

preliminary, higher grade intermediate, and higher grade advanced—all of which are regularly examined by H.M. inspectors. It is proposed to celebrate the jubilee of the college with suitable recognition of its immense value as an educational asset both to the Catholic religion and to the social life of Scotland generally.

A Catholic Judge

The appointment of Mr. William Campbell, a Catholic, as Court of Sessions judge in Scotland, the first appointment of a Catholic to the Scottish Bench since the 'Reformation,' has excited a good deal of interest at both sides of the Border. The Superior Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Glasgow have forwarded to Lord Skerrington, president of the Superior Council of Edinburgh, their heartiest congratulations on his elevation to the Judicial Bench of Scotland. Skerrington, the title assumed by Mr. William Campbell, K.C., is an Ayrshire estate owned by the new judge.

UNITED STATES—A Son of an Irish Patriot

Admirers of John Mitchel, author of *The Jail Journal*, will learn with regret (says the *Catholic Times*) of the death of his son, Captain James Mitchel, in New York, on October 5. He died a Catholic, and was interred, after a High Mass at St. Francis Xavier's, at Woodlawn Cemetery. Captain Mitchel was born in Newry in 1840.

Vacant Sees

An unusual number of Sees are vacant in the United States at present. Nominations soon to be made are an archbishop for Santa Fe and a coadjutor for San Francisco; new bishops for Cleveland, and for the new diocese of Toledo, O.; coadjutors and assistant bishops for Detroit, Syracuse, Burlington, Vt., Baltimore, New Orleans, Dubuque, Cincinnati, and Milwaukee.

No Rivalry

Referring to the fact that the State of Louisiana maintains an asylum for lepers, which it has given in charge to Catholic Sisters, the *Ave Maria* remarks: 'We are not aware that Protestants of any denomination have ever objected to this action on the part of the State Government, or claimed the right of sharing in the Sisters' service.'

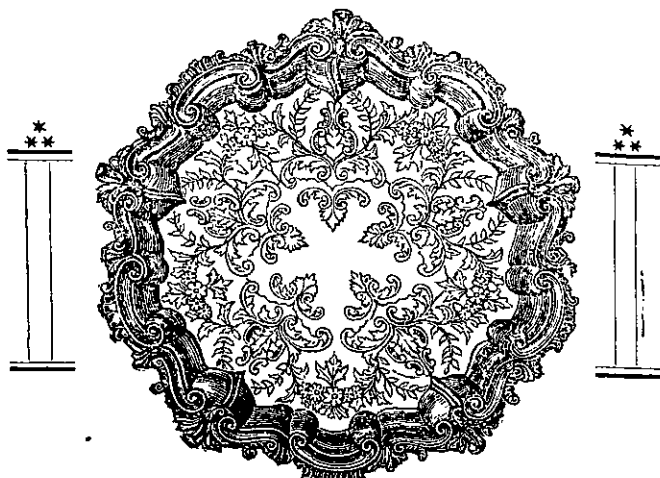
The *New Zealand Year Book* for 1908, a copy of which we have just received, contains a great deal of useful and interesting information respecting the Dominion, its population, resources, progress, etc. The special articles deal with the land system of the Dominion, advances to settlers and workers, Government valuation of land, old age pensions, etc.

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By MAUREEN

For a Restless Child.

If a delicate child has a habit of kicking the clothes off at night, and so contracting chills, it is a good plan to sew a large button to each corner of the coverlet and attach a long tape loop to the corners of the bedstead. When fastened this contrivance will keep the bedclothes securely in place, however much the child may toss in his sleep.

Piano Keys.

The appearance of a piano is considerably lessened if the keys are faded or yellow. To keep the keys in good condition dissolve half an ounce of fine white wax, shredded small, with turpentine, by heat, till it becomes of the consistency of cream. Apply a small quantity of this to the keys with a flannel, and polish by rubbing well with soft rags. This will cleanse and brighten them. Leave the piano open for several hours each week, and the keys will not turn yellow.

Boot Dressing.

A simple, and at the same time one of the best dressings for black leather is orange juice. Take a slice of orange, and rub it well into the leather, and after letting it dry brush the leather with a soft brush, and a brilliant polish will result. An excellent cleanser for brown or tan boots is the inside of a banana skin, which should be rubbed evenly over the shoe. When dry, polish with a soft cloth.

Bright Grates and Fire Irons.

Now that grates and fire irons are not in use, it will be necessary to protect them from rust. To preserve them, make a strong paste of fresh lime and water, and with a brush smear it as thickly as possible over all the polished surface requiring preservation. By this simple means all the grates and fire irons in an empty house will be kept for months free from harm without further care or attention.

Tender Feet.

Those whose occupation keeps them on their feet a great deal are often troubled with chafed, sore, and blistered feet, especially in hot weather, no matter how comfortably their shoes fit. A most efficacious powder for sifting into shoes and stockings is made of three parts of salicylic acid, ten parts of starch, and eighty-seven parts of pulverised soapstone. Any chemist will make it up for a small sum.

Cleaning Plate.

Shave a quarter of a pound of soap into a pot holding two quarts of water, and add a little soda. Into this put all the spoons, forks, etc., and boil for five minutes. Then remove the articles to a bowl of clean hot water, to rinse them; then dry and polish with a leather. The plate will be beautifully bright, and the trouble much less than if powder were used. Put aside the boiled soap in a jar, and add a little of it to the water in which the plate is washed whenever it is used, and you will find it easy to keep it nice and bright.

Uses for Salt.

Put a pinch of salt in the eggs you are beating, and they will be light in a much shorter time. Sprinkle it on the fire, and you will get the blue flame so much desired for broiling steak or chops. Sprinkle it on the bottom of the oven, and your cakes will not burn. Pour it quickly on spilled ink, and it will absorb most of the liquid before it has time to stain. Salt makes an excellent tooth-powder, but it is not advisable to use it daily, as it will spoil the enamel if used too frequently. An occasional brushing with it is recommended. Sprinkle it on the coals, and shake damp uncured ostrich feathers over the fumes, and the tendrils will curl up smartly. Bathe your tired eyes in salt and water, and you will be astonished at the strength it gives them. A pinch of salt improves cakes, candies, and almost everything that is cooked.

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