

hold gentleness and honor as the brightest of his crown-jewels. Is it, then, treating our King as a gentleman to suspect his word and his oath, to oblige him to multiply phrases that he is not equivocating, nor guilty of evasion, nor dispensed to lie, and the rest? We tie a conjuror into his chair with knots and double knots. Are we thus to tie a King upon his throne? The conjuror will in any case give us the slip. And how will twisted and knotted phrases bind a King who is not a man of honor? Oh, how dignified was the simple coronation oath of our Catholic forefathers, how worthy of a King, and worthy of a great and free and Christian nation! DRYDEN used the phrase: 'As kind as King upon his coronation day.' It was no doubt a proverbial expression. But it can never again be used in England until the hateful note of discord introduced at the Revolution is silenced. Catholics and Protestants alike, he concludes, 'will bless the man who shall relieve the nation from a burden which is both a folly and a crime.'

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers are entreated to forward the amounts due by them at the earliest possible moment. The amounts due by individual subscribers are not considerable, but taken together they amount to a very large sum. The many calls that we have to meet make it imperative on us to greatly reduce the amount of indebtedness of our subscribers. We therefore ask those who have received accounts to wipe off their indebtedness to us before the close of the dying century. This will be a suitable mode of celebrating the parting of the nineteenth, and the beginning of the twentieth century.

MARIST BROTHERS' FUND.

We have been requested by the Rev. Father O'Shea, Wellington, to acknowledge receipt of the sum of £22 from Timaru, per Mr. M. F. Dennehy, also an additional £1 3s 6d from Reefton, on behalf of the Marist Brothers' indemnity fund; Greymouth, £7 10s; Pahiatua, £5 16s 6d; and other small sums.

We (N.Z. TABLET) have also received and duly forwarded to the Rev. Secretary the following additional sums per Mr. John Scanlon, Hororata, Canterbury: Mr. John Scanlon, 10s; Mr. Michael Murphy, 5s; Mr. Richard Marshall, 5s. In forwarding these amounts Mr. Scanlon writes: 'After perusing the clear and lengthy statements relating to the persecutions that some of the Marist Brothers have undergone in connection with the Stoke Orphanage, I expected to see the contributions come in more freely. But I think that if the Catholics had read the proceedings in the House of Representatives, as reported in *Hansard*, they would be more generous in their donations towards the above fund, and they would also learn something of the underhand tactics adopted by some, and the unmanly, unjust, and bitter attitude of several other members of our Colonial Parliament. I think the thanks of the Catholic community are due to the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon for the fair and manly stand taken by him on that most trying and unpleasant occasion.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

A retreat for women of the parish will be opened in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, February 17. The retreat will be conducted by the Very Rev. Father Boyle, C.M.

The annual district meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society of New Zealand will be held in Dunedin this year. The meeting will commence in St. Joseph's Hall on February 20, and will be attended by delegates from the branches of the Society throughout the Colony.

Sister M. Philomena (choir-sister), and Sister Gerald (lay-sister), of the Dominican Order, left Dunedin on Monday last by the Westralia for the convent of their Order in Greenough, Western Australia.

Father Foran, Catholic Army chaplain, accompanied the Imperial troops who arrived in Dunedin on Tuesday evening. Father Foran was met at the station by the Cathedral clergy, whose guest he was during his brief stay in the city.

By a private wire from Wellington we learn that the Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop Redwood, Bishop Verdon, and Mgr. O'Reilly left on Monday for Christchurch via the West Coast. The Very Rev. and Right Rev. prelates, together with Bishop Grimes, are expected in Dunedin on next Wednesday evening by the express from Christchurch.

Mr. Charles Morkane, son of Mr. James Morkane, Dunedin, passed his final medical examination last week, and immediately took his departure for Christchurch, where he has been appointed assistant surgeon at the hospital. Dr. Morkane is an ex-pupil of the Christian Brothers' School. During his last year at the school he was dux, and also won Dr. Stenhouse's gold medal, after which he proceeded to the University.

A meeting of the Catholic Schools' Picnic Committee was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening, when a considerable quantity of routine business was transacted. It was arranged that the

train should start for Outram at a quarter-past nine, and leave there for Dunedin at six o'clock, the return fares to be 1s for children and 2s for adults. The secretary was directed to send an invitation to be present to the children of St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage. Tickets can be procured at the schools or from any member of the committee. Persons intending to attend the picnic should note that tickets must be purchased on the evening prior to the outing, as none will be for sale on the morning of the 14th.

At St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, on Sunday last, the Rev. Father Delany announced that on Sunday, the 17th inst., the time for the services would be altered to 8.30 and 10.30 a.m. At the latter hour Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated, and the sermon on the occasion preached by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne. The laying of the foundation stone of the new Convent for the Sisters of Mercy takes place immediately at the conclusion of the service. The Rev. Father spoke as to the urgent necessity of increased accommodation for the Sisters, whose good work since their residence in South Dunedin has been of such incalculable benefit. The Rev. Father Molnerey, S.J., preached at the 11 o'clock Mass, and again in the evening occupied the pulpit, when he delivered an excellent sermon on devotion to the Sacred Heart. There was a large congregation present, and the occasion being the monthly meeting of the Men's Confraternity of the Sacred Heart, the Rev. Father's excellent discourse was listened to with close attention, and is certain to be the means of increasing the membership of the confraternity.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITING PRELATE.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE.

THE series of ecclesiastical ceremonies which have taken place or are to take place in the cities of Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin have drawn to this Colony a distinguished visitor in the person of the Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne. This learned and genial ecclesiastic is a native of Galway County, Ireland, where he was born in 1839. He pursued his early ecclesiastical studies in St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, after which he proceeded to the great national ecclesiastical College of Maynooth. His course in the Alma Mater of the Irish clergy was marked with great distinction, and by many evidences of the high promise which has been so amply fulfilled in his subsequent career as professor, bishop, and archbishop. He was promoted to the priesthood on Pentecost Sunday, 1866. For a few years he labored with great zeal and success in his native diocese, being first engaged in parochial work, and afterwards as professor in St. Jarlath's College. In 1873 he entered St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. In that abode of culture and piety he won golden opinions for his wide and varied learning, and was, perhaps, one of the most popular and beloved members of all the professorial staffs of that great seat of learning. In 1880 he was appointed Vice-President of the College, and at the same time began to edit, with marked ability, the well-known monthly clerical magazine, the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record*. On August 26, 1883, he was appointed to the episcopal see of Galway, and his consecration was marked by illuminations and every evidence of popular rejoicing in the ancient City of the Tribes.

After the death of the aged and venerable Dr. Gould, Archbishop of Melbourne, the Australian Bishops petitioned the Holy See to appoint as his successor the Right Rev. Dr. Carr. The distinguished prelate was, therefore, appointed Archbishop of Melbourne by Brief dated September 29, 1886. He received the pallium, or symbol of archiepiscopal rank and jurisdiction in Rome on March 17, 1887, and in the following June was welcomed in his new See amidst the greatest enthusiasm. The subsequent career of the Archbishop of Melbourne has been filled with many a blessing for the Church over which he has been called to rule. He introduced into his archdiocese no fewer than eight or ten religious Orders, and under his fostering care, the growth of the Church within the limits of his immediate jurisdiction—as evidenced by the formation of new missions, the erection of new churches, schools, convents, institutes of charity, etc.—has been of an altogether remarkable kind. Among the other achievements of his Grace's career in Melbourne was the completion and consecration of the magnificent temple, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, which covers an area of 35,000 square feet, takes rank as one of the world's greatest cathedrals, and involved an expenditure of some £200,000, all of which has been paid off.

The Archbishop of Melbourne will long be remembered as the author of the admirable series of controversial works which include *The Primacy of the Roman Pontiff*, *Reply to Dr. Rentoul*, *The Origin of the Church of England*, *The Church and the Bible*, etc. The writing of these works was forced upon his Grace by offensive public statements or noisy challenges. But they possess to the fullest extent qualities which are unhappily very rare in writings of this kind: an unflinching courtesy, even courtliness, of attitude towards opponents, and a sweetness and geniality of temper—relieved at times by a gentle play of native wit—that were at the same time a revelation and an example to the non-Catholic public, and won golden opinions for his Grace. A signal feature in the books referred to is the deadly and constant use which his Grace has made throughout of the evidence of distinguished Protestant authorities. His books represent what ideal controversy should be; and this happy combination of great learning and unflinching courtesy, coupled with his Grace's well-known zeal, his accessibility, and his amiable personal qualities, has gone far towards raising the Catholic Church in Victoria to the happy position in the popular estimation which it occupies to-day. We bid the distinguished churchman a hearty welcome to New Zealand.