

in the fields of history and archæology—which placed him in the foremost ranks of the scholars of our time, made his episcopate in the Green Isle a memorable one, and added a fresh lustre to the Catholic hierarchy of his country. During the twelve years of that fruitful episcopate, this great ecclesiast gave a new impetus to the study of Irish archæology, and, in addition to the work of a busy episcopate, sent out from the press works—dealing with such widely different periods as the early Christian and the post-Reformation days in Ireland—that still remain standards in their diverse themes.

It was, however, in the wider field, and in the newer conditions, of the Southern lands that the first Australian Cardinal's powers have been most widely exercised and deeply impressed. He still continues to enrich Catholic literature with apologetic and historical works—his most memorable achievement in this line being, thus far, his monumental *History of the Catholic Church in Australasia*. Still true to his old love, his studies in Irish archæology and hagiology have never ceased under the Southern Cross, and great stores of literary and monumental lore have been added by him to his already rich treasury of earlier and later Celtic knowledge, including the life-story of the martyred Archbishop of Armagh, the Ven. Oliver Plunket—a subject in which he is acknowledged to be the foremost living authority. With administrative gifts of a high order, the great See over which he has ruled for a quarter of a century has advanced all along the line in what must be described as a remarkable way. Perhaps in no English-speaking land are what may be termed the machinery of the Church, and its varied and beneficent activities, more thoroughly organised and co-ordinated—Catholic education better equipped, Catholic charity broader, more varied, or more energising. In those five-and-twenty years a nation's ransom has been expended upon the work of organising and consolidating, and God's good work has gone triumphantly on. As a citizen and patriot, the Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney is an Australian of the Australians. 'In the early nineties,' says the *Sydney Freeman*, 'he gave the word of advice which ended the maritime strike; in the late nineties he pronounced the word at Bathurst which led to the Commonwealth; and since and all the time he has been with the people.' In the recent naval scare he struck the note which has been accepted as the Federal policy in the matter of Australian defence. The distinguished churchman stands, as a leader, abreast of all that is best in our age and day; neither time nor toil diminishes his robust and generous sympathies; and he retains ever the simplicity that adorns greatness. We wish him *ad multos annos* to lead his people up the gleaming heights.

Notes

The 'New Zealand Times'

Some one has evidently been 'heckling' the *New Zealand Times* (Wellington). So much, at least, we gather from the following doleful answer to a correspondent in its issue of March 26: "Observer" (Christchurch).—We have no quarrel with the editor of *The Tablet*, and do not see why you should have. He seems a very worthy pressman with an exemplary faculty for obeying instructions. No useful purpose would be answered by criticising his methods.'

It takes a great load off our mind to know that the *New Zealand Times* has 'no quarrel with the editor of *The Tablet*.' We note likewise that it finds 'no useful purpose' in criticising our criticisms of its methods. We—not acting under 'instructions,' but of our own initiative—have twice pointed out that the *New Zealand Times* has, under its present régime, fallen sadly away from its former high repute and literary strength and standing; that it has given the hospitality of its columns to specific coarse-grained stuff fit only for gutter-journals; that its managing-editor made, and published in its columns, a profession of journalistic faith, that, if put textually into practice, would land him every day of the week into conflict with laws that place a serious discount upon slander, libel, and 'offensive publications.' These are, in substance, our 'criticisms' of the methods of the *New Zealand Times*. And we are joined therein by some of the ablest secular daily papers in the Dominion. The *New Zealand Times* is right in its remark: 'No useful purpose would be answered' by criticising critics who know—and can maintain in or out of the columns of the *New Zealand Times*—the things whereof they write; and it is, generally speaking, wise policy and good discretion to have 'no quarrel'

with people who, having struck once, can strike again in the same place. In thus meekly kissing the rod, has the editor of the *New Zealand Times* been displaying 'an exemplary faculty for obeying instructions?' If he has been, then we have better hopes for him and for the *New Zealand Times* than we have had for some time past.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

A telegram received on Wednesday morning announced the death of Sister M. Magdalene in Queenstown.

The preachers during Holy Week at St. Joseph's Cathedral will be Rev. Father Lynch (Palmerston) on Holy Thursday, Rev. Father Morkane (Lawrence) on Good Friday morning, Rev. D. O'Neill (South Dunedin) on Good Friday evening.

We understand that a number of Catholic men of the city and suburbs intend to visit the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor on Saturday, and assist in putting the grounds in order. All who are willing to assist will be heartily welcomed.

The local secretary of Trinity College in Invercargill, (says the *Southland Times*) furnishes us with the following information regarding the musical examinations held by the College last year: The gold medal for senior honors, pianoforte playing (the only one obtained in Southland), was won by Miss Reina C. Gifford, pupil of the Dominican nuns, Bluff.

The following are the names of the students who received the subdiaconate from his Lordship the Bishop on March 25, in the chapel of the Provincial Ecclesiastical Seminary, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel:—Revs. Henry Woods, Cornelius Collins, Michael Scanlan, of Dunedin diocese; Revs. James McMenamin, Thomas Connolly, Leo Daily, of Wellington archdiocese.

The Memorial Church to the Irish Martyrs, Cromwell, which is now nearing completion, will be solemnly blessed and opened on Sunday, April 18, by his Lordship Bishop Verdon. The Rev. Father Hunt and his committee appeal to the Irish men and women of the Dominion to aid them in their work, so that the church may not be burdened with a heavy debt at the opening. A further list of subscriptions is published in this issue.

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of St. Joseph's Harrier Club on Monday evening. Mr. T. J. Hussey, who presided, complimented the members on the satisfactory condition of the affairs of the club as disclosed by the reading of the report and balance sheet. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Patron, Rev. Father Coffey; president, Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C.; vice-presidents, Rev. Father Buckley, Mrs. Jackson, Drs. O'Neill and Hastings, Messrs. Deehan and M. Coughlan; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. V. Quelch; captain, Mr. J. B. Callan, jun.; deputy-captain, Mr. T. J. Hussey; committee, captain, deputy-captain, secretary, and Messrs. J. Kilmartin and Jas. Swanson; auditor, Mr. E. W. Spain; delegate to N.Z.A.A.A., Mr. J. B. Callan, jun. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of delegate during the last season, and complimentary reference was made to the prominent part Mr. Callan, as president of the local centre, had taken in settlement of the recent athletic trouble. The opening run will be held from the residence of the Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C., on April 24.

Bishop Verdon in Invercargill

The Victoria Hall, Invercargill, was crowded on Monday evening, when his Lordship Bishop Verdon was accorded a formal reception, this being his first official visit to Invercargill since his return from Rome. About 8 o'clock the Hibernian Band led large numbers to the hall, where a most enjoyable conversation was held. During the evening an excellent programme of music and other items was given. Addresses of welcome were presented to his Lordship from the Catholics of the town and district by Mr. J. Collins, the Young Men's Literary Society by Mr. L. W. J. Morton, the H.A.C.B. Society by Mr. T. Pound, the Children of Mary by Miss Waterston, and the pupils of the Dominican Convent and Marist Brothers' School.

His Lordship thanked the parishioners and the various societies for their addresses and for their cordial welcome. Their reception that evening was a proof of the union that existed between pastor and people. His Lordship then gave an account of his travels, especially of his visit to Rome.

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