committed to deserve so small a punishment?'
 'I was sent to prison to whitewash a cell to accommodate a lawyer who had cheated one of his clients.'

WHEN LOOKING FOR WORK

Here is the experience of one lad who is holding a high position in a big manufacturing concern:

My first opportunity to show my ability was owing to the fact that I was not afraid to soil my clothes. I was one of half a dozen young men just graduated from scientific schools who had entered this company's shop as students. They were expected to show that they were practical workmen; but most of them preferred theory to practice. The manager of this company was a self-taught man. He did not have much of an opinion of scientific schools. I had a little judgment of character, so I understood this plain but unyielding person very well. What I did was to put on some old clothes when I went to work in the shops. One day, when stretched out on my back under a heavy casting, hammer and chisel in hand, working away for dear life, the manager noticed me. I was summoned into his office a week later.

'I think that I saw you under the castings a few days ago. Was it you?' he asked.

'Yes,' I replied.

'I find that we have a vacancy on our staff. Do you care to fill it?'

This was the opportunity I wanted. I took the work. I do not need to wear soiled clothes now.

REFLECTIONS

Character is better than wealth.—Irish.

Love your neighbor, but don't pull down the fence.—German.

Men make houses, but women make homes.—Danish.

There are boys of all ages.—French.

'Tis not the many oaths that make the truth.—Shakespeare.

ODDS AND ENDS

Miss Withers (showing photograph of herself): 'I'm afraid it's rather faded.' Binks (inexperienced, aged nineteen): 'Yes but it's just like you.'

Sergeant Major: 'Now, Private Smith, you know very well none but officers and non-commissioned officers are allowed to walk across the grass!'

Private Smith: 'But, Sergeant Major, I've Captain Graham's verbal orders to—'

Sergeant Major: 'Show me the captain's verbal orders! Show 'em to me, sir!'

FAMILY FUN

An Interesting Experiment.—A very interesting experiment is made with a piece of thread, a sixpence, and an empty tumbler. Tie a slip-knot in the end of the thread, loop it over the sixpence, and draw it tight, so that the money will not fall out. Take the end of the thread between the thumb and finger, letting the thread pass over the ball of the thumb. Rest the elbow on the table, and suspend the sixpence over the empty tumbler, so that it will hang about the middle of the glass. After a minute or two the sixpence will become stationary; then it will begin to swing slowly to and fro until it hits the side of the glass. It will strike the side of the glass the number of the hour the nearest to the time of day in which the experiment is tried. When it has struck the hour the swinging grows slower and slower until the sixpence is at rest. Of course, the hand must be perfectly still during the trial. This is a very curious experiment and one which has no satisfactory explanation.

Farmyard Snap.—This is a good card game for a lot of people. Each member of the party chooses to represent an inhabitant of a farmyard, and instead of calling out 'snap' when he sees a card like his own turned up, he will make the noise of the beast or bird which his opponent represents. Should he, however, make a mistake and utter a wrong sound, his own cards will be placed in 'pool' until he can win them back.

All Sorts

Manners carry the world for a moment, character for all time.

Every thing has an end. Even young ladies in love cannot read their letters for ever.

The fate of a nation will ultimately depend on the strength and health of the population.

One Japanese firm has calico printing mills covering four acres. Twelve years ago the industry was unknown in that country.

The female element is very much in excess in Germany, the women exceeding the men by more than 1,000,000, according to recent statistics.

'What does the doctor say is the matter with Mirandy?' 'He says she has pneumatic tendencies and that she is threatened with spiral trouble.'

Uncle Tom: 'The baby's looking wonderfully happy to-night.' Nurse: 'I expect he heard a lady who called this afternoon say that he wan't a bit like any of his relations.'

Sign of Precocity.—First Magazine Editor: 'I believe my youngster is cut out for an editor.' Second Editor: 'Why so?' First Editor: 'Everything he gets his hands on he runs and throws into the waste basket.'

'Is anyone waiting on you?' finally asked the haughty saleslady, condescending at last to notice the shopping person.

'I'm afraid not,' replied the latter; 'my husband was—I left him outside—but I'm afraid he's become disgusted and gone home.'

Sassenach Humorist (amusing himself at expense of Highland caddie): 'Hoots, ye ken, ma bit laddie, yon was nae so muckle bad a shot the noo. Wha think ye?' The Bit Laddie: 'Eh! Ah'm the kin' ye'll laarn Scotch quicker'n ye'll iver laarn gouf.'

The annual report of the Krupp Works at Essen shows that the firm employs 70,000 persons and is thus the world's greatest employer of labor. This number includes 6000 engineers. The firm devotes half a million sterling a year to premiums for old-age, disability, and sickness among its employees.

It is a waste of time to be busying yourself with what you conceive to be the faults of other people. Be assured that others see quite as many and as reprehensible faults in you. A good many people, who think themselves reformers especially chosen to point out and reprove the sins of others are merely insufferable nuisances.

A cat belonging to Mrs. Jones had caused great annoyance to the small boys of the neighborhood by killing some of their pets, so they decided to set a trap for it. Dwight, a little boy of seven, with a very tender heart, was much afraid some innocent cat would suffer, so printed the following notice and pinned it on the trap:

'This is for Jones's cat only.'

'Come, now, Pat,' said a Cockney tourist to an Irish peasant, whom he had encountered in Connemara. 'I'll give you a sovereign if you tell a bigger lie than you ever told before.'

'Faith, sir, you're a real gentleman,' Pat responded, and the company unanimously declared the sovereign earned.

Generally speaking, races living at high altitudes have weaker and more highly pitched voices than those living in regions where the supply of oxygen is more plentiful. Thus, among the American Indians living on the plateaus between the ranges of the Andes, at an elevation of from 10,000 to 14,000 feet, the men have voices like the women and the women like the children, and their singing is a shrill monotone.

The humors of the schoolroom are many and varied, and the labor of teaching is often brightened by flashes which illumine the daily task of directing the young idea how to shoot. Examination-papers are often unconsciously very funny. In a recent test in physiology the pupils were asked to describe briefly the heart and its functions, or work. One of the answers received read: 'The heart is a comical-shaped bag. The heart is divided into several parts by a fleshy petition. These parts are called right artillery, left artillery, and so forth. The functions of the heart is between the lungs. The work of the heart is to repair the different organs in about half a minute.'