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MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

Pergant Directores et Scriptorum New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiæ causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.
Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

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., P.M.

LEO XIII, Pope

Current Topics

The King in Ireland

This was the proudest boast of 'Everard the Bearded, Wurtemberg's beloved lord':

'I my head can safely pillow
On my poorest subject's breast.'

King Edward VII. evidently feels that he can trust his royal person with equal safety to his subjects in the Green Isle, and the dismissal of his Scotland-yard escort converted every Irishman into a member of his bodyguard. King Edward VII. is the first British sovereign that has shown a friendly feeling to, and sympathetic interest in, the nation that, despite galling political disabilities, has rendered such constant and precious service to the Empire both in the council-chamber and on the battle-field. His friendly attitude on the Home Rule and land questions is well known, and the moving scenes of welcome that everywhere met him and his august Consort are what one naturally expects from the warm-hearted Celtic temperament of a people to whom the present occupant of the British throne has greatly endeared himself.

Ireland is now the last spot of British earth inhabited by white people that is governed in accordance with the discarded and discredited policy which in the old colonial days lost America to the Empire. Edward VII. is the Constitutional Sovereign of Great Britain, Canada, the Australian Commonwealth, and New Zealand, but not of Ireland. 'A Constitutional Sovereign,' says Mr. Swift MacNeill, M.P., in a recent issue of the London 'Daily Chronicle,' 'is generally regarded as a Sovereign who acts on the advice of Ministers responsible to the representatives of the people, and through these representatives to the people at large. The King, who is in England an eminently Constitutional Sovereign, and whose kindly feelings towards Ireland are well known and heartily appreciated, will not be a Constitutional Sovereign of that country till he acts on the advice of an Irish Cabinet responsible to an Irish Parliament, and through that Parliament to the Irish people.' The King is credited, and, we believe, rightly credited, with urging the settlement of the great agrarian difficulty in Ireland. With his well known views on this and other Irish and Anglo-Irish questions, it may not unreasonably be hoped that his visits to the warm-hearted people of the most crimeless portion of all his broad dominions may result in the speedy application of

of the one remedy—self-government—which will make him the Constitutional King of Ireland and permanently remove the many rampant evils of the system of 'Castle rule' that are eating like a cancer into the vitals of the nation.

'Candidates' for the Papacy

The Conclave for the election of a successor to Leo XIII. of happy memory has set the tongue of journalistic speculation a-clacking with more volubility than good sense. Speculation is in the air and Rumor is as busy as a family of bell-ringers. Samuel Butler aptly describes her as 'a tall, long-sided dame'

'That, like a thin camelion, boards
Herself on air, and eats her words;
Upon her shoulders wings she wears,
Like hanging sleeves lin'd thro' with ears
And eyes and tongues, as poets list,
Made good by deep mythologist;
With these she through the welkin flies,
And sometimes carries truth, oft lies.'

A message that does not come from her slender budget of truth reports that twenty Cardinals are 'candidates for the Chair of St. Peter.' Among the empurpled list of 'candidates' for the triple crown, several New Zealand dailies set up, as strong favorites, two Cardinals

'Whose bones are dust
Whose souls are with the Saints, we trust.'

And, generally speaking, the information as to the papal election is about on a level with what one might expect to find in the columns of the 'World of Sport.' All the statements, for instance, regarding 'candidates' for the papal office are misleading to a degree. A candidate is defined in the 'Encyclopaedic Dictionary' as 'one who proposes himself for, or solicits, an office or appointment.' In this sense there are no 'candidates for the Chair of St. Peter.' There is no nomination for the office of Pope. No Cardinal can (in the ordinary political sense of the term) 'propose' either himself or any other person. And the soliciting of votes for himself by a Prince of the Church would be such an unheard-of thing, such an outrage on ecclesiastical decorum, such an evidence of overweening ambition that it would over-vault itself and deprive him of the support and respect even of his personal friends. The merits, demerits, and chances of various Cardinals form, naturally, a subject of some conversation and speculation among the members of the Sacred College within the guarded enclosure of the Conclave. But—apart from the extremely rare and unlikely event of a selection by acclamation or compro-

Hancock's "BISMARK" LAGER BEER.

NEW ZEALAND'S
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mise—the 'standing' of any Cardinal in reference to the papal chair cannot be predicted, even within the walls of the Conclave, in any but, at best, a vague manner until one or more ballots have been taken in the manner described in our last issue. The Cardinals are solemnly sworn to support by their votes the person whom, before God, they believe ought to be chosen for that exalted and responsible office. They, moreover, realise the wisdom that finds expression in the old Celtic proverb 'Melodious is the closed mouth.' They know how to hold their tongues. They, and all in the Conclave, are under a bond of sworn secrecy. They are cut off from all communication with the outside world. No whisper, not a breath, of their deliberations can pass beyond the silent and guarded walls. And all the Conclave 'news' that comes to us along the wires on the Ocean's bed merely represents Dame Rumor letting her imagination run riot over the shadowy fields of speculation—wasting her ammunition on matters that, for the moment, are as much beyond her ken as if the Cardinals were holding their sittings by one of the canals of the planet Mars.

Length of Days

A quaint old recipe for attaining great old age runs thus: 'No pies or cakes, no pains or aches. Most men dig their graves with their teeth.' Mr. Bradbury, a former Governor of Maine, gave the following as the secret of length of days when he was standing near the brink of his hundredth year: 'Get an incurable ailment in your youth, and nurse it till your death.' A somewhat similar experience—minus the 'nursing'—fell to the lot of the late Pope. When nearing his twentieth year he fell into a long-drawn and painful malady that almost shrivelled up the life in him and threatened to dig him an early grave. Pain drove sleep from his pillow and in long watches of the weary night he wrote in Latin verse:

'Wakeful till latest night, thy limbs in vain
Court needful rest;
Yet pain, when charmed by verse,
Seems half allayed.'

He himself felt that his coffin and grave-clothes should soon be ready. Yet he lived far past the ordinary span of human existence and died at ninety-three with his great mind clear to the last. And ever through life he found that

'Against diseases here the strongest fence
Is the defensive virtue, abstinence.'

Our Insane

In New Zealand, as in most other countries, statistics show a steady and melancholy increase in the number of the insane. In our tight little islands the proportion has run up from 19.93 persons per 10,000 of the population in 1871 to 22.86 per 10,000 in 1881, 27.82 in 1891, and 31.17 in 1901. Just now there is a lively hum in Parliament about overcrowding and out-of-date methods of treatment in our hospitals for the insane. The modes of classification of the insane that prevail in Australasia generally fall far short of that which is adopted in the 'home' and 'cottage' systems of Belgium and Holland. In this connection it will interest our readers to learn that the first reforms in the treatment of sufferers from mental disease introduced into Australia were the work of Dr. Willson, the first Catholic bishop of Tasmania. Through his untiring zeal and devotion the lot of those afflicted people in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania was rendered as happy as enlightened and humane care and the knowledge of the time could make it. The olden treatment of the insane consisted of stripes, iron chains, and general cruelty and neglect. A Spanish monk, Juan Gilaberto Joñte, was the pioneer of the humane treatment of insanity. He established an asylum in Valencia and gathered the hapless people into it. Other Spanish cities speedily followed his example—Saragossa in 1125, Seville and Valladolid in 1136, Toledo in 1183, and divers others at various periods.

Lecky tells us that when, at the close of the eighteenth century, the French Catholic physician Pinel 'began his great labors in this sphere, he pronounced Spain to be the country in which lunatics were treated with most wisdom and most humanity.'

BIGOTRY IN WESTPORT

A CONTEMPTIBLE NEWSRAG AND ITS WORK

Westport has the best coal and the smallest and most contemptible news-sheet in New Zealand. The evil specimen of gutter-journalism to which we refer is printed quarterly in Wellington, and is published ostensibly in the interests of the small Methodist congregation in Westport. A copy of the July issue is before us. Contents: a few advertisements of Westport traders, a few scrappy reports and brevities, and three leaders—no Popery shrieks that occupy nearly half of its grand total of seven columns of reading matter. These leaders are marked throughout by the bald illiteracy that has crystallised into a settled tradition of the no-Popery press and of the more disreputable class of anti-Catholic controversy and fiction. The first is a bilious and evil-tempered onslaught on the Catholic clergy and laity of Ireland; the second is a string of rambling and unconnected ravings against 'Rome'; the third a cowardly and blackguardly attack on the local Convent of Mercy. The whole of the 'leading' matter in this microscopic quarterly is, in fact, a disgraceful exhibition of deliberate, uncalled-for, and unprovoked offence. It is aggravated by the following circumstances, which are vouched for by our discreet and well-informed Westport correspondent: (1) This venomous outburst of vilification had not the smallest pretence of provocation; (2) special efforts were put forth to circulate those wretched libels on our religion, copies of the miserable news-sheet having been left at the doors of Catholic homes throughout the town, and even at the local presbytery; and (3) Westport has ever been happily free from sectarian passion, and people of all creeds and classes have been content to work together there in harmony and mutual good-will. But there are some people who are never at peace unless they are at war, and the little Methodist quarterly has girded itself to do the devil's work of setting up religious strife and rancor where hitherto peace has abounded among the various creeds that own the Christian name.

It is no part of our present purpose to treat all the sewage that trickles, oozy and evil-smelling, down the noisome editorial columns of the little Westport gutter-journal. We will, however, permit ourselves a few general remarks which will sufficiently 'size up' the character of each of the three leading articles under consideration. (1) The first is an hysterical can-can on the 'superstition' of Irish 'Romanists' and the rapacity of their priests. Its 'authority' is, of all others, the wretched McCarthy, whose coarse, venomous, and unveracious productions (by courtesy called 'books') met with such a merciless rib-roasting from the cat-o'-nine-tails of the 'Athenaeum,' the 'Bookman,' and other literary journals and reviews, from the 'Guardian' and other Protestant weeklies, and from the London 'Times' and such other English secular dailies as accorded his gall-and-wormwood productions the unmerited honor of a notice. Even the Dublin 'Daily Express' (the organ of the Irish Orange lodges) raised its voice in earnest protest against the distortions, exaggerations, prejudice, 'wilful one-sidedness,' and thorough-paced unreliability of this Mr McCarthy. No journalist with a reputation to lose would, at this hour of the day, any more dream of quoting McCarthy as an 'authority' on persons or things Catholic than he would of citing Zola as an expert in good morals or the Westport quarterly microbe as an example of religious sweetness and light. But our microscopic contemporary is not particular. Any stone is good, enough to throw at a dog, and any stick, however rotten, is good enough to strike a blow at 'Rome.'

It is a curious freak of the lower depths of bigotry that it regards the evidence of Catholics as credible only when, like foul birds, they defile their own nest. The paltzy Westport news-sheet endeavors to give a spurious value to McCarthy's slanders by falsely describing him as 'a devout Romanist.' It makes controversial capital to so describe him. But a knowledge of the man's personal history, or even a glance at his slander-

ous publications, is sufficient to dispel such an idea. The word 'Romanist' is an offensive and obsolescent controversial slang-term that is no longer used except by persons who wish to emphasise their lack of good-breeding. It is defined to mean 'an adherent of the Roman Catholic Church; a Roman Catholic.' But 'an adherent of the Roman Catholic Church' is precisely what McCarthy is not. It is true that in his early years he was brought up in the ancient faith. But while yet young he was taken away from its influences and placed in a Protestant school at Middleton (Cork county). He passed thence to a Protestant university, abandoned long ago the practice of the Catholic faith, and has become one of its most rabid and furious assailants. The little briefless barrister has found it more profitable to slander his fellow-countrymen in untidy and clumsily-written no-Popery shockers than to wait wearily in his den for clients that would not come. In these agglomerates of paper and type which we shall agree to call 'books,' he has denounced the Catholic Church root and branch. He screeches at her Sacraments and sacramental system; he pours vitriolic ridicule on her most cherished doctrines; he describes her religious practices as mummary and mystery, unintelligible gibberish, superstition, etc.; he brands the bulk of our co-religionists as 'idolaters'; and for priests and people alike he has nothing but the envenomed word, the evil tale, and the ready falsehood that befit, not the 'devout Romanist,' but the tempestuous orator who shrieks like a hurricane against 'Rome' on the anniversary of the 'glorious, pious, and immortal memory' of William of Orange. So far as McCarthy has any religion, he is a Protestant, as may be seen from the extravagant praise which he here and there bestows upon the doctrines, principles, and practices of the Reformed creeds. The London 'Guardian' (Anglican), however, holds that 'by his books, he has proved himself not to be a Catholic, or even a Christian.' Of his latest 'book' ('Priests and People') the Anglican 'Church Commonwealth' says that 'it is as virulently Orange as any professional Church Associationist could ever wish. Protestantism is all light and altogether lovely, whilst Catholicism is as black as Erebus and reeks with rotteness.' And this is the man whom the dwarf journal in Westport takes upon itself to describe as not merely a 'Romanist,' but 'a devout Romanist'—that is, one 'filled with devotion' for 'the Roman Catholic faith.' Here, in good sooth, is a contemptible piece of controversial trickery. If McCarthy is to be accepted as 'a devout Romanist,' then all the 'devout Romanists' are in the Orango lodge or kindred associations, or conducting virulent little no-Popery sheets like that of Westport, which, in ability as in size, is to a normal journal what a washtub is to a warship.

The Westport quarterly is 'onaisy in its mind' because it is satisfied, on McCarthy's unveracious evidence, that in far-off Ireland the priests are a grave financial burden to the people. It has only itself to blame for provoking the 'odorous comparison' which we publish hereunder from the last Irish census and from the figures and clergy-lists in 'Thom's Almanac and Official Directory'.

	Number at last cen-us.	Number of clergy.	Proportion of clergy to people.
Catholics	3,308,661	3711	1 in 891
Episcopalians	581,089	over 1600	1 in 363
Presbyterians	413,276	about 800	1 in 554
Methodists	62,000	about 250	1 in 248

(The number of clergy attributed above to the Presbyterians is made up of 650 'regular' ministers, 76 ordained ministers not in regular charge, and between 70 and 80 others who are attached to various dissident Presbyterian bodies, chiefly in Ulster). It will thus be seen that, in proportion to their numbers, Catholics in Ireland have far fewer clergy than the members of the Protestant denominations mentioned above. The Methodist proportion is almost exactly four times greater than the Catholic. In other words: to have as great a relative number of clergy as their Methodist fellow-countrymen, Irish 'Romanists' should have 14,800 priests instead of 3711.

But that is not all. (a) The Irish Methodists have to contribute a fixed salary and to support, not a celibate, but a married, clergy. They have to provide not alone for their clergy, but separate homes and maintenance for them and their families as well, and to afford salaries which shall enable their ministers to educate their children and settle them decently in life. (b) The Catholics have to support, not a married but a celibate, clergy with no hangers on beyond what are required for domestic help. (c) Great numbers of the Catholic clergy live in communities of two, three, and more—an arrangement which greatly reduces the cost of living. (d) They re-

ceive no fixed salary, but only such free-will offerings as their people can well afford. We speak of this matter from personal knowledge gained by several years' parochial work in Ireland. Moreover, in practically all cases, the surplus above decent and unostentatious support finds its way—generally in the short run, otherwise in the long run—into the hands of the poor, or for the glory of God's house, or for the upkeep of the various institutes of charity in which the Catholic Church is rich above all others. (e) The Irish priests are the apple of the people's eye, and clergy and flock are bound together by bonds of mutual affection which were forged in the sorrows of dark and evil days, and have never been weakened or broken. Through centuries of bitter persecution the Irish priest was the staunch, tried, and faithful friend and father of his people, the partner of their rare joys, the sharer of their long and bitter sorrows, the sustainer of their hopes, the guardian and mainstay of their faith, even when his mere presence in the land was high treason, when the bloodhound was on his track and the price of the wild wolf upon his head, when his altar was the mountain-rock, and his temple the open sky, and when the celebration of the Holy Mysteries meant swift death by levelled muskets or the slow agony of the hangman's noose and quartering knife. And, thank God, our recent wanderings through the Old Land of the tear and the smile enable us to testify that, if possible, the traditional bond of love between priests and people has never been stronger at any period than at the present time. To this hour the priest is the father, the counselor, the friend of his people, and, in hearty service for Christ's dear sake, their bond-servant, not their despot. He is still their beloved priest, their 'soggarth aroon': more loved, perhaps, than even in the days when Banim wrote his famous lay, of which we quote three stanzas here:—

'Who, in the winter's night,
Soggarth Aroon,
When the cowl'd blast did bite,
Soggarth Aroon,
Came to my cabin door,
And, on the earthen fire,
Knelt by me, sick and poor,
Soggarth Aroon?

'Who, on the marriage day,
Soggarth Aroon,
Made the poor cabin gay,
Soggarth Aroon—
And did both laugh and sing,
Making our hearts to ring,
At the poor christening,
Soggarth Aroon?

'Who, as friend only met,
Soggarth Aroon,
Never did flout me yet,
Soggarth Aroon?
And when my hearth was dim,
Gave, while his eye did brim,
What I should give to him,
Soggarth Aroon?'

And the answer to every query comes:—

'Och! you, and only you,
Soggarth Aroon!
And for this I was true to you,
Soggarth Aroon!'

(f) Let bigots rave and renegades rail; but the 'soggarth aroon' has been one of Ireland's best assets, for to him, under God, is due the proudest glory of Inisfail, the matchless purity of her daughters, and the singular freedom of the grand old Catholic land from immorality and vulgar crime. James Anthony Froude was one of the bitterest enemies of the Irish Catholic people—Lecky testifies that his 'English in Ireland' 'is intended to blacken to the utmost the character of the Irish people, and especially of the Irish Catholics.' Yet in his fifth lecture in New York (reported in the London 'Times' of November 16, 1872) truth compelled him to pay a glowing tribute to the enormous power for good which had been exercised in Ireland by the modern Catholic priests. And then, having described the singular freedom of the country from cheating, housebreaking, robbery, etc., he added that 'in the last hundred years at least, impurity had been almost unknown in Ireland. This absence of vulgar crime and this exceptional delicacy and modesty of character were,' he continued, 'due, to their everlasting honor, to the influence of the Catholic clergy.'

(2) The miniature Westport quarterly evidently holds, with the character in Kipling's 'A Day's Work,' that 'there is no sense in telling too much truth.' Here is a

discreditable extract from the second of its slipshod 'leaders':—

'Roman Catholic statistical returns are somewhat pretentious too! They reported in their "Missions Catholice" for 1901 an increase for Australasia in five years from 3,008,399 to 4,507,980. Yet the whole population of Australasia in that year was only 4,555,803. In round numbers, then, they modestly claim all except 50,000 among four and a-half millions. But the Government statistics show that there are really less than one million of them in these colonies.'

The 'Missions Catholice' is an annual volume of close on 750 pages published in Latin by the S. Congregation of the Propaganda, Rome, and containing statistical and other information regarding the 'missionary countries' under its care. The writer of the abusive article in the Westport vest-pocket quarterly professes to quote from the 'Missions Catholice' for 1901 (which, by the way, was printed late in 1900). As a matter of fact he does no such thing. He is merely repeating at fifth hand or tenth hand a falsehood that has been a score of times refuted. The 'Missions Catholice' for 1901 does not report an increase of Catholics in Australasia 'in five years from 3,008,399 to 4,507,980.' That story was invented by a non-Catholic religious paper, the 'Record' and by it falsely attributed to the 'Missions Catholice.' The 'Missions Catholice' for 1901, page 587, details the number of CATHOLICS ('Catholici') in each diocese of Australia and Tasmania, and at the foot of the column gives the total, which is 708,770. It then adds these words: 'Incolae in Australia et Tasmania sunt 3,789,600'—that is: 'The INHABITANTS (incolae) of Australia and Tasmania number 3,789,600.' On page 609 the same publication details the number of CATHOLICS in the four dioceses of New Zealand, and places the total at 97,030. It gives the number of 'incolae' ('INHABITANTS') of New Zealand as 718,380. Adding together the various sets of figures in the 'Missions Catholice' we reach the following results:—

'Incolae' (inhabitant-) of Australia and Tasmania ...	3,789,600
'Incolae' (inhabitants) of New Zealand ...	718,380
TOTAL 'INCOLAE' (INHABITANTS) in Australasia	4,507,980
 'Catholici' (Catholics) in Australia and Tasmania ...	708,770
'Catholici' (Catholics) in New Zealand ...	97,030
TOTAL 'CATHOLICI' (CATHOLICS) in Australasia	805,800

Observe that the figures of 'incolae' (INHABITANTS) given above (4,507,980) are precisely the same as the 'Record' and its Westport and other echoes charge Propaganda with setting forth as the number of CATHOLICS in Australasia. Throughout, the word 'incolae' (inhabitants) is carefully distinguished from the term 'Catholici' (Catholics). There is, of course, a bare possibility that the authors of this contemptible slander fancied that 'incolae' as well as 'Catholici' means 'Catholics.' It is an absurdly improbable supposition. But only the plea of phenomenal ignorance can free them from the charge of wilful, deliberate, and cowardly misrepresentation of the official statements of one of the great executive Departments of the Catholic Church.

(3) Catholics have, of course, no objection to fair comment and criticism of their Church and its institutions. But we do object to senseless, venomous, and unprovoked attacks that are (like those of Westport's banian quarterly) an outrage on truth, justice, charity, and the decent conventions that keep our social life from lapsing into something like savagery. We object to misrepresentation and calumny, and we hold that no good cause can either need, or be served by, a recourse to falsehood—above all, the cause of the God of Truth. But, as Newman said, 'the anti-Catholic Tradition could not be kept alive, would die of exhaustion, without a continual supply of fable.' This will sufficiently explain the volcanic outbreak of bilious fable which has lately disgraced those who are responsible for it in Westport. We will not waste words in condemnation of the cowardly and unmanly attack on the local Convent of Mercy, coupled with the insinuation as to the work of 'the trinity of evil—the world, the flesh, and the devil'—within its 'mysterious walls.' Such forms of abuse of gentle and devoted ladies stand self-condemned. It is repellent to the better nature or even a self-respecting Hottentot. It is reprobated by every man whose heart is clean and manly, and, for the credit of Westport, we are glad to know that it has profoundly disgusted decent and fair-minded people of every local form of religious belief. As to the Nancy affair, which was merely logged in as a make-weight, we have dealt with this mat-

ter so fully and so recently in our editorial columns that further reference to it at this stage would be merely spurring a dead horse or threshing old straw.

We have only these further remarks to make: (a) Those business people who have contributed to the circulation of this outrage on the religious sentiments of their Catholic fellow-townsmen have incurred a serious moral responsibility in this connection. (b) Among the Methodist body in Westport there must be a goodly number of broadminded and tolerant people who have no sympathy with this flagrant attempt to evoke the red devil of sectarian anger and turn him loose among a people that have hitherto lived in peace and good-will. It is their plain duty to raise their voice of protest against the publication of those dangerous, untruthful, and unprovoked attacks upon the faith and feelings of their unoffending neighbors. (c) The Methodist body in New Zealand enjoys, and, we believe, deserves, the reputation of being generally a tolerant and God-fearing people. If the utterances of the pigmy quarterly of Westport are to be taken as a fair reflex of its local church teaching, it is about high time that the attention of the heads of that denomination should be drawn thereto, and that they should take steps to substitute for this new fanaticism a course of elementary instruction in the truths of Christianity. More especially should they frame and suspend in the church and Sunday-school the commandment which places a serious discount on those who bear false witness against their neighbor. (d) The local peace authorities would do well to keep their eye on the progress of this campaign of vilification that has begun in the name of Methodism in Westport. The deplorable results which followed the recent no-Popery campaigns of the firebrand Wyse in Liverpool—until he and his associates were recently sent to cool their heads in gaol—furnish a warning example for Westport. Catholics especially should carefully note every step in the evil business and file all documents for future reference, so that the public shall know, and know unmistakably, who lit this fire and what were the stages of its progress. (e) In the meantime, our Westport co-religionists should possess their souls in patience and not suffer their just and natural indignation to betray them into acts or words of ill-judged or hasty resentment. The saving good sense of the community may (if our information is correct) be relied upon to frown down this evil attempt to stir up sectarian distrust and hate. Should those efforts be repeated, the plentiful and persistent distribution of the 'N.Z. Tablet' and of its articles upon the subject, in broadsheet form, would effect much good. If this sectarian drum-thumping continues, Westport will soon be ripe for the formation of a League of Good Fellowship, or of Friends of Peace, on the lines of the admirable association of people of every class and creed which recently foiled the efforts of the Mad Mullah of Sydney to raise the crimson devil of religious discord in Temora, New South Wales.

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

July 30.

The largest congregation yet assembled in the Church of the Sacred Heart was present on Tuesday morning on the occasion of the celebration of the Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope. Amongst the congregation were the Chief Justice, the Premier, Sir Joseph Ward, the Hon. C. H. Mills, Hon. A. Pitt, Mr. J. Duthie, M.H.R., several members of both branches of the Legislature, and many leading citizens, irrespective of class. There were also present Captain Addington and Lieutenant Evans, of H.M.S. Phoebe, and a large number of the men of the Catholic faith from that vessel. The decorations of the church were on a most elaborate scale and were carried out by the Sisters of St. Mary's Convent. High over the altar hung the Papal arms, surmounted by a gold cross, with the triple bars emblematic of the Chair of St. Peter, and at the foot, clear cut in large silver letters, the words 'Lumen in coelo' (light in heaven). To the right and left of the altar were suspended two inscriptions in Latin; one, 'Petri annos in Romana sede secundus superavit,' referring to the fact that his Holiness occupied the Papal chair for a term longer than any of the 259 occupants but one, and the other, 'Optimi principis nomen et famam est meritis,' eulogising him as having

merited the name of the best of the princes of the Church. References in a similar strain were inscribed above the side altars—'Omnia Leo Omnibus' (Leo, all things to all men) and 'Fidei Vindex non Flexus' (Vindicator of the faith, unswerving in principles).

His Grace the Archbishop pontificated, the assistant priest being Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, the deacons at the throne Very Rev. Father Lane and Rev. Father O'Shea, deacon and sub-deacon of the Mass Very Rev. Fathers Keogh and Smythe, master of ceremonies Very Rev. Dean McKenna (Masterton). The following priests were present in the sanctuary.—Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., Very Rev. Dean Binsfield (Meance), Rev. Fathers Cahill (Carterton), O'Meara (Fieiding), Duffy (Pahiatua), Walsh (Hutt), Melu (Otaki), McNamara (Te Aro), J. Tymons and O'Reilly (St. Patrick's College). Rev. Fathers Power (Hawera), Tymons (Palmerston North), Maples (Petone), Holley, Hills, Ainsworth, Moloney, assisted by male members of the local Catholic choirs, sang the Gregorian music of the Mass, Rev. Father Kimbell acting as organist.

During the Mass his Grace Archbishop Redwood delivered an address on the late Pontiff, taking for his text Ecclesiasticus i., 7: 'As the sun when it shineth, so did he shine in the Temple of God.' A great and saintly Pope, a great statesman, a great scholar, a great Christian, a great man in every respect—the foremost man in Christendom, nay, in all the world—has gone to his eternal reward, said his Grace, and has left the world vastly poorer by his loss. Unquestionably, he was one of the grandest figures of the last and present century. The venerable representative of the Divine Founder of the Church, the vicegerent who administered His kingdom with consummate skill and unvalued success for a term of years exceeding that of almost all his predecessors, the valiant captain and standard bearer of the army of Israel, has been called away by the Divine Commander, who strengthened his head and hand in his long conflict for truth, justice, peace, and liberty. Yet we must not forget that the same Divine assurance which guaranteed to us His sublime office and prerogatives gives us the emphatic pledge that even his loss shall be repaired. But for the hour grief rules supreme. Other Popes, in other centuries, have been taken away at the close of their career—great men, saints; but it may be questioned if ever Pontiff so filled the wide world with fame and his name, and his influence for every species of good to the human race and true civilisation, as did Leo XIII. A considerable time must elapse before we can form a just estimate of his wonderful Pontificate. He was truly a pastor after God's Own heart. Without armies, or fleets, or material power of any kind, his moral power was immense, with results which alternately delighted and amazed the world, and throughout the course of history, we may look in vain for his equal in wielding the sword of the Spirit. By the beauty and strength of his character, by the calm sunlight of his genius, by the sweet example of his holiness, and by the world-embracing benevolence of his heart he has been an eminent and enduring benefactor of humanity. His numerous masterly encyclicals show how perfectly he has grasped in one comprehensive view all the evils and needs of his century, and how, with incomparable clearness and eloquence he stated the means to meet or redress them. His mastery of economic problems was marvellous, and his social influence simply immense. He has done more than any man in Europe or the world to conciliate labor and capital, to bring justice, peace, and happiness to the sons of toil. He will go down to posterity as the working man's Pope, and his immortal encyclical on the conditions of labor will alone suffice to canonise him in the minds and hearts of the toiling masses. He closed his eventful and glorious career in the midst of the affectionate College of Cardinals and of other ecclesiastical dignitaries—while all the world stood by that sublime deathbed in deepest concern and sympathy—he expired fortified by the prayers of the Universal Church and all the help and consolations of religion. And while we supplicate for pardon on behalf of him who is gone, let us fervently pray to obtain for the Church and mankind a worthy successor to our beloved Pontiff, Leo XIII., the Great and the Good.

At St. Joseph's Church a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Smythe on Wednesday morning. Ven. Archdeacon Devoy was deacon, Rev. Father Tymons (Palmerston North) sub-deacon, and Rev. Father O'Shea master of ceremonies; Very Rev. Dean Binsfield, Rev. Fathers McNamara, Cahill, Walsh, and Dadah were present in the sanctuary. The impressive Gregorian music was rendered in a most devotional manner by the visiting and local clergy. Mr. D. Kenny presided at the organ, and played the Dead March in 'Saul' at the end of Mass.

On Sunday last in the churches of the city special tributes were paid to the memory of the deceased Pon-

tiff. Speaking from the text, 'Give an account of thy stewardship,' the Very Rev. Father Lewis, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, pointed out that the Pope whose death they mourned had been, unlike the figure in the parable, a just steward, and that in his long reign he had fulfilled his high duties with lasting benefit to the Church. Father Holley, at the 10.30 o'clock Mass, also spoke of the death of his Holiness. Father McNamara, in the course of a sermon at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, said that Leo XIII. was one of the greatest Popes who had ever occupied the Chair of St. Peter. In passing, he said that the secular press deserved praise for the way in which it had spoken of the late Pope. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, preaching at this church, gave an interesting sketch of the life of his Holiness, and in speaking of the conflict with Bismarck, said that the latter, in seeking to crush the Church, had first adopted the means sought to be used in other countries—namely, he had attacked Catholic education. But Bismarck had to submit, and afterwards appealed to the Pope to arbitrate in the Caroline Islands dispute. Archdeacon Devoy mentioned the Pope's love for Ireland, and his interest in the welfare of the working man, and said that Leo XIII., in all he did, worked for the greater glory of God and the good of his neighbor. A personal impression of the Pope as Archdeacon Devoy saw him on his visit to Rome three years ago was a subject of a touching tribute to the venerable Pontiff. At St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, Father Keogh, Rector of St. Patrick's College, preached an able panegyric on the late Pope. He said that the grief of Catholics at the death of Leo XIII. was lessened by the hope that he was now enjoying the eternal recompense for a good life, by the noble character he had left behind him, and by the widespread sympathy of non-Catholic friends. Father Keogh, in a sketch of the life of the deceased Pontiff, showed that his character had been formed by his mother, and that its further development, in his love for the Church and for prayer, in his love for the poor, and in the manliness and straightforwardness of his whole life, was based upon his early training. He spoke of the interest which the Pope had shown in the cause of education, and of the work which he did on its behalf when he was Archbishop of Perugia, and afterwards when he became Pope.

At a general meeting of the Jewish congregation the Rev. Mr. Van Staveren was directed to write a letter of condolence to Archbishop Redwood expressing the sympathy of the Jewish people in the province of Wellington at the loss suffered by the Catholic Church in the decease of the Pope.

DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

August 3.

Mr. King, musical director, conducted the first operatic rehearsal in connection with the 'Polyorama,' last Tuesday evening, with very satisfactory results. There is to be a weekly practice for the present.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes has received the following letter from the Right Rev. Dr. Julius, Anglican Bishop of Christchurch:—'My dear Bishop Grimes—Will you allow me to express my profound sense at the loss sustained by Christendom in the death of the great and saintly Pope. We join with you in reverence for his memory, and in prayer that God will raise up a man of like spirit to take his place. I desire also to say how sorry I am that our Cathedral bells were rung this evening. Tuesday is the usual practice night, but I was not aware that the bells were ringing until my attention was called to it, and I at once requested the ringers to stop.'

Tuesday last, on the occasion of the Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of his holiness the late Pope Leo XIII., the Pro-Cathedral was crowded to its utmost capacity. The ceremonies were deeply impressive, and the church was draped in mourning, as previously described. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, Vicar-General, celebrated Mass. The Very Rev. Father O'Donnell (Ashburton) was deacon, the Very Rev. Father Tubman (Timaru) was sub-deacon, and Very Rev. Dean Bowers (Geraldine) was master of ceremonies. The Gregorian music was admirably chanted by the clergy, the cantors being Fathers Richards (Lincoln) and O'Connell (the Bishop's commissary). The following clergy were present in the sanctuary—Fathers Hyland (Rangiora), Dr. Kennedy (Akaroa), Cooney (Lyttelton), Aherne (Darfield), Kerley (Temuka), Aubry (Waimate), Ginity, Lighthouse (Maori mission, King Country), and Huault (Heanece Seminary, Hawke's Bay). A very large number of members of the Hibernian Society were present in regalia, also the scholars attending the Marist Brothers' and convent schools. The preacher selected was the Rev. Father McDonnell, of the Pro-Cathedral,

who based his sermon on the text: 'Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I shall build My Church.' He said that two weeks previously the cable had brought the news that the Holy Father Pope Leo XIII., was in danger of death. All hearts had immediately turned towards Rome, and there, in spirit, the Catholic world had waited day by day, watching over the frail frame of the dying Pontiff. Hope and fear struggled for the mastery. All earnestly hoped that, after 93 years of devotion to the Church Pope Leo would be permitted to continue his Pontificate to his hundredth year; but 93 years of toil and strain had left their mark upon the body never very strong, and the Catholics were that day praying for the repose of the soul of one whom they loved so well. The reason for their love and reverence for the late Pope was not far to seek. It could not be merely because he had displayed great wisdom and sanctity, because other men possessed similar qualities. The reason was that he had been the successor of Peter, the head of Christ's Church upon earth. After Peter, 46 Popes in succession occupied the Papal Chair, and cheerfully bore much persecution for their faith. When the Roman Empire, drunk with the blood of Christians, had toppled to its fall, and brought down with it the whole of the western civilisation, one great figure towered above the ruin. The Pope alone remained unscathed. When the Huns, under Attila, had swept over Europe, a Pope, unarmed and practically alone, turned them back from Italy. Not only in spiritual, but also in temporal matters, the Popes had exercised a great power for good, and their authority had been recognised by kings and nations. The speaker briefly sketched the life of the late Pope up to the time when he succeeded Pius IX. to the Papal Chair. His views had always been heard on political, social, and industrial questions of the day, and had been received with respect all over the world. To-day he was looked upon as one of the greatest Pontiffs. When his life could be viewed with the perspective of time, it would be seen that his occupancy of the Papal Chair had marked an epoch. Catholics knew that when a Pope spoke on religious matters he was infallible. If a Pope taught false doctrine, he would have fed the sheep on poisonous herbs, and Christ would have been to blame for appointing the shepherd. As a man, however, the Pope might have had small weaknesses, and all Catholics should, therefore, pray God to pardon him. If anything had needed purifying in the flames of purgatory, they asked God to have mercy on the soul of Pope Leo.

St. Joseph's Church, Lyttelton, has been draped in mourning on account of the death of Pope Leo, and on last Sunday week a very fine portrait of the late Pontiff was placed at the entrance. The Rev. Father Cooney spoke of the deceased prelate at all the services, and at 11 o'clock Mass delivered a panegyric on his Holiness, reviewing his life and depicting the principal features of his character, his sagacity as a statesman, his wide humanitarian sympathy, his profound erudition, and his saintliness. Reference was made to the chief incidents of his Pontificate, especially his conflict with Bismarck, his encyclical on behalf of labor, and his action against the slave trade. Mr. W. Radcliffe, the Mayor of Lyttelton, was present during the address, and was thanked by Father Cooney for his attendance. The Dead March in 'Saul' was played at the close of the services.

St. Mary's Manchester street, was also suitably draped. The musical arrangements on last Sunday week were in keeping with the solemn occasion. A Gregorian Mass was rendered by the choir, as also the *De Profundis*.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

On Thursday last a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Tubman in the Church of the Sacred Heart for the late Pope Leo XIII. The church was draped in mourning, and a catafalque stood before the altar. A great number of the congregation were present to pay the last tribute to their late great and glorious Pontiff. On the previous Sunday the Rev. Father Tubman preached an able panegyric on the late Pontiff, and on yesterday another sermon on the text, 'Thou art Peter, etc.' Farmer's Mass was rendered by the choir, assisted by the talented violinist, Herr Zimmerman.

The local branch of the Hibernian Society held their usual fortnightly meeting on Monday last. Six candidates were proposed by Brother O'Sullivan for membership. The secretary reported that two new members were initiated by the officers on Sunday. He also reported that the officers and several members of the branch went to St. Andrews on the previous Saturday to initiate several members there. They were most hospitably welcomed by Bros. E. Burns, P. Ryan, J. O'Connor, and some 20 other members. The local library hall was engaged for the occasion, and a formal meeting was

held, and the initiation being concluded a discussion arose as to establishing a separate branch at St. Andrews. Bro. Ryan strongly advocated such a step, as by acting conjointly with the Foresters Society already established there a medical practitioner might be induced to reside permanently at St. Andrews. Bro. Dennehy (Timaru) considered the idea a good one, but as yet premature. The visitors were entertained by the local members, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Several songs, recitations, and musical items were rendered, and the meeting was wound up by Bro. O'Connor in a neat speech.

The officers of the branch for the ensuing term are as follows:—President, Bro. T. Donovan; vice-president, Bro. P. O'Sullivan (who has proposed nearly 90 members in less than three months); treasurer, Bro. J. O'Sullivan (re-elected); secretary, Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald (re-elected). The subordinate offices are mostly filled by young members, the greatest interest being taken in contesting the different offices. Hibernianism has made a decidedly forward movement in this district, mainly through the energy of Bro. O'Sullivan.

The St. John's Tennis Club will be to the front again this year, when the season opens. Already they have held a progressive euchre party, with good financial results, to go towards paying preliminary expenses.

Southland News Notes

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The popularity of a member of the Invercargill Catholic Literary Society was fittingly demonstrated on Thursday night, when that Society tendered a complimentary concert to one of its most energetic members, Mr. G. A. Cormack, St. John's Schoolroom being crowded. Although only some three years in Invercargill, Mr. Cormack has won the esteem and goodwill of the whole Catholic community and a large section of the public at large of this town. He has been ever willing to lend a helping hand in all matters connected with the church, and to his untiring efforts the Literary Society now owes its proud position. The programme opened with an overture, 'Humors of Donnybrook,' by the orchestra, after which were shown about one hundred limelight views, principally of South African towns. The views, which were very distinct, were highly appreciated, the ones most warmly received being the late Pope Leo XIII., the late Queen Victoria, and the British officers. Two very pleasing items were the illustrated songs, 'Ora pro nobis' (sung by Mr. A. Pasco), 'The Holy City' (sung by Miss K. Kirwan). The second part consisted of an overture, 'Stars and stripes,' by the orchestra, song, 'Love's golden dream,' with orchestral accompaniment, Miss M. Hishon; song, 'The skipper's flag,' Mr. A. Pasco; violin solo, 'Home sweet home,' Mr. G. Cormack; duet, 'The Elfin call,' Misses Hishon and Kirwan; song, 'Asleep in the deep,' Mr. J. Finnerty, flute solo, Mr. E. Lepetit; song, 'Daddy,' Miss E. Kelleher; quartette, 'Moonlight will come again,' Misses Kirwan and Hishon, Messrs. Wills and McGrath, march, 'Bride elect,' orchestra. At the conclusion of the programme the Very Rev. Dean Burke, who presided, referred in glowing terms to Mr. Cormack's sterling qualities. Mr. J. Eagar, on behalf of the Society, presented Mr. Cormack with an address, and Mr. M. Giffedder, in a neat speech, warmly eulogised Mr. Cormack's work while in Invercargill. Mr. Cormack, who left by Monday's express en route for Canada, takes with him the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

On Wednesday last our Catholic football team, the Athletics, concluded the season's play by beating their old rivals the Cambridge. This team, which has just this year come into the senior ranks, was defeated by the Star team, with a record of 14 years' premiership, by only 6 points, which speaks volumes for the young players.

On last Tuesday night the Invercargill Catholic Literary Society held one of their periodical entertainments in St. Joseph's School, when the hall was comfortably filled. Very Rev. Dean Burke presided, and Father Lynch read a paper on Dr. Brownson, the great American philosopher, journalist, and author. It is needless to say that the rev. gentleman handled his subject in a very able manner. Songs were contributed by Misses Kirwan and Kelleher, both of whom had to respond to encores. A first-class orchestra, under Mr. A. R. Wills, contributed several selections, which were very highly appreciated.

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CAVAN.—A New Church

At Gowna, a picturesquely situated village in County Cavan, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of the diocese, laid the foundation stone of a new church, which, when completed, will accommodate 800 people. Addressing those present after the ceremony, his Lordship said that for 400 years nothing so magnificent had been witnessed on that hill as the meeting assembled there that day. He reminded them of the fact that in the year 1667 only two bishops dared to make their appearance in Ireland, and one of them was the Bishop of Ardagh, an uncle of the glorious martyr, Oliver Plunkett. Father Finlay, S.J., who preached an eloquent sermon in the old church after the First Gospel of High Mass, said that on the spot selected for the new church their forefathers in the penal days were wont to assemble and worship their Divine Master. The eminence on which they knelt and prayed commanded an admirable view of the surrounding country, and in that way they were enabled to seek safety in flight on seeing the enemy approach. The sacred edifice, when completed, will be another landmark in the progress of Catholicism in Ulster.

CORK.—Gougane Barra

The Rev. Father Hurley, parish priest of Inchigeela, has secured a resident priest for Gougane Barra—Rev. Dr. Daly, who will say Mass at the Oratory recently erected on the island, each day, hear confessions, conduct pilgrims and visitors over the island, and arrange pilgrimages. Dr. Daly is to superintend an Irish language summer school there. All the people of the district are Irish speakers. A committee is arranging for lodgings, etc., for persons who may attend the school. It is not to be expected that first-class hotel accommodation can be had in the vicinity of the 'Lone Little Island,' but anyone who will be content with plain, comfortable lodgings amidst the beautiful surroundings will not regret a visit.

Queenstown Cathedral

The collection throughout the diocese of Cloyne in aid of the Cathedral bazaar project has been brought to a termination by the generous action of the priests and people of Fermoy in contributing the handsome sum of £360. The project launched some time ago to free the great edifice in Queenstown from debt and bring about its solemn consecration, which will be a ceremony in which all Ireland will participate must be a matter of interest for all Catholics, and now that the Rev. Father Murphy has concluded the collection for the purpose he deserves to be congratulated on the result. Nearly 18 months have elapsed since the Bishop selected Father Murphy to act as organiser of a great bazaar and fête, which his Lordship then decided on as a means whereby he could complete his Cathedral church and rid it of its financial obligation of £11,000. Single-handed Father Murphy, in accordance with his Lordship's instructions, commenced the work, and now he has concluded his collection, having visited 46 parishes of the diocese. Not one member of the community—not even the Bishop—had the slightest idea that the final result would have been so surprisingly successful as it has been. The collection is a splendid tribute to Father Murphy's zeal. He had an uphill task on starting out to pull down an enormous debt, but he has succeeded beyond all expectations, even his own.

DUBLIN.—A Generous Donor

Lord Iveagh, it is reported, has signified his intention to make a donation amounting to nearly £40,000 to Trinity College, Dublin, in connection with the building and equipment of scientific laboratories.

GALWAY.—Presentation to the Archbishop

The Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, was recently made the recipient of an address and testimonial from the priests and people of Portumna, County Galway, of which district he was parish priest while acting as Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of Clonfert.

The See of Clonfert

A Loughrea correspondent reports that the Very Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Vice-President of Maynooth, has been appointed to the vacant See of Clonfert. Clonfert has reason to congratulate itself on receiving as its Bishop one of the most gifted churchmen of his generation. Dr. O'Dea's labors have hitherto been confined to the service of his own Alma Mater. But his reputation long ago travelled beyond its walls, and he has been looked to as one from whom the Catholic Church in Ireland might expect great things. There is only one qualification to the satisfaction which the appointment will occasion. What is gain to Clonfert and the Western Province is loss to Maynooth, for whose progress Dr. O'Dea has been a

strenuous worker, and for which it was expected that he might still do greater work. The responsibilities of the episcopate have fallen upon him at an early age, and those who hope to see Maynooth develop more and more looked to him to assist its development. However, he is now called to a higher and wider field, where his labors will bear fruit, not merely for the people who will welcome his coming amongst them, but for the whole nation in which he takes such pride and loves so well.

KERRY.—Mansion Injured by Fire

Oakpark House, the residence of Mr. Falkiner Collins Sandes, D.L., was nearly destroyed by fire early in June. The fire originated in the kitchen from the over-heating of a flue, and before being noticed had gained such a hold that the entire mansion, which is one of the finest and most beautiful in Kerry, the ancestral home of the Sandes family, was threatened. A military engine and hose arrived on the scene, but owing to the meagre water supply, which had to be pumped, the hose could not be worked for a considerable time, and it was only by cutting off the burning wing from the mansion proper that the latter was saved. The work of cutting off was carried out with conspicuous bravery by numbers of volunteers. The entire wing was destroyed, including the valuable furniture, and, fearful for the fate of the entire mansion, all the furniture was removed to the grounds.

Rural Council Chairmanship

In a contest for the chairmanship of the Dingle Rural Council and Board of Guardians, Lord Ventry was defeated by Mr. T. O'Flaherty by 21 votes to 15.

Local Industry

The weaving of tapestry carpets and rugs is being established as a local industry at Killarney.

KILDARE.—The New Member

The entrance of Mr. Denis Kilbride into the House of Commons, after an absence of nearly three years, came at an appropriate moment, for the very first amendment to the Land Bill was on a question of the position of the large farmers in Ireland, of whom Mr. Kilbride, though evicted, is regarded as the representative. Before his eviction from Lord Lansdowne's Queen's County estate in 1887, Mr. Kilbride occupied a really fine farm, with a beautiful residence, the rent having been £700 a year. His eviction was due to the fact that he made common cause with the smaller tenants in the Plan of Campaign.

SLIGO.—Good Advice

The Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of Dudley visited Sligo on the invitation of the Harbor Board. At the Town Hall addresses were presented from the Harbor Board and the magistrates of the county. The Mayor of Sligo was amongst those present. Responding to the toast of his health, at the subsequent luncheon, Lord Dudley said it was absolutely necessary that those entrusted with the Government of the country should be personally acquainted with the conditions of life in every portion of the country they governed. He had endeavored to do so. It was the desire of the Government he represented, and his own opinion, that the only way to govern Ireland properly was to govern it according to Irish ideas and not according to English ideas. He believed if faction were got rid of the Irish question would soon be settled, and a Land Bill would be passed which would be approved by all parties, leaving Ireland in perfect peace. To do this only required the co-operation of all parties interested in the prosperity of the country. He expressed the hope that English legislators would follow his own example in going through the country to see for themselves the various conditions of life. In conclusion, he expressed thanks for the cordiality of the reception accorded to him and Lady Dudley during their visit.

A Statesman's Counsel

The Hon. Mr. Bourke-Cochran visited Summerhill College, County Sligo, recently, where he was educated before leaving Ireland. He was received by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, the President, and the professors. In the course of an eloquent address to the students who would, he said, soon enter the struggle of life, and in whose minds the thought uppermost was how they were to succeed, he declared that money, fame, and power, all three of which he tasted, did not bring happiness. If they asked him to define perfect happiness, he would say it was in the absorption of all the faculties in some form of fruitful labor. If all their faculties were engaged in their work there would be no time to be miserable or dissatisfied. That was in obedience to the Divine law, which was established after their first parents' fall in the garden. The possessor of wealth who tried to get enjoyment out of it merely went to a bitter fountain to drink discontent and confusion. The man who worked earnestly and took what he made not as a source of idle enjoyment but to make a wider

field in which to exercise his energies, found with every increase of fortune a wider field of happiness. Where did that principle come from? From that religion which was the basis of their instruction. Let them follow that and they would never come to grief. Even in Ireland, once the political conditions which made misery were removed, no man who obeyed the law of God would come to want. If they dedicated each day to God and acted in obedience to God's law there was no degree of prosperity they could not attain.

Imprisoned Without Trial

The Hon. Bourke Cochran visited Mr. P. A. McHugh, M.P., in prison, and expressed the opinion that in no other civilised land in the world would a subject be imprisoned without trial for an indefinite period.

WATERFORD.—A Brighter Prospect

The Catholic Bishop of Waterford, at a meeting in Dungarvan, spoke strongly against emigration, and earnestly advised the people to stay at home. 'The condition of affairs in Ireland (he said) was changed and changing every day. A silent revolution was going on in their midst. There was no clash or clang of arms—no strife, but the Almighty, in His infinite goodness, had within a short time done many things to brighten the hopes of the people of Ireland. The farmers of Ireland were about to become the owners of the land. Technical education was started throughout the country, and there was a brighter prospect in store for Ireland. Under these circumstances, it was the duty of every public man to use his influence to prevent the people from leaving the country. Everything tended to point towards the happy time in the near future when there would be plenty of work for the Irish boy and the Irish girl in their own land, and when that day comes, the working classes will find themselves happier in their own country—having more real peace of mind and contentment than in any other country under the sun. It was the duty, therefore, of every man to raise his voice against emigration—to do all that was possible to keep the people at home.'

GENERAL

Convent Laundries

Judging from the annual report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Work shops, general satisfaction was found with the arrangements for the well-being of the inmates of those convent laundries that submitted voluntarily to Government Inspection. Mr. Bellhouse, of Dublin, in his report states that he was enormously impressed by the excellent arrangements made at all of them for the workers. He found them exceedingly well ventilated, high, lofty, bright, and airy. Moreover, he found that a very hearty welcome 'is always offered by the Reverend Mother and the nuns, who seem only too anxious to show everything about the premises.'

A Royal Residence

There is a revival of the rumor that the King is about to establish a royal residence in Ireland, and it is anticipated that an announcement on the subject may be made shortly. The Earl of Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, paid a visit to the House of Commons, and had a long interview with Mr. John Redmond.

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People We Hear About

Lady Maurice Fitzgerald has been elected 'chairman' of Wexford Board of Guardians. The vice-chair and deputy vice-chair have also been filled by ladies.

The University of Brussels has conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine on Dr. J. C. McWalter, M.A., of the Catholic University School of Medicine, Dublin.

The name of Mr. Timothy Michael Healy, described as 'a Member of Parliament, and one of his Majesty's Counsel in Ireland,' is the first on the list of the Honorable Society of Gray's Inn for call to the English Bar this term.

Mr. Redmond presided recently at a dinner given by the Irish Party in the House of Commons to Senator Bourke Cochran, the distinguished Irish-American statesman. In his speech Mr. Redmond invited the Senator to become a member of the Irish Party.

It is reported in England that Mr. T. P. O'Connor is about to embark on a career as a professional lecturer. As Mr. O'Connor is in the front rank of public platform speakers in the United Kingdom he should be a great success as a lecturer.

The Rev. Father Larkin, Catholic priest at Ongar, in Essex, has just appointed a child of eleven years to the position of organist in his church. Her name is Kathleen Norah Mills, and her father is sergeant instructor in the local company of Volunteers. Little Miss Mills played the organ for several Sundays, and on Whit Sunday she conducted the musical service, accompanying the full High Mass throughout, so satisfactorily that she was promptly given the permanent appointment.

Mr. 'Tom' Dunne, of New York, must have been born under a lucky star, for he is one of the most fortunate of the many Tipperary exiles in the States. Though practically penniless when he landed there from Clonmel many years ago, he has by that force of character, native ability and tact that distinguishes so many Tipperary men, carved his way to fame and fortune, rising to one of the highest positions in the gift of the city of New York—that of Sheriff.

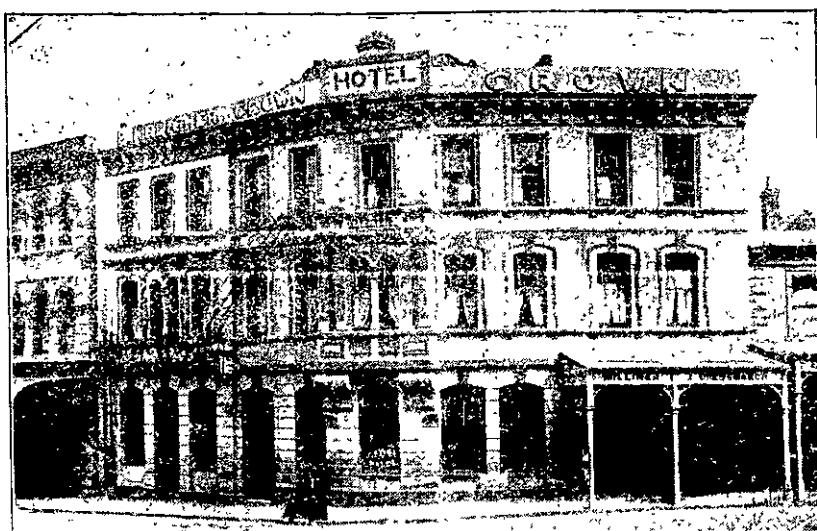
Mr. Fitzgibbon, chairman of the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works, was born in Cork, but went with his parents to reside in London when only five years old. He arrived in Melbourne in 1852, and after an experience on the diggings became Town Clerk of Melbourne in 1856, which position he held until he was appointed president of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Count Plunkett, the secretary of that great industrial enterprise, the Cork Exhibition of 1903, is (says 'New Ireland') one of the most notable and versatile of present-day Irishmen. Educated at Clongowes Wood College, he early developed a taste for art, which he gratified by visiting the principal galleries of Europe, an aesthetic pilgrimage which afterwards had ample fruit in his delightful writings on painting, sculpture, and architecture, which earned for him the position of lecturer in the Dublin Museum on the great works of the Italian Renaissance. He has also lately published an admirable work on Botticelli. Count Plunkett is, in addition, an archaeologist, an historian, a musician, a linguist, a philanthropist, and a barrister. He helped to found the Irish Arts and Crafts' Association; he has zealously labored for some 20 years in the Society for the preservation of the Irish Language, of which he is vice-president and treasurer; he is vice-president of the National Literary Society, which he helped to found; he is vice-president of the Celtic Association, and he has been five years an active Governor of the Royal Irish Academy of Music. These are a few of Count Plunkett's many claims to the regard and respect of his countrymen. Most of us will agree that they are thoroughly valid ones.

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Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports:—Wholesale prices only.—Oats: Milling, 1s 9 1/2d to 1s 10d; feed, 1s 6d to 1s 9 1/2d. Wheat: Milling, 3s 10d to 4s 2d; fowls' wheat, 3s to 3s 3d. Potatoes: Derwents, £4 5s; seed kidneys, £3 10s to £4 10s. Chaff, £2 15s to £3 7s 6d. Straw: Pressed wheat, 30s; oaten, 35s; loose, £2. Flour: Sacks, £10; 50lb, £10 15s; 25lb, £11. Oatmeal, £9 10s. Pollard, £5. Bran, £3 10s. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: Factory, 6 1/2d; dairy, 5 1/2d. Eggs, 1s 4d. Onions: Melbourne, £5; Christchurch, £4.

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Oats.—There is practically no change in the market to report. Prime milling and seed lines continue to have some attention, while good to best feed have been more strongly inquired for, but at prices which show no improvement on late quotations. Medium and inferior sorts are offering freely, but are not in favor of buyers. Quotations: Seed lines, 1s 11d to 2s 3d; prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 10d, good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 7 1/2d; inferior and medium, 1s to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—In milling quality prime lines only are in favor with buyers, medium being still for the most part neglected. Fowl wheat has been moving off freely and is in shorter supply. There is steady demand, and prices are a shade firmer. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 11d to 4s 2d; medium to good, 3s 5d to 3s 10d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 3d, broken, damaged, and medium, 2s 6d to 3s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There is still good inquiry for prime Oamaru Derwents, although the market has been more heavily supplied with good samples from Canterbury. Kidneys and up-to-dates have fair inquiry, but early red sorts are not readily placed. Quotations: Seed lines, £4 10s to £5 10s; prime Derwents, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 15s to £4 2s 6d; others, £3 to £3 10s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market is still well supplied with chaff of medium quality, which continues to arrive steadily and meets with little inquiry. Prime quality is not over-plentiful and readily quit on arrival. Quotations: Good to best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 7s 6d; medium, £2 to £2 15s; inferior and straw chaff, £1 15s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Quotations: Best oaten straw (pressed), 27s 6d to 30s; wheat, 25s to 27s 6d per ton.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report as follows:

Wheat.—The market continues as last reported, millers not being prepared to buy except odd lots. Fowl wheat has good inquiry, but there is not so much offering. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 2d; whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 3d.

Oats.—Buyers decline to do business at present quotations except in small lines, and should holders force sales in any quantity the market is bound to ease. Present quotations are: Seed lines, 1s 10d to 2s 3d; prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9 1/2d; good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 7 1/2d, inferior, 1s to 1s 4d.

Potatoes.—Best Derwents, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d.

Chaff.—There is a good demand for prime lines which are scarce, and are worth £3 2s 6d to £3 7s 6d. Medium and inferior is in over supply and worth £1 10s to £3.

WOOL.

London, July 31.—The Bradford wool market is unchanged. Merinos are quiet, crossbreds brisk.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report as follows:

Rabbitskins.—We offered a moderate sized catalogue on Monday, when there was present the usual attendance of buyers. Prices were quite up to last week, and we sold winter greys mixed up to 16d, black skins up to 30d.

Sheepskins.—At to-day's sale bidding was keen and prices, especially for crossbreds, were extremely good. Merinos are worth up to 6 1/2d per lb; halfbreds, 6d per lb; crossbreds, 5 1/2d per lb. We sold some very heavy green skins at 6s 6d and 6s 5d.

Hides.—No sales since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report in this, buyers not being prepared to give more than values lately ruling. 24s can sometimes be had for a specially good line of tallow and the price for good rough fat may be quoted at 16s 6d.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There was a smaller entry than usual at the Addington market to-day, the recent bad weather having interfered with the forwarding of stock.

Fat Cattle.—156 head came forward, the bulk of superior quality, and some of the lines particularly prime. There was a spirited demand, and prime beef ruled from 29s to 32s 6d per 100lb, while in a few instances lighter animals of first-class quality realised up to 34s and 35s per 100lb. Steers, £8 7s 6d to £18 10s; cows, £9; heifers, £9 17s 6d to £11 15s.

Fat Sheep.—There was a good entry and a spirited demand for all classes. Practically the whole of the ewes offered were taken by butchers at an advance on recent rates, and for wethers the export buyers had to face a very firm market. Prime wethers realised, 23s 6d to 27s 3d; lighter, 17s 6d to 22s 3d; merino (freezing), 18s to 19s 6d; lighter, 12s 3d to 16s 6d; best butchers' ewes, 17s 8d to 23s 6d; medium, 12s 6d to 17s 3d; wethers and ewes, 16s to 24s 7d.

Fat Lambs.—There was a very small entry, but it met with a keen demand at a slight increase on last week's rates. Freezers brought from 12s 6d to 17s 3d; tags, 17s 6d to 18s 9d.

Pigs.—There was a good yarding, and the demand was slightly easier than in the previous week. Baconers realised 40s to 65s, equal to 4 1/2d per lb; porkers, 32s to 39s 6d, equal to 5 1/2d per lb; choppers, £3 10s to £4 15s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—

A fair number of horses came forward this week, principally medium draughts and ordinary harness horses. The attendance of buyers was exceptionally good for a sale at which no very special consignments were announced. Messrs. Tonkin and Co.'s consignment of 12 medium draughts were the first to be offered, and these commanded really splendid values, considering that they were all just of useful class, suitable for the trams, spring-carts, and the like. The prices for this consignment ranged from £17 10s to £35. For one very strong spring-van five-year-old gelding we obtained £38; and for an eight-year-old dog-cart horse £25. A few other harness horses changed hands at equally satisfactory prices to the foregoing. The number of draughts forward was half a dozen, and these were eagerly competed for, and found new owners at the following prices: Brown gelding, eight years old, heavy shafter, £50 10s; chestnut gelding, nine years old, waggon horse, £46; roan gelding, nine years old, active, nuggety, £47; bay gelding, aged, farm horse, £42; do, £38; do, £35. Taken

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Late Burnside Stock Report

(Per favor Messrs. Donald Reid and Co.)

Fat Cattle—100 yarded. Best bullocks, £12 5s to £13 17s 6d, best cows and heifers, £9 10s to £10 10s.

Sheep—1133 penned. Best crossbred wethers up to 21s 9d, best ewes, up to 22s 6d.

Lambs.—438 penned. Best lambs, up to 15s 6d.

Pigs—170 forward. Suckers, 15s to 17s 6d; slips, 18s to 20s; stores, 24s to 30s; porkers, 35s to 51s; baconers, 55s to 72s.

OBITUARY

MRS. ELIZABETH EAGAR, SOUTH DUNEDIN

There died at Musselburgh, Dunedin, on June 29th, Mrs. Elizabeth Eagar, a very old resident and member of the congregation of St. Patrick's Church, South Dunedin. Mrs. Eagar was born in India some 70 years ago, and was educated for the teaching profession, which avocation she successfully followed till her marriage. Mrs. Eagar's life for the first few years in India was an eventful one, as that country in those far-off days was in a very unsettled condition. Subsequently while her husband (the late Color-Sergeant Eagar) was in the Crimea, Mrs. Eagar was engaged in nursing the wounded in the great London hospitals. Mrs. Eagar's practical experience gained in the early Indian days was of great service to the wounded, so much so that on two occasions—when the late Queen Victoria visited the sick, her Majesty complimented Mrs. Eagar on her success as a nurse; and during the second visit presented the deceased lady with a silk handkerchief as a token of her high appreciation of the manner in which Mrs. Eagar was ministering to the wounded soldiers. After her husband's retirement from the army Mrs. Eagar was a frequent contributor to the press both in England and Ireland. Mrs. Eagar was a devout and sincere Catholic, and was remarkable for her piety and attention to her Church, while her many acts of kindness to her neighbors and those in distress will long be remembered. The funeral was a very large one. The burial service was impressively read by the Rev. Father Coffey. Numerous letters and messages of sympathy were received by the family. Mrs. Eagar leaves five children—Mr. John Eagar, Mr. Edward Eagar, the well-known Dunedin tenor singer, and Mr. J. P. Eagar, of the Customs Department, Invercargill, Mrs. Reid, of Wellington, and Miss Lizzie Eagar. The family of the deceased on her own side have given many priests and nuns to the Church, and the frequent letters received from her nephew, the

Rev. Patrick Kearney, England, gave much pleasure to Mrs. Eagar in her declining years. The family had the deepest sympathy in their great bereavement of the community where they have resided so long—R.I.P.

MRS. DAVID FITZGERALD, ASHBURTON.

On July 16 (writes an Ashburton correspondent) there passed from our midst a noble and kind-hearted woman in the person of Mrs. David Fitzgerald, of Wakanui, at the comparatively early age of 45 years. The deceased lady, who was born in Ireland, came to this Colony with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Buckley, when quite a child. Her parents settled at Brookside, Canterbury, and engaged in farming pursuits for a number of years. After her marriage the deceased and her husband settled at Wakanui. The late Mrs. Fitzgerald was a universal favorite with all classes, and was a devoted wife and an affectionate mother. Her family consisted of nine sons and three daughters. The funeral was the largest witnessed in Ashburton for many years, amongst the mourners being deceased's mother. The coffin was taken to the Ashburton Catholic Church at 11 o'clock, and after Mass the remains were conveyed to the Ashburton cemetery. The burial service was conducted by the Very Rev. Father O'Donnell.—R.I.P.

MR NICHOLAS QUINN, MAKIKIHU.

There passed away to his eternal reward on Wednesday, July 29 (writes our Waimate correspondent), a very old resident of Makikihu and South Canterbury, in the person of Mr. Nicholas Quinn. The deceased arrived in Australia about 1851, but on the discovery of gold in Otago came to this Colony, and tried his luck at the diggings in that province with considerable success. In 1860 he took up land at Makikihu, and, with his brother, Mr. William Quinn, engaged in farming until ill-health overtook him a few years ago. Mr. Quinn was one of the earliest settlers in Makikihu. He was a generous benefactor of the Church. The funeral took place on Saturday, when a Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Makikihu Church by the Rev. Father O'Connell, after which the funeral left for Timaru, where the interment took place. The remains were followed by a large number of mourners.—R.I.P.

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To be continued.

DEATHS.

O'CONNOR.—On July 22, 1903, Bridget, the dearly-beloved wife of Dennis O'Connor, Awamoa Creek, Oamaru, and native of County Kerry, Ireland.—R.I.P.

FITZGERALD.—On July 16, 1903, at her residence, Wakanui, Bridget Fitzgerald, the beloved wife of David Fitzgerald, of Wakanui, Ashburton; aged 45.—R.I.P.



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1903.

CITIES AND DEGENERATION

BYRON was a child of the free, open air. To him high mountains were a feeling and 'the hum of human cities torture' But to the bewigged and elephantine Johnson country life was duller than 'the fat weed that rots itself in ease on Lethe wharf.' 'No wise man,' said he, 'will go live in the country unless he has something to do which can be better done in the country.' Yet he had wit enough to see and say that the decay of the old time military spirit of the English nobility of his day was due to the fact that its members had 'gone into the city to look for a fortune.' The modern movement citywards thus began at one end of the social scale. It seized upon the other after the spinning-jenny, the 'mule,' the power-loom, and the steam-engine had wrought the great industrial revolution in England. During the past sixty years urban population has moved four times as fast as rural in Great Britain. The same process is at work to an alarming extent in all industrial countries, in others, as in Australia, in a real but lesser degree. And it is fast providing some of the knottiest problems that have ever racked the brains of statesmen.

One of the problems created by this migration of the rural population to cities is that of physical degeneration. A London surgeon is credited with the statement that the London-bred unit tends to die out after the

third generation. Dr. Andrew Wilson, a noted physician, is not prepared to either affirm or deny this statement, but he is emphatically of the opinion that the conditions of city life are unfavorable to the building up of a robust frame. An uneasy interest attaches just now to one phase of this subject—that of national defence. It was brought to the front in a striking way during the South African war by the number of 'Brodricks,' or weedy and ill-developed city youths who served in the army, and whose lack of stamina made them the despair of the military authorities and a clog upon the operations of the campaign. At the present time the subject of the physical degeneracy of the industrial population in Great Britain is engaging the anxious attention of the War Office and the Imperial Parliament. Improving the condition of the city masses will serve as a palliative. Holland's plan of taking the poor from the cities and planting them in country places is a move—though only a small, tentative, and dilettante one—in the right direction. The true remedy is the least likely of adoption. It would mean a reversal of the settled policy of three generations of British statesmen and the changing of England back again to a mainly agricultural country, as it was in the days when it supplied such splendid fighting material to the armies of Marlborough and Wellington.

The peasant, and not the city-bred man, is the backbone of the army.

'But a bold peasantry, their country's pride,
When once destroyed, can never be supplied.'

The decline—or, rather, the ruin—of agricultural pursuits in England and the rush of its population from country to city, have naturally had a withering effect upon the stamina and fighting value of the unit supplied by it to the defences of the Empire. The army's best recruiting grounds in the day of need will ever be the mainly agricultural portions of the Empire—Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and the Australasian Colonies. Scotland, according to Mulhall, furnishes four soldiers per thousand inhabitants, England five, and Ireland six. But year by year Ireland's fighting strength and defensive value are being drained away by a steady flow of emigration which has been caused by the blighting curse of an intolerable land system, and which is transferring to other flags the brain and brawn that, under happier auspices, would be available for the defence of the Empire.

'Oh! the fightin' races don't die out,
If they seldom die in bed.'

Better days are near at hand. And with peace and prosperity at their doors and 'Castle rule' rooted out of the land, the people will speedily forget their long-enduring wrongs, and the waste places will, we hope, again be densely peopled with the strong, moral, and vigorous stock whose indomitable grit and indurance have shown themselves upon a thousand battlefields.

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Notes

Anti-Treating and Other 'Antis'

The Anti-Treating League—to which we have from time to time directed attention in our editorial columns—is progressing at a merry pace in Ireland. This movement to combat one of the vilest and most dangerous of our drinking customs, has come to stay, and it only remains to hope for its spread from the Green Isle into every English-speaking land. The annual report of 1902 is before us, and among other interesting matter it contains a letter from an American priest who, while

strongly approving of the anti-treating principle, holds that it requires to be supplemented. His words can hardly fail to be of some practical interest to our reverend clergy in New Zealand. Mere anti-treating (he writes) 'is purely negative, not prohibitive, and makes no attempt to substitute anything for what it takes away. It takes away from the people the old-time rollicking carouse in the public house with which they were wont to kill dull care on their days of merry-making, such as race-day, fair-day, or holiday. It is necessary to take it away when it leads to such grave abuses, but yet the people's ideas of relaxation and enjoyment are bound up with those customs, and when they are taken away there is a dark void in their lives that needs to be filled up somehow. It is a way with you Irish clergy,' he adds, 'to be ever uprooting and never planting. You always take up the "Anti" attitude—anti-treat, anti-dance, anti-pattern—and there you rest. In America, on the contrary, when the priest wishes to keep his flock from dangerous places of amusement, the first step he must take is in conjunction with some of his parishioners to provide the people with a substitute under proper supervision and control. The people must have relaxation and amusements, and the way to keep them from those that are bad is to provide them with those that are good.'

A New-fangled Religion

Aglipay's movement for a new-fangled religion in the Philippines has gone the way of the 'los von Rom' in Austria. Like every movement of the kind, it received, for a time, friendly notice and exaggerated description in the non-Catholic and secular press. Now there is none so poor as to do it reverence. Its leader is described by Vice-Governor Wright of the Philippines as 'an unfrocked priest and a first-class scoundrel,' 'an adroit rascal and a great and dangerous schemer if opportunity were given him.' The newspapers talk Aglipay no more, and he is left to simmer in his revolutionary gravy.

Such is Fame

After all, fame is a relative thing. Many of our readers may have heard of the laborer who said, as he saw the tall, well-knit, active Huxley pass by: 'What a stunnin' navvy he'd a' made!' Ruskin was known to a certain class as 'the old gent what teaches drawin' at the Taylorian.' Among the simple folk of Haslemere, Tennyson's fame is said to have largely depended on his 'being a lord and wearing 'an 'at big enough for onythin'.' 'Harper's,' in a recent issue gives another curious instance of the perversion—or inversion—of fame. 'The late Dr. de Koven, of Racine College, Wisconsin,' it says, 'was in the habit of giving his classes a weekly lecture on religious subjects, questioning them beforehand in order to ascertain what they already knew. On one of the occasions the topic was the angels. "Now," said the doctor, "before I begin, let some of you give me his notion of an angel." A profound silence followed. "Did none of you, for instance, ever hear of Lucifer?" Thereupon a hand was lifted to reply. "Well," said the doctor, "what have you to say of him?" "Why," replied the student, "wasn't he the fellow that started the German Reformation, as they say?"' And this is fame! as Mr. Crummes observed

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PIUS X.

CARDINAL SARTO ELECTED

Shortly before going to press with this week's issue, we learned that Cardinal Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, had been chosen to fill the place so long and honorably occupied by the late Pope Leo XIII. The new Pope has taken the name of Pius X. Cardinal Sarto is of humble birth, and has risen to his present exalted position by the sheer force of his commanding talent. He is now in his sixty-eighth year, having been born at Riese, in the diocese of Treviso, Italy, on June 2, 1835. He was raised to the cardinalate on June 12, 1893, and has for many years filled the minor patriarchate of Venice with great distinction and to the great benefit of his flock. His active and zealous charity has made him the idol of the poor of Venice, to whose needs he has daily ministered with his own hands, while his toil and courage in times of serious epidemics were beyond all praise. He is a great friend of the worker, and takes a keen and active interest in the various Catholic agrarian movements—popular banks, etc.—which have done so much to improve the condition and elevate the religious tone of the rural population in the provinces of Lombardy and Venice. The new Pope, like his illustrious predecessor, is a man of great learning, and, though he is not widely known to the world at large, few, if any of the members of the Sacred College are gifted with greater parts than he. He is a gifted, eloquent, and brilliant preacher and the author of several valuable works on dogmatic and moral subjects. He is also an administrator of exceptional ability, and, so far as human foresight can judge, will rule the Church of God in a manner that will make him indeed a worthy successor to the great and good Old Man who has gone to his rest. The news of his election was received in Dunedin by the ringing of a joy-peal at St. Joseph's Cathedral. With our next issue we will publish a four-page supplement containing a full-page portrait of his Holiness. We join with the whole Catholic world in wishing him a long, happy, and useful reign.

LONG LIVE PIUS X!

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Miss Rose Blaney, the talented vocalist, and daughter of Captain Blaney, of South Dunedin, was married on Wednesday at St. Joseph's Cathedral to Captain Irvine, of Dublin.

The Very Rev. Father Lighthart, Superior of the Maori mission in the diocese of Auckland, arrived in Dunedin on July 29, and was the guest of Bishop Verdon. His Lordship received the veteran missionary with great kindness and allowed him to interview the priests throughout the diocese in the interests of his noble and self-sacrificing work among the Maoris. On the day following Father Lighthart's arrival in Dunedin, Monsignor O'Leary, who shows a deep and practical interest in his work, accompanied him to Milton, where the Very Rev. Father O'Neill gave him a hearty welcome and extended him every facility to open his appeal in Kaitangata and Balclutha.

The members of St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir and their friends to the number of close on 200 ladies and gentlemen, assembled in St. Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening, when they entertained Miss Rose Blaney at a social gathering and presented her with a very beautiful set of silver spoons and forks, in greenstone mounting, in recognition of her many valuable services in connection with the choir. The Rev. Father Murphy, in making the presentation, referred to the many excellent qualities possessed by Miss Blaney, her talents always being at the disposal of a good cause. Although they were losing Miss Blaney, still he would never forget the effect of her beautiful voice in the rendering of the Church service. He heartily wished health and happiness to both herself and her intended husband in their future life. Mr. J. J. Connor, Jun., suitably responded for Miss Blaney, and assured the assemblage that Miss Blaney's first thoughts would always be of Dunedin. A very

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tasteful musical programme was proceeded with, items being given by Mrs. T. Costelloe, Miss Rose Blaney, Miss Annie Marks, Messrs. Jago and Stevens. The singing of 'Auld lang syne' brought to a close a very happy function.

The Episcopate of St. Peter

Letter from Bishop Nevill

We are in receipt of the following letter from the Right Rev. Dr. Nevill, Anglican Bishop of Dunedin:—

'Editor of the "N.Z. Tablet."

'Sir,—I presume it is to your courtesy that I owe the receipt of a copy of your paper in which comments are made upon a sermon of mine upon the above subject. I am therefore led to believe that you will insert a few words from me in reply.

That sermon was called forth in consequence of a statement made in the columns of the 'O.D. Times' that St. Peter was bishop of Rome from the year A.D. 33 to the date assigned to his martyrdom, say A.D. 67. It was the statement which I pronounced to be "astounding." I carried the historic enquiry down to the year 63 A.D., up to which time it appeared pretty clear that St. Peter was not in Rome, but I also stated that I had no doubt that he did proceed thither some time during the succeeding four years and suffered there under Nero. I quoted also the statements of St. Irenaeus as to his uniting with St. Paul in the appointment of Linus to be bishop, and that of the scholar Rufinus that both Linus and Cletus exercised the episcopal office in Rome during the lifetime of St. Peter (superstite Petro), though I also pointed out that the story of the 25 years' (let alone 34 or so) episcopate does not appear till the end of the 4th or early part of the 5th century. All your quotations, therefore, to prove that St. Peter really did visit Rome are quite unnecessary. Let it be granted he was martyred there. What of that? You say that "a residence of a day or even an hour would suffice." Could such a visit be called an episcopate—especially one to give all future bishops of that city transcendent powers?—I am, sir, yours, etc.,

'S. T. NEVILL,

'Anglican Bishop of Dunedin.

'July 30, 1903.'

Our editorial remarks in last week's issue were, as stated there, based upon the condensed report of Bishop Nevill's discourse that was supplied to the 'Otago Daily Times'. His Lordship's statements as to St. Peter's presence and martyrdom in Rome were omitted from the necessarily summarised report, and the whole tendency of the matter that appeared was to discredit that Apostle's visit to, as well as his episcopate of, the Imperial City. The communication printed above, and dated July 30, was handed in at our office shortly before it closed on Tuesday. All our available reading space had already been more than fully engaged. Our reply to the points raised by his Lordship is, therefore, unavoidably held over till next issue.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent)

July 26

The news reached Palmerston of the death of his Holiness the Pope on Tuesday morning a little after 10 o'clock, when the bell of St. Patrick's was immediately tolled for an hour, the parish school breaking up for the rest of the day. The 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday was celebrated by the Rev. Father Bowden for the late Pope, St. Patrick's being tastefully draped in mourning. The choir sang the Gregorian plain chant with the 'De Profundis' as an offertory, a large congregation being present. The Rev. Father Tymons gave a touching discourse suitable to the occasion.

The social and dance in aid of the new convent funds will be held in the Theatre Royal on August 19.

Another item, I am pleased to report, lately added to the curriculum of the parish school is a cooking class by Sister Germaine, which is attended with no small success.

Our much respected pastor also finds time among his many duties to give the boys dumb-bell exercises, which takes on well with the lads.

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DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 30.

His Lordship the Bishop has not yet, I regret to say, recovered from his illness.

Rev. Father Buckley, speaking at St. Patrick's last Sunday morning, gave some good and wholesome advice to parents and guardians of children. He told them they were bringing up their children in a very different manner from that in which they themselves were brought up, and that so surely as parents neglected their children, the children in turn would neglect them. The Rev. Father also deprecated the doggerel lines inserted with Catholic obituary notices in the local press, and advised Catholics instead to ask for prayers for the repose of the souls of the departed ones.

In my report of the Rev. Father Patterson's presentations it was made to appear that the dinner and tea service, etc., were the gift of the Bishop. This was an error, as the gift was from the ladies of St. Patrick's parish.

The Very Rev. Dean Hackett's sermon at St. Patrick's last Tuesday evening on the occasion of the memorial service in honor of the late illustrious Pope Leo XIII. has been generally voted to rank with the finest ever delivered in Auckland.

The memorial services in Auckland in connection with the death of his Holiness were carried out with unusual impressiveness. At St. Patrick's on last Sunday evening the Rev. Father Gillan, of St. Benedict's, was the preacher, and a panegyric of the late Pope was given by him. He said that looking back on the life of Leo XIII. one might well consider that he had a specially-appointed training for his arduous work. There were three forms of experience in which a Pope, over and above his other qualifications, required to be pre-eminently versed—administrative capacity, familiarity with diplomacy, and spiritual government. These seemed particularly Leo's gifts. The preacher then sketched the life of Leo XIII. from his ordination to his election as Supreme Pontiff, and then went on to speak of the rise and necessity of the temporal sovereignty of the Roman Pontiffs, and showed how Leo had to maintain principles and rights in opposition to the ideas of all, or nearly all, of the Governments of modern times. He had to uphold the traditions and dignity of the Papacy, and, at the same time, to conciliate and soften his adversaries. How skilfully Leo did this is evidenced to-day, and voiced in every tongue, and in every paper throughout the world. Father Gillan then spoke of the spiritual government of the late Pope, saying that Leo XIII. was pre-eminently a teaching Pope. Concluding his discourse, the preacher spoke of the piety of the late Pontiff, his zeal for the diffusion of the knowledge of the Sacred Scripture, and his filial piety to the Mother of God, his great desire to consecrate mankind to its Divine Redeemer, and how—so the cables tell—when the world was passing, and death rapidly approaching, in calmness and joy, he dictated a last poem to our Lord and His Blessed Mother.

The church was tastefully decorated in the papal colors, purple and gold. The catafalque, draped with purple velvet and gold, was erected in the centre aisle before the high altar, and was surrounded by lighted candles. At the head of the Cathedral was the papal coat of arms, which included the keys of St. Peter, surmounted by the tiara, with stole. On the right of this was his Lordship Bishop Lenihan's coat of arms, 'For faith and country,' and on the left was the Corporation's coat of arms, 'Advance Auckland.'

On Tuesday evening the services were continued, the cathedral being crowded. The foreign consuls occupied seats in front of the altar rails, also Captain Breen, of the Delphic and his chief officer, Mr. Simmonds. The Rev. Canon Nelson and Rev. Mr. Wilson, Anglican clergymen, were present, and the members of the Hibernian Society in regalia. His Lordship the Bishop occupied the throne, and was supported by the Very Rev. Mgr. Paul, V.G., and the Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly. The dirge commenced with the recital of the solemn office of the dead, matins and lauds.

The panegyric on the late Pope by the Very Rev. Dean Hackett was delivered in a most eloquent manner, and is considered one of the most able sermons heard in the Cathedral for many years. In the course of his sermon the preacher said that to-day the eyes of 250,000,000 Catholics were turned to Rome, and the voice that spoke to all nations and all classes, from the Sovereign on his throne, to the workman in his pit, was silenced. The heart that loved the poor, the suffering sons of toil, was stilled; the hand that steered the barque of Peter through troubled seas had fallen from the helm; the eyes of the watchful sentinel were closed and sealed in death. This mourning was not confined to

any one nation or people; it was world-wide and universal. Leo was a great ruler, whose power came from the right hand of God, whose sceptre ruled over the willing hearts of men, whose throne rested not on the will of any nation. Greater was he than Abraham in power, than Melchizedek in priesthood, than Moses in authority, than Samuel in jurisdiction. In him Catholics recognised the centre of human faith, the infallible guide and shepherd of Christ's flock militant, the cardinal point of all the Churches. To-day he is taken from his flock. Time and history will crown him with outlined the life of the Pontiff, who, he said, had outlined the life of the Pontiff, whom, he said, had striven with uncompromising hostility, to check the advance of atheism, materialism, and socialism, which were very rampant when he ascended the throne. All combined forces against him, but he arose like a giant and smote them. His tactful suppression of the persecution in Germany and the defeat of the powerful Bismarck was one of the glories of his reign. Leo always exhibited the greatest zeal in the cause of education, and was unswerving in his efforts to uplift the poor. The speaker concluded by enjoining the faithful to offer prayers for the repose of the soul of the departed sovereign Pontiff, thus assuring him that their blessings follow him beyond the grave.

On Wednesday morning the Cathedral was again crowded, when Solemn Requiem Mass was sung, Rev. Father Patterson being celebrant, Very Rev. Dean Hackett, deacon, Rev. Father Brodie sub-deacon. His Lordship the Bishop occupied the throne, and there were also present Very Rev. Mgr. Paul, V.G., and Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly.

The ceremonies at the catafalque were conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the assembled priests, who sang appropriate music, the Rev. Father Patterson accompanying them upon a small organ inside the sanctuary rails, Rev. Father Gillan being master of ceremonies. At the conclusion of the services on Tuesday and Wednesday Mr. Harry Hiscocks, organist, played the Dead March in 'Saul.'

Dean Hackett's Panegyric on the Late Pope.

'Mercutio,' the well known 'Herald' critic, writes under local gossip: 'The sermon preached by Dean Hackett on Leo XIII. was one of the most forcible, eloquent, and learned orations that I have ever heard, and my experience in that line is probably as great as that of anyone in New Zealand. He preached for an hour and a quarter to a congregation, many of whom were standing, and to the last word he uttered there was not a movement or a sign of impatience or weariness. This was a sure test that the sermon had all the qualities that it should have. The Roman Catholic Church may be proud of such an orator. His sentences were as fluent and correct, as well balanced, as free from tautology in the wording, as if they had all been carefully written out, and yet the discourse was preached with free action, not read. Dean Hackett did not simply pile up eulogistic adjectives upon the late Pope. He did much better than that. He defined the functions of the office, and in doing so made a clear statement of the position and fundamental doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. Then in noticing Pope Leo's encyclical letters he was enabled to state what were the Church's decrees in reference to marriage, divorce, the education of the young, the sanctity of private property, as opposed to Socialism—in fact, to review the great questions of the age. He gave a brief narrative of the contest of Bismarck with the Church over the Falk Laws, and showed how the great man of 'Blood and Iron' had to give way. An element of pathos was reflected over the entire discourse. Many have been the discourses throughout Christendom on Pope Leo XIII., but I think that few could have been more edifying and useful than that which the congregation of St. Patrick's had an opportunity of hearing on last Tuesday evening.'

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OTAKI.

There was a very large congregation present in St. Mary's Church, Otaki, on Thursday, July 30, when a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope was celebrated by the Rev. Father Melu, Rev. Father Delach being also present. A considerable number of natives (says the local 'Mail') were among the congregation. The church was appropriately draped in mourning, numerous folds of black, relieved by bows of white, being displayed in various directions. The whole of the draping had been carried out most effectively by the Sisters of the convent. The chanting and singing of the choir was most effectively rendered.

The Rev. Father Melu expressed pleasure at the large number who had assembled to testify to their deep love and devotion for the late Holy Father, and specially thanked the choir for the excellent services rendered by them at so short a notice. He also addressed the Natives present, reminding them that though the Pope was dead the Church was alive, and urging them to adhere to its teachings.

As the congregation dispersed the Dead March in 'Saul' was played on the organ.

Previous to the celebration of Mass an ancient Native, Piripi te Ari, chanted a Maori waiata in memory of the late Pope, and a large number of Natives who were present said prayers for the repose of the soul of the departed Pontiff. The native women, in accordance with their usual custom on such occasions, wore tauas, or bands of greenery, round their heads, in token of mourning.

Complimentary Concert to Miss Rose Blaney

The large audience which was present at his Majesty's Theatre, Dunedin, on Friday night, on the occasion of the complimentary concert tendered to Miss Rose Blaney in connection with her forthcoming departure from this city, was a splendid testimony to the popularity of the talented vocalist. Had it been an ordinary occasion, it is fair to assume that not more than a few score persons would be brave enough to leave their homes on such an inclement night, and, therefore, when they attended in their hundreds they showed that they had put their own comfort to one side when it was a question of paying not alone a compliment but a debt of gratitude to a lady who has at all times been ready to place her splendid talents at the disposal of the people for the aid and furtherance of every good cause. Apart from her vocal abilities, which are unquestionably of a very high order, Miss Blaney possesses a charm of manner, and freedom from affectation which have helped her to win her way into the hearts of all, and consequently she has been without doubt the most popular vocalist in the city, where her departure will create a void in musical circles. In consequence of the length of the programme it was decided not to allow encores, but the audience could not be prevented from exercising their privileges in connection with the appearance of Miss Blaney and her popular sister, Mrs. Costelloe, in their solo items on the programme. Miss Blaney also took part with her sister, Mrs. Costelloe, in the duet, 'O sainted mother,' from 'Marilyn,' which was undoubtedly the gem of the evening. Mrs. Costelloe on her appearance received quite an ovation, her enthusiastic reception being evidence that, notwithstanding her absence from Dunedin, her many friends here have still pleasant recollections of her fine vocal powers.

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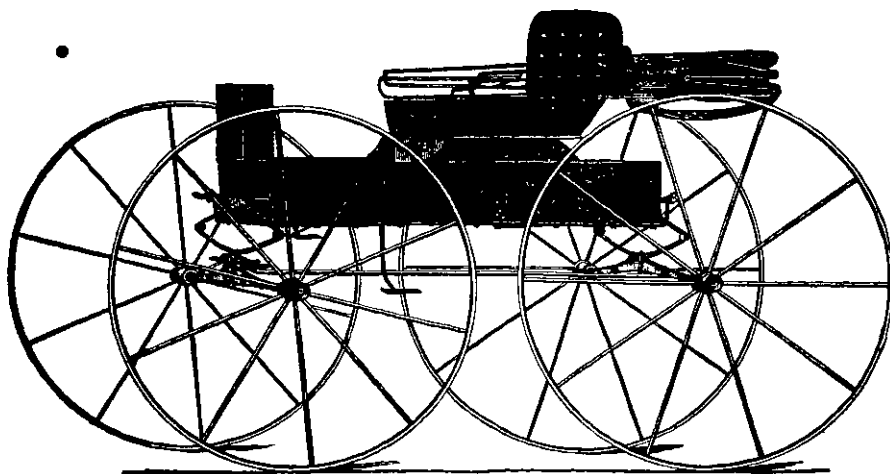
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HURLEY'S PROMOTION

Hurley was discharged from the service of a New York street railway company for wrecking his car in a collision with a fire-engine, and the railway thereby lost a motorman who could run down the most crowded street with a controller full ahead, and who rang his gongs regularly by dancing frantic fandangos on them when the heavy goods-trucks got on his tracks.

Hurley felt then that the fire brigade owed him a living, having deprived him of one; and the political influence of his brother-in-law helped the fire commissioners to pay the debt.

It followed that the brigade gained a probationer who loved excitement as a collie dog loves an open field, who could handle a forty-pound scaling-ladder from the shoulder with the muscles that had skidded car-wheels when he screwed down brakes, and who went up a windowed wall or took the thirty-five foot jump into the life-net in fire-drill at headquarters with the smile of a boy playing tag in a yard.

His term of practice and probation was all pure fun for him. He spent his days at headquarters and his nights at the station in Harlem, to which he had been provisionally assigned. He worked off ten pounds of fat, and he clipped his drooping black moustache until it stood out in a fierce bristle under his huge beak of nose. His comrades called him 'Burly,' and he pawed at them with a bear-cub playfulness that left them bruised about the forearms.

He was happy. He had but one cause of dissatisfaction—the Harlem station was not a school of arduous training. He saw a sure prospect of something more exciting when he received his appointment as a fourth-grade fireman, detailed to a hook-and-ladder company that had seventy-five calls to answer on a first alarm in the heart of the dry-goods district; and he chewed his moustache with one corner of his mouth and smiled crookedly out of the other.

'You'll straighten your face before you've finished with that,' they warned him. He straightened it forthwith in a grin that curled evenly on both sides of his nose. 'I guess that's right,' he said and nodded.

He reported for duty at his new station on the following day, and the foreman looked him over with an official scowl. Hurley saluted clumsily and stood stiff. He knew Capt Dougherty by reputation as a gruff disciplinarian.

The captain said, 'How much do you weigh?'

'One-seventy, sir,' Hurley answered.

'One-seventy?' he groaned. 'Do you know that truck weighs near ten thousand pounds already?'

Hurley regarded the hook-and-ladder truck with an aggrieved air.

'One-seventy! They must think we're rolling an ox-cart. Some of you'll have to get out and walk to the fires pretty soon!'

This was evidently sarcasm. Hurley smiled at it with uneasiness.

'Frank,' the captain called to the assistant foreman, 'show this man his quarters.' You'll go on the bright work. Do you understand?'

Hurley understood that he was to have charge of the shining brass of the sliding poles and of the truck. He said, 'Yes, sir,' and followed the lieutenant upstairs with an angry swing of the shoulders.

That was his introduction to Captain Dougherty. There followed his meeting with the ten men of the company, a meeting that was a clumsy ceremony of hand-shakes and embarrassed gutturals. He was shown his cot in the bunk-room and the locker for his wardrobe, and then he was left to shift for himself. He proceeded to inspect with due reverence the truck's equipment of ladders, hooks and axes, shovels, picks, wrenches, bars, handlamps, respirators, battering-rams and what not.

He picked out his helmet and his 'turn-out coat' from the row of them on the bed-ladders. He inquired for and found the cloth and chemical for polishing his 'bright work.' He studied the list of fire-alarms, patted the horses, and smiled at the 'jigger'—the jigger which would ring them off down the street like mad, clanging a wild bell and fighting with the sleeves of their coats while they swayed on the jolting truck.

He saw the stampede in his mind's eye, and wished that the bell would give its signal. It did not, and he went upstairs then to the reading room to wait for it.

Within an hour it was known to every member of the company that the new man played a poorer game of checkers even than Gorman, the second driver of the truck, who had a fatal weakness for leading from the

double corner. And that was the beginning of Hurley's popularity with the 'blue shirts.'

Captain Dougherty did not seem to see anything in the recruit excepting a hulking good nature which might easily be mistaken for the next of kin to stupidity. Hurley lay awake the greater part of that night listening in an excess of zeal for a fire-alarm that was not rung in.

In the morning he was heavy-eyed at roll-call and the captain remarked it. A summons to a small fire that was black when the truck arrived to the scene, brought Hurley the last man to his place on the step, and that was another mark against him.

He made a good record when 'taps' called the crew to their places at mid-day, but he closed his eyes when he was at watch on the desk in the afternoon, and the captain accused him of being asleep there. Hurley did not argue. He did worse—he sulked.

By the time he had turned in for the night he was discouraged, angry, and plainly marked for the captain's displeasure.

The jigger exploded its alarm. The lights swam in his head as he sprang from his cot and tugged on his 'turnout' of trousers and high boots. He shot down the pole to the main floor as if falling in a dream, and staggered to catch the side step as the great doors swung back and the truck rolled out in the darkness of the streets in a confusion of clattering hoofs and his-ordered voices. He was wide awake with the first rush of cold air across his face, but the ride that followed seemed still a nightmare—the three horses straining in their collars, the blown lights of the driver's lamps shining on the play of the muscles in their sleek flanks, the bell ringing furiously, and the silent men beside him on the step struggling into their oilskins while they clung to the side ladders of the truck. His own hands did not seem to belong to him; they were a great distance from him on the ends of long arms.

His helmet did not fit his head. He got one arm into his coat, and he was still fumbling for a second sleeve when the truck swung round a corner and he came into a street of smoke and throbbing fire-engines and the hoarse howlings of battalion chiefs and company firemen.

He looked up from this turmoil to see smoke puffing from the middle windows of a five-storey building that seemed immeasurably high in the darkness and the deceptive play of light. Lines of hose hung from the lower sills and writhed in the doorways. His eye was caught by the glare of flames shining on the glasses of a window, the panes burst and tinkled on the pavements; and then a stream of water shot up to overwhelm this sudden brilliance in a cloud of smoke and steam.

A rough hand thrust his arm into his coat and swung him round. He heard Captain Dougherty cry out an order, and he woke to find himself stumbling across the cobblestones with a steel tool in his hand.

The men ahead of him were battering at the doors of the building next to that which was on fire. Both were wholesale clothing houses, as Hurley could see from their sign boards.

The building was old. He knew it would be dry and unsafe. He knew, too, that they were to make vents in the roof. And then the door opened and the crew disappeared in the doorway, and he followed at full tilt to blunder up the stairs behind a handlamp that shone in the darkness ahead of him.

Smoke pricked him in the eyes and stung in his nostrils. There was someone behind him hurrying him forward. He took the interminable steps three at a bound, and raced along the hallways, and what with the excitement and the pleasure he took in it, his heart-beats seemed to lift him from his feet. He scrambled panting up the ladder to the roof-trap, leaped a dividing parapet between the buildings and attacked the tin roofing with an eager jab of his tool.

Around him axe and hook and cutter tore and stripped and splintered tin and rafters and the glass and sash of skylights, till the smoke began to curl upwards from huge gaps in the roof, and the men pushed back their helmets from their foreheads and wiped the sweat from their eyes.

The captain was shouting orders at them from the top of the cornice, where he stood to watch the work in the street below. They depended on him to warn them of danger, and they worked with as little apparent apprehension of their personal safety as farm laborers digging in a field.

At the captain's command a ladder was dragged over the parapet and lowered into the skylight. The assistant foreman and two men slid down it.

A moment later Hurley heard the windows of the floor beneath him crash into the street. A draft of evil-smelling smoke from burning cloth burst up through the vents like fumes from a crater.

'Mighty thick down there!' some one said.

Hurley wondered how the three men could live in it. The captain leaned over the cornice, bawling his direc-

tions to some one in the lower windows. An answer came up thin and faint from below.

There were anxious calls and answers down the roof. Hurley understood from them that one of the three men had been lost in the smoke. A rescuing party slid down the ladder after him. He was drawn up through the skylight and laid on the roof. Three of the crew fanned air into his lungs with their helmets, while Hurley and the others, at the captain's orders, dragged the ladder from the skylight and carried it over to the cornice where he stood.

It was lowered over the front of the building till it hung by its hooks, and the two other men, black as negroes, with red and watering eyes, climbed up it from the windows and hauled it up after them. The captain turned from conversation with them to order a fireman to report below that the roof was open and the fire creeping along the floor below. The others waited.

There was an explosion under their feet that shook the building. Hurley recognised it as the 'puff' of the back draft.

'Just missed it, Bill,' the assistant foreman said.

Bill showed a row of white teeth in the black mask of his face. Sparks began to whirl up in the smoke from the vents, and the captain fumed at the slowness of the engine companies. He sent half the men to report for work in the street.

The others still waited. The smoke was growing ruddy with the flames at its base. There was a sound of voices over the roof, and Hurley turned to see pipemen dragging an empty hose from the neighboring building. He ran with the others to help, and they drew the pipe from the trap in the roof until it stretched like an angleworm plucked from the clod.

There was a shout of orders given and repeated, a breathless pause, and then the hose stiffened to the roundness of a huge serpent, and poured its stream of water into the raw wound of tin and wood.

Hurley shook the spray from his eyes and laughed. When he looked again the smoke was black, there was the top of a ladder pointing through it and the last of the pipemen was disappearing in the cloud.

The captain cried: 'Well, boys, I guess there's nothing more to do here but the wetting down! Better get below again.'

The pipemen, following the proud tradition of the brigade, had gone to 'fight from the inside'.

It seemed to Hurley as if it had all happened in a minute, and yet it was a good quarter of an hour since he had started up the stairs, with the assistant foreman treading on his heels. The fight had only just begun and already it was over for him. The men were carrying their tools and ladders across the roof to take them below. He turned to follow them, disappointed that the fun had been so soon finished.

But the hammering of the old roof, the explosion of the back draft, and the running to and fro of the crew had had an effect that had not been foreseen. A beam cracked with the report of a pistol. The captain wheeled with a cry of alarm. 'The tank!' he shouted, and threw out his arm towards it.

Hurley, over his shoulder, saw the great water-tank that had been supported on rotten beams across the lower portion of the roof, fall, and felt the weakened roof sink under his feet like the deck of a rolling ship.

He sprang for the parapet and leaped upon it as his footing gave way beneath him, heard the rush of waters hiss above the snapping of the timbers, heard the men cry out in horror, and turned to find a dead silence broken by a single low groan from the wreckage hidden in the smoke. The three pipemen who had gone down the skylight ladder, were imprisoned there. The four remaining truckmen had escaped.

There was no confusion. The captain called out his orders quickly and coolly—to one to report to the chief, to another to lead up another line of hose, to a third to bring up the life lines from the truck, to a fourth to warn the men below that the whole weight of the roof now rested on the beams of the floor that was already burning and might fall at any moment.

Hurley did not wait for any orders. He had but one thought in mind, to save the men who would be slowly roasted between burning floor and burning roof. Snatching an axe from the nearest hand he ran along the parapet to the cornice, and began to creep down the incline of the fallen roofing into the smoke.

He heard the captain shout, 'Back there! Three's enough!' and then the smoke blew over him in a wave that blinded him, choked him, and seemed to fill his ears even, so that he heard nothing more.

The tin grew hot under his hands. His throat seemed to contract convulsively so he could not breathe. He shambled forward desperately, and the slope steepened, and he pitched forward, sliding on his stomach, to find air in a low current along the tin.

A groan sounded in the pit ahead of him. He turned to get his feet foremost, thrust himself forward, and slid down the incline on knees and elbows, clinging to

his axe; dropped over a rough edge of tin that cut his hands; struck with his feet something soft among the timbers, and knew from the groan that answered that he had found one of the men.

What followed was never afterwards clear in Hurley's mind. He was like a drowning man held below water in an entanglement of wreckage, gasping, suffocating, and fighting in the darkness to get himself free.

He found that the pipeman lay unconscious, with a broken leg caught under a beam, and when Hurley struggled to raise the beam he moaned, making a dry clucking in his mouth like a child in a fever. Hurley got his great hands under the timber and strained to raise the broken ends of it until the cords in his back pained at the roots. Then he fell on it furiously with his axe, his head swimming; and the blows cut into the timber with a sound that grew fainter and fainter to him.

He was dizzy and bewildered. He was growing sick and weak with the heat. The axe became so heavy that he could hardly lift it. His knees began to tremble, there was the roar of a whirlpool in his head, and he sank on his face and fainted.

On the parapet of the neighboring building Captain Dougherty abused Hurley, the pipeman, the roof, the fire, and his own keen eyes that had failed to note the insecurity of the water-tank. He stamped on the coping like a sailor on his deck. He had given his orders. There was nothing to do now but to wait.

It was a thing Captain Dougherty had never learned to do. When a truckman returned with the lifelines, he snatched the ropes from him, tied one quickly under his own arms, attached the other to his wrist and ordered them to lower him to Hurley.

They braced themselves for his weight. He threw a leg over the parapet.

'Hurry there, men!' he shouted to the pipemen appearing with the hose. 'Hurry there! Train her on the blaze in the middle! All right. Lower away.'

A shower of water from above revived Hurley in the wreckage. His helmet had fallen off, and the cool stream poured on his head. He struggled to his feet and attacked the joist with his empty hands. He was delirious.

'You would, would you?' he kept muttering. 'You would, would you?'

In his madness he fought with the beam until his hands were numb with bruises, and then he straightened up and threw himself at it, and his huge bulk came down like a sack of sand on the end of it and finished the work his axe had begun.

The rest was a delirium—years of delirium—in which he finally got the pipeman free and passed him to captain Dougherty, who appeared through the smoke from nowhere. He staggered and fell back in the timbers when he was relieved of his burden, and he rested happily there until some one tied a rope around him and stood him up again, despite his protests.

The roof fell from his feet, and he seemed to soar up miles into the clouds struggling. He thought he had been tied to a balloon and he was talking foolishness when the men lifted him over the parapet and laid him on the roof.

He was saved, and he had saved the only pipeman who had escaped. The floor had fallen with the others just as it had come to him.

He knew nothing of it until the following day, when he found himself lying on his back between the cool sheets of a hospital cot, and passed his bandaged hands over the bandages of his face. He heard Captain Dougherty say, 'He's all right. A bit singed, I guess. How are his eyes?'

A strange voice answered, 'We'll know to-morrow.'

Hurley said weakly, 'They're all right. I can see down here,' and he laid his hand on the side of his nose, where there was glimmer of light below the dressings.

The captain laughed. 'Couldn't bandage over that beak, eh? Lie quiet now, Hurley. We want you back to the house as soon as you can get on your feet. The chief's promoted you.'

Hurley tried to understand what that meant, but the pain in his head prevented him. 'Where,' he said, 'where was the balloon?'

They called him 'Balloon' Hurley at the station when he reported for duty three days later, but he had been entered on the roll of honor, and his promotion had increased his pay.

Captain Dougherty shook hands with him to congratulate him.

'You should have waited for orders, Hurley,' he said gruffly.

'Yes, sir,' Hurley apologised. 'I didn't know.'

'No harm done,' the captain said. 'You'll be on the ladder committee. There's another man on the bright work'—'The Youth's Companion.'

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ENGLAND.—Opening of a New Church

The Jesuit Church of St. Ignatius, Stamford Hill, was opened on the Feast of Corpus Christi. It is only half finished, but it gives seating accommodation for 650 people. The cost of the building is £12,000. At the opening service the church was crowded. The sermon was preached by Father Bernard Vaughan. In all 35 clergymen took part in the service, the Orders represented being the Franciscans, Dominicans, Jesuits, and Redemptorists. There was a choir of 70 boys, who had been trained according to the method of Solesmes, and who performed the Gregorian Chant.

Downside Abbey

Dom Ford, Abbot of Downside, on June 15, blessed the great bell for the abbey church tower, Downside. The bell is a memorial to the late Archbishop of Sydney, who was a Benedictine, and is, therefore, called 'the Great Bede.' It is the gift of Mr. John Sweetman, of Kells, County Meath, who, soon after Archbishop Bede Vaughan's death, sent £100 to Downside towards a memorial to his former master. On one side of the headstock of the bell is the inscription in Latin:—'I am Roger Bede Vaughan, Archbishop of Sydney, 1877-1883.' The annual Weld sermon was preached at the abbey church by Father Maturin.

A Gracious Act

A recent act of Queen Alexandra, which Catholics will much appreciate (says the 'Catholic Herald'), has come to light. Through the death of their father, who was a Catholic, two young children were in danger of losing their faith, the mother having applied for assistance to a non-Catholic organisation. The Queen, however, communicated with the Southwark Catholic Rescue Society, and as a result of that intervention the two children are now in a Catholic home. A letter has been received by the Society conveying her Majesty's thanks for the interest taken in the case to which she had directed attention.

Newman Memorial

The trustees of the Newman Memorial have decided to found an annual scholarship at the Oratory school, Edgbaston, which the Cardinal founded. It will be called the Newman Scholarship, and will be competed for by boys who are on the point of leaving the school.

FRANCE.—An Imposing Ceremony

The funeral of Mlle Bourgeois, daughter of the President of the French Chamber, was the occasion of an imposing ceremony at St. Oulmilde, Paris. Mme. Loubet was present in a side gallery, Colonel Lamy represented the President of the Republic; and among others present were M. Fallieres (President of the Senate), M. Combes and the whole of the Cabinet, nearly every Senator and Deputy, the British, Russian, German, and Italian Ambassadors, the Academicians, members of the Judicature, and the generals and admirals in Paris, besides a great number of distinguished writers and artists. After the Requiem was over M. Combes, followed by the Ministers, defiled before the coffin, sprinkling the remains with holy water, according to the French custom. The interment was at the Pere-Lachaise.

A Scheme Shelved

M. de Pressense's scheme for the separation of Church and State in France has been referred by the Chamber of Deputies to a commission of 33 members, which is tantamount to its being dropped for the present.

Corpus Christi Processions.

A Paris correspondent, writing on June 14, says: The Corpus Christi processions took place at Paris to-day as in previous years. They passed off quietly. Some disturbances occurred at Nantes and at Dunkirk between Catholics and Socialists in connection with the processions. Some persons were injured and a number of arrests were made. At Nantes the Catholics held a demonstration to protest against the action of the Prefect, who had forbidden processions.

The Supreme Court and the Congregations

The Government (writes a Paris correspondent) have experienced a rather disagreeable surprise at the decision of the Court of Cassation—the Supreme Court of Appeal—in the matter of the right of members of dissolved Congregations to preach, hear confessions, say Mass, and generally to fulfil priestly functions. It will be remembered that M. Combes, in one of his circulars, forbade the clergy to utilise the services of members of dissolved Congregations, and that proceedings were taken against a number of them for this offence. An appeal in one of these cases, in which several ex-Jesuits from Reims were implicated, came before the Court of Cassation. Accord-

ing to the French practice, one of the puisne judges of the Court had been entrusted with reporting upon the case, and this judge, M. Atthalin came to the following conclusion.—'The law of the 1st July, 1901, only provides for the punishment of acts which show intention to act in the capacity of a member of a Congregation after the Congregation has been dissolved. The exercise of priestly functions, which does not follow from the defendants' affiliation to a Congregation, but from their ordination as priests, does not constitute by itself an act implying that the defendants acted in the capacity of monks after their Congregation had been dissolved. It is not sufficient, in the absence of other circumstances, to amount to an infraction of the Law of 1901.' After over three hours' consultation in private, the Court came to the same conclusion as M. Atthalin, and gave a judgment declaring that 'individual acts of preaching, hearing confessions, and saying Mass do not imply by themselves affiliation to a Congregation, and are not punishable.'

Riotous Socialists

The anti-Catholic policy of the French Government (says the 'Catholic Times') is creating a very dangerous state of affairs in some parts of the country. The Socialists of the atheistic type have unquestionably been emboldened in their hostility to religion by the example of the authorities. They have been disturbing religious services and attacking Catholic congregations almost with impunity, for the Government rarely takes effective measures for preventing them from committing outrage. But there is a limit to patience, and the Catholics are beginning to recognise that their safest and best course is not to rely upon the police, but to defend themselves. This they did on the Sunday within the octave of Corpus Christi at Nantes, when the Socialists attacked and insulted them. A public procession such as usually takes place on the Feast of Corpus Christi or within the octave had been arranged. The Prefect, acting under instructions from Paris, forbade it. The clergy, though they only received the notice of prohibition on Sunday morning, refrained from holding the procession. But the lay Catholics were resolved to have their way. They marched in a body through the town, singing hymns as they went. Five or six hundred Socialists interfered with them, shouldering them, crying, 'Down with the priests,' and singing 'L'Internationale.' Those Socialists received a lesson that the majority of them will not forget. They were soundly thrashed with canes and cudgels. Unfortunately their leader, who was 72 years old, was killed, and another Socialist was fatally wounded. But the Socialists and the authorities were responsible for what happened. The Catholics were so full of indignation that 8000 of them tore down the railings at the prefecture and smashed the windows.

INDIA.—Growth of the Church

Since the days of St. Francis Xavier (1542) (says an exchange) the Church in India has gradually expanded, till at present it numbers nearly two and a half million followers in seven archdioceses, 30 dioceses, and four prefectures apostolic supervising more than 800 European missionaries, nearly 2000 native priests, and 4500 members of religious communities. Besides it counts 4718 churches and chapels, 2885 schools and colleges—some of them second to none in India, with an attendance of 168,200 children, 28 seminaries for the training of missionaries with 1540 students, and 180 orphanages supporting over 10,000 orphans. Although there is unity in the ecclesiastical administration of India, there is a much-felt lack of that unity among the different congregations, the attainment of which cannot but produce immense results towards strengthening the foundation of the Catholic Church. To attain this a General Congress of the members of the Third Order of St. Francis, spread throughout the whole of Catholic India, will be held next year at Allahabad.

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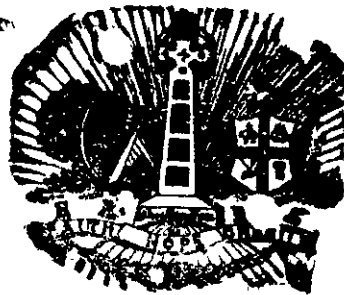
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The Rev. Father P. C. Cregan has been appointed Administrator of St. Mary's Cathedral during the absence of his Eminence the Cardinal and Dean O'Haran in Rome. Father Cregan was Administrator of St. Mary's last year while his Eminence and the Dean were in Europe.

The Sydney 'Freeman's Journal' notes the arrival in New South Wales on a health holiday of the Rev. Father Marnane, S.M., and Mr. John Barrett, of Christchurch. Mr. Barrett, remarks our contemporary, looks an almost youthful giant when it is remembered that as far back as the early sixties he took a patriotic Irishman's part in the promotion of the Irish question on the Maoriland goldfields and elsewhere.

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The following is a copy of a letter received by his Eminence Cardinal Moran from his Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, Governor of New South Wales, prior to the Cardinal's departure for Rome:—'My Lord Cardinal,—Hearing that your Eminence is about to leave Sydney for Rome, I wish personally to express my sorrow at the cause which is taking you, and the hope that it may please Divine Providence to restore to health his Holiness the Pope, and that he may be spared to the Catholic Church and to the World, for all, no matter how much they may differ in forms of religion, must have a reverence and esteem for one who has for so long and so ably ruled over so large a proportion of the human race. I trust that on your arrival in Rome you may find that his Holiness, in spite of the great age he has attained, has yet years of life before him.'

His Eminence Cardinal Moran and Very Rev. Dean O'Haran joined the R.M.S. Oroya at Melbourne en route for Rome. The Cardinal learned of the Pope's death at one of the wayside stations, and he was deeply affected by the intelligence—a fact which immediately became apparent when the train arrived at Spencer street, and he was welcomed by the Archbishop of Melbourne and Bishops Moore and Corbett. There were a number of prominent clergymen and laymen at the station. The bell of St. Patrick's Cathedral tolled all the morning, and the Papal flag was displayed from the tower. The Cardinal drove with the Archbishop direct to the Port Melbourne pier, and boarded the outgoing vessel. The vessel, flying her flag at half-mast, steamed out of the port a few minutes later. In an interview, which was necessarily of the briefest description, Cardinal Moran said that the announcement of the death of the Pope would make no change in the arrangements which he had made, and consequently he would continue his journey to Rome. Referring more particularly to the death of Leo XIII., he said 'Great as is the sense of the loss felt by Catholics at the death of the Sovereign Pontiff, still they have derived great comfort and consolation from the universal manifestations of esteem and reverence shown during his illness by those who did not owe him spiritual allegiance.'

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- August 9, Sunday.—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Emygdus, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 10, Monday.—St. Lawrence, Martyr.
 „ 11, Tuesday.—St. Sixtus II., Pope and Martyr.
 „ 12, Wednesday.—St. Clare, Virgin.
 „ 13, Thursday.—St. Philomene, Virgin and Martyr.
 „ 14, Friday.—St. Hormisdas, Pope and Confessor.
 „ 15, Saturday.—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Emygdus, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Emygdus, a native of Rhenish Prussia, was consecrated Bishop of Ascalon by Pope Marcellus. After a saintly life, memorable for the miracles which God wrought through his instrumentality, he was martyred during the persecution of Diocletian.

St. Lawrence, Martyr.

St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr, was born near Huesca, Spain. He was the chief among the seven deacons of the Roman Church. In the year 258 Pope Sixtus was lead out to die, and St. Lawrence stood by, weeping that he could not share his fate. The holy Pope comforted him with the words: 'Do not weep, my son; in three days you will follow me.' This prophecy came true. The prefect of the city knew the rich offerings which the Christians put into the hands of the clergy, and he demanded the treasures of the Roman Church from Lawrence, their guardian. The saint promised, at the end of three days, to show him riches exceeding all the wealth of the empire, and set about collecting the poor, the infirm, and the religious who lived by the alms of the faithful. He then bade the prefect 'see the treasures of the Church.' Christ, whom Lawrence had served in his poor, gave him strength in the conflict which ensued. Roasted over a slow fire, he made sport of his pains. 'I am done enough,' he said, 'eat if you will.' His remains were buried in the Catacombs of Campo Verano. Constantine built over his tomb a basilica, which is one of the fine patriarchal churches and one of the seven principal stations.

St. Sixtus II., Pope and Martyr.

St. Sixtus, a Greek by birth, ruled the Church for about a year. He was beheaded three days before St. Lawrence, in 258.

St. Clare, Virgin.

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St. Philomene, Virgin.

St. Philomene was one of those countless martyrs who sealed their faith with their blood in the persecution of the Roman Emperors. The date and manner of her death are uncertain.

St. Hormisdas, Pope and Confessor.

St. Hormisdas, who was unanimously elected Pope on the death of St. Symmachus, in 514, displayed great energy in propagating the Gospel, and eradicating heresy and schism. He died in 523.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The word assumption is a term employed to-day in the language of the Church to signify the miraculous removal into heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul. Jesus Christ, before dying, having recommended His Mother to St. John, this Apostle took care of her, and it is believed that she followed him to Asia, and finally settled at Ephesus, where she died. The Church honors her death under the name of 'deposition, rest, sleep, passage,' since the beginning of the fifth century, as it appears from a letter of the Ecumenical Council at Ephesus, of the year 431. Since the century following, the faithful commenced to distinguish the Assumption from the other solemnities of the Blessed Virgin. About the end of the seventh century, the belief in her resurrection became current. We find this pointed out under the name of Assumption in the ancient martyrology attributed to St. Jerome, and in the Sacramentaries of Popes St. Gelasius and St. Gregory. The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15th. In regard to this assumption or resurrection of body and soul of the Blessed Virgin into heaven it is no article of faith, but only a common opinion which it would be rash to contradict.

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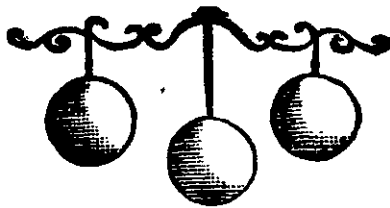
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