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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

April 11, Sunday.—Easter Sunday.
 „ 12, Monday.—Easter Monday.
 „ 13, Tuesday.—Easter Tuesday.
 „ 14, Wednesday.—Of the Octavo.
 „ 15, Thursday.—Of the Octavo.
 „ 16, Friday.—Of the Octavo.
 „ 17, Saturday.—Of the Octavo.

Easter Sunday.

'The festival of Easter,' writes St. Gregory, 'is the solemnity of solemnities, because it raises us from the earth into eternity, which it enables us to enjoy beforehand by faith, hope, and charity.' 'You shall rise again!' This is what the Church says to us by the eloquent voice of her ceremonies. From the holy temple all signs of mourning have disappeared. The altars are decked out with extraordinary magnificence. Ornaments of gay color and rich embroidery appear. Every face is bright. The bells are all in motion. The song of joy—the Alleluia—that word of the language of heaven fallen on earth for our festive days, resounds on all sides, is repeated every moment; is varied again and again; is modulated into every key; and when there are added the rays of a beautiful sun, you cannot avoid those feelings of hope and delight which it is the mission of this great day to inspire.

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Gather lilies, fair and fragrant,
 At the blessed Eastertide;
 Let their incense rise to heaven,
 Offered to the Crucified!
 For we know that Christ has risen
 From the grave wherein He lay;
 Let our hearts be all-exulting
 On this holy Easter Day!

See!—the earth has waked from slumber!
 Birds are singing everywhere;
 New life leaps from hill and hollow;
 One great, universal prayer
 Rises to the sky above us,—
 Prayer of praise to One in Three:
 Christ has conquered death and risen,—
 Conquered death for you and me!

—*Ave Maria.*

Men say that when they know they will do; Our Lord says that when we do we shall know.—Babcock.

A wide-spreading, hopeful disposition is your only true umbrella in this vale of tears.—T. B. Aldrich.

Take the Sunday with you through the week,
 And sweeten with it all the other days.

—Longfellow.

Christianity alone, of all human religions, possesses the power of keeping abreast with the advancing civilisation of the world.—James Freeman Clarke.

The blindest, the most purely instinctive, effort of mere pluck has a lifting power and deserves our thankful admiration. Every degree and every form of courage tends to raise the whole tone of life within the range of its influence in proportion to the amount and the quality of the endurance exercised.

As there is no true devotion to Christ's sacred Humanity which is not mindful of His Divinity, so there is no adequate love of the Son, which disjoins Him from His Mother, and lays her aside as a mere instrument, whom God chose as He might choose an inanimate thing, without regard to its sanctity or moral fitness.—Faber.

When God's call comes we should stop, look, and listen. Stop that we may be more fully informed of the duty of the hour; look that we may see more fully the path in which He would have us go; listen that we may hear the kindly persuasion of His love. Stop, for it is God Who calls; look, for the way can be travelled but once; listen, for He may never call again.

When all the world—the Christian world, at least—was Catholic, Lent was, of course, universally observed. As a result, there was a superabundance of meat on the market by the time the six weeks of abstinence were completed, and that article of food was correspondingly cheap. In oldtime Catholic England the phrase 'at Easter price' was equivalent to 'at a great discount,' very cheap.

The Storyteller

THE SPOTTER

'Travel seems to be steadily increasing on our Neustro Heights Branch, Ferris,' Mr. Goodwin, superintendent of the Grand Pacific Electric Railway, said to his assistant one morning as he came into the office. 'Bentley's car's almost always crowded. I rode down on twenty-seven, and it was scarcely half full, on the average. We crossed Bentley at the corner of Pacheco avenue and Ninth street, and there didn't seem to be standing room left on his car.'

'That's about how it most always is, Mr. Goodwin. Ferris glanced up in the big man's smooth, suave face as he spoke.

'But Bentley's cash-in turns don't tally up with the travel, Ferris. Needs looking into closer. See to it, please.'

'Bentley's the best conductor we've got, Mr. Goodwin. Five years without an off day or scratch to a passenger is our record-breaker, sir.'

Goodwin wriggled in his chair. 'He's had Monahan at his grip mor'n half that time, Ferris, an' you know well that it's the gripman quite as much as the conductor that prevents accidents.'

'They must work together, sir. Monahan and Bentley make as hang-up a team as you can scare up. Any fresh orders this morning, Mr. Goodwin?'

'The question nettled the stout, ruddy superintendent. 'If you can't conjure up some way of discovering the leakage on Bentley's car, I must take the matter in hand myself, Ferris.'

'His daily cash inturn in the office averages fully five per cent. more than any other conductor's on our road, sir, which you know without my telling you.'

Goodwin's absorption in a communication from the chairman of the Board of Directors of the road, which he was now reading, seemed to Ferris to make him oblivious of his reply. Tucking the letter as he finished it on top of the file which he had already gone through, under the paper-weight, he swung his revolving chair till he faced his tall, lank-featured assistant. 'See here, Ferris,' he retorted, 'you ain't such an overgrown easy as to suppose that a man can build a four thousand dollar house on the savings of five years' conductor's wages of a dollar and eighty-five cents a day?'

'Hardly, sir; hardly. But Bentley is a steady, sober, self-respecting young man, aiming to better himself. The Building and Loan Association helps him to build that home for his invalid mother, whom he supports. The rent of half the house will more than pay interest and taxes, and the property will increase in value all the time.'

'M-m-m, quite good financiers, you and Bentley, Ferris,' Goodwin snapped sardonically. 'But if I may hope that the interests of the Grand Pacific has any of your attention, sir, I shall henceforth look to see you aid our spotters in every possible way in scenting out the leaks—especially on Bentley's car.'

Something hitherto unseen in his chief's look, as he delivered these sinister orders, alarmed Ferris. What if Mr. Goodwin should suspect him of being in secret league with Bentley in defrauding the company? 'Your instructions will be carried out to the letter, sir,' he replied in palliating voice. 'I did not mean to be obtrusive, Mr. Goodwin.'

'Of course not, Ferris. Henceforth, however, your remembering that this company is in business for other than benevolent purposes will simplify matters and obviate misunderstandings. I look to see this leakage ferreted out very soon. If no pertinent discoveries are made within the next week, shift Bentley on to the Ruralton run. That will tell the story in a nutshell, though it won't be sufficient to convict anyone. That's all this morning, Ferris.'

It was about 11 o'clock, the slackest time of travel on Bentley's run, when Ferris boarded his car at the corner of Pacheco and Twelfth. Bentley, with the thumb and forefinger of his right hand on the bell strap, felt the cracked ring in Ferris' voice as he bid him 'Good morning,' boarding the car.

'You ain't feelin' quite yourself this mornin', Ferry. Hope nothing's off the track so soon,' Bentley bantered as Ferris got beside him between the two after-end outside seats.

'Running smooth as cotton seed with me, Ben. How's the crowd this morning?'

'Bigger'n ever. That Mothers' Club convention down at Stanton's Pavilion is drawin' 'em all out. I was packed on my three last down trips.'

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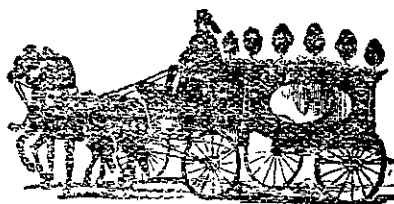
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'That's good, Ben,' with a suggestive look that half bewildered him. 'Don't forget your tally strap in the push.'

While Bently was helping out a stout old lady at the next corner, Ferris slipped off the car on the other side. He boarded the next Sixteenth street car passing and rode over to the power house to fill out his order blanks for tomorrow.

Tom Bently was meantime brooding sorrowfully over Ferris' suggestive, 'Don't forget your tally strap in the push.' It was the first reflection, direct or indirect, upon his own honesty that he had ever heard from man or woman. Coming from his friend Ferris, whom he would trust with uncounted millions were they his, and whom he had hitherto believed would trust him likewise, the sting of the poisoned hint became momentarily more painful.

'What in the world's happened, Tom?' questioned Miss Leisurely, one of his regular patrons, as he helped her gallantly on the car. 'Mother ain't seriously ill again, I hope? Never saw you looking so woebegone like.'

'She's real well just now, thank you, Miss Leisurely,' he almost whispered, his mouth close to her ear, as he handed her up the top step and rang his car ahead. 'Fact is, I put in an extra hour last night at my Correspondence University studies, and it was a bit too much for me.'

'Mussn't burn the candle too long at both ends, Tom,' she corrected jocularly, sitting down on an outside seat near his usual stand.

'Only way to get any light out of the candle in my fix, Miss Leisurely,' was his rejoinder.

The lady spotter, in 'Salvation Army' uniform and a bundle of *War Cries* under her arm, sitting inside, had a sharp casual eye on the pair. It had been hinted by Goodwin that an occasional free ride to some of his most admiring lady passengers might account for somewhat of Bently's popularity. So there was a reward in sight for the spotter first detecting him in the act of bestowing such favors. But, to their increasing chagrin, Bently collected and rung in his fares from the fairest and most intimate of his passengers with unerring alacrity.

For months together they had watched Bently as cats watch mice without being able to pick a flaw in his work. Nothing could convince Mr. Goodwin that there was not a big leak there somewhere, and he at last told Ferris that he would take a hand in the business himself. He could scarcely support a family decently on his own salary, yet some of their conductors were laying up money hand over fist on one-tenth his wages and building big houses at that.

'I rather like to see a man getting on, Mr. Goodwin, even though I can't—shows he's not losing his rest in carousing away his wages, an' he comes on duty clear-headed and with a steady nerve.'

'Better get right in and join the Purity League, Ferris,' stepping abruptly into his private office and shutting himself in.

Next morning Mr. Goodwin gave Ferris orders to shift Bently on to the Ruralton run, car forty-nine, and to put Snider in his place. The change, instead of being a discomfiture or loss to Bently, was, on the contrary, a benefit in more ways than one. His new run took him well out of town over a pleasant stretch of open country, dotted with mostly fine homes, half hidden in tall palm, camphor, magnolia, rubber, blossoming acacia, and other trees. In this fresher fragrant air he began to brace up and take on flesh almost immediately. There were not one-quarter the fares to collect, and he found most of his passengers agreeable and pleasant people to meet.

So Bently's popularity soon followed him to his new ground of activity. Mr. Goodwin, in a month's time, began to marvel at the increase of travel on their Ruralton branch. The attractive residence suburb was, of course growing fast, but that was not all. Nor did the returns of Bently quite come up to the travel on his car, though it was 10 per cent. more than that of the other conductor on that run.

Goodwin had kept his own counsel of late regarding this matter, and was doing a bit of private spotting on his own account. He had, in fact, come to almost suspect Ferris of being in some sort of league with Bently in cozening the company.

One afternoon about half-past 5, when Bently came, on his in-run, a little distance within the city limits, a rather delicate-looking young woman with a feeble child in her arms got on the car. Her woebegone look and generally careworn, pinched aspect, seen at closer range, attracted the attention of the other passengers. The frequent long-drawn sobs of the poor child told of its suffering. Mother and child were rather poorly clothed, and the poor maternal heart seemed to be almost breaking in the fruitless effort to soothe and quiet it. There were a score or more of other passengers on the car, and eyes

were focussed on Bently when he stepped up to the woman to collect her fare.

The appeal in her look up into his face was something that would 'pierce the heart of a stone.'

'I haven't a penny in the world, conductor,' she wailed. 'Me poor husband is dead six months gone, an' ye see the state the poor child is in and—'

'We're not running a benevolent society on this line, madam. Fare, please.'

'I'm on my way to the dispensary for some medicine for the poor, dyin' crachure, an' God's me judge, I'm not able to walk.' She saw that Bently's words belied his feelings. 'And if ye put me off the car, we'll both perhaps die on the heartless street.'

The other passengers had by this become deeply interested, as Bently stopped his car to help on a young couple beaming with the pleasure of being in one another's company. 'Come, my good woman,' he continued, on ringing in the two fares, 'you pay your fare or get off at the next corner.'

The woman broke completely down in a fit of lamentation. Bently looked suggestively around at the commiserating passengers as he rang to stop the car. There being no practical response to the cries of mother or child, he was about to take hold of her to eject her from the car when a faint scream from the child unnerved his arm from such inhuman act.

'I can't do it,' he told himself inaudibly. 'I'll turn in her fare myself first. I could never look a woman or child square in the face again if I did.'

In the engrossing watchfulness of the rest of that run through the heart of the turbulent city Bently forgot the poor woman and her woes. He was, however, presently reminded of them on coming near the end of his run, when there were only a couple of other passengers left on his car, yet there seemed to be less sorrow in the woman's face and the child rested and breathed easier. Then his heart thrilled with a great joy at having had the manhood to break for once the iron rule of the company. Both might have died in the street, as she said, had he put her off. He shifted a nickel of his own from his vest pocket to his jacket pouch with the trip's fares and rung it in.

He was now coming close to the power house, and was presently amazed at seeing the feeble woman brace herself up in the seat to an erect, vigorous posture. Her eyes, too, after wiping them a bit with her handkerchief, darted a luminous look of perplexing inquiry at him, as much as to say, 'Now, then, my smart conductor, what do you think of yourself?' What under heaven could it all mean? Had he been sold? He had somewhere, sometime seen those strangely-bright eyes before. But ere he had time to answer himself the gripman stopped the car in front of the power-house and the woman got off, spry as a kitten, hastening into the office with the child in her arms. Bently, steadying himself, followed her into empty his pocket of the trip's fares. But she had disappeared with Goodwin into the private office ere he reached the door of the front one.

'Nothing new, Bently. You can start out on time,' Ferris directed, wondering what new strange incident had befallen him on that last trip.

On his next forenoon's run Bently, from the start, found himself the target of the sinister remark and oblique look of every conductor and gripman he passed. Such painful change in the attitude of his fellow-workmen, among whom he had hitherto been something of a hero, half maddened him. Something terribly damaging to his name must have happened quite unknown to himself. He could not even think clearly on what it could possibly be. Yet he somehow could not get rid of the notion that the woman and sick child of last night had something to do with it.

'What's the matter with you, Jim?' he demanded sharply of his gripman as he jumped on the forward platform with the bar after shifting a switch. 'What ye staring so at me for?'

'Dun know, Ben,' curtly. 'The cat can look at the king, I guess, can't he?'

At 1 o'clock, when they were relieved by the afternoon crew, Bently was summoned to appear in the main up-town office at 3 o'clock. Mr. Goodwin wished to see him.

'Do try and eat something, son,' the mother urged, as Bently sat with her at the little kitchen dinner table. 'You ain't been yourself since last night. Your eyes are swollen as if you hadn't slept none for a week.'

'Nothing but a slight bilious attack, mother. I'll be all over it in a day or two.'

Ferris was in the office waiting when Bently went in. The certainty of his innocence of any violation of the company's rules or other neglect of duty nerved Bently up and gave his countenance a look of fearless innocence. Ferris met this look with an almost pitiful sympathy, which was far from pleasing to Bently.

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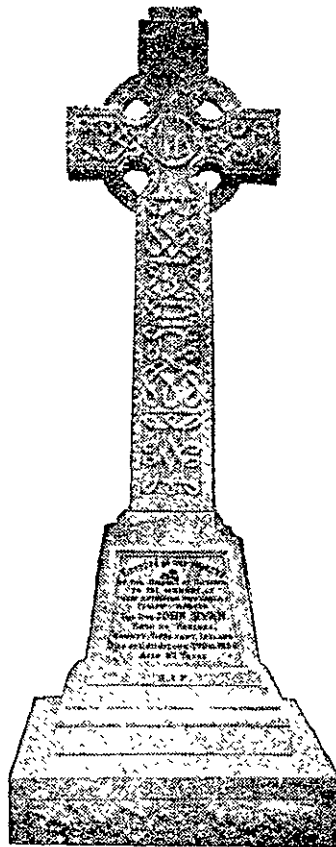
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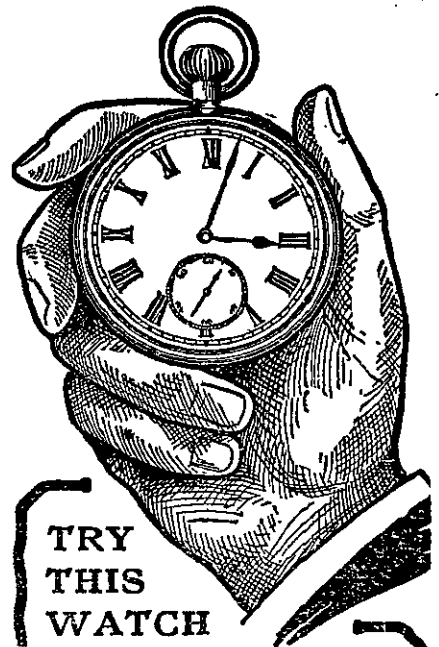
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'The charge is false, sir. I paid that fare myself and rung it in rather than put her off the car to die in the street, as she said she must. The register and cash will show the fare was paid and rung in, sir.'

'You'll have a chance to prove that to her, Ben. She's the spotter' (opening the private office door). 'Step in here, please, Miss Dascomb.'

Bently's start, as the rather comely girl with the soft brown eyes came in, was the next moment quieted, and had no special meaning for Ferris, who, in the depth of his sympathy for his friend, scarcely noticed it. Nor did he note the quick, significant glance of her eyes into Bently's.

'You are quite sure Mr. Bently didn't collect your fare on his last trip in last night, Miss Dascomb?' Ferris questioned, motioning her to a seat.

'Sure as one can be of anything, sir,' was her prompt answer, as she sat down.

'I was away in the forward end of the car where she couldn't see me when I paid and rung in her fare, sir. I wasn't showin' up my business to her. I had a sort of half-presentiment she was a spotter, and took the precaution of having witness to my paying in her fare.'

Ferris looked bewildered. 'Rather a mixed-up affair this—a mistake somewhere. We've got implicit confidence in Miss Dascomb, Bently.'

'Yes, but you'll give a man a chance to defend himself. You may fire me from the company, of course, but I shall insist upon my right to prove my innocence of this thing, if it takes the last cent I've got, Mr. Ferris.'

Mr. Goodwin, who had been listening in his private office, now stepped in in season to see Miss Dascomb wiping the tell-tale moisture from her eyes.

'You'd better let this go over till to-morrow, Ferris,' he said, with a sharp glance from Miss Dascomb to Bently. Then he invited the girl into his private office. What passed between them during that half-hour Ferris never knew. But he did know that there had come a marked change over Goodwin as he came out with her into the front office again. 'Give Miss Dascomb Bently's address, Ferris,' he ordered softly.

'Here you are, Miss Dascomb,' Ferris said, noting down the address on a slip—'972 Poplar street. The Nuestro Heights car goes right by it.'

Bently's mother, who answered Miss Dascomb's ring at the small four-roomed flat door, looked askance first at the card which Miss Dascomb handed her, and then at the girl herself. Tom had gone on an errand for her to the grocer's just down the street. He would be back in ten minutes, if she would step into the parlor and wait.

'It seems hardly possible that you could have forgotten me in seven years, Mrs. Bently,' the girl said, looking wistfully up into the wrinkled pale face.

A glow of recognition presently lit up the wrinkles as she gazed. 'Sakes alive, you ain't the Pauline Dascomb that went way off from Lakeville soon after graduating from the high school, to make a career for yourself?'

'The same Pauline, Mrs. Bently.' She stood up to receive and return the fervid embrace.

'Oh, you pretty dear, you come within an ace of breaking poor Tom's heart,' the mother went on. 'He never done no good to home after you went, an' dragged me way out West here six months after you'd gone.'

'I ain't quite so ambitious now as I was then, Mrs. Bently, and I—'

Tom, coming in the door lively, broke up the discourse. 'Come in the parlor and see who's here, son,' the mother called to him.

'I knew it was you the minute I got on your car, Tom,' Miss Dascomb explained, after the thrill of meeting was partially over; 'but the poor play had to go on to the finish.'

'Your disguise was complete, Pauline,' he complimented admiringly. 'I doubt if your mother would have recognised you. Yet something in the one brief glance of your eyes which I caught haunted me like the remembrance of a delightful dream. Where did you get that poor sick child?'

'Oh, the company get us those from the Day Nursery for such occasions, Tom.'

They sat and talked of the past late into the night. She was startled at the lateness when she came to a clear sense of time.

He accompanied her home to the three rooms which she occupied with a girl friend who wrote the weekly society page for the great city newspaper.

Bently called around about 9 next morning. He begged her to go with him to the office of the gentleman who had seen him pay in her fare, before they went to the Grand Pacific office.

'Don't, please, Tom,' she pleaded, with that girlish sweetness which she knew to have such power over him. 'I'd as soon go hunting for proof of—where you were born.'

'Then I shall have to go alone, Pauline,' he almost murmured, 'and bring Mr. Goodwin indubitable proof that I paid it. I must not let such a charge stand against me; whether I am fired or not.'

'It is quite needless to go to all that trouble, Tom. I can convince him of my mistake fully enough. We'd best be going; I am due at the office at half-past 9.'

Ferris almost laughed out loud at sight of the late accuser and accused walking into the office arm in arm, like a pair of sweethearts. 'Mr. Goodwin's waiting for you in his private office, Miss Dascomb. Just take a seat, Bently,' he said demurely as he could under the circumstances.

In a fever of distrust and anxiety, Bently wondered what possible thing could be keeping the girl so long occupied in Goodwin's private office.

'Morning paper is over there on that other desk, Bently,' Ferris said, on looking up from the pile of papers in which he had been buried.

'Tell Bently to come in here a minute, Ferris,' Goodwin ordered, opening the door a crack.

'I'm very sorry this thing has happened, Bently,' Goodwin said apologetically, 'but I couldn't see how Miss Dascomb could have been mistaken till she explained matters herself. You know as well as we do that we have to be on the look-out for grafts, and we must have iron-clad rules to protect the company against them.'

'Of course, Mr. Goodwin,' Bently assented, 'I'd be the last man to kick against the enforcement of any rule which I had bound myself by on entering the employ of your company.'

'It's all right now, Bently. We'll consider it a decided gain to the company to have you continue with us as if the thing had never happened. There will be a change all around at the end of the year. I am going up to vice-president, Ferris takes my place, and we expect you to take his.'

This unexpected turn in his favor for the moment put words past Bently's utterance.

'Let me thank you very much for this, Mr. Goodwin,' Miss Dascomb said, getting on her feet, her face glowing with pleasure. 'We came very near doing an irreparable injustice to an honest man.'

'Don't mention it. Seems to have been my own fault mostly. Call in to-morrow, Miss Dascomb; you and Mr. Bently will have old times to talk over.'

'Thank you very much, sir,' Bently managed to say huskily as he went out after Miss Dascomb.

Ferris sat bolt upright, eyeing them capriciously. 'Don't forget us when the cards are out, Bently,' he bantered under his breath, so that Goodwin might not hear.

'You'll be first on my invitation list, Ferris,' Bently rejoined, going out of the door.

Miss Dascomb flung him back a significant look over her shoulder as she took Bently's arm.—*The Monitor*.

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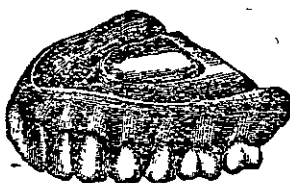
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The Catholic Paper

In a recent editorial article, the Brooklyn *Tablet* linked together the following litany of functions of the true Catholic paper: 'An eternal bond of unity. A channel of communication between the Bishops and clergy and the faithful people. The builder of Catholic thought and Catholic opinion on every question affecting Catholic interests. An organ of appeal and defence. The readiest exponent and defender of the Church's doctrines and practices. The medium of warning against danger to faith and morals. The voice that summons the Catholic people to protect their rights. The mirror of Catholic life. The powerful auxiliary of the pulpit and the complement of the parish school. The consecration of the great modern invention to the service of the Church. The antidote to the poison of the secular press. The destroyer of non-Catholic calumnies and prejudices. The blessing of clean, wholesome, Christian reading for the home.'

Thirty years ago, according to an exchange, M. Baudon, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, gave utterance to this warning prediction, in writing for the Catholics of his country, France: 'The importance of the press is not understood enough by the faithful. They look to the building of churches, to the founding of communities, to the multiplying of homes for orphans and poor, all clearly necessary works, but they forget that over and above these needs there is another which the pressure of facts makes first of all—it is the extension of the Catholic press, at least in certain countries, of which France is one; for if the Catholic press is not supported, encouraged, elevated to the height of its sublime mission, then the churches, if not burned, will be empty, the religious communities will be expelled, and the homes for orphans and poor—nay, the very schools themselves—will be taken from the religion that founded them.'

'History,' says Mark Twain in his latest serious work, 'is a trustworthy prophet. History is always repeating itself, because conditions are always repeating themselves.'

Out of duplicate conditions history gets a duplicate product.'

A word to the wise ought to be sufficient.

The Pauper System

It seems as if the British Isles are at last within reach of some reform of those scandals of our time, those graves of decent poverty, the costly and inefficient union workhouses. As far back as 1837 Dickens scoured the grosser abuses of the system in the pathetic pages of his *Oliver Twist*. Therein he depicted, in many a moving incident, the sorrows of the poor, starved, ill-treated boy, who preserved a pure, gentle, and loving soul amidst the heartless cruelty of the workhouse system. And, on the other hand, he depicted the arrogance of parish authority dressed in the little brief authority of a Bumble, who was shocked almost to speechlessness at the unparalleled daring of hungry little Oliver asking for 'more' of the thin and unsatisfying gruel or 'skilly' that made a thin partition between existence and death by starvation. A Poor Law Commission has been making exhaustive inquiries into the system. The London special correspondent of the *Dunedin Evening Star* says that they have just issued two reports—a majority report and a minority report. Both condemn the system. And both recommend (says the *Star's* correspondent): 'A discontinuance of the term "Poor Law" with its unpleasant associations. The use of the phrase "public assistance" instead of "Poor Law relief." A complete change in the present constitution of workhouses. The provision of special accommodation for the sick, the aged, the mentally feeble, and the young. Closer co-operation between public assistance and private charity. A national scheme of labor exchanges. Labor colonies for the workless, with places of detention, with suitable labor, for the "won't works."'

We hope that the British Isles are now near the end of the penal treatment of decent poverty that was first introduced into Christian countries during the great religious revolution of the sixteenth century.

Catholics in the United States

One of the inanimate characters in Kipling's fable-story, *A Day's Work*, laid down the principle that 'there is no sense in telling too much truth.' As we pointed out at the time, some such idea seems to have motivated the following cable message from New York which appeared in our daily papers of January 30:—

'Including those persons who are affiliated by family ties to members, whether they belong to the organisation or not, the census gives the Roman Catholic Church of the United States a total of 22,474,440. This total, which includes the Philippines and other islands under the American flag, gives 14,235,451 as the number in the United States proper. Mr. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the *Times*, says that these statistics are useless for purposes of comparison, inasmuch as all other Churches enumerate the actual members of the Churches.'

The following is the substance of the same item of 'news' as given more fully by the New York correspondent of the London *Times*, in its issue of January 28:—

'What is called a Roman Catholic census of the United States, compiled from advance sheets of the official Roman Catholic *Directory*, is published to-day. It shows that the number of Roman Catholics in the country is 14,235,451. . . . These figures are impressive, but they ought not to be used for purposes of comparison with those of other denominations, especially in America. Roman Catholic statisticians, in compiling the numerical strength of the Church, do not, as those of other religious bodies do, confine their enumeration to actual membership. In the case of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for instance, who number only 880,659 . . . the inclusion of persons affiliated to that body by family ties would double that number of adherents. All such persons are included in the statistics of the Roman Catholic Church, whether they belong to the organisation or not, and the entire population of the so-called Roman Catholic countries swells the total.'

So runneth the statistical tale told to the ends of the earth by the *Times*. Now mark how plain a tale will put it down. The learned Archbishop of St. Paul (Dr. Ireland) tells the facts of the case in the *Times* of February 13. 'I am,' says he in part, 'writing of the United States, and there I know for certain only such persons are included in the Roman Catholic census as make personal profession of the Catholic faith; and persons merely affiliated to the Church by family ties (if mere family ties may in any manner be said to constitute an affiliation) are not included in the figures given out

by the *Directory*. The figures given out by the *Directory*, it should at once be remarked, are not of the *Directory's* own finding. They are those furnished by the Most Rev. Archbishop of St. Louis to the National Bureau of the Census at Washington, under instructions received from the National Bureau itself. Archbishop Ireland then went on to explain that the laws of the United States 'do not authorise the questioning as to the religious belief of the citizen in the taking of the regular census of the population. The Bureau, however, is encouraged to obtain a religious census by such indirect means as may seem practicable and effective.' They usually have recourse to 'the religious bodies themselves, and to such agencies as they severally may recommend. In the case of the Roman Catholic Church, it was agreed between Mr. S. N. D. North, director of the National Bureau, and the body of the Archbishops, that the Metropolitan of St. Louis should have the matter in hand, and, by putting himself into communication with every Bishop and every parish priest, obtain for the Bureau an exact estimate of the Roman Catholic population, so far as this was possible, upon such basis and through such calculations as Mr. North himself had previously approved.'

The Archbishop of St. Paul then proceeds to switch the electric light on to the statistical fiction of the *Times* correspondent. He quotes as follows the basis of calculation approved by Mr. North: 'Those shall be reckoned as Catholics who, baptised in the Church, whether in their infancy or in their later years, still profess to be Catholics—not having, since their baptism, withdrawn from the Church, either by open act of apostasy or by conduct impliedly tantamount to a renunciation of the Catholic faith—mere infrequency, however, in attendance at Mass or at the Sacraments not constituting such renunciation. 'Actual initiation into the Church by baptism,' adds Archbishop Ireland, 'and subsequent personal profession of the Catholic faith, alone constitute membership in the Catholic Church, and only such persons as come under those conditions are comprised in the figures of the recent Roman Catholic census. Never would it have entered into the mind of a Catholic acquainted with his catechism to imagine that a mere vicarious profession of faith, through the agency of friends or relatives, constitutes a Catholic; never did it enter into the minds of bishops or priests contributing to the Roman Catholic census to mark down as a Catholic one who would claim only such vicarious affiliation. In families where some members profess the Catholic faith, where others are Protestants, or profess no religious faith whatever, only those who personally profess the Catholic faith—few or many as they may relatively have been—were remembered as Catholics.'

Thus goes to the wall another

'Fairy-tale of a far-off land.'

Another matter, however, remains to be stated. The figures of the Catholic population of the United States given above (14,235,451) were provisional and incomplete. 'It is my personal opinion,' said Archbishop Ireland in his letter to the *Times*, 'that those figures are too low. To represent fully the reality, I believe they should not be under 16 or even 17 millions. Three or four dioceses—among which is to be found one of the most populous dioceses in the country—sent no report to the Metropolitan of St. Louis, so that he was obliged to credit them with only the figures printed in older numbers of the *Directory*. In the reports of some other dioceses no adequate allowance, it seems to me, was made of the masses of newly arrived immigrants, especially those of Oriental rites. Throughout, too, I could read vestiges of older habits of some parish priests to claim as Catholics only those who are pew-holders or regular contributors to church funds.' But, even as they stand, the figures give a minimum Catholic population of 22,474,440 living under the star-spangled banner. In this connection we may appropriately quote from a statement made by Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, to Pope Pius X. on December 12 of the past year. 'Our results,' said the Archbishop, 'show about 14,000,000, from which 15 per cent is to be deducted in the printed reports to allow for children under a certain age, who are not counted. But I had to explain to the Pope that while these are the figures recorded in the official count, a great deal of supplementary information convinces me that the actual number of Catholics in the United States is not short of 18,000,000.'

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Pioneer Catholic Families.

Much as the desirability exists for recording the life-work of prominent pioneer Catholic families, the scope of these memoirs does not permit of this being done, with the exception of a few notable instances here and there throughout the Dominion, which have been brought under our notice in the process of collecting material suitable for the publication in which we are engaged. Closely associated with the rise and progress of the Church in Auckland, and bearing a considerable share in the advancement of religion and education, are the families of Mr. Edward Mahoney and Mr. Edmund Mahony, the heads of which, although bearing a similar name, were not related except by marriage.

Mr. Edward Mahoney, head of the firm of Messrs. E. Mahoney and Sons, the well known architects, was a native of Cork, where he studied his profession, and came out to New Zealand with his wife and three young children in February, 1856. There being little scope in Auckland in those days for the practice of his profession, Mr. Mahoney, who also had had a technical training, started in business first as a builder and later as a timber merchant. In 1870, he commenced the practice of his profession, being joined later by his eldest son, Mr. Thomas Mahoney, the present head of the firm, and afterwards by his youngest son, the late Mr. Robert Mahoney. For over thirty years the firm held the leading practice in Auckland as architects, designing and supervising the erection of all classes of buildings, including all the Catholic ecclesiastical edifices of the diocese with few exceptions, and also churches for other denominations, as well as a great many of the most important commercial and residential buildings in the province. Mr. Mahoney was for many years architect to the Bank of New Zealand and the Auckland Education and Grammar School Boards. He died in 1895 at the age of 71 years, Mrs. Mahoney having predeceased him in 1891. Out of eleven children he is survived by one daughter and two sons (Mr. T. Mahoney and Very Rev. Father Mahoney, of Onehunga).

As the Very Rev. W. H. Mahoney was the first native-born New Zealander ordained priest, and as he will celebrate his sacerdotal silver jubilee on April 12, a brief account of his career deserves a place in these memoirs.

The Very Rev. William H. Mahoney, youngest surviving son of the late Mr. Edward Mahoney, architect, was born at Auckland in October, 1857, and educated by the Sisters of Mercy and at the Catholic boys' schools in Auckland. In February, 1876, after a short classical course in Auckland, and upon the recommendation of the Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, who was translated a few years previously from Auckland, Father Mahoney went to Thurles, where the Archbishop resided, in order to study for the priesthood. While there Dr. Croke took a great interest in his young protégé, whom he had confirmed in Auckland, and of whom he held a high opinion. His health failing him after a few years, the young student went to St. Omer (France) to read his course of philosophy, but finding the climate of northern France rather trying he eventually went to St. Mary's College, Oscott, near Birmingham, where the venerable Bishop Ullathorne, so well known in Australia, then resided. Here Father Mahoney finished his course after having received Minor Orders a few years before at Ramsgate from Dr. Luck, just then consecrated Bishop of Auckland, and upon the same occasion that Bishop Lenihan was ordained priest. On April 12, 1884, Father Mahoney was raised to the priesthood by Dr. Hsley, the present Bishop of Birmingham. After touring through Europe in company with his elder brother, Mr. Thomas Mahoney, he returned to New Zealand in October, 1884, and was sent by Bishop Luck as assistant for a short time to Monsignor Paul at Onehunga. In June, 1885, he was appointed to the charge of the district embracing the whole of the north of Auckland from the North Shore to the North Cape, with the exception of the Kaipara, Wairoa, and Hokianga, and having his headquarters at the German settlement of Puhoi. Here Father Mahoney remained for nearly fifteen years, with the exception of about ten months in 1891, when he accompanied Bishop Luck to Europe and, together with his younger brother, Mr. Robert Mahoney, he made a tour of the East, staying for a short time in Egypt, the Holy Land, Greece, Turkey, and Asia Minor. In 1896 he made another visit to Europe with his sister, visiting South America en route, and also South Africa on his return. In 1899 Father Mahoney went to

'Nae doot, if ye drank "Cock o' the North" Tea ye wadna be sae fashed wi' indigestion.'

the Thames for two years, taking the place of Monsignor O'Reilly, who had been appointed by Bishop Lenihan to St. Patrick's, Auckland, during the absence of the latter from the diocese. It was upon his departure from the Thames that Father Mahoney's health broke down, and, his medical adviser recommending a change and rest, he proceeded to Europe again in 1901, living for the ensuing three and a half years in Italy, France, and Germany, and after a short course of travel in Canada and the United States he returned to his old mission at Puhoi. Upon the death of Monsignor Paul in March, 1905, he was appointed by Bishop Lenihan as irremovable rector of Onehunga.

Mr. Edmund Mahony was a native of Bantry, County Cork, and came of a family of civil engineers. He followed that profession, and was for a time attached as a civilian to the Ordnance Department of the Royal Engineers, in which capacity he came to New Zealand, landing in Auckland in 1849 with his wife and three children. After settling down in Auckland he was employed for many years as engineer and surveyor, and later as draughtsman to the Auckland Provincial Council. His technical knowledge was employed in the erection of old St. Patrick's Cathedral, which was completed shortly after his arrival in Auckland. He died in 1883 at the age of 71 years, and Mrs. Mahony in November, 1897. They are survived by three sons and two daughters, the best known of his family being Mr. Edmund Mahony, solicitor. Mr. Edmund Mahony was no blood relation of Mr. Edward Mahoney, for though both were in Cork about the same time they were unacquainted with each other, and they met for the first time in New Zealand. They were related by marriage, however, having married two sisters.

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FEILDING

RECOGNITION OF A GENEROUS GIFT

(From an occasional correspondent.)

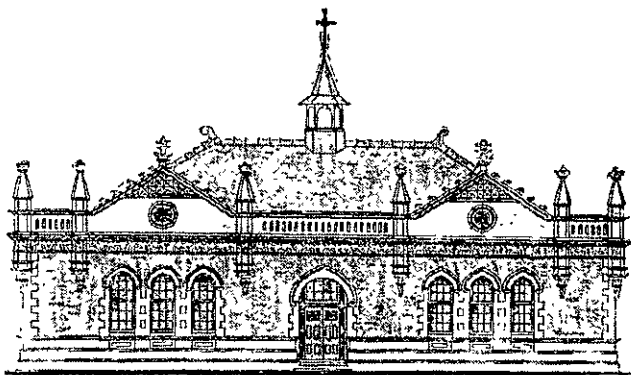
Although the beautiful school, erected to the memory of the late Hon. W. W. Johnston, has been used since the beginning of the school year, owing to unavoidable circumstances it was only officially opened on Sunday, March 28, by his Grace Archbishop Redwood, when a beautiful address was presented to Mrs. Johnston as a public expression of gratitude by the Catholic body of Feilding. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given in the church by the Archbishop, assisted by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G., at 2.30, after which the members of the congregation and a number of prominent townspeople proceeded to the school, where the ceremony of presenting the address took place. The school, which is built of brick, and a description of which appeared in your columns some time ago, has been erected at a cost of nearly £4000. His Grace the Archbishop presided, and there were present Very Rev. Father O'Shea, Rev. Father O'Meara, Mrs. W. W. Johnston, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Phazayn, and Mr. Goring Johnston.

The Rev. Father O'Meara said he first desired to thank Mrs. Johnston and family for the kindness and consideration he had received at their hands at all times. It had been a great source of encouragement and consolation to him to speak with the late Mr. Johnston on the education question. He had never met a man with a sounder grasp of the problem of education, with a fairer mind, or with a greater determination to do justice to all. He truly recognised the effect of a purely secular system on this Dominion, and thoroughly believed in the need for religion in education; and, as a consequence, was always ready to encourage and support a system which daily inculcated the principles of Christianity. He well remembered him saying that he always looked upon a priest who established a school as one who had accomplished a great work for the community. And, therefore, the building they were in was a fitting tribute to him. He heartily congratulated Mrs. Johnston and family on the choice they had made of a memorial to Mr. Johnston, and thanked them gratefully for what they had done to further the cause of education.

Mr. A. M. Ongley read the following address:—'To Mrs. W. W. Johnston, Highden, Awahuri.—Dear Madam,—We, the Catholics of Feilding, desire to express to you and your family our cordial thanks for the beautiful school which you have donated to our parish in memory of your beloved husband, the Hon. Walter Woods Johnston. No more fitting tribute could be erected to commemorate the deceased gentleman, who, on the public platform and in the House of Representatives, persistently advocated the

religious education of the children of this Dominion. His bright intellect clearly foresaw that any system of education, however skilfully devised, founded otherwise than on the solid foundation of Christian principles, must inevitably undermine religion, morality, government, and civilisation. The Catholic Church, true to the mission imposed upon her by her Divine Founder, has ever kept before her congregation the duty of imparting to their children a Christian education, and, with a generosity unparalleled in the history of the world, she has been enabled to establish her own schools, so that to-day in Australasia alone out of her own resources she has built and equipped over 1500 schools where she imparts a thorough Christian education to nearly 130,000 children. We Catholics of Feilding presume to say that we are making an honest endeavor to fall in line with the teaching and tradition of the Holy Church. Less than ten years ago Feilding was without a presbytery, a convent, a school; to-day we have a commodious presbytery with a resident priest, a beautiful convent with the zealous and devoted Sisters of St. Joseph, and, owing to the goodness and generosity of you and your family, a school with all modern requirements built regardless of expense, an ornament to our progressive town. Again, dear madam, we thank you, and pray that you and your family may be long spared to enjoy the fruit of your beneficence.—Signed on behalf of the Catholics of Feilding—James Meehan, Owen McElrory, Geo. Hitchman, Patrick Henaghan, John Wilson, Thomas Shortall, John Murphy, Thomas Oliver, Patrick Desmond, M. O'Callaghan, David Herlihy.'

Mr. Goring Johnston briefly returned thanks on behalf of his mother and family. He said that upon him that day had fallen the honor of responding on behalf of his mother, and her family to the kindly sentiments expressed in the address. He knew from the interest his father had taken in educational matters that he had in his mind the carrying out of such an idea, and had he lived a little while longer he would have initiated the work of building the school. Therefore, as a tribute to him the family had built the school in the hope that in it would be trained those who would grow up to be men and women a credit to the town of Feilding, who would have their names enrolled on the scroll of fame as worthy citizens. As it had been built to long serve its useful purpose, he felt sure it would be useful for many years to come. He again returned thanks for the manner in which the gift had been acknowledged.



Johnston Memorial School, Feilding.

Archbishop Redwood expressed his gratitude for being able to attend there that day to assist in such a notable ceremony. It should be a matter of rejoicing that the congregation possessed such an excellent school, and he congratulated the Catholics of Feilding upon possessing a building which had been erected regardless of expense and up-to-date in every particular. He congratulated Mrs. Johnston upon the form in which she had decided to perpetuate the memory of her late husband, and he agreed with the framers of the address they had just heard that no more fitting tribute could have been paid to Mr. Johnston's memory, because he had always made a prominent point of the necessity for maintaining a system of religious education. His Grace remembered well when Mr. Johnston was contesting a seat in the House how he risked his election on that question, because he wanted justice done to the Catholic community. He had the boldness to speak his mind, and he won the election. All round them they saw the evils of a deficient system of education. To be of benefit education should train the child for its conflict in the world—it should inculcate the principles of honesty and uprightness, and it was not possible to do that without teaching the principles of true religion. If any form of Government made it necessary for that to be done it was government by the democracy; no people found it more so than a democratic community.

The Catholic Church knew that, and the members made great sacrifices sooner than their children should be brought up without religious teaching in their day schools. Mr. Johnston's convictions on this question were very deep-rooted, and it was Mrs. Johnston's happiness to realise some of his ideals, and to do so in the most graceful manner possible. It was her happiness to contribute in her time facilities for the perfect education of the Catholic children, leaving behind her a monument of enduring good, to which she would be able to look down upon from Heaven with grateful recognition of its usefulness. The architect and contractors had done their work faithfully and well, and had erected a building which, like the Catholic religion, would last for all time, and bring down on the donor's family from generation to generation the greatest blessings of God. He hoped that Mr. Johnston was looking down upon them from Heaven with additional joy at his desires being so splendidly carried to fruition, and given such facilities for the Sisters to impart to the children an all-round Catholic education. The Archbishop concluded by again expressing his thanks to the donors for the generosity exhibited towards the Church.

After the ceremony afternoon tea was partaken of by all present on the lawn at the convent.

The address was beautifully illuminated and engrossed by the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Sacred Heart Convent, Wanganui, and is quite a work of art.

BISHOP VERDON IN INVERCARGILL

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Right Rev. Dr. Verdon was tendered a most enthusiastic welcome in the Victoria Hall on Monday evening, March 29, on the occasion of his pastoral visit to Invercargill. The hall was beautifully decorated with banners, plants, etc., and on the stage were 130 children, dressed in white and carrying bouquets of flowers. The reception was unique as a function here. At 7.30 p.m. the Hibernian Band, followed by the members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society in regalia, the children from the convent and Marist Brothers' schools, and a large crowd of people led his Lordship's carriage in procession from the church along Kelvin and Dee streets to the Victoria Hall. A great assemblage of people waited outside, the hall for the arrival of the procession. The members of the Hibernian Society formed a guard of honor, and his Lordship, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean Burke and the Rev. Father Lynch, entered the hall to the strains of Irish airs played by the band. The great crowd, numbering close on 800 people, was then allowed to enter gradually, and each person was presented to the Bishop, who received, as it were, personal words of welcome from the majority of his flock in Invercargill.

Everything was carried out with order and precision, and in a short space of time the hall was crowded to the doors. The proceedings took the form of a conversazione, with musical and other items, the following being the programme:—Musical selections by the band, choruses by the choir of children, duets by Misses McGrath and Barrett, songs by Mrs. Matheson, Miss Kirwan, and Mr. Pasco, whilst Master J. Woods and Mr. T. Pound contributed recitations.

Presentation of Addresses.

At the conclusion of this part of the programme Mr. James Collins read the following address on behalf of the parishioners:—

'May it please your Lordship,—Your presence among us visiting this parish gives us a desirable opportunity not only to welcome you personally but to declare our fidelity to you as chief pastor of the diocese. We know that authority to teach and rule was conferred by Our Lord Jesus Christ on His Apostles; we know that the Bishops inherited that authority by Divine right; and we know that Our Lord commanded obedience to His teaching Church as to Himself. Hence we find it a pleasing exercise of our faith in the Lord's words to assemble here to show you the reverence due to your exalted office in the Church. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews wrote: "Remember your prelates who have spoken the Word of God to you. . . . Obey your prelates and be subject to them, for they watch as being to render an account of your souls, that they may do this with joy and not with grief." Whilst then offering you this testimony of our obedience and submission, we would like to express the hope that you will find the state of religion among us to be such as to cause you not grief but joy. We hope that the condition of our churches and schools, our frequentation of the Sacraments and observance of the Lord's Day, the confraternities and other organisations active among us are all such as please your Lordship. Eighteen hundred

years ago, the Apostolic Father, St. Ignatius, wrote in his Epistle to the Ephesians: "It will become you to act together according to the will of your Bishop—which, indeed, you do; for your memorable presbytery—worthy of God—is fitted as exactly to the Bishop as the cords are to the lyre. Therefore, in your concord and harmonious charity Jesus Christ is sung and every single person among you makes up the chorus." That union of Bishop, clergy, and people so much insisted on in all his letters by St. Ignatius, the disciple of the Apostle of love St. John, has gone on perfecting itself more and more, with the advance of the centuries, within the bosom of the Catholic Church. Never was her unity in faith, worship, and obedience to lawful authority more perfect than at present. We know that our diocese of Dunedin is not backward as an example of that unity; so we are proud to have our small share in the display of this grand note of the Church. We pray that your Lordship may live long to promote among your flock the spirit of unity and charity and the practice of good works by your example and prudent rule, and that your projects to advance the Christian life in this diocese may be so successful as to turn the burdens of your weighty office into joy, whilst remaining your most obedient servants—J. Collins, C. Tullock, P. Joyce, Jno. Caulfield.'

Mr. T. Pound, P.P., then read the following address from the H.A.C.B. Society:—'May it please your Lordship,—The Hibernians of Invercargill desire to present you with an address of welcome on the occasion of your official visitation of the parish. The constitution and aims of our Society have, we know, your cordial approbation. From the beginning of Christian history the Bishops and the Popes have been leaders in the work of Christian beneficence. As early as the year A.D. 250 the local Church of Rome was called "the Mother of Charities"—other cathedral, parish, and monastic churches, as well as they could, copying her example. The Popes and Bishops of our time are not behind their predecessors in this great matter. All follow the principles of the great Founder of the Church: "I give you a new commandment that you love one another"; "By this shall men know that you are My disciples if you love one another"; "Greater love than this no man hath that a man lay down his life for his friends." And His own spirit of brotherly love our Blessed Lord infused into the hearts of His Apostles: "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren; he that loveth not, abideth in death" (St. John). "Religion clean and undefiled is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" (St. James). "Owe no man anything but to love one another; for he that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law" (St. Paul). Following upon the rise and spread of Christianity was that marvellous efflorescence of benevolent and charitable institutions of which the historians of Christian charity have so much to say. After the heroic communism of the primitive Church at Jerusalem, we see benevolent organisations founded beside every cathedral and important church. Then arose in the Middle Ages the Orders of Mercy and those for the redemption of captives—Orders whose members reached the heroic ideal of Christian charity—"Greater love than this no man hath that a man lay down his life for his friends." In the same ages of faith arose those great guilds of workmen which did so much to promote industry and the arts as well as the comfort and the religious life of the members. In recent centuries religious dissensions and consequent religious indifference and infidelity interfered with or destroyed those pious industrial guilds. But, in our time, they rise again under the auspices of the Popes, the Bishops, and clergy and illustrious Catholic laymen. Our Society follows the true Catholic models. It is beneficent, for we help the sick, the aged, the widow and the orphan. It is Catholic, for we are guided by Christian principles and we follow the Church's ordinances believing that virtue, contentment, and the good order of society are thereby best attained. It is patriotic, for we are ready to join, in heart and hand, with all our fellow-citizens in advancing the true interests of this beautiful "Queen of the Southern Seas," just as our fathers for many generations labored to maintain the national existence and the national life of the "Emerald Gem of the Western World."

'Asking your Lordship's blessing upon our organisation and heartily welcoming you to Invercargill, we beg to remain your most faithful sons—E. J. Columb, P. J. Mulvey, V.P., C. W. Matheson, Sec.

The following address from the Catholic Young Men's Literary Society was read by Mr. Morton:—

'May it please your Lordship,—The Church of Jesus Christ is a great visible society, a great kingdom, consisting of different classes of members set in due order and subordination. There are the orders of teachers, rulers,

ministers, and there is the great body of the people. To the former, in the persons of the Apostles, Our Lord Jesus Christ gave authority to teach and rule. "And Jesus coming spoke to them, saying: All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth; going therefore teach ye all nations; . . . teaching them to observe all things whatever I have commanded you." On the latter He placed the duties of obedience, docility, and submission: "He that heareth you heareth Me and he that heareth Me heareth Him that sent Me." Now the present is a time when such virtues as obedience, veneration, reverence, and respect are said to be declining among the younger people. Such decline we believe is most regrettable. A great Bishop, St. John Chrysostom, said, "Take away from an army its general and it becomes a mass of men destined for slaughter; take away the captain from the ship and it becomes the sport of wind and waves; take away the shepherd from his flock and it becomes scattered abroad. But of what use are general, captain, or shepherd unless their voice be heard and their guidance followed? Obedience and reverence for authority are obviously necessary for the stability and progress of Church and State. Hence we, the members of the Young Men's Literary Society, are pleased to have this opportunity to profess before our Bishop our deepest reverence for the authoritative teaching of the Church, our obedience to her precepts, our love of the Holy Mass and Sacraments, and our respect for the Church's ministers and for the great Catholic Episcopate worthily represented amongst us by your Lordship. This declaration of our thoughts and sentiments will, we know, be a consolation to Him Who "watches as being to render an account of our souls."

'Assuring you that you will always have the respect, obedience, and fidelity of the young men and of the rising generation of this parish, we beg to remain, your Lordship's most obedient servants,—L. W. J. Morton, president; T. Pound, vice-president; J. S. Shepherd, hon. sec. The address from the Children of Mary, which was as follows, was read by Miss Waterston:—

'May it please your Lordship,—We presume to address your Lordship, aware as we are that you are pleased to find the Society of the Children of Mary established and flourishing in this parish. Our society has existed here for the past twenty-seven years. Time, which tends to weaken and relax most organisations, has rather increased our numbers, and, we trust, our fervor. Many old members have, indeed, passed away, and many have been scattered up and down the country, still our society keeps up its numbers and its regular attendance at our devotional meetings. The Little Office, Rosary, hymns, spiritual readings and instruction, the frequentation of the Sacraments, and mutual encouragements maintain the devotional spirit of the members, elevate our ideals, and sustain, we would like to say, exemplary conduct. In our pious reunions we do not forget the Chief Pastor of the diocese. We know how onerous and full of cares and anxiety is your office. We know that on you rests the duty of watching over the whole flock, of selecting candidates for the altar and promoting their training, of appointing worthy priests to the parishes of the diocese, of establishing and cherishing religious communities for the great work of Christian education and Christian charity, and of organising religious confraternities for preserving and promoting the Christian virtues among the members and deeds of beneficence and kindness to those around them. We see it to be your duty to supervise all, to go about and visit every parish, encouraging what is praiseworthy and correcting abuses and faults—doing these things regardless of trouble or of disagreeableness. "The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep." Whilst, then, welcoming you on this occasion and declaring our good will and hearty obedience to your fatherly rule, we wish particularly to declare that our prayers will follow you in all your ways, asking that heavenly guidance and success may attend them.

An address from the pupils of the Dominican Convent School was read by Miss Mary Baldwin, and from the pupils of the Marist Brothers' School by Master A. Mayhew.

His Lordship's Reply.

Bishop Verdon then thanked the congregation for the grand welcome they had given him on the occasion of his first official visit to Invercargill since his return from Rome. The beautiful addresses that had been presented to him rang with the true Catholic spirit. Union, attachment to authority, and reverence for the chief pastor of the diocese were the leading ideas in each address. It was wonderful to see that union and charity and sympathy among Bishop, priests, and people, dwelt upon by St. Ignatius as an ideal in the earliest period of the Church's history, reproduced here in this remote diocese after 1800 years. What a continuity of likeness in the ways and spirit of the Catholic Church! Indeed, the union of Pope,

bishops, priests, and people was more marked now than ever before; time and new conditions were drawing the bonds closer. During his travels last year he had opportunities of noticing this union, so wonderful not only in faith but in love and reverence for the ruling authorities in the Church. To cite a few examples: The Pope celebrated his Jubilee last year, and during the year thousands of congratulatory messages and precious gifts came from the bishops, priests, and people of the whole earth; and on the day appointed to celebrate the Jubilee 400 bishops, thousands of priests, and an immense multitude of people surrounded the Holy Father in Rome. Then, again, there was the great Eucharistic Congress at London. Eighty-six bishops, a great number of priests, and 200,000 people assembled to honor our Blessed Lord in the great Mystery of His love. A Papal Legate came to represent the Pope there—the first seen in England for 300 years; and that great multitude received him enthusiastically, because he had come in the name of the Pope. Take another example: An infidel Government was, as they all knew, trying to crush the Catholic Church in France. Some time ago a law was passed which confiscated the whole of the Church property of the nation. The French Government offered a compromise whereby the use of the churches, presbyteries, and Church property might be retained. This compromise appeared injurious to Catholic interests. The bishops and clergy asked the advice of the Holy Father, who bade them reject it. They submitted to his decision; the bishops left their palaces and the clergy their presbyteries and went forth homeless, sacrificing millions of pounds' worth of property rather than do anything opposed to the desires of the Pope and prejudicial to the interests of Catholic faith and unity. Those were a few instances of the strong union and sympathy existing between the Holy Father, the Supreme Head of the Church on the one hand, and the bishops, clergy, and laity on the other. And that same bond is found in the several dioceses among bishop, priest, and people. Take this diocese of Dunedin; the most perfect spirit of unity prevailed in it, and that was why they were able to do so much work for religion. Churches had been built, schools had been established, religious communities had been introduced, fully equal to the wants of the place, and all was the result of the grand spirit of unity, harmony, and community of action for the general good that prevailed in the diocese. And the common spirit was seen reflected between pastor and people in their several parishes. Let them take their own parish of Invercargill. The people loved their pastor, and they respected him for his prudence and ability; they listened to his advice and were always ready to follow him. The consequences to be expected followed. Invercargill had advanced very much for the past twelve years; but the various Catholic institutions had kept well up with the progress of the city. There was their grand church, towering above all the other churches and edifices of the city. A magnificent building it will be when fully decorated and completed. There were their schools, thoroughly well equipped and having grand attendances of children. He had visited these schools that day—the good Brothers' school and the convent schools—and he was delighted with the number of bright, well-clad, happy, intelligent children he found in them. These schools and these children were the crown and glory of the prospering condition of this parish. Invercargill had a good name for Sunday observance, attendance at the Masses, and the reception of the Sacraments. Every time he came here he was struck by the numbers approaching Holy Communion—numbers which kept up steadily Sunday after Sunday throughout the year. That being so, it was not surprising that the different societies of the parish flourished. It gave him much pleasure to receive the Young Men's Society's address, and to hear the sentiments expressed in it. He was glad the society was in a sound state, that it did much good work, and that its spirit was so loyal and Catholic. He exhorted the members to use their opportunities to go on fitting themselves for the battle of life, always improving themselves and doing so under the guidance of their scholarly director, the Dean. It was unnecessary for him to say that he was pleased to find the Hibernians flourishing here. His thorough approval was bestowed on the Hibernians. Benefit societies were needed. He knew the Hibernians well; probably the largest branch in the Dominion was the Dunedin branch. He knew their spirit—that they helped one another and also the parish priest in every parish undertaking. The Hibernians in looking back at the past should feel proud of the faith and patriotism of their fathers in the Old Country, and the example of their ancestors should stimulate them to copy those virtues and reproduce them and show them to be a vital power in the upbuilding of this new country. All that he expected from the numbers of young Hibernians who were wearing the honored badge of the society throughout this

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Dominion. It gave him much pleasure to receive an address from the Children of Mary. He was glad to hear that time was not diminishing, rather increasing their numbers, their fervor, and their exemplary influence among the female portion of the parish. He prayed that God would shower His blessings upon them all; but he particularly exhorted the younger members to be faithful to the rules of their society and to follow the counsels of their pastor and the advice of the nuns who presided at their meetings. If they did that they would be saved from many dangers which lay in the path of the young and inexperienced. He need not say that he was pleased with the joyous welcome he had received that day from the happy and fortunate children of the Catholic schools. It was entirely necessary, if we were to have true Catholic men and women in the future and not merely ill-instructed poor-spirited nominal ones, to have children brought up at home and in school in a Catholic atmosphere; they should have before them, during the years their characters were being formed, the example of good parents and the saintly lives and spirit of good teachers. At home and in school they should be learning, all the day, sweetly and silently the way to sanctify their actions and to govern their conduct by Christian thoughts and maxims. It is of the first importance for Catholic children to be surrounded, during the period of their education, with what is so justly called 'a Catholic atmosphere.' In no way that can be named can the mind be so deeply imbued with sound principles and the heart be so firmly habituated to virtuous practices as by close contact with others thoroughly animated by such principles and practices. See how even some well-educated and already grown-up become the victims of bad and irreligious surroundings and companions. What a gross neglect of duty then it is for parents who, where good Catholic schools exist, pass them by and expose their children, whom they are so strictly bound to protect, to an atmosphere indifferentist, irreligious, and often anti-Catholic. Unhappy children! their own parents exchange their glorious birthright for a miserable mess of pottage. But he was glad to be able to say that there were few Catholic parents in this town who, in view of their splendidly equipped Catholic schools, were so callous—he would say so cruel—towards their children as to victimize them in this way. The Bishop said he could not conclude without speaking some words of praise of their Catholic band. He knew something of music and of its difficulties, hence he was surprised at the state of efficiency the band had reached in so short a time. He must congratulate the members on their playing that evening, and particularly the conductor, who must be a most capable man, seeing that he had already produced such fine results. There was, he felt sure, a bright future before their Catholic band. Having again thanked the parishioners of Invercargill for their splendid demonstration of welcome and fidelity the Bishop sat down amid enthusiastic applause.

The Mayor (Mr. W. B. Scandrett) said he had listened to the addresses and to the Bishop's forcible reply with great pleasure. After the Bishop's eloquent speech, he should come in as a very poor second. He was deeply impressed by the sentiments of unity, kindly sympathy, and reverence for authority that pervaded that enthusiastic meeting. He was an old citizen of Invercargill. He knew the good old French missionaries who built old St. Mary's. He knew many of the priests who had labored in this town and district ever since, and he knew them to be worthy and efficient men. The present pastor, Dean Burke, was much esteemed by his own people; but more than that, he was as a churchman and citizen the object of what he might call cosmopolitan admiration. The institutions of the Catholic Church were keeping fully abreast with the rapid progress of the city. That was not surprising, seeing that the people had such men as their fatherly Bishop and their cultured Dean to lead them. He was much pleased with what he had seen and heard at that large and enthusiastic reunion of the Catholic people of this city.

The band here struck up 'Faith of our Fathers,' and the people sang the hymn. All then knelt down and the Bishop chanted the episcopal benediction, the choir responding. The band played the Bishop back to the presbytery, and about 300 persons not yet fatigued by a long ceremony, followed to the gate, where three cheers for the Bishop closed the proceedings.

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

April 2.

Mr. D.-McMurrich, a member of St. Mary of the Angels' congregation, and chief engineer in the Wellington branch of the Union Steam Ship Co., will take the position of superintending engineer at the head office in Dunedin. His many friends congratulate him heartily on his promotion.

A special general meeting of members of the Wellington Catholic Club was held in St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, last night (Friday), to devise ways and means for furthering the erection of a new Catholic hall and club rooms. A canvassing committee was elected to wait on members, and ascertain from them how much they would contribute monthly. There is every prospect of a large amount being collected shortly.

The quarterly meeting of the city branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Monday evening, March 29. Bro. E. F. Reichel presided. Notwithstanding the boisterous weather there was a large attendance of members. Four new members were initiated and two candidates proposed. The triennial movable meeting of the District Board takes place in Wellington next year, when it is anticipated a large gathering of delegates from all over the Dominion will be present. The question of entertaining these delegates was discussed. It is now over sixteen years since the District Meeting was held in Wellington.

On Tuesday night, at St. Thomas' Hall, the St. Anne's Catholic Club minstrel troupe gave their first public performance, the proceeds from which are to aid the funds of the bazaar which will be held in the Skating Rink at Easter. There was a large and appreciative audience. In the first part of the programme the following contributed items:—Messrs. J. Bradley, E. J. Foote, G. Foote, C. McErlan, S. Parkinson, and E. Reade. In the second part Messrs. D. Kenny, H. P. Clarke, Joll, E. Reade, and C. Webb with songs, and Mr. V. Raymond with his clever conjuring tricks met with great favor from the audience. The entertainment concluded with a farce, 'The Same One,' which was given by members of the Wellington Catholic Club dramatic club, Messrs. F. Eller, F. Hickmott, J. Quinn, T. Tiller, and J. Webb. Messrs. E. Reade and J. J. Butler acted as stage manager and hon. secretary respectively.

It is with sincere regret that I record the death of Mr. Joseph Veara Cordoza, of Wellington, at the age of 66 years. For many years he kept a fruiterer's shop on Lambton Quay. A Spaniard by birth, he came to New Zealand in the early sixties, and settled at first in Wanganui. The death of Mr. Cordoza recalls the sensational Maungatapu (locally called Mokotap) murders by the Sullivan, Burgess, Levy gang, which took place in 1865-6. Mr. Cordoza is said to have been the last man to pass along the road to the Ahura in the Nelson district, a few miles out of Greymouth before the murders were committed. He was arrested on suspicion of being connected with the highwaymen, and was submitted to a private examination before he was released. The funeral took place on March 27, the remains being interred in the Petone Catholic Cemetery. The Rev. Father Maples officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

At Levin on March 23 there died an old pioneer, Mr. James Darragh, in his 76th year. Born at Liverpool and educated at Manchester, he, when quite a young man, came out to Australia in 1850. He spent some years on the Ballarat gold diggings, being amongst the first on the field when the licenses were issued in September, 1851. Mr. Darragh had experience of the riots and the hostility between the miners and the Government, which culminated in the siege of the Eureka Stockade in 1854. He then went to Sydney, and in 1859 left for Dunedin, arriving there at a time when it was mainly native bush and flax swamp. As one of the very early settlers the deceased saw Dunedin grow to its present proportions. He was attended in his illness by Rev. Father Cognet, and died fortified by the rites of Holy Church. Mr. Darragh leaves a grown-up family to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

A very successful sports' meeting took place on the Basin Reserve, Wellington, on Saturday, March 27, when the Wellington Catholic Club and H.A.C.B. Society held their annual gathering, there being over a thousand per-

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sons present. Whatever profit is made will go towards the new club rooms fund. A feature of the meeting was the efforts of W. Woodger, who won the 100yds and 220yds races at the championship meeting recently held in Dunedin. Messrs. McKay, Wilton, Fitzgerald, and Burge, other champions, competed, only the first-named being successful. He won the high jump. The officials worked hard, and everything passed off without a hitch. The secretary, Mr. H. McKeown, deserves great credit for the way the gathering was conducted, the arrangements being most complete. The following is the list of officials:—Referee, Dr. A. K. Newman; track judges, Messrs. E. A. Dawson, W. H. Pollock, W. G. Talbot, R. W. McVilly; field judges, Messrs. J. Doyle, M. Hogan, T. S. Ronaldson, W. H. Jones; starter, Mr. T. W. Leslie; marksmen, Messrs. B. A. Guise, W. Larkin, A. H. Casey, J. Heenan; timekeepers, Messrs. W. Tucker, W. F. Ross, L. W. Ludwig, A. Smith; result board, Messrs. J. J. Callaghan, P. J. McGovern, A. W. Travers; clerk of course, Mr. J. W. Callaghan; marshal, Mr. W. Coffey; call stewards, Messrs. F. Crews and C. Gamble; press steward, Mr. J. McGowan; handicappers, Messrs. J. Heenan and W. H. Pollock.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.—EASTER HOLIDAYS, 1909.

The following Alterations in and Additions to the ordinary train service will be made in connection with the above:—

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

Train leaves Dunedin for Palmerston at 9.40 a.m., returning from Palmerston at 5.0 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.52 p.m.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Palmerston at 4.30 p.m. will NOT leave till 7.55 p.m.

The train usually leaving Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.6 p.m. will NOT leave till 5.30 p.m., arriving Dunedin 8.13 p.m.

Trains will leave Balclutha for Catlins River at 5.30 a.m., 11.45 a.m., and 8.15 p.m., returning from Catlins River at 7.25 a.m., 2.10 p.m., and 10.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10.

The train usually leaving Balclutha for Catlins River at 10.40 a.m. will NOT leave till 11.45 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

The 5.5 a.m. Palmerston-Dunedin train will NOT RUN. Train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 9.40 a.m., returning leaving Palmerston at 5.0 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.52 p.m.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Palmerston at 4.30 p.m. will NOT leave until 7.55 p.m.

The train usually leaving Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.6 p.m. will NOT leave till 5.30 p.m., arriving Dunedin 8.13 p.m.

The train usually leaving Mosgiel for Outram at 5.45 p.m. will NOT leave till 6.15 p.m.

Train will leave Mosgiel for Dunedin at 8.25 p.m.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Mosgiel at 5.15 p.m. will leave at 5.2 p.m.

A train will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel at 11.20 p.m.

The train usually leaving Mosgiel for Dunedin at 5.18 p.m. will NOT leave till 5.31 p.m.

The train usually leaving Milton for Lawrence at 7.25 p.m. will NOT leave till 8.25 p.m., Waitahuna 9.45 p.m., arriving Lawrence 10.15 p.m.

The train usually leaving Balclutha for Catlins River at 10.40 a.m. will NOT leave till 11.45 a.m.

A train will leave Balclutha for Catlins River at 8.15 p.m., returning leaving Catlins River at 10.15 p.m.

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Trains will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel Township at 9.20 a.m., 10.32 a.m., and 11.5 a.m., returning leaving Mosgiel Township at 5.25 p.m. and 6.0 p.m.

Trains will leave Mosgiel for Dunedin at 5.31 p.m., 5.45 p.m., 6.10 p.m., 7.23 p.m., and 8.25 p.m.

STRATH TAIERI SHOW AT MIDDLEMARCH.

The Goods Train, with car attached, usually leaving Omakau for Ranfurly at 8.40 a.m. will NOT run.

Train will leave Omakau for Middlemarch at 7.30 a.m., Ranfurly 10.5 a.m., Hyde 11.40 a.m., arriving Middlemarch at 12.30 p.m.

Train will leave Middlemarch at 4.5 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.30 p.m.

The train usually leaving Middlemarch for Omakau at 4.15 p.m. will NOT leave till 5.15 p.m., Hyde 6.10 p.m., Ranfurly 7.35 p.m., Otarehua 8.40 p.m., arriving Omakau at 9.55 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

A train will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.5 a.m., Port Chalmers Upper 7.9 a.m., arriving Dunedin 7.40 a.m.

The train usually leaving Port Chalmers Lower for Dunedin at 7.8 a.m. will leave at 7.5 a.m.

The train usually leaving Balclutha for Catlins River at 10.40 a.m. will NOT leave till 11.45 a.m.

EXTRA EXPRESS TRAINS.

Between DUNEDIN and PALMERSTON on GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER MONDAY, 9th and 12th April, will run as under:

DUNEDIN TO PALMERSTON.—Dunedin depart 9.25 a.m., stopping at Waitati 10.26 a.m., Seaclyff 10.55 a.m., Puketeraki 11.6 a.m., Waikouaiti 11.20 a.m. Will also stop at Port Chalmers Upper to pick up passengers for stations at which train is timed to stop.

PALMERSTON TO DUNEDIN.—Palmerston depart 4.30 p.m., stopping at Waikouaiti 4.52 p.m., Puketeraki 5.12 p.m., Seaclyff 5.21 p.m., Waitati 5.42 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.33 p.m. Will also stop at Port Chalmers Upper to allow passengers to alight.

Between DUNEDIN and BALCLUTHA from THURSDAY, 8th April, to TUESDAY, 13th April, inclusive (Sunday excepted), will run as under:

Dunedin depart 9.15 a.m., Mosgiel 9.49 a.m., Henley 10.12 a.m., Waihola 10.29 a.m., Milton 10.53 a.m., Stirling 11.23 a.m., arriving Balclutha 11.30 a.m. This train connects with Lawrence and Catlins River Branch trains, and will stop at Caversham and Mosgiel to pick up passengers, and at Henley, Titri, Waihola, Milton, and Stirling to pick up or set down passengers.

Balclutha depart 4.0 p.m., Stirling 4.7 p.m., Milton 4.42 p.m., Waihola 5.2 p.m., Henley 5.15 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.14 p.m. This train connects with trains from Catlins River and Lawrence Branches, and with train for Outram. Will stop at Stirling, Milton, Waihola, Titri, Henley, Mosgiel, and Caversham to pick up or set down passengers.

In connection with the Dunedin-Balclutha Extra Express Trains the following alterations in the ordinary time-table will be observed from THURSDAY, 8th April, to TUESDAY, 13th April, inclusive:

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Clinton at 9.5 a.m. will NOT leave till 9.50 a.m., Mosgiel 10.36 a.m., Henley 11.12 a.m., Waihola 11.27 a.m., Milton 12 noon, Balclutha 1.5 p.m.

LAWRENCE BRANCH.—The train usually leaving Milton for Lawrence at 10.5 a.m. will NOT leave till 11.5 a.m., Waitahuna 12.25 p.m.

The train usually leaving Lawrence for Milton at 3.30 p.m. will leave at 2.40 p.m., Waitahuna 3.10 p.m.

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SPECIAL NIGHT TRAINS will run as under:

THURSDAY, APRIL 8.

Dunedin depart 10.45 p.m., Christchurch arrive 9.15 a.m. on Friday. Christchurch depart 10.35 p.m., Dunedin arrive 10.9 a.m. on Friday.

Dunedin depart 11.0 p.m., Oamaru arrive 4.10 a.m. on Friday.

Dunedin depart 11.20 p.m., Balclutha 2.18 a.m., Invercargill arrive 6.40 a.m. on Friday.

Invercargill depart 11.20 p.m., Balclutha 3.45 a.m., Dunedin arrive 6.30 a.m. on Friday.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10.

Dunedin depart 11.0 p.m., Palmerston arrive 1.50 a.m. on Sunday.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

Christchurch depart 9.0 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.5 a.m. on Tuesday.

Dunedin depart 8.50 p.m., Christchurch arrive 7.10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Dunedin depart 9.40 p.m., Balclutha 12.10 a.m., arriving Invercargill 4.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Invercargill depart 10.15 p.m., Balclutha 2.25 a.m., arriving Dunedin 4.50 a.m. on Tuesday.

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Messrs. Dalgety and Co. report as follows:—

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we offered a representative catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Competition throughout was fairly good, and the bulk of the catalogue was cleared at auction and privately at valuation. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The market is quiet and, if anything, a shade easier than last week, many buyers not being prepared to go on at late values. Shipping inquiry is not animated. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 5d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; inferior and medium, 1s 2d to 1s 3½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Our latest London advices report a very firm market. Millers now carry fair stocks and are not over-anxious buyers at the moment at the figures asked by holders, many of whom now want 4s net at their stations. Fowl wheat has moderate inquiry locally. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 10d to 4s on trucks country stations; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; medium fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s.

WOOL

Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending April 6 as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—We held our usual fortnightly sale on the 5th inst., when we offered a large catalogue. The quality of the skins coming forward is much better, and in consequence bidding was very brisk and prices fully up to last sale. Quotations—Prime winters, to 20d; second winters, 14d to 17d; autumns, 12d to 14½d; spring bucks, 10d to 12½d; spring does, 8d to 11½; summers, 7½d to 9½d; milky does, 5½d to 6½d; mixed, 6d to 8d; small, 5d to 6½d; horse hair, 18d to 18½d.

Sheepskins.—We held our fortnightly sale to-day, when we had a medium catalogue forward. There was a large attendance of buyers, and bidding, owing to the improvement in the London market, was keen, prices being slightly better than have been ruling. Quotations: Best halfbred, 6½d to 7½d; medium to good, 5d to 6½d; inferior, 3½d to 4½d; best fine crossbred, 6d to 7d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; best merino, 5½d to 6½d; medium to good, 3½d to 4½d; pelts, 3d to 4½d; best lambskins, 4½d to 6½d; medium to good, 3d to 4d.

Hides.—We held our usual fortnightly sale of hides on Thursday, 1st inst., when we submitted a small catalogue of 260. There was the usual attendance of buyers, and prices were much on a par with those ruling at the last sale. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 6½d to 7½d; good heavy, 6d to 6½d; medium weight, 5½d to 5½d; light weight, 5d to 5½d; inferior and staggy, 3½d to 4½d; best heavy cow hides, 5½d to 6½d; medium weight, 5½d to 5½d; light, 5d to 5½d; inferior, 1d to 3½d; yearlings, 2½d to 5½d; calfskins, 2d to 7½d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is very little change to report in the tallow and fat market, there being a good demand for all kinds coming forward.

OBITUARY

SISTER M. MAGDALENE, QUEENSTOWN.

The obsequies of Sister M. Magdalene, who passed away at the Dominican Convent, Queenstown, on Wednesday of last week, and whose death was briefly mentioned in our last issue, took place in St. Joseph's Church, Queenstown, on Friday. A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of

the soul of the deceased religious was celebrated by the Rev. Father Morkane, Very Rev. Father O'Donnell (Gore) being deacon, Rev. Father O'Donnell (Queenstown) sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Coffey (Adm. St. Joseph's Cathedral) master of ceremonies. In the funeral procession in the afternoon to the Queenstown Cemetery the members of the confraternities of the Children of Mary and the Sacred Heart took part. The burial service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Father O'Donnell (Queenstown), assisted by the priests previously mentioned. The deceased was daughter of Mrs. Morkane, of Kumara, and sister of Rev. Father Morkane (Lawrence) and Dr. Morkane (Kumara), who have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

MR. R. P. CLARKSON, NAPIER.

Mr. Richard P. Clarkson, director of the Napier Technical School, was drowned on the town beach on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Clarkson, who was a regular bather, was swimming a short distance from the shore when he sank. It is said that he called for help, and it is supposed that he either became exhausted or was seized with cramp. There was scarcely any break on the beach at the time. Robert Lynam, the attendant, was not wearing bathing clothes at the time, but he was soon in the water, and he continued diving for the body for about an hour without success. The deceased, who was a widower, his wife having predeceased him by about a couple of years, leaves a young family of five. He was a native of Canterbury, and a convert to the Catholic Church. He was at one time engaged in school teaching in Canterbury, and later on in the North Island. He was appointed to the Napier Technical School about a year ago. The late Mr. Clarkson was an enthusiastic worker in the cause of technical instruction, and had done valuable organising work during the twelve months he had been in Napier. He was president of the Napier Catholic Young Men's Club.—R.I.P.

The Church of the Irish Martyrs, Cromwell

Our readers are reminded that the blessing and opening of the new Church of the Irish Martyrs, Cromwell, takes place on Sunday, April 18, when the ceremony will be performed by his Lordship Bishop Verdon. The Rev. Father Hunt, pastor of Cromwell, is very desirous that the church should not be burdened with a heavy debt, and therefore makes an earnest appeal to every Irish man and woman in the Dominion to assist him in his work, and thus have a share in perpetuating in this southern land the memory of those who laid down their lives for the faith. In the advertisement which appeared in our last issue, the word 'last' was inadvertently substituted for 'least,' with the result that the sense was slightly altered.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

April 5.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay returned to Oamaru on Thursday last, having much benefited by his short holiday. The annual meeting of the Oamaru Catholic Club was held at the rooms yesterday afternoon. There was a record attendance and much enthusiasm was shown. The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay occupied the chair, and Rev. Father Farthing was also present. The annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The Right Rev. chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the members on the satisfactory financial position of the club, there being a substantial credit balance to begin the present session. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay; spiritual director, Rev. Father Farthing; president, Mr. Thomas O'Grady; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Griffiths, F. Mulvihill, E. P. Curran, James Cooney, and John Cagney, jun.; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Cooney; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. R. Wallace. A small annual subscription was fixed for the coming session. The opening debate will take place on Friday evening, April 16. A number of new members were elected, and everything promises well for the success of the club.

Gore

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

On Sunday, March 21, the members of the Hibernian Society to the number of thirty approached the Holy

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Table, and, considering the short existence the society has had; the members are to be congratulated on their display, which augurs well for the future of the branch.

On Wednesday evening, March 17, the Gore branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held a concert in their club rooms, Holland's Buildings. The entertainment was well attended, and the directing spirits may congratulate themselves on the success of their efforts. Father O'Donnell in his address to the audience drew their attention to the utility and necessity of such entertainments, than which there is no more suitable way to keep before their minds remembrance of Ireland. Mr. Owen Kelly, president of the Gore branch, urged upon all Catholic young men the necessity of joining the Hibernian Society, which was a powerful means of uniting and solidifying the ranks of the Catholic youth of New Zealand. Vocal items were contributed by Mrs. Owen Kelly, Miss Hynes, Misses Annie and T. Hanneff, Messrs. O'Connor, Walders, Sweeney, and Simpson, and Mr. James Hoffman danced an Irish reel.

Temuka

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At a meeting of the South Canterbury Rugby Union held in Timaru on Thursday last, the Athletic (Temuka Catholic) Football Club applied for affiliation to the union, which was granted. Several members present spoke in terms of praise of the energy displayed by the Catholic Club in entering for three competitions the first season.

There was a good attendance at the adjourned special meeting of footballers held in the Catholic Club rooms on March 23. It was decided to apply for affiliation to S.C. Rugby Union, and to enter three teams (senior, junior, and third grade) for the competitions. The name adopted for the club was 'Athletic,' and colors to be green and white. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. Jeffries; vice-presidents—Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, Messrs. J. P. Kalaugher, P. Wareing, M. Crammitch, J. M. Twomey, P. Mitten, T. Quinlin, John Brosnahan, W. D. Fitzgerald, W. Barry, John Fitzgerald, M. O'Loughlin, John McCabe, W. Halley, Wm. Fitzgerald, M. Gaffaney, T. Rooney; club captain, Mr. D. Horgan; vice-captain, Mr. J. Cunnam; committee—Messrs. R. Gillespie, Jas. Spillane, J. Tangney, Gus. Spillane, M. Sullivan; delegates to union, Messrs. E. B. Gillespie and Jas. Spillane.

Thames

At nine o'clock yesterday morning (says the *Thames Star* of March 18) about 300 picnickers left St. Francis' Church bound for Mr. Mitchell's paddock, Puru, which had been kindly lent for the occasion of the annual festival of St. Francis' schools. The gathering was pronounced the most successful held for many years. Ideal picnic weather prevailed, not one unwelcome shower falling to dampen the spirits of those present. An army of enthusiastic workers kept the ball rolling without a moment's cessation, and with sports, races, bathing, etc., a most delightful day was spent. Like all good things, however, the day had to come to an end, and it was with reluctant steps, as the sun was setting, the people wended their way to, and filled the brakes ready to proceed homewards. A happy reunion was effected in St. Joseph's Hall in the evening, where a pleasant social gathering was held. Several instrumental and vocal items were rendered in finished style, the demonstrative audience showing their appreciation by pronounced encores, nearly all the performers being thus honored. The following is the programme: Solos, Misses McEnteer, McPike, Messrs. Kenny

and Pope; recitations, Miss B. Mellett, Father Carran, and Master Cooney; instrumental duet, Messrs. McIntyre and Bryant; pianoforte solo, Miss C. Martin; pianoforte duet, Misses R. Dunbar and Roche. Misses Fortune, McEnteer, and Miller played the accompaniments. Father Carran thanked all those who had assisted in any way in making the day the enjoyable one it had been.

Masterton

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

March 27.

The annual swimming competitions of St. Patrick's schoolgirls were held in the public baths on Thursday, and were largely attended. The principal results were as follow:—Last year's swimmers' race, 25yds, Nellie O'Dowd 1, Mary Olsen 2; this year's swimmers' race, Mary Diggins 1, Florence Russell 2; diving, Mary Olsen 1.

Mr. J. O'Leary, well known in athletic circles and a member of the Hibernian Society, has decided to accept a position in Auckland, and will leave for that city shortly. As captain of the Masterton Football Club he will be greatly missed. Mr. O'Leary is one of Masterton's most popular young men, and there are many who will regret extremely his departure for the north.

St. Patrick's Church is being repainted, and when finished will present a very neat appearance.

April 3.

The boys attending St. Patrick's school held their swimming races yesterday in the Borough Baths, the use of which was kindly given by the Council. Very Rev. Dean McKenna acted as starter, and Rev. Father T. McKenna and Messrs. M. E. O'Connell and Falls were judges. The following are the results:—55yds race (over thirteen years), J. Connell, 1; D. Welch, 2. 25yds (under thirteen years), J. O'Dowd, 1; Leo Welch, 2. This year's swimmers, 15yds race, E. Haughey, 1; A. Cameron, 2. Diving—Neat diving, quickest in picking up plate and long dive, John O'Dowd, 1; J. Connell and D. Welch tied for second place. Rescue race, J. Connell, 1; D. Welch, 2. Obstacle race, A. Haughey, 1; D. Welch, 2. Cork race, Des. Welch, 1; D. Welch, 2. Challenge race, J. Connell, 1; J. Ramsey, 2. Before separating cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Falls, in recognition of what they had done towards the successful carrying out of the competitions.

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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, APRIL 8, 1909.

A WRONG THAT RAMIFIES



CATHOLICS in these countries have, happily for themselves, inherited from their fathers the results of a long training in the arts of patience. They, of all others in the community,

'Know how sublime a thing it is,
To suffer and be strong.'

In these countries the lesson is still 'rubbed in,' partly by the ding-dong of attack from sundry quarters, that is not limited to the spasms and jumps and paroxysms of mid-July, but in some shape or other runs on from New Year's Day to St. Sylvester's; but chiefly by the unjust forms of denominationalism in public instruction, posing as 'neutral' and 'undenominational,' for which Catholics are compelled to pay, and of which, on sheer grounds of conscience they cannot take advantage, except as the alternative to what Carlyle calls 'the tragedy of ignorance.' To Catholics, education, of its nature, necessarily implies the development of the child's whole nature—physical, intellectual, moral, religious. It implies something more than mere secular instruction (such as reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, etc.)—for they are not education; they are at best the mere communication of worldly knowledge or of the means for acquiring knowledge. No amount of mere instruction constitutes education—apart from the moulding and training of the heart and will and moral conscience of the child, and apart from reference to its true nature and destiny. We have already pointed out, in our last issue, the essentially dogmatic and narrow denominational character of the system of hard secularism which legally holds sway in our public school system and which banishes religion—as if it were a foul and evil thing—as if religion and the State were enemies to each other; we have shown how those parents who accept this form of secularism are rewarded with the free instruction of their children; and, on the

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But this injustice is not all. It has numerous ramifications, and time and again it sneaks along like a pick-pocket in a crowd and 'lifts' other coins from the unwilling pockets of Catholics. The greater wrongs are not necessarily those that create the greatest resentment and disgust. People are often more intimately afflicted and embittered by the little meannesses and the petty blisters of life than by its greater tribulations. And one can readily, in the circumstances, understand the feeling of strong indignation with which the Catholics of Oamaru have viewed the latest penalty imposed upon them for their conscientious and practical belief in Christ as the grand Model and Exemplar to keep ever before the minds of the little men and maids at school. Catholic rate-payers in the 'White City' contributed their proper quota towards the erection of the local Municipal Swimming Baths; they, too, contribute their due proportion towards the cost of an instructor, and towards the capitation grant allowed by the Education Department in respect of children trained in the useful art of swimming and of life-saving. We let an Oamaru contemporary tell the remainder of the tale:—

'Recently applications were made by the heads of the Catholic schools in Oamaru to the Borough Council for the use of the Municipal Swimming Baths on the same terms as those enjoyed by the public schools. On receipt of the applications, the Town Clerk wrote to the Otago Education Board asking if Catholic schools were eligible to receive the capitation grant of 2s 6d paid in respect of every child attending twenty swimming lessons in any given school year, and received a reply that pupils attending Catholic schools were not eligible to attend swimming classes in respect of which such capitation grant was paid. On receipt of the intimation the Town Clerk addressed the following letter to the Hon. the Minister for Education: "I am instructed by his Worship the Mayor to point out that the art of swimming and life-saving is an accomplishment altogether outside of the ordinary school work, which should be learned by all, and every facility afforded to those wishing to learn. The ability to save life from drowning is a matter of national importance, in which the question of creed can in no way enter, and I am instructed to request that you will take into serious consideration the question of making the capitation apply to all schools complying with the regulations now governing public schools, and so abolish the disability under which the Catholic schools of the Dominion now suffer in this respect. In Oamaru the baths and a competent instructor are provided by the Municipality, and what is now asked is, that the boys and girls should have an equal opportunity of qualifying for capitation, irrespective of what school they happen to attend. I am directed to express the hope that the above suggestion may commend itself to you and that you will see your way to grant to the Catholic scholars an opportunity of learning the art of swimming equal to that now enjoyed by the scholars at the schools maintained by the Government."

The letter just quoted is a credit to the mind and heart of all concerned in its writing. It is the very meanness and pettiness of the wrong here protested against that hurts most. Catholics ask in this matter, as in the matter of a capitation grant for the secular instruction imparted in their schools, an extension, to them, of the principle adopted by the Government in regard to the erring children of a larger growth committed to the Salvation Army's Home for Inebriates on Pakatoa Island.

Notes

Praise from the 'New' Theologian

The Rev. R. J. Campbell—he of the revamped old errors ycleped the 'new' theology—has somewhere in his heart a tender spot for the Ancient Faith. He took the wrappings off that spot in a recent sermon in the City Temple, London. 'I wish,' said he—'oh, how earnestly I wish—all members of all Churches, and of no Church, could come to think of human society as Christians once thought of the Church universal and undivided. I never go into a Catholic church without catching something of the spirit

of that older day. In the silence of the kneeling worshippers; in the lamp that burns before the High Altar; in the pictures that adorn the walls, showing the stages of the Cross on which the life of Christ was sacrificed, that He might draw all men unto Himself, I see symbols of the vaster unity that is yet to be achieved. There is a solemn stillness, a suggestion of heaven and unseen helpers, in that earthly temple made with hands. It is impossible for any man with reverence in his soul to stand in that silence without feeling that it is the speech of God.'

Well said, Brother Campbell!

Canterbury's First Catholic Missionaries

With the current (April) issue the *New Brighton Monthly Magazine* (an Anglican Church organ from Canterbury) appears in an enlarged form, settles down into the easy dignity of a religious journal that has achieved, as well as deserved, success, and looks at the future with the confident eye with which the eagle is said to gaze at the sun. We compliment the *New Brighton Magazine* on the broadminded and fraternal charity with which one of its contributors refers to the early Catholic missionaries in Canterbury, in the course of an interesting and well-written article on the early days of the Churches in that province. 'It must not be supposed,' says the writer of the article, 'that clergy of the Church of England were the first to minister to the spiritual wants of the scattered settlers in the Middle Island of New Zealand. Long before they arrived, two priests of the Roman Catholic Church traversed the then dreary plains, visiting the whaling settlers, and amid toil, hardship, and frequent risk of life, pursued their missionary work almost without reward, except such as they received in the shape of the friendship, kind offices, and grateful blessings of those to whom they ministered. A stretch of country, roughly speaking of five hundred miles in length and two hundred miles in width, intersected by many dangerous rivers, divided by almost impassable mountain ranges whose eternally snow-capped peaks, beautiful to the eye, must have suggested death in fearful forms to the intrepid missionaries, was the scene of the faithful works of the Rev. Fathers Séon and Chataigner. On the bare plains of Canterbury, with its Hurunui, Rakaia, Ashburton, and Rangitata rivers, which even years afterwards, when settlement had progressed, were noted as the graves of hundreds of our settlers, across the dividing ranges of the Southern Alps; through the bleak and mountainous regions of Otago, which were almost unexplored till the excitement of the gold diggings caused hardy diggers to force their way in spite of bush, mountain torrent, or rugged rock; in the recesses of the West Coast of the Island, where even now the heavily and closely-timbered country is so difficult to penetrate that gold-miners even shirk any part that does not yield them a certainty of £6 a week profit; these two men labored, beloved alike by Catholic and Protestant, Church of England or Presbyterian, gentle or simple. In those early days they asked no questions as to a man or a woman's creed before rendering the help that was needed, or giving the kind word of encouragement to the sorely troubled.'

We lift our hat to the writer of that generous and well-merited tribute to the pioneer priests of Canterbury.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G., returned to Oamaru on Thursday of last week from a visit to Rotorua and Te Aroha. We understand that his health has much benefited by his visit to the thermal districts.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, Anderson's Bay, have been the recipients of a generous gift from Mr. J. Donlan, Musselburgh, who has presented them with a section of land, an acre in extent, adjoining their own land. This addition to the property of the Little Sisters of the Poor brings its area to close on five acres.

The South Dunedin Young Men's Club held its annual meeting in St. Patrick's schoolroom on Monday, March 29, when about 40 members attended. The secretary's report on the 1908 season, which was read and adopted, showed that the club had had a successful year. In all 24 meetings were held, taken up with social evenings, lectures, debates, question boxes, euchre parties, and mock banquets. The club's annual concert was held in the South Dunedin Town Hall on October 16, the entertainment being a complete success. The club's weekly meetings will begin shortly after Easter. The following officers were elected for the current year:—President, R.V. J. O'Malley; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. J. Marlow, J. McCurdie, W. Tynan, C. A. Shiel, M. McKay, and Rev.

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Presentation to Father P. O'Neill, Wrey's Bush

A large number of the members of the Catholic community (says the *Oamaru Mail*) met in St. Joseph's school-room on Wednesday evening, March 31, for the purpose of expressing in a tangible manner their appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev. Father O'Neill while in Oamaru. Mr. T. O'Grady presided, and there were also present on the platform the Rev. Father Delany, Messrs. J. Cooney, J. Cagney, J. B. Grave, and H. Curran, and the guest of the evening.

Mr. T. O'Grady, in opening the proceedings, said that on other occasions he occupied a similar position, and had regretted very much to have to occupy the chair to mark the removal of some good priest from their midst. They had met to make a presentation to the Rev. Father O'Neill on the occasion of his departure to Wrey's Bush. All were aware, he said, of the great and good work Father O'Neill had done during his stay in the parish. On behalf of the young men of the parish especially were Father O'Neill's efforts full of zeal. His efforts in every possible way to do good were noticeable not alone by the Catholic community, but by others who did not belong to the Church. He had no doubt that Wrey's Bush would benefit greatly by Father O'Neill's presence. He had been connected with the Boys' Club, and in this connection they hoped for many good things from Father Farthing, but the latter would have to work very energetically indeed to get on level terms with Father O'Neill. He (Mr. O'Grady) knew many little instances where Father O'Neill's charitable disposition had been in evidence, but Father O'Neill was a modest man, and did not care to let his left hand know what his right hand was doing. He asked Mr. Cooney to make the presentation.

In handing Father O'Neill a well-filled purse of sovereigns, Mr. Cooney said that a good many outsiders knew more of Father O'Neill's good qualities than his own people did, on account of his connection with the school.

Mr. O'Grady then presented Father O'Neill with a token of regard from the Catholic Young Men's Club. He said the club had been established under circumstances somewhat difficult. When the formation of the club was suggested Father O'Neill became the mainspring of the movement. And not only had Father O'Neill attended the meetings, but he had taken part in them, and there was no doubt that the young men had benefited by the interest taken in their behalf. He had much pleasure in presenting Father O'Neill with the following address:—

'Rev. and Dear Father,—On this, the occasion of your departure from Oamaru, we, the members of the Catholic Club, desire to place upon record our appreciation of your whole-hearted services which have been so willingly given in the interests of our club. It is nearly three years ago since the club was instituted, during which time you have been one of its members, and the successful issue to which the club has arrived is due in a great measure to your zeal and perseverance. Although you have severed your connection with us, still your memory is not forgotten, and we ask you to accept this address and the accompanying gifts as a token of our esteem for you personally, and as some slight recognition of your efforts in our behalf. Wishing you every happiness and success in your new sphere of labor, We are (on behalf of the club), Yours faithfully—T. O'Grady, M. F. Cooney (hon. sec.), J. R. Wallace (hon. treas.).'

Messrs. J. R. Wallace, M. F. Cooney, Mulvihill, and H. Curran also expressed appreciation of Father O'Neill's work on behalf of the club, and their regret at his departure from Oamaru.

Rev. Father Delany said a good many things had just been said in praise of Father O'Neill, but he (the speaker), who knew Father O'Neill much better than anybody present, knew that not one half had been said of what ought to have been said. The speaker and Father O'Neill had been boys together at school, they had studied together in the same ecclesiastical college, and now they were priests together. As a priest, he (Father Delany) yielded to no man in his regard for Father O'Neill's character. Father O'Neill was a priest who would be found wherever his duties called him—at the sick bed, amongst the children, and in the Young Men's Club. He was pleased that Father O'Neill had been so successful in his work among the young men.

Mr. J. Cagney also paid a tribute of praise to the zeal of Father O'Neill.

The Rev. Father O'Neill, on rising to reply, was greeted with loud and prolonged applause. He said he

did not expect such praise would have been given to him, but he knew that much of what had been said had been said out of kindness of heart and that his good deeds had been magnified. He had been praised and over-praised till he had almost come to the conclusion that what had been said was true. Reference had been made to his connection with the club, but the speakers seemed to forget that it was as much a part of his duty to attend the club as it was to preach from the pulpit or seek those who were going astray. The care of the club was one of his chief duties, and if he had not done it he would have been guilty of neglect of duty and worthy of blame. Mr. Mulvihill had given him much praise, but Mr. Mulvihill had worked hard in the interests of the club. Mr. O'Grady and Mr. Cagney also deserved the thanks of the club for the interest they had taken in it. Father O'Neill said he did not forget the generosity of the congregation. There were many things he had done and many things he had not done, but his faults had been overlooked. He could not be human and forget the kindness he had received in Oamaru, and wherever he went he would look back with grateful feelings on the encouragement he had received. He thanked Father Delany for the kind expressions that he had made. Father O'Neill said it might be presumption on his part to ask a welcome for Father Farthing, for he had already received a welcome. It was not necessary to ask the congregation to be kind to Father Farthing, because they could not be anything else. Father Farthing would be successful where he (Father O'Neill) had failed. Nothing would obliterate from his memory the Oamaru people and their kindness. He asked that he should be remembered in their prayers. Before concluding, Father O'Neill said he could not leave Oamaru without making some public acknowledgment of the good feeling that had always existed between himself and the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, whom he had learned to honor for his great worth and sterling character. He thanked the performers who had helped to make the gathering a success. His last remark would be a formal good-bye.

During the evening instrumental and vocal items were given by Miss O'Grady, Miss Barry, Miss Cagney, Miss McGhie, Rev. Father Farthing, and Mr. Curran, and Mr. Barry gave a recitation.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

April 5.

The Timaru Catholic Tennis Club intend visiting Christchurch to play St. Mary's Club on Easter Monday.

There was a large attendance at the quarterly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society on Monday evening, March 22. Four new members were elected, and one clearance granted. The payments received for the evening totalled £30 14s 2d, and £4 16s 8d was passed for sick pay.

The Rev. Dr. Kennedy officiated at the ceremonies of Palm Sunday just prior to the eleven o'clock Mass in the Cathedral. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, adoration during the afternoon, and the usual procession followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Vespers. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy continued his series of Lenten discourses in the evening.

At St. Mary's Church, Christchurch North, on Sunday, the palms were blessed and distributed by the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., to a large congregation at the eleven o'clock Mass. The evening devotions during Lent have been largely attended at St. Mary's. On week nights instructions have been given, and a fine series of discourses appropriate to the holy season preached on each Sunday evening by the resident clergy.

Preparations are now complete for the opening of the All Seasons' Carnival in His Majesty's Theatre on Saturday evening next. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., has expended a large amount of energy, and indeed accomplished a considerable amount of hard work, not alone in regard to this particular enterprise but in the interest of the Cathedral parish generally. It but remains now for the people to do their share, and, judging by the ready response hitherto, every help will be forthcoming.

In connection with the Christchurch Catholic Club an enjoyable entertainment was given in the club rooms on last Thursday evening in the presence of a large audience. Mr. W. A. Kennedy's orchestral party provided an excellent programme. Additional items were given by Messrs. W. Moor and T. Geoghegan (instrumental), Mr. J. W. Bailey (recitations), and Mr. J. Johnson (songs). The Rev. Dr. Kennedy was present, and expressed the thanks of the club to the performers for their generous efforts in its behalf.

On last Tuesday evening the members of the staff of Lyttelton Gaol, together with the visiting justices, Dr. J. A. Newell, gaol surgeon, and Dr. T. W. Pairman, ex-gaol surgeon, assembled in the gaoler's office for the purpose of taking farewell of Mr. M. M. Cleary, Governor of the Gaol, on his retirement from the prisons service. The visiting justice, who presided, said he had been asked by the members of the staff to express their regret at parting with Mr. Cleary. It was a very considerable wrench, and he understood how they would miss him, but it was a source of gratification to both himself, his fellow Justices, and to the gaol staff, that Mr. Cleary was about to retire to a well-earned rest, after a very long and honorable career in the prison service, and after twenty-two years of service as Governor of Lyttelton Gaol. He then handed to Mr. Cleary a handsome marble clock, subscribed for by the members of the gaol staff, and by the doctors and several ex-members of the staff. Mr. Cleary, who spoke with great feeling, said that day was a solemn one for him in parting from the staff and from the visiting justices and the doctors, at the completion of his long service of over forty-five years. He felt the parting very much, for he had always got on well with his officers, and he had always tried fairly and honestly to carry out his duties.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Cleary was the guest of the Mayor and Borough Council of Lyttelton. The Mayor, Mr. C. Cook, presided, and, in addition to the councillors, there were present Mr. G. Laurensen, M.P., Mr. W. W. Collins, J.P., Mr. P. Pender, J.P., and representative townspeople. Mr. Cook read apologies from the Hon. Dr. Findlay, Minister of Justice, Mr. H. W. Bishop, S.M., Captain Marciel, J.P., and others. He referred to Mr. Cleary's remarkable qualifications for his position, saying that he had been born for it, and during his long career had exercised towards those who came under his care a justice which had been infallibly tempered with mercy. On behalf of the residents of Lyttelton, he presented Mr. Cleary with a handsome silver coffee service and salver and a gold sovereign case. Mr. W. Radcliffe proposed Mr. Cleary's health, and said that all who knew him knew also that he had always done his best to lead the prisoners towards better ways when they were discharged, and many of them had been given a helping hand by the Governor of the gaol as they left its doors. After the toast had been honored, Mr. Cleary said that he would be seventy-four years of age on the following Sunday, but he felt competent to carry out his duties for years to come. His only regret on leaving the service was that the Inspector of Prisons, Colonel Hume, was retiring also, just because he happened to be a few years over sixty-five. Colonel Hume had been selected at Home from a large number of highly qualified persons, and had been sent out to New Zealand at considerable expense, and it was very much to be regretted that he was retiring now, when he was in every way as capable of filling his position as he had been twenty years ago. His own official career of 45½ years would conclude at midnight, and when he left the gaol at that hour, he would leave in it no person who had been there when he took charge. He expressed his deep gratitude for the presentations made to him, and for the honor which had been done to him by the gathering of so many representative people.

His Lordship the Bishop and the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., were present on last Saturday evening at the complimentary banquet tendered by the Philosophical Institute of Canterbury to Lieutenant Shackleton, the shore party, and officers of the Nimrod on their return from Antarctica. The toast of 'The Army and Navy' was proposed by Bishop Grimes, and very heartily received. He said that by nature and position he should be a lover of peace, and he supposed that few men had a greater dread than he had of the horrors of war. At the same time, he felt that there was a certain fitness in asking an ecclesiastic to propose the toast which had been entrusted to him. He remembered an old adage, 'To be in possession of the blessings of peace you must always be prepared for war.' 'If we are to avert the horrors of war a well-equipped army and navy are essential,' he said. 'Britain has been so long respected and feared by her rivals because she has in her Army and in her Navy men of grit like the illustrious guest of this evening—men of indomitable courage and perseverance—but I am afraid that the Mother Country has been rather long resting on its oars. It has allowed itself to be overtaken by rivals, and the consequence is that to-day it finds itself face to face with a very grave crisis. The Motherland finds herself threatened, and we, her children of the overseas, are threatened with her, by nations which would like to see her downfall. What is the duty of her devoted children in such a crisis? Is it not to rally round the Motherland and to show the nations that require such showing that if the mother is distressed her children in different parts of the earth are

ready and willing, aye, eager, to come to her aid? I think that anyone with a spark of true patriotism in his body must be proud of the recent action of our Prime Minister. I can fearlessly say that the bulk of the Dominion, indeed, the whole of the Dominion worth speaking of, is proud of what he has done. We look upon the offer of a Dreadnought, and of two if required, as a measure of sound policy and as a practical proof of the readiness of the younger countries to come to the aid of the Motherland. We look upon it as something more: it is an object-lesson and a great object-lesson to the whole civilised world, and especially to those nations that require such a lesson. It cannot fail to make a deep impression on those who would wrest from Britain her long undisputed supremacy on the sea. I have long thought that the young New Zealanders should learn something more about the Army and Navy; I have thought, too, that they should be urged, as well as encouraged, to join the Volunteers. I say to those who talk of setting up a navy in New Zealand that I do not think they know what they are talking about. That proposal is simply a day-dream, the height of folly. Our duty is to strengthen the Government at Home, for if at any time a foreign foe came to the shores of the Dominion no local navy could save us. For that reason I think that even a lover of peace may well ask you to raise your glasses and your voices in receiving this toast—the health of our excellent Army and our dauntless and unconquerable Navy.'

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 5.

Palm Sunday was observed in all the city churches, a pleasing feature being the large numbers of both sexes who wore palm during the day.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, in writing to his Lordship Dr. Lenihan thanking the Bishop for the handsome cross which the latter brought from Rome for his Eminence, said: 'It is one more link binding together the mother sees of Australasia.'

Rev. Father Hegarty, of Queensland, is at present visiting Auckland, and celebrated Mass at Newmarket last Sunday at St. Benedict's. At the eleven o'clock Mass a procession took place around and inside the church, the processionists bearing palms. The sight was most edifying and devotional.

The net result of the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Auckland amounted to £236. To this sum from time to time will be added contributions from parishes throughout the diocese. Helensville has already contributed £12 19s. The fund will be devoted to the schools of the diocese, an object which at once enlists the support of every Catholic worthy of the name.

On Wednesday evening last the prizes won at the St. Patrick's Day sports were presented, by his Lordship the Bishop at the Marist Brothers' Schools, Hobson street. There was a very large attendance, and the proceedings were marked by the greatest enthusiasm. The Bishop thanked all connected with the sports for the success achieved, and congratulated the successful competitors.

His Lordship the Bishop accompanied by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., and Rev. Father Holbrook, visited Avondale last Tuesday morning to see for the first time the new church there, which had been erected during the Bishop's absence in Europe. His Lordship was greatly pleased with the sacred edifice. The party drove out in the new motor car which the Bishop purchased in Belfast. It is a fine car, and capable of holding five passengers.

At the Cathedral on last evening his Lordship the Bishop explained from the pulpit the meaning of Tenebrae, the music of which was sung by the choir. The music employed was in use, he said, in the English College in Spain, at which the King and Queen of Spain used to attend regularly in Holy Week. St. Patrick's choir was the only choir in Australasia in which it was used. The large congregation listened with much interest to his Lordship's explanatory remarks.

Patea

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 2.

The Rev. Father Duffy, who has been ill for the past four months, will soon be able to resume parochial duties. His parishioners showed their sympathy by presenting him with a purse containing over ninety sovereigns. The priests of the diocese are making a similar presentation.

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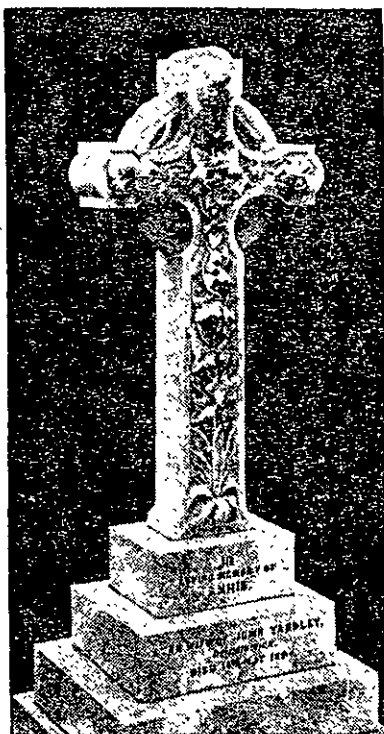
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Irish News

ANTRIM—Harmful Reading

The Most Rev. Dr. Tohill, Bishop of Down and Connor, visited St. Peter's Church, Belfast, on Sunday, February 14, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to over 800 children. Addressing the large congregation his Lordship said it seemed some few people belonging to the congregation admitted into their homes newspapers containing long reports, of vile cases tried in certain courts. He hoped that no such papers would be again found in any Catholic home in the parish, and also that those responsible for the selection of books of fiction and history for the Carnegie Branch Library would exclude from its shelves any works of immoral or irreligious tendency. Bad and immoral books were dangerous to all, but especially to young people. Such reading filled the imagination with images of evil that in the end corrupted the soul of the reader. Many persons of experience strongly held that public libraries would prove a questionable boon for the rising generation unless the books were very carefully selected. The Bishop paid to the Catholics of the parish, the most important of those under his charge, a warm tribute of praise, and congratulated the clergy and people on the satisfactory state of religion in it.

The Member for West Belfast

A complimentary banquet to Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., was held in St. Mary's Hall, Belfast, recently, when there was a very large and representative attendance. Mr. John Redmond, M.P., in the course of his speech on the occasion said:—As Chairman of the Irish Party I recognise, as every intelligent man in Ireland recognises, that since the day when Parnell gathered round him that wonderful galaxy of able young Irishmen, 25 or 30 years ago, no man has come into the Irish Parliamentary Party of such commanding political genius and ability as Mr. Devlin. In Parliament he is a tower of strength to the Irish Party, able to state a case with supreme and masterly force, able at a minute's notice to take part in a debate and answer and crush the ablest enemy of the Irish cause. I speak here to-night also as President of the United Irish League. I know no man in Irish public life so versatile as Mr. Devlin.

ARMAGH—Death of a Priest

On February 11 there passed away at Killeshil, Armagh, the Rev. P. Fox, in his 69th year. Father Fox was born in Carrickmore in 1840, and was ordained to the priesthood in Maynooth in 1865. He was parish priest of Killeshil for a period of 28 years.

CORK—Catholic Young Men's Society

The 57th annual meeting of the Cork Young Men's Society was held on February 14. In the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, the chair was occupied by the Right Rev. Dean Shinkwin, P.P., V.G. The attendance, which was large and representative, included the Lord Mayor, the High Sheriff, and the Recorder of the city. The annual report, which showed a year of steady progress in all branches of the Society's work, was read by Rev. Father Knowles, O.S.A., the indefatigable president. The rev. gentleman, in the course of an earnest address, asked was it fair to have that, the premier society of its kind in the United Kingdom, hidden away in a side street, while the splendid institutions of other religious bodies reared their heads proudly in their principal thoroughfares? There was a great future before them, and all they asked was the generous, earnest, and devoted assistance of those who had the interest of the young men of Cork at heart. The best appreciation of their work that could be shown was practical help, by deeds, to extend its sphere for good, to strengthen its resources, and to maintain its position as the best and most useful among the many philanthropic institutions supported and sustained by the open-handed generosity of the citizens of Cork. Addresses were delivered by the Lord Mayor, Mr. Stanley Harrington, and others.

DUBLIN—The Parliamentary Party

A meeting of the Irish Parliamentary Party, which was held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on February 11, re-elected Mr. John E. Redmond, sessional chairman. Captain Donelan, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. E. H. Burke, and Mr. J. P. Boland were elected whips; Mr. J. C. Flynn, Mr. W. Redmond, and Mr. R. Hazleton, secretaries; and Messrs. Mooney, Meehan, McKillop, and Abraham treasurers.

A National Loss

Count Plunkett, speaking recently in Dublin, at the conclusion of a lecture on 'Ancient Ireland,' delivered by

Canon Healy, LL.D., said it was estimated some fifty years ago that not less than £10,000 worth of early Irish gold ornaments had been thrown into the melting-pot. Yet the treasury of such objects in the National Museum compared favorably with the other great collections of ornaments in Europe.

The National Convention

The representative character of the National Convention held in Dublin early in February was dealt with by Mr. Devlin at the complimentary banquet in Belfast. Mr. Devlin said: 'There were present 2000 delegates, with their names officially forwarded to Dublin, from nearly 1000 branches of the United Irish League. There was not a single branch of the United Irish League in any part of Ireland allowed representation, whatever its peculiar ideas may have been on the public questions involved—there was not a single branch of the United Irish League allowed representation unless it was duly affiliated. There were 700 delegates from the elected public bodies of the country. We in the United Irish League, in our constitution, adopt an attitude for which there is no precedent in the history of any other country or any other organisation in the world. In England the Tories invite their own organisations to assemble in convention to declare policies and carry out programmes. The Liberal Party pursue the same constitutional form of convention, and the Labor Party also follow this rule. In England and in Scotland the same course is pursued. And what do the Irish Party and the United Irish League do? They invite not only delegates from their own organisation, but the representatives of every public body and every city and town council and every poor-law board, every trade and labor body, and every allied society with the slightest Irish sentiment inspiring it in its work. There never was a broader constitution; there never was gathered in any hall a more wonderful amalgam of all the complex interests involved in the life of the nation. We had at that convention, as I have said, 2000 delegates from the League, 700 delegates from public bodies, and we had 300 priests, the largest body of Irish priests that ever graced an Irish assembly. We had 80 delegates from the United Irish League of Great Britain, and we had 500 delegates from all the other organisations of the country. Leading and guiding and associated with all these various organisations were 80 elected representatives of the people, with the people's mandate, there at the convention to carry it out.'

The Parliamentary Fund

The National Trustees of the United Irish Parliamentary Fund—the Bishop of Raphoe and Messrs. J. E. Redmond, M.P., and John Fitzgibbon—have issued an appeal for funds for the maintenance of the struggle for Home Rule. They say in part: 'The time has come round once again for appealing to you for material support for the maintenance of a pledge-bound and united Irish Parliamentary Party in the House of Commons. We do so with full confidence that your response will be both prompt and liberal. We are not unaware of the influences, some open, some secret and insidious, which have been exerted to discredit the Irish Parliamentary Party and the constitutional movement, and thereby to close up the fountain of popular support for both the party and the movement. We are also aware that, so far as the great, overwhelming mass of our people are concerned, these influences have been exerted in vain. The Irish Party having remained steadily faithful to the trust committed to them, their supporters have remained faithful to the party, seeing in the attacks made on them only an old and battered device for breaking into pieces the chief weapon that exists for accomplishing the desires of the Irish Nation. It remains for the people to show in the coming year, as they have shown in the past, that, so far as material aid for the party can secure it, they will not allow these attacks to succeed.'

FERMANAGH—The Passionist Order

The Passionist Fathers have recently secured the property known as 'The Graan,' situated a short distance from Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, with the intention of establishing there another House of their Order. The Fathers are constantly engaged in conducting missions and retreats throughout the country, and 'The Graan' has been selected for its very central position. Besides, the increasing number of Irish aspirants to the Passionist Order has made necessary the foundation of another House in Ireland.

GALWAY—The Holy Father's Kindness

The Archbishop of Dublin, touched by the distress of those who are suffering owing to the Galway bog slide, ventured to request that the Holy Father would permit him to send to the Archbishop of Tuam for their relief £200 out of the Dublin diocesan collection for the surviving

victims of the earthquake, amounting to somewhat over £2000. His Holiness, who was much concerned on being informed of the disaster, has graciously intimated, through Cardinal Merry del Val, his wish that the Archbishop should send £1000 to the Tuam prelate for the purpose. His Grace has forwarded a cheque for the amount and another cheque for £25, his own contribution to the Western fund.

LIMERICK—The Italian Earthquake

The collection in aid of the sufferers in Italy and Sicily taken up in all the churches of the diocese by direction of his Lordship the Bishop of Limerick has realised £589, and this sum has been forwarded by his Lordship to his Holiness the Pope.

The Housing Act

Limerick (says the *Munster News*) has not been slow to take advantage of the Housing Act, and the resolution of the Corporation deciding on the erection of 1000 decent dwellings for workmen and their families was like the bugle blast of the health-army destined for the Relief of Limerick. In addition to providing good houses for 1000 families within the next few years, the scheme adopted by the Corporation will mean the spending of some £30,000 per annum in labor in the city for five years, without increasing the rates by one penny. In the County of Tipperary the Thurles Council propose to build 100 or 150 cottages, and Clonmel Corporation 50 cottages.

The Bearer of an Honored Name

Mr. Edward William O'Brien, D.L., Cahirmoyle, County Limerick, who died in London recently, in his seventy-first year, and was buried in Rathconan Cemetery, County Limerick, was the eldest son of the illustrious William Smith O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien eschewed the public life for which his antecedents and his great abilities so eminently fitted him. He was one of the most learned men and most eminent scholars of his time, and was the best man of his year in Trinity College, Dublin, when he obtained two gold medals. He inherited the Cahirmoyle estate through his grandmother, the eldest daughter of William Smith, of Cahirmoyle, who married Sir Edward O'Brien, and whose large property was settled on the second son of the marriage, William Smith O'Brien—his eldest brother, Sir Lucius O'Brien, Bart., afterwards thirteenth Lord Inchiquin, succeeding to the O'Brien estates.

GENERAL

Irishmen in Cairo

Says the Rev. T. F. O'Neill, of Gawler, S.A., who has just returned from Europe:—"I happened to be in the city of Cairo on St. Patrick's Day, and, taking up the morning paper, was surprised to find a full-page of the paper devoted to a banquet given by the Irishmen of Cairo in honor of Ireland's national Apostle. Even more, a very able leading article, worthy of any national paper, appeared in the same issue, voicing the chief characteristics of Ireland's Apostle, and generous appreciation of Ireland's struggle for Home Rule. It is literally true that, wherever you go, even in the remotest clime, you will find a son of Hibernia in the van in every walk of professional and commercial life."

Comparative Statistics

A writer in the *Irish Weekly* quotes the following comparative statistics for 1906 from leaflets recently issued by the Imperial Home Rule Association:—Scotland's roll of convictions was 2072 to Ireland's 1303. The number of persons 'committed for trial' in Scotland was 2318; in Ireland, 1778. Thus, in every respect Scotland's criminal record is shadier than Ireland's. Now for the other side of the picture. Scotland paid for the maintenance of 5435 police that year. Ireland supported 11,144; and this number has since been increased. And the cost of maintenance greatly enlarged. Though the Irish 'prisoners' of all classes were only just 70 per cent. of the Scottish total, the Irish police outnumbered the Scottish by 105 per cent., and the cost of maintaining the prisons of Ireland was nearly 30 per cent. greater than the cost of Scotland's gaols—£114,556 to £88,650. In twenty-five years pauperism, while rapidly diminishing in Great Britain, has increased in Ireland, although the Irish population has fallen by over three-quarters of a million. Belfast is practically the only Irish centre of population which has grown during the period, and the growth of local pauperism has quite kept pace with that of the city's population.

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People We Hear About

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To-day (Thursday) his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington enters on his 71st year, having been born on April 8, 1839. His Grace came out with his parents to New Zealand in 1842. He studied at Nelson under the late Archpriest Garin, and later on in France and Ireland. He was ordained priest on June 6, 1865, and was consecrated Bishop of Wellington by Cardinal Manning on March 17, 1874. Dr. Redwood was appointed first Archbishop of Wellington and Metropolitan of New Zealand on May 13, 1887.

Like his predecessor, in the leadership of the Federal Labor Party, the present Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, Mr. Andrew Fisher, began to earn his living at the age of ten. A Scotchman by birth, for he was born in Ayrshire in 1862, he came to Queensland in 1885, and followed the calling of a miner on the Barrum and Gympie fields up to 1893. In that year he was elected for Gympie in the Labor interests, and has been continuously in politics ever since.

Few English vocalists have had as long and prosperous a career (says the *Argus*) as Sir Charles Santley, who was knighted in November, 1907, on the occasion of the jubilee of his first appearance as a public singer. It is not easy to realise that twenty years have passed since he delighted Melbourne audiences, and that he is now 75 years old. His *Reminiscences of My Life* is an interesting volume, full of recollections of distinguished musical and theatrical people, which shows that he can tell a good story as well as sing a good song.

Mr. William T. Stead recently paid the following tribute to Ireland's orators:—"The Irish are much the most eloquent of the English-speaking nations. Even in America W. J. Bryan is of Irish descent. In the eighteenth century the great parliamentary orators were Irishmen. Burke, Sheridan, Grattan, Curran, and Flood were all Irish. In the nineteenth Plunket, Shiel, O'Connell, Magee, A. M. Sullivan, and Sexton all stand in the front rank. In the present parliament John Redmond, T. P. O'Connor, and T. M. Healy are the most effective speakers."

Sir Gerald Strickland, K.C.M.G., Governor of Tasmania, who has been appointed Governor of Western Australia, was born in Malta in 1861. His father was Captain Walter Strickland, R.N., and his mother the only child of the Chevalier Bonici Mompalas, and heiress of Sir Nicholas Sceberras. Sir Gerald Strickland was educated at Oscott and Trinity College, Cambridge. He succeeded his maternal grand-uncle as sixth Count della Catena in 1875. He was Chief Secretary of Malta from 1889-1902, was knighted in 1897, and was Governor of Leeward Islands from 1902 to 1904, and since the latter date Governor of Tasmania. His wife is Lady Edeline Sackville, daughter of the seventh Earl De la Ware. Sir Gerald Strickland is a staunch Catholic, and during his time in Tasmania has taken a practical interest in the welfare of the Church there.

Mr. O'Grady, or, as he is more popularly known, Sergeant O'Grady, retired from the public service on April 1. Since the inception of the Labor Department about twenty years ago Mr. O'Grady has watched over its interests in Oamaru (says a local paper). But it is by his connection with the police force that Mr. O'Grady is most widely known. He joined the police department in 1861, and served in Christchurch, Lyttelton, Kaiapoi, and Rangiora. While at Lyttelton he received promotion to the rank of Sergeant-Major. In 1880 he was transferred to Auckland, where he was in charge for eighteen months of the North of Auckland district, Russell being his headquarters. From Russell in 1883 Sergeant O'Grady transferred to Thames, and had charge of that district for three years. From Thames he went to Greymouth, where he remained in charge for another three years, afterwards transferring back to the North Island, and making Napier his headquarters for three years. From Napier Sergeant O'Grady transferred to Oamaru, where he has resided since. At the time Oamaru and Timaru formed one police district under Inspector Thompson, and after Inspector Thompson's retirement Sergeant O'Grady assumed charge of the district and retained control until the time of his own retirement from the force on superannuation in 1902. Sergeant O'Grady was ever a popular official, and his career as an officer has been marked by many a stirring adventure.

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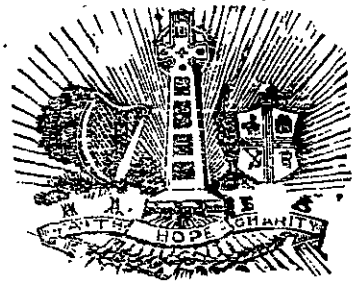
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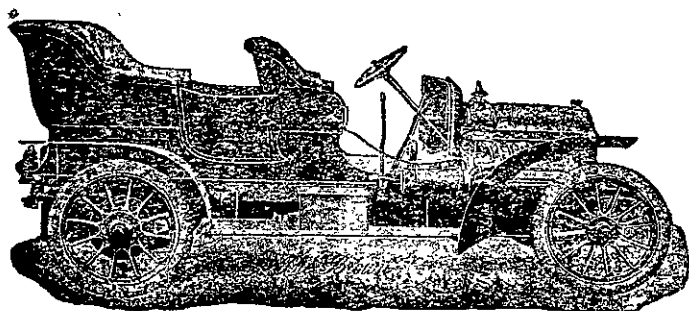
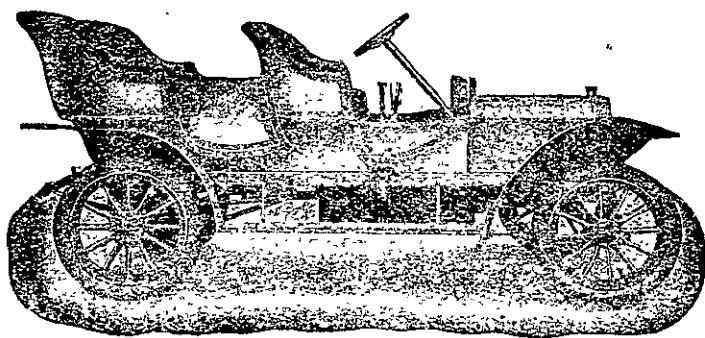
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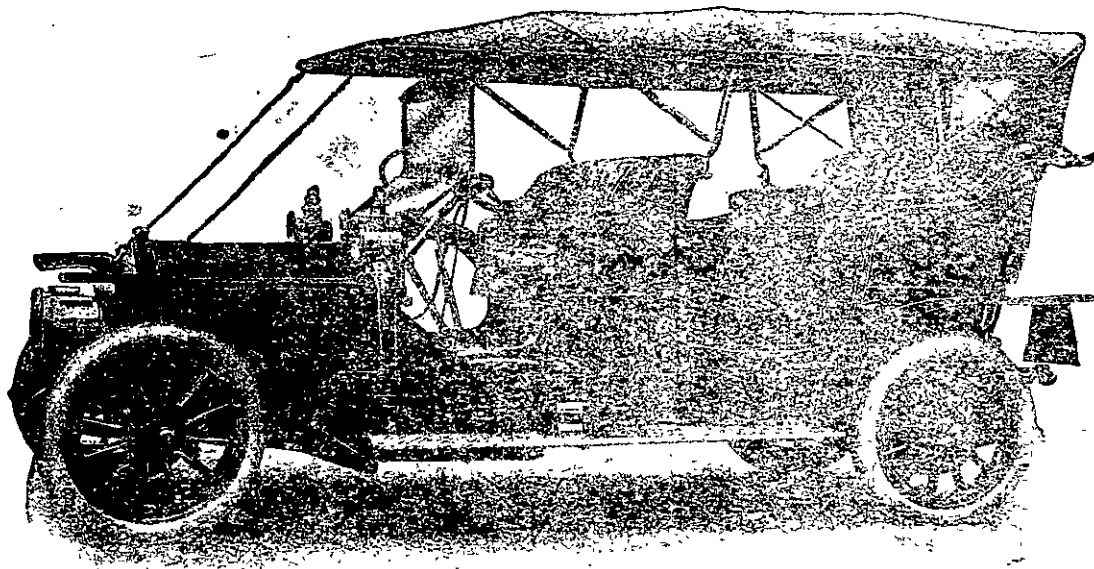
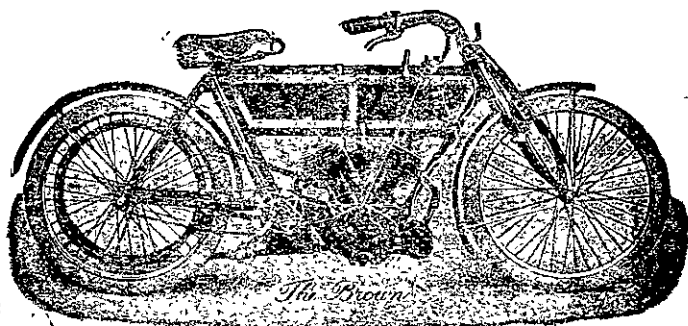


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The Catholic World

CANADA—Catholic Colonization

An important scheme of colonization (says the *Catholic Times*) is about to be undertaken, by Bishop Latulipe, Vicar-Apostolic of Temiskaming, in the timbered region of Northern Quebec and Northern Ontario. The Bishop has invited Dr. Brisson, of the Colonization Society of Montreal, to assist in the settlement of territory adjacent to the lines of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Temiskaming and Northern Ontario. Here, near the height of land, and running west along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, lies a rich clay belt fifty miles wide and some three or four hundred miles long, and in this district, where splendid wheat has already been grown in a few cleared fields, it will be the aim of the colonizers to establish many settlements of farmers. Bishop Latulipe and his army of assistants have been working at the scheme for some years, and now the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific gives them their opportunity. It opens a new empire in the North land, a country with a climate with which the French Canadians are well acquainted and of which they are not afraid.

ENGLAND—Death of a Catholic Recorder

The death is announced of Mr. Henry Gordon Shee, K.C., Recorder of Liverpool. Mr. Shee was compelled to withdraw from active work some fifteen months ago, owing to an attack of paralysis. Mr. Shee, who was born in 1847, was the second son of the late Mr. Justice Shee. He was educated at Ushaw College and Christ Church, Oxford, and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1870.

Diocese of Liverpool

According to the official statistics of the diocese of Liverpool, which have just been published, the Catholic population numbers 366,611. During the past year the number of priests increased from 442 to 460, of whom 15 are working outside the diocese, and 20 are retired or on sick leave. There are 56 convents, of which 25 are within the city of Liverpool, while the public churches and chapels number 182. There are 170 schools, with 1720 teachers and 72,993 children. The largest mission is St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, which has a population of 11,523, and the smallest St. Patrick's, Peel, Isle of Man, with a population of 22.

GERMANY—International Eucharistic Congress

The next International Eucharistic Congress will take place at Cologne early in August of the present year. Meetings to arrange for the Congress are now being held under the presidency of Cardinal Fischer.

ITALY—An Edifying Incident

A letter appeared in a recent issue of the *London Times* from Mr. Alfred Austin, poet laureate, in which, writing from Ventimiglia, he pleaded for assistance for Miss Hanbury, who has established in the neighborhood of Ventimiglia a Home of Rest for victims of the earthquake. The following edifying statement occurs in his letter:—'Many of the beds were gratuitously lent, and some good priests at Bordighera sent their own, saying they meanwhile could sleep on the floor.'

ROME—The Sacred College

At the present time the Sacred College is composed of only 55 Cardinals, one of whom was created by Pius IX., 39 by Leo XIII., and 15 by the present Pope. During the pontificate of Pius X. 25 Cardinals have died, seven of whom died during 1908. Several of the living Cardinals are over 80 and in bad health.

RUSSIA—Appointment of Bishops

An agreement has been arrived at between the Holy See and the Russian Government whereby several dioceses that have been for some time without Bishops are to have episcopal rulers. Monsignor Wunkowsky, Bishop of Plotsk, in Russian Poland, has been promoted to the Archbishopric of Mohilew; Monsignor Gieplak and Monsignor Denisevich have been appointed Suffragan Bishops of his. Monsignor Novowjewski has been named Bishop of Plotsk. Monsignor Mickaelkievich has been appointed Apostolic Administrator of Wilna, which has been without a bishop for some time.

SCOTLAND—Lectures to Non-Catholics

A convert priest (writes an Edinburgh correspondent) has peculiar opportunities of influence, and Father Henry Gray Graham, formerly a Presbyterian minister, and now attached to the Church of Our Lady of Good Aid in the busy Lanarkshire town of Motherwell, is using these opportunities to the full. He is giving a course of public lectures to non-Catholics in the Co-operative Hall, and to these no Catholics are admitted, with the result that every

week some 700 inquirers, men and women of good will and real earnestness, listen to the Father's instructions.

The Church in the Highlands

His Lordship Bishop Smith of Argyll and the Isles (writes a Glasgow correspondent) opened the new church of Our Lady of Lourdes at Kinlochleven in the Western Highlands on Sunday, February 14. It has been built principally through the energies of Father Barry, of the historic mission of Glencoe, and its erection marks another step in Catholic progress in the West Highlands of Scotland. The Catholics of Kinlochleven worshipped in recent years in the local mission hall, where the various Protestant denominations also met. The arrangement was not a very satisfactory one from the Catholic point of view, though certain hours were set apart each Sunday for the different congregations. Slowly but steadily Catholicism is progressing in the west. Many of the staunchest Scottish Catholics are Western Highlanders, and their faith is as strong and vigorous as is the faith of the Irish. They still cherish Catholic ideals, and they live in the hope that before many more years have passed the wild picturesque landscape of the Western Highlands will be completely dotted with little Catholic churches like that of Our Lady of Lourdes, and that the other districts without a Catholic church will rapidly follow the example of Kinlochleven.

UNITED STATES—To Aid Diocesan Charities

Bishop Hoban, of Scranton, Philadelphia, has adopted an insurance plan by which he hopes to raise eventually a million dollars for the various charities in his diocese. He will endeavor to induce 1000 men in his diocese to insure their lives for 1000 dollars each, naming the diocese of Scranton as the beneficiary.

A Leader in Charitable Works

On Sunday evening, February 7, Archbishop Farley, of New York, conferred on Mrs. Joseph J. O'Donohue the decoration of a lady of the Holy Sepulchre, which was granted her by Pope Pius X. Mrs. O'Donohue for years has been a leader in charitable works of that city. She has long been the president of the New York Association of Catholic Charities, and in May of last year she was elected president of the United States association of the same charities. The same order was some time ago granted to Mrs. Walker, the distinguished Philadelphia worker in charities. The decoration consists of a Greek cross of reddish hue, with golden trimmings, attached by a black silk ribbon to the left breast.

Missions to Non-Catholics

The mission movement of which the Apostolic Mission House, Washington, D.C., is the centre (says the *New York Catholic News*), has given 2000 missions to Catholics, with over 2,000,000 Communions; and 3000 missions to non-Catholics, with about 100,000 converts actually received. Besides these figures, one cannot begin to state the amount of prejudice removed and the practical general good done.

Praise for the Sisters

The Home for lepers in Louisiana is maintained by the State and is under the supervision of a State Board of Control. The latter, in its biennial report, states that the largest share of credit for the successful management of the home should be given to Sister Benedicta and the five other Sisters who have entire charge of the domestic affairs, and of the nursing and providing for the comforts of the patients.

GENERAL

The Foreign Mission Field

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith has published the names of the Bishops and priests who died last year in the various missionary fields it assists. It may be of interest to the friends of the missions to know, besides their number, the nationalities of these heralds of the Gospel. According to the figures furnished, five missionary bishops and 194 missionary priests were called to their reward in 1908. Of these 83 were French, 30 Italians, 21 Germans, 20 Spaniards, 13 Hollanders, 12 Belgians, 8 Irish, 5 Canadians, 2 Americans, 2 English, 1 Swiss, 1 Portuguese, 1 Peruvian, 1 Hindoo, and 1 Austrian.

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A Bread Poultice.

A bread poultice should be made of crumbs well soaked in hot water. When thoroughly saturated, strain off the water and put the bread in a flannel bag. Apply to the injured spot as hot as the patient can bear it. When the poultice has become too cold to be of any use the heat may be renewed by redipping the bag in hot water and squeezing it well before applying it again to the affected part.

Worth Knowing.

When polishing a stove, by using a velvet pad instead of the ordinary brush, one will find a great saving of manual labor and a much better effect on the appearance of the stove, as it will polish splendidly if done in this manner.

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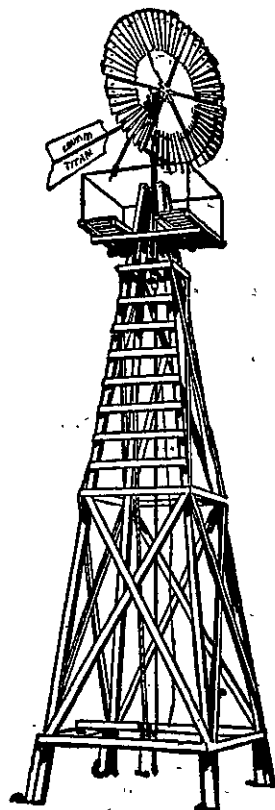
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The Panama Canal.

Colonel Gothals has promised Mr. Taft that ships shall be passing through the canal on January 1, 1915. Mr. Taft, after his trip through the Culebra cut with the engineers, expressed himself as delighted with the progress that has been made. He was particularly interested in the rock cut, 350 feet deep, through the mountain, only 95 feet remaining to be done. Mr. Taft went the entire nine miles and received a great ovation from the laborers.

The Magnetic Pole.

The South Magnetic Pole located by the Shackleton exploration party (says an exchange) is just about a thousand miles from the South Geographical Pole. The earth is a magnet, and like every magnet it has two 'poles.' But it is not uniformly magnetised. If it were a uniformly magnetised globe, its magnetic poles would correspond with its geographical poles. If a number of people were to start from different places on the earth and move north by the compass, they would eventually assemble in a land called Boothia. This is where the North Magnetic Pole is situated. Sir James Ross located the North Magnetic Pole in 1831, and in the winter of 1903-4 Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, spent some months in Boothia studying the Magnetic Pole. There is a similar Pole in the southern hemisphere. We adopt the geographical terms to describe these two Poles. But as a matter of fact, if a freely moving magnet is suspended, its south pole dips towards the South Pole of the earth, and as the north pole of one magnet attracts the south pole of another, it follows that the Magnetic Pole of the southern hemisphere of the earth must be, strictly speaking, its north magnetic pole.

A Mystery of Nature.

The work done by Mr. J. Murray, biologist to the Antarctic expedition, is of an intensely valuable and interesting character, states the *Lyttelton Times*. Mr. Murray was stationed at the Cape Royds base and his time was spent in observing, collecting, and photographing the animal life of the region. Most wonderful of the many mysteries of Nature which Mr. Murray unravelled was the life history of a marvellous rotifer. These creatures, which are of a family of microscopic water insects, were found fifteen feet deep in ice. The lake in which the rotifera lived had not thawed for two summers, so that the little creatures had been at least three years in ice when they were discovered. Half an hour after it had been thawed out, the rotifera commenced to feed voraciously, and made a hearty meal of minute vegetable matter. They were then frozen and thawed again each week and seemed to accept the process with unvarying equanimity. Mr. Murray has obtained vast numbers of rotifera, which he will distribute amongst scientists in New Zealand, Australia, and Great Britain.

A Monster Spider.

Travellers in the mountains of Ceylon and India speak of a gigantic spider that is to be found there. It measures about six inches across and is quite handsome—if a spider can be that. The under part of the body is either bright gold or scarlet, and the upper part is covered with a delicate slate-colored fur. The web spun by it is like yellow silk, with a central net five feet in length. The web is strong enough to catch and hold a good-sized bird. Sometimes a man rides into one of them without seeing it, and the threads wrap about his face like the silk cords of a real net. Having spun its web the spider sits motionless, waiting for its victim. Presently some large insect or perhaps a bird comes flying against it, and is at once caught in the meshes. Then the monster runs fast across the net and begins throwing the coils around the captive. It works rapidly and soon has the head completely wrapped up, so that the captive is first blinded and then choked. The bite of this spider is not poisonous, like that of the tarantula, but a man who ran into one of these webs and got nipped in the nose by the watchful owner says its jaws are as strong as the beak of a bird. Here and there in the forest may be found skeletons of birds hanging in the webs, the threads of which are strong enough to retain the bones after the weather has destroyed the flesh and blown away the feathers.

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Intercolonial

The Marist Fathers some time ago made arrangements to build a suitable vessel for missionary work among the Islands. The work is now being proceeded with, and it is expected the vessel will be ready for service about the end of May.

A magnificent demonstration of national patriotism (says the *Freeman's Journal*) marked the close of St. Patrick's Day celebrations on Saturday, March 20, at the Royal Agricultural Society's Grounds, Sydney. More than 20,000 people thronged the enclosure, each content to share in the general rejoicings, and all equally proud of the possession of the green emblem so dear to the Irish heart.

The Melbourne correspondent of the *Sydney Freeman's Journal* writes:—The Very Rev. Dean Phelan, V.G., has received a cable message from his Grace the Archbishop congratulating him on the success of the St. Patrick's Day demonstrations. The Most Rev. prelate was particularly pleased with the account he received of Lord Dudley's speech and the presence of their Excellencies at the Irish national gathering. The receipts from the exhibition fete show that £230 was taken in excess of last year, which was considered a record result; while the concert in the Town Hall returned £232 4s, the largest sum ever received from this event. When the Archbishop will return to Melbourne is still uncertain, as in a letter from him received on St. Patrick's Day he said he had not even then decided with regard to his return.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran opened the twenty-ninth annual District Meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society in Sydney on March 23, and delivered an important address. The report of the District Officers disclosed a most fruitful year's work. It stated in part:—During the year 11 branches were opened, while another branch is about to be opened at Ballina, Richmond River. The total membership at the close of the year was 7639. The net increase in district funds for the year amounted to £3319 17s 9d, and in branch funds £2043 18s 1d, or the splendid total net increase (district and branch) of £5363 15s 10d. The total funds of the society now amount to £50,444 18s 4d, made up as follows: District funeral fund, £20,487 18s 2d; women's consolidated sick fund, £990 4s 11d; other district funds, £443 18s; branch sick funds, £27,053 8s 11d; other branch funds, £1467 8s 4d.

One of the last private acts of Sir Harry Rawson, Governor of New South Wales, before leaving for England was the sending of the following letter of congratulation to his Eminence Cardinal Moran, in which he expressed his appreciation of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations: 'Your Eminence,—Will you please convey to the children my best congratulations on the magnificent spectacle I had the privilege of witnessing at the Agricultural Grounds this afternoon. The display of drill was a sight long to be remembered, and can only have been the result of a good organisation by the committee, of tireless and patient effort on the part of the teachers, and of a willing response by well-disciplined pupils. Such exhibitions promote grand training for both mind and body, besides being an opportunity for display by the children of loyalty to their King, devotion to the mother country, and pride in the flourishing portion of the Empire which is their inheritance.'

His Eminence Cardinal Moran speaking at the Hibernian Society's annual breakfast in Sydney, said:—Every citizen in this free land of Australia must use his vote, which is his rifle for the maintenance of the spirit and integrity of the country, and to enable it to attain its destiny. I am sorry to say, judging from public reports in the press, that it is really astounding to find sometimes in an electorate of say 10,000 voters, only 2000 or 3000 avail themselves of their votes. They cannot complain if their representative does not employ his influence and position in Parliament to carry out the mandate the electors gave him. Every man and woman—now that the womanhood of Australia is entitled to the franchise—should vote according to conscience for the person whom they believe best suited to carry out their wishes, to maintain the integrity of the State, its freedom, and assert its rights, and who will, moreover, make that due progress in promoting the happiness and welfare of the country which the representatives of the people should make. I cannot too strongly impress this matter upon you, especially as we Catholic voters are identified in this connection with our Protestant fellow-citizens. Sometimes people say, 'We should vote for a Catholic,' but I say any man who offers himself to you for election on the sole ground of being a Catholic should be laid aside. Do not vote for him.

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'I think you're quite funny,' I said
To the River, 'for, while you've a bed
You're awake night and day,
And run on, yet you stay;
And your mouth is so far from your head.'

I said to the Hill: 'I'll allow
You have a most wonderful brow,
But you've such a big foot
That you never can put
On a shoe of the style they use now.'

I said to the Tree: 'You are queer;
Your trunk is all packed, but I fear
You can't leave until spring
When—a curious thing!—
You must still remain standing right here.'

CLIFFORD'S NEW GIRL

'The old dishes to wipe,' whined Clifford. 'I never saw one little supper make so many. Rob White never wipes dishes, and I think it's hateful that I have to do it.'

Mrs. Fagan looked at him in dismay.

'Why, Clifford, I thought you enjoyed helping mother,' she said.

Clifford felt sorry about the pained look on his mother's face. 'I do like to help you, mother, and all that, but dishes are girls' work. I wish I didn't have to wipe any more for a month, anyway.'

'Well, you need not,' said Mr. Fagan, who just came into the room.

'Why needn't I?' questioned Clifford.

'I had a letter from Cousin Helen Webb to-day, and she wants you to visit her for a month. She says she wants some life in the old home,' explained Mr. Fagan.

Clifford danced in glee. 'May I go?' he questioned. 'I never saw Cousin Helen, but I know she would be fine. It will be great fun to visit in a little town.'

So it was arranged that the visit should be made, and Clifford spent the week intervening in making plans. He arrived at his cousin's in a state of great excitement. He could hardly go to sleep that night for thinking of what he would do the next day.

His cousin rapped on the door at half-past 5 the next morning.

'Yes,' called Clifford, drowsily, and he immediately went to sleep again.

At 6 Miss Webb opened Clifford's door. 'Breakfast is ready,' she said quietly. 'I am surprised that you are so lazy. A big boy should be up early. I am ashamed of you.'

'Mamma lets me sleep until 9 o'clock,' he answered, in surprise. 'She says a growing boy needs lots of sleep to make him strong.'

At breakfast Clifford's table manners were criticised. His cousin was shocked, later, when he slid down the banister. She was greatly amazed when he went up town without asking.

'Why, Cousin Helen, a fellow must do something for amusement,' he explained.

'Well, walk in the garden, or read. I don't like anyone to tear about the house. How do I know who you would talk to up town? I want you to have proper company while you are here. And I may as well say I don't want boys coming here to play, either; they make too much noise.'

At the end of three days Clifford longed for home. There he had some liberties; here it was always 'don't.' He had never realised how nice home was before. That evening out of sheer loneliness he offered to wipe the supper dishes.

'No, thank you,' said his cousin. 'You would break one the first thing.'

'I wipe my mother's dishes and they are just as nice as yours.' Clifford knew the remark was impolite, but he didn't care.

'I am going home to-day,' Clifford the next morning announced at breakfast.

'Going home?' his cousin exclaimed. 'Why, you came to stay a month, and a week is not gone yet.'

'I don't care. It seems that I would just die if I didn't see my father and mother to-day. I'm going home at 1 o'clock.' And go he did.

Mr. and Mrs. Fagan were surprised just as they sat down to supper by a 'Hello!' followed by Clifford.

'Why, Clifford, what is the matter?' his mother exclaimed.

'Nothing, I just got homesick. I thought I would just die. I guess Cousin Helen don't understand boys; she never wanted me to do a thing. I am so glad to be home. I won't even complain if I have to wipe dishes.'

'So there are worse things than wiping dishes, are there, son?' his mother asked, smiling.

'Yes, and I'll tell you what it is. It's to live with someone who don't understand a fellow like his mother does. Mothers don't mind a boy's noise and fun,' and Clifford gave her a resounding kiss.

LETTER WRITING

If people are known by the company they keep, a girl is certainly judged by the kind of a note she writes. Vulgar stationery, incorrect expressions, carelessness of any kind, will do much toward making her appear ill-bred, and a stranger receiving such a note gets a more positively unpleasant idea of the writer than maybe would ever be made by word of mouth. Note paper of a pronounced color is bad form, and should never be used. Colored inks, highly scented papers, or too lavish use of any of the fads along these lines, are the greatest evidence of bad breeding that a girl can show. Any appearance of haste is inexcusable in letter-writing, all numbers, including the date, should be written out. In formal writing, the entire name should be signed; except amongst absolute intimates the signing of a 'nickname' is atrocious form.

A MOTHER'S GREATEST REWARD

A certain boy matriculated in one of the Catholic universities of the United States. He was poorly clad. When this boy paid the board, tuition, and the price of the second-hand books, he had just five dollars left.

At the end of the fourth year he took the M.A. degree. His poor, old, widowed mother sold one of the plough horses to pay him through the fifth year. But at the end of that year he sat among the graduates in his plain brown linen coat and trousers and no vest. But he was the honor graduate, and at the head of the class.

When a beautiful gold medal was handed to him he stepped from the rostrum and walked straight to the back of the room, where right by the door sat a homely old woman in black, and tied the blue ribbon with the great glittering medal around her neck.

She buried her wrinkled face in her old drawn hands, and wept like a child. It seemed the applause would never die away. And now he has a high position at £1500 a year, his mother sits happily in the gloamings of a beyond, and the picture of her noble son hangs on the wall of his *alma mater*.

THINGS WHICH MONEY CANNOT BUY

A boot to fit the foot of a mountain.

A heel on which to place the spur of the moment.

A collar for a neck of land.

A bit for the mouth of a river.

Teeth for the jaws of death.

A KNOWING DOG

'Now,' said the narrator, 'I've got a dog here I would not take £20 for. You can believe me or not, but what I am going to tell you is truth. In the early part of last spring I lost about a score of very valuable ewes, until one day as I was looking across from my house to the edge of the range opposite, about two miles away, I noticed some sheep. I got my telescope, and assured myself that they were mine. I placed the telescope in a suitable position, and made 'Bob, our best collie, look through it. After about a minute the dog wagged his tail and made off. In less than two hours he brought the sheep home safe and sound.'

NO CHANCE

'And where is Carlyle's house?' asked an American tourist strenuously 'doing' Edinburgh.

'Which Carlyle?' said the policeman to whom the question was addressed.

'The man who wrote *Sartor Resartus*,' said the American, 'but he's dead.'

'Oh!' said the constable; 'if the man has been dead for a few years, there ain't much chance of finding out anything about him in a big place like this.'

ELIMINATED EGGS

A recent graduate of the Harvard University has returned to his home in Alabama. It is said that since his return the young lawyer has completely mystified his former friends and neighbors with the use of big words. His flow of speech, with its weighty words, has caused no little comment, and the man is now tolerated with a smile.

At the hotel for breakfast one morning this bright young lawyer told the waiter to bring him some eggs, rolls, and coffee. The waiter started for the kitchen.

'Oh, waiter,' called the young lawyer, 'just eliminate those eggs and bring me some—'

'All right, boss,' said the waiter; 'jus' 'liminate 'em. All right, boss, all right.' And the waiter started for the kitchen. Shortly he came back.

'Boss, we's got a new cook out dere, an' he says how does you 'liminate dem aigs!' said the waiter. 'He says he kin bile aigs, an' fry aigs, an' scramble aigs, but he don't know nothin' 'bout 'liminatin' 'em.'

AN ALPHABET OF PROVERBS

A grain of prudence is worth a pound of craft.
Boasters are cousins to liars.
Courage in Christians means plenty of backbone.
Denying a fault doubles it.
Envy shoots at others and wounds herself.
Foolish fear doubles anger.
God teaches us good things by our own hands.
He has hard work who has nothing to do.
It costs more to revenge wrongs than to suffer them.
Just Christians can afford to be merciful.
Knavery is the worst trade.
Learning makes a man fit company for himself.
Modesty is a grand virtue.
One hour to-day is worth two to-morrow.
Proud looks make foul work in fair faces.
Quiet conscience is quiet sleep.
Richest is he that wants least.
Small faults indulged in are little thieves that let in larger foes.
The boughs that bear most fruit hang lowest.
Upright walking is sure walking.
Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter.
Wise men make more opportunities than they find.
You never lose by doing a good act.
Zeal without knowledge is fire without lights.

ODDS AND ENDS

'You're such a wretched writer it's a wonder you wouldn't get a type-writing machine.'

'I would, only that would show what a miserable speller I am.'

Conductor—'What! A half-ticket for each of these girls?'

Passenger—'Yes.'

Conductor—'One of them looks to be fifteen and the other at least thirteen.'

Passenger—'That's right; but, you see, they're half-sisters.'

'I have been in every civilised country on earth,' said the globe-trotter, 'and, would you believe it, I have met only two really intelligent women.'

'Two!' echoed the beautiful widow in surprise. 'Why, who was the other?'

FAMILY FUN

To Tell a Person's Age.—If you wish to tell the number that some one may think of when requested to do so, follow this method: Tell him to think of any number, as 23; multiply it by 2 (46); add 1 (47); multiply by 5 (235); add 5 (240); multiply by 10 (2400) subtract 100 (2300; ask for the result; strike off the two last figures; and obtain 23.

A variation of this is seen in the following method of telling when a person's birthday comes. Tell him first to write down the day of the month in which he was born, say January (1); multiply it by 2 (2); add 5 (7); multiply by 50 (350); add the day of birth, say 1 (351); subtract 250 (101). The last two figures will give the day of the month on which the person was born; the other figure or figures will give the number of the month. The person giving these results was born on January 1.

The age of a person in years may be found by the preceding method; if instead of adding the day of the birth the age in years is added. By a combination of both methods the age and the exact date of birth may be learned.

All Sorts

The average thickness of one of the hairs of the head is about a hundredth part of an inch, and its rate of growth is from six to seven inches a year.

It takes the tusks of three elephants to furnish a complete set of billiard balls—viz., 3 billiard, 16 pyramids, and 12 pool.

The Siamese have a horror of odd numbers, and have never been known to build a house or temple with five, seven, nine, or eleven windows.

It is a curious fact that the men attending the pans in salt works are entirely exempt from cholera, small-pox, scarlet fever, and influenza.

Fungi give off carbonic acid like human beings, and not oxygen, as do other vegetables. This peculiarity is accounted for by the absence of green coloring-matter.

'Dick,' said his mother, 'when you divided those five caramels with your sister, did you give her three?'

'No, ma. I thought they wouldn't come out even, so I ate one 'fore I began to divide.'

In 1907, 536,000 persons were taxed in England on incomes between £160 and £400; 50,000 between £400 and £500; 28,000 between £500 and £600; and 14,000 between £600 and £700.

Mamma—'Gracious, Willie, I don't see how you can get so dirty.'

Willie—'Oh, it's easy. Come out in the back yard and I'll show you.'

Near the field of Waterloo a topaz seal set in gold was found in 1895, bearing the arms and motto of Viscount Barrington. It belonged to Ensign Barrington, who was killed at Quatre Bras, June 16, 1815, and lay undiscovered for 80 years.

The world's steepest railway has a grade of 70 per cent. at its upper end, and an average grade of 66 per cent. This is a cable tramway up the side of a mountain in Southern Tyrol, Austria. The length of the line is 945 feet.

Pekin, exclusive of its unimportant suburbs, has a population of 693,044 persons, represented by 128,008 families. The children number 173,261, one half of whom are of school age. The city has 183 schools for boys and seventeen for girls, with a staff of 1200 men teachers and 100 women teachers. The average daily attendance is 16,282 boys and 771 girls.

Young Wife (rather nervously)—'Oh, cook, I must really speak to you. Your master is always complaining. One day it is the soup, the second day it is the fish, the third day it is the joint—in fact, it is always something or other.'

Cook (with feeling)—'Well, mum, I'm sorry for you. It must be quite awful to live with a gentleman of that sort.'

Some months ago while a great battleship was at Malta one of the seamen divers went down to clear her propeller from some flotsam that had become entangled, and he failed to come up. It chanced that the rest of the battleship's divers were ashore, and grave concern was felt on the ironclad for the missing worker. Signals by telephone and life-line were sent below without avail. In the launch above the throb-throb of the air pump's cylinders went on, but the attendants looked at one another in dismay, fearing some strange tragedy deep down in those heaving green seas. The worst was feared when some big brushes and other tools came floating to the surface, and thereupon the navigating lieutenant sent ashore an urgent message for one of the other divers. The man came on board, dressed immediately, and went below, only to come up, full of indignation. 'Why, that fellow's been asleep this time!' he said wrathfully. It was true. The man had just had his lunch, and, finding the work much less serious than he had thought, he finished it in a few minutes and then sat comfortably on one of the giant blades of the battleship propeller and went to sleep with inquisitive fishes swarming around him, attracted by the dazzling searchlight on his breast. The officers were much amused at the occurrence that no punishment was inflicted on the lazy one.

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