

that it could effect much towards turning into channels of real human usefulness a goodly portion of the vast treasures and energy that are being expended year by year on past or present wars, or in preparation for the wars of the future. LONGFELLOW has happily expressed this thought in the following well-known lines:—

Were half the power that fills the world with terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on Camps and Courts,
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of Armies and of Forts,
The Warrior's name would be a name abhorred,
And every nation that should lift again
Its hand against a brother, on its forehead
Would wear for evermore the curse of Cain.

A consummation devoutly to be wished for!

THE SLATTERY ANTIDOTE.

OUR PINK PAMPHLETS.

WE have still on hands a small stock of the C. T. Society's pamphlets and leaflets (8s and 4s per 100) on the Slattery pair, who are now engaged in an endeavour to arouse and profit financially by sectarian passion against the Catholic body in this Colony. We have now ready the first of two pamphlets of our own on the career of this unhappy pair of professional slanderers. The first is entitled *Joseph Slattery: The Romance of an Unfrosted Priest*. It consists of 28 pages, chiefly of reprint from the N.Z. TABLET, with additions, and is the most withering exposure of the man yet published. It is published at this office at the small charge of 2d per copy, and 8s 1d per 100, carriage extra. The other (now ready) is entitled *Mrs Slattery: The Romance of a Sham Nun*, and is published at the same price. We strongly urge the Very Rev. and Rev. clergy and the laity to purchase these pamphlets well in advance of the Slatterys' visits, and at the proper time, to scatter them broad-cast by the thousand.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, Bishop of Dunedin, arrived in Rome in the second week in December, and was received in audience by his Holiness the Pope on December 12.

The Rev. Father McCarthy, of Numurkah, Victoria, and the Rev. Father McCarthy, of Melbourne, left Dunedin towards the end of last week, the former for A-hurton, and the latter for Timaru.

The Catholics of Garston, a portion of the Queenstown district under the charge of the Rev. Father O'Donnell are preparing to build a church, which will also serve the people of Nekoma and Athol. A start will be made with the work immediately after the winter, and the opening of the new church, which will be constructed of timber, will probably take place on the first day of the new year and of the century.

The committee having charge of the schools' picnic met in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings, when all arrangements for the outing which took place yesterday were completed. The children to the number of several hundred met at the railway station yesterday, and accompanied by several of the clergy and a large number of adults, proceeded to Mosgiel by train. A splendid programme of sports was provided, and all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly. An extended report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

A solemn religious ceremony took place at the Dominican Priory, Dunedin, on Thursday last, when Miss Elith Morton (Invercargill) and Miss Lizzie Sullivan (Pleasant Point) were received as novices, the former taking the name in religion of Sister Mary Frances, and the latter Sister Mary Martina. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Father Murphy, and there were also present all the clergy of Dunedin together with the Rev. Father Gault, parish priest of St. Kilda, Melbourne. After the ceremony the clergy and the friends and relatives of the young novices were entertained at luncheon by the Dominican Nuns.

WEDDING BELLS.

DANIELS—MALAGHAN

The marriage of Mr. F. L. Daniels, of Dunedin, son of Mr. S. G. Daniels, of Queenstown, to Miss M. C. Malaghan, eldest daughter of the late Mr. T. Malaghan, of that town (says the *Wakatipu Mail*), took place in St. Joseph's Church, Queenstown, on Tuesday of last week. The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a travelling costume of fawn, trimmed with white silk and neatly braided, and a dainty hat to match. Misses N. and C. Marshall (half-sisters of the bride) and Mr. Robertson attended as bridesmaids, wearing very pretty dresses of white silk and large white hats, while Mr. C. H. Robertson acted in the capacity of best man. Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March' was nicely played by Miss M. Butler as the happy couple left the church for the residence of the bride's mother, where the guests were entertained. The newly-married pair left by steamer en route for Dunedin taking with them many good wishes for a happy and prosperous future. The bride

and bridegroom were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. On the Monday evening previous Mr. J. J. McBride, on behalf of St. Joseph's Choir, presented Miss Malaghan with a set of dinner knives and forks as a small token of their esteem and appreciation of her long and faithful services.

EGAN—NOLAN.

A very pretty wedding took place on the 24th January at the residence of Mr. John Nolan, Springs, Middlemarch, the contracting parties being Mr. William Egan (of Middlemarch) and Miss Eliza Nolan, eldest daughter of Mr. John Nolan, Springs. The Rev. Father Lynch performed the marriage ceremony in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the young couple. The bride, who was given away by her father (Mr. John Nolan), was handsomely attired in slate-coloured silk, embroidered with white silk, with wreath and veil. Miss Jane Nolan (sister of the bride), who acted as bridesmaid, looked exceedingly charming dressed in a similar costume to the bride. Mr. Edward W. Nolan, late of Milton and brother of the bride, acted as best man. When the marriage was over, no less than 50 guests partook of the wedding breakfast. The Rev. Father Lynch proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom. The wedding presents were numerous, valuable and handsome. In the evening the happy couple, amid sincere and hearty wishes for their future happiness, took their departure by train for the north, where they intend to spend their honeymoon.

OBITUARY.

MR. ARTHUR MOYNIHAN, SHANNON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur Moynihan, third son of Mrs. Moynihan, a well-known and highly-respected resident of Wellington, and brother of Mr. Michael Moynihan, Shannon. The deceased, who was a general favourite, met with his death through a tram accident in Sydney. Great sympathy is felt for his mother and family in their sad bereavement.—*R.I.P.*

MR. THOMAS LYNKEY, KAIAPOI.

Mr. Thomas Lynskey, eldest son of Mr. M. Lynskey, Kaiapoi, died at his residence, Ohoka, on Wednesday of last week. The deceased was well known in North Canterbury, having been at one time on the staff of the Magistrate's Court. Mr. Lynskey was extremely popular in the district (says the *Rangiora Standard*) and great sympathy is felt for his wife and family and parents in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place at the Catholic cemetery, Rangiora, on Friday afternoon, a *Requiem* Mass being said in the church in the morning.—*R.I.P.*

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

THE reading matter in the *Triad* for the current month is diversified, and as usual instructive and entertaining.

THERE are 214 monthly, weekly, and daily newspapers published in the Colony, or about 1 to every 4000 persons.

THERE were 11,357 persons employed in the various Government departments of New Zealand on March 31, 1898. This would give about one Civil Servant to every 70 persons in the population.

SHAKING at Invercargill last week the Premier announced that the Government had decided to increase the volunteer force of the Colony by 2000 men. Rifles had been ordered, and they would be in a position to give three rifles to every volunteer. The Government intended also to give every assistance to rifle corps in out-of-the-way districts.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to say that a very impressive ceremony took place in the Convent of Mercy, Lyttelton, on January 11, when Miss P. Thompson, of Balclutha, was received as novice. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chenevis, V.G., who also delivered an appropriate discourse. Miss Thompson took in religion the name of Sister Mary Ignatius.

THE Hon. J. G. Ward was tendered a banquet on Wednesday evening of last week at Invercargill. There was a large attendance, about 500 persons being present including the Premier, the Minister for Lands, the Minister for Education, and several members of both Houses. The banquet was given as a mark of appreciation by Mr. Ward's constituents, and in celebration of his return to a seat in the Ministry.

AMONG the casualties lately reported from the war (writes our Oamaru correspondent) is one of the North Otago Rifles, Mr. Harold Booth. He was a fine young fellow, a general favourite in the mounted corps here, and amongst his friends and the youth generally of Oamaru. A memorial service was held for him in the Anglican Church here on the 1th, and universal sympathy is felt for his mother, Mrs. J. C. Cooke, and her family. The deceased was a nephew of Hon. G. Jones, M.L.C., proprietor of the *Oamaru Mail*.

THE lady supporters of Mr. O'Regan (says the *Inangahua Times*) have decided to entertain him and Mrs. O'Regan at a social, on which occasion our late member will be the recipient of a presentation now being liberally subscribed to throughout the district. As Mr. and Mrs. O'Regan purpose leaving the Coast, and probably the Colony, at an early date, the social now being arranged will serve a double purpose, that of affording friends and well-wishers an opportunity of testifying their appreciation of and bidding farewell to one who has grown to manhood in their midst and who has in every way deserved well of this community.

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