

noted Paris correspondent of the *Times*, is an Austrian. ISRAEL ZANGWILL, the Jewish writer, is German by immediate descent, though probably not by birth. COVENTRY PATMORE also claimed German blood. And ROBERT BROWNING is described as 'a strange admixture of English, Scotch, German, Dutch, and Creole'—a sort of human *trambambuli* or *salvagundi*. Among the honoured beards of strangers that have added a lustre to British art, Mr. ALMA-TADEMA is a Hollander by birth and education: Mr. BRITON RIVIERE is of French extraction; Mr. WHISTLER is American by birth and training; so, too, is Mr. ABBEY, R.A. Of the famous living singers that have made England their temporary or permanent home, Madame ALBANI is a French-Canadian; Madame MELBA an Australian; CHRISTINA NILSSON (Countess de Miranda) is a Swede; and ADELINA PATTI is of Italian extraction, but was born in Madrid. Of the men who have added a lustre to British science, SIEMENS, the great metallurgist and electrician, was born and educated in Germany. To the Fatherland also the Right Hon. FRIEDRICH MAX-MÜLLER, the famous Oxford philologist, owes his birth and education.

Both sacred and profane history give us instances of the scions of conquered races or nations being entrusted with the reins of Government of their conquerors. But the instances are rare indeed. Rarer still is it to find the sons of a subject people entrusted with supreme or very high commands in the armies of their conquerors. The first NAPOLEON is one conspicuous instance in point. The history of the British army in the present century furnishes many such. The two great British Commanders-in-Chief of the century, the Duke of Wellington and Lord WOLSELEY, were Irishmen. So were many of the most prominent British leaders of the past hundred years: Lord GOUGH, Sir CHARLES JAMES NAPIER, Sir EYRE COOTE. So likewise are by far the greater number of prominent officers now or recently at the front in the South African campaign—Lord KITCHENER, Generals WHITE, CLERY, and KELLY-KENNY. Lord ROBERTS, though born in India, is of Irish parentage, proudly describes himself as an Irishman, and is described as such in comparatively recent speeches—now before us—by Major-General HUTTON and Rear-Admiral Lord CHARLES BERESFORD. We do not even except the exploits of MARLBOROUGH when we state that Great Britain's Irish generals have, of all her military leaders, left the deepest mark upon the later history of the Empire. It takes many kinds of men to make a world. But an Empire that adopts a policy of limitless expansion needs strong hands and clear brains, from whatever point of the compass they may come. And it is both justice and good policy for Great Britain to practically and gratefully recognise the good that is in the little island-rock out of which so much of her military greatness has been hewn.

THE SLATTERY ANTIDOTE.

OUR PINK PAMPHLETS.

WE have on hands a full stock of our two Pink Pamphlets 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. The first is entitled *Joseph Slattery: The Romance of an Unfrocked 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 4d 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' visit, and, at the proper time, to scatter them broad-cast by the thousand. These pamphlets have everywhere proved themselves the best antidotes for the Slattery plague.

Investors and persons interested in mining and other stocks will notice that Messrs. Barr, Leary and Co., stock and share-brokers, Crawford street, Dunedin, and Featherston street, Wellington, have correspondents all over the Otago and Westland goldfields, and that they are members of the Dunedin Stock Exchange.—*.*

MYERS AND CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous-oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read advertisement.—*.*

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

We are pleased to notice that Dr. O'Neill has received the appointment of senior house surgeon of the Dunedin Hospital.

A first list of subscribers to the Bishop Verdon Testimonial Fund appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Very Rev. Father Corcoran, parish priest of Morpeth, diocese of Maitland, New South Wales, is at present in Dunedin, being the guest of the Rev. Father Coffey. He leaves this week on his return journey.

At the Trinity College Musical examinations the following pupils of the Sisters of St. Joseph were successful:—Port Chalmers: Intermediate—M. Drury, 73. Arrowtown: Preparatory grade—A. Partridge, 81.

At the Douglas Hotel, on Tuesday afternoon a presentation of a silver tea service and an illuminated address was made by Mr. Darcy and the employees to Mr. and Mrs. Liston on the occasion of their retirement from business. Mr. D. Falkner, on behalf of Mr. Darcy, made the presentation, to which Mr. Liston suitably replied.

On last Sunday a collection was taken up in the Catholic churches of Dunedin in aid of the fund for sending nurses to the seat of war. At St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, the amount realised was £10, and at St. Joseph's Cathedral a sum of close on £16 was received.

At the local centre, Oamaru, the following pupils of the Dominican Convent passed successfully the Trinity College London musical examinations (theoretical), gaining high marks:—Junior grade: Nellie Corcoran, Agnes Ford, Mary Falconer. Intermediate grade: Margaret Mary Rodgers, Annie Duguid, Monica Ongley, Kathleen Cartwright, Mary Maud O'Grady.

It is intended to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Dunedin by a first-class concert. The committee having the affair in hand are making great preparations to make the concert a thorough success and well worthy of the occasion. The services of the best musical talent in Otago have been secured, so that patrons may rest assured of an excellent programme being submitted.

Over 20 members of the contingent now in camp attended Mass at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, on Sunday. The men were in charge of Acting-Sergeant Tubman. Donations of interesting Catholic literature and periodicals and other healthy reading matter for the use of the men on the voyage, will be thankfully received by the Rev. Father Coffey, South Dunedin, or at the office of the N.Z. TABLET.

A social, given by the young ladies of St. Mary's Church, was held in the old Mosgiel House on Thursday evening, when there was a large attendance (says the *Advocate*), and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. A. Quelch acted as M.C., and excellent music was supplied by Messrs. J. Allan and J. Mehalski. Songs were given by Messrs. A. Dickson, J. Allan, J. Mehalski, and A. Quelch. Refreshments were supplied by Mr. R. Macadam. The young ladies who promoted the affair were very energetic in seeing to the pleasure of the guests.

General regret is felt in Dunedin at the departure of Mr R. Dobbin, accountant in the N.Z. Insurance Company's office, for Christchurch. Mr Dobbin has severed his connection with the Company for the purpose of commencing business as sharebroker in the City of the Plains. From Mr Dobbin's knowledge of commercial matters, and his up-to-date acquaintance with the value and prospects of dredging claims, we have little doubt but that he will quickly secure a large share of business, especially as he is well known in the Canterbury capital. His departure from Dunedin will be keenly felt by his many friends, who recognised in him a thoroughly upright business man and a practical Catholic who always took an active part in matters appertaining to the Church. In common with his many well-wishers of every class and creed we wish him success in his venture.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent)

February 26.

During Lent short instructions are to be given from the Pro-Cathedral pulpit on each Wednesday evening.

The Very Rev. Dean Foley preached on Sunday night, and announced that it was his Lordship the Bishop's intention to deliver a course of lectures on the Sunday evenings during Lent.

A concert and entertainment to celebrate St. Patrick's Day is being arranged by the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, the proceeds of which are to benefit the schools.

Three pupils of the Sisters of Our Lady of Missions successfully passed the recent Civil Service examination, their names being Agnes Ryan, Viola Montague, and Elizabeth McGee, and were educated at the Convent High School, Barbadoes street.

As a result of the collection in aid of the Cathedral Building Fund made at Loburn during the recent mission held there by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, the sum of £55 10s was handed in. Eleven candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, the 18th inst.

At a patriotic meeting held at the Hanmer Springs, attended by residents and visitors, the Rev. Father Treacey was one of the speakers, and was, according to a local paper, cheered for his eloquent and passionate defence of the Irish from the charge of failure to respond to the Empire's call in the present crisis. He showed how valiantly the Irish regiments had fought, and how England's successes on the battlefield had been purchased with the life-blood of Ireland's best sons.

After being six years in the parish of Hawarden the Rev. Father Treacey, a short time ago, owing to ill health, resigned charge of that district. His late parishioners learning he was passing through to Christchurch, after a visit to the Hanmer