

and save many a precious soul from lapsing into indifferentism or infidelity. There is a wide field in New Zealand for the operations of an energetic Branch of the Catholic Truth Society.

Notes

Father O'Mahony

True charity 'beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things'—

'Tempering her gifts, that seem so free,
By time and place,
Till not a woe the bleak world see,
But finds her grace.'

When the burrowing microbe of smallpox sent liquid fire through the veins of hapless sufferers over in Tasmania recently, Father O'Mahony, the gifted editor of the 'Monitor,' bore all things and endured all things for sweet charity's sake. He almost forced his way into the stricken ones, and remains in quarantine among the sufferers until the pestilent microbe has locally ceased from troubling, and the plague has died away. Father O'Mahony, so to speak, carried the position by storm. Permission to enter the guarded enclosure was at first peremptorily denied. Then there ensued some emphatic correspondence with the Chief Secretary, Dr. McCall. In the course of these communications our esteemed friend of the 'Monitor' pushed his right to the post of danger in uncompromising fashion. He even accused Dr. McCall of cruelty in preventing a dying Catholic patient receiving the consolations of religion and the last rites of the Church. Father O'Mahony's charitable violence carried the day and he is now in happy spiritual charge of those of his faith who are temporarily segregated with him from contact and communication with the outside world.

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His case reminds one of an incident in the life of the late Cardinal Vaughan. When touring in America in search of funds for the foundation of his Foreign Missionary College of Mill Hill, he arrived on a sweltering day in Panama. The population was being decimated by smallpox. They were dying in hundreds. The atmosphere was fetid, the bodily attendance on the sufferers of the most casual and slipshod kind, their spiritual needs wholly unattended. For the autocratic Freemason President of the swampy and malarious little republic had banished all the priests, and the administration of the Sacraments was treated as a criminal offence. But Dr. Vaughan set the President's iniquitous decree at calm defiance. He ministered to the sick and dying all over the place. He was at last placed under arrest and was only released from durance vile on heavy bail. The long history of smallpox, cholera, yellow fever, and other deadly epidemics, whether at Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg, Naples, Bombay, New Orleans, or elsewhere, shows, after all, the wisdom of the Church's discipline of celibacy, which enables her priests to dare and do, as a sheer matter of course, for the souls of sufferers what is out of the question for a married clergy to attempt.

It is satisfactory news to householders to hear that in these days, when the prices of nearly all necessities are on the up-grade they can purchase a ton of the well-known Lovell's Flat Coal at 21s delivered in the city, or at 11s on trucks at Lovell's Flat railway station. Our readers would do well to give this coal a trial...

We are very pleased to draw attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Dey and Stokes which appears in this issue. This firm are agents for the Massey Harris and Red Bird Bicycles. This latter machine has come into great prominence lately through the marvellous performance of J. Arnst, the young New Zealand representative in the Warrnambool to Melbourne Road Race, which he won from scratch, doing the distance, 165 miles, in 7hrs 43min, which constitutes a world's record, showing an average of over 21 miles an hour. This speaks volumes for the qualities of the Red Bird Bicycles...

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The Rev. M. Howard, of St. Joseph's Cathedral, has been appointed to the Port Chalmers mission, and took up his duties there on last Sunday.

The plans for the new Catholic church at Invercargill are now completed by Mr. F. W. Petre, architect, and show that the building will be a very handsome one in the Byzantine style of architecture. Tenders for the erection of the church will be called at an early date.

On Monday evening an eucharist tournament was played in St. Joseph's Hall between the members of the Catholic Men's Club and their lady friends and those of St. Patrick's Catholic Literary and Social Institute and lady friends. After a very enjoyable evening the visitors won by the small majority of 15 points, the scores being 164 to 149. During the evening Miss Davis and Mr. P. Carolin favored the company with songs, that were very well received, and Mr. Marlow, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the St. Joseph's Men's Club for a pleasant evening.

St. Joseph's Men's Club were provided with a first-class evening on Friday last by Mr. T. J. Hussey, who introduced his second number of 'The Spectator.' That the first issue was a great success and very interesting goes without saying, but the second fairly eclipsed it, and the applause which followed the reading of the articles left no doubt whatever that everyone had thoroughly appreciated it. The editor, in his leading article, dealt with State Fire Insurance and the way the subject was treated showed that he had a comprehensive knowledge of it. Then there followed in well-arranged order, club notes, sporting news, humorous and witty items, and articles of a serious and instructive nature. Mr. Hussey deserved the many congratulations extended to him by the members of the Club.

The following are the results of the theory examination of Trinity College, London, held on June 13, at St. Dominic's College:—Intermediate grade—L. Leslie (Lawrence), honors, 88; A. Gilray, honors, 80; A. Ward, (Milton), 76; C. Ward (Milton), 72; H. Moody (Lawrence), 70; G. Taylor, 69. Junior grade—K. McGuire, honors, 94; K. McKlosky, honors, 92; A. Jefferey (Lawrence), honors, 92; E. Smythe (Lawrence), honors, 80; L. Prendergast, honors, 89; J. Morony (Milton), honors, 88; A. Browne, honors, 82. Preparatory grade—M. Wood (N.E. Valley), 93; M. Lemon (N.E. Valley), 67; M. Lynch (N.E. Valley), 81; C. Douglas (N.E. Valley), 82; L. Doocey (Milton), 89; M. Broderick (Lawrence), 87; E. Smith (Lawrence), 89; R. Stewart (Lawrence), 70.

A very enjoyable social (writes a correspondent) was held in the Arrow Athenaeum Hall on Friday, September 4, in aid of St. Patrick's Church funds. The weather, on which the success of these functions largely depends, was most favorable, consequently the hall was taxed to its utmost to contain the large gathering, visitors being present from all parts of the surrounding districts. The programme for the evening's amusement was somewhat altered from the usual style of social, the first part being made up of musical items, which, judging from the applause, were much appreciated. Three choruses were given by the following ladies and gentlemen:—The Misses McDonnell (2), Jopp, Graham, Cotter, Robinson (2) and McEntyre and Messrs. Robinson, and De la Perrelle. Mr. Firth contributed two solos in a finished style. Mr. J. Mackenzie gave a splendid recitation, 'The last shot,' completely carrying his hearers with him all through the piece. Mr. Turton's recitation 'The races at Dandeloo' was also very favorably received. Miss A. Cotter sang very sweetly 'Only a leaf,' and was warmly applauded. The Misses Robinson were heard to advantage in the duet, 'Nocturne,' and also in a trio rendered in conjunction with their brother, Mr. C. H. Robinson. These two items deserve special mention, as the performers came a long way to assist the entertainment, and contributed greatly towards its success. Special features of the entertainment were the picture-songs—four in number—which were given at intervals during the programme: No. 1, 'The wreath of roses,' the solo being sung by Miss Cotter, and the pretty dresses and bright lights flashing on the tableau combined in making the item something to be remembered by those who had the pleasure of seeing it. No. 2, 'Tit for tat,' which Miss Graham's splendid voice did full justice to, quite surprised the audience by the graceful attitudes and quaint costumes of the performers. No. 3.—A capital rendering of 'The angel's whisper' was given by Miss Jopp, her sweet voice suiting the song admirably, and the tableaux shown being most picturesque. No. 4.—'A bird in the hand' was sung by Miss A. Cotter, and the grouping of the stage for this item fairly brought down the house. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Father O'Donnell, Mr. R. Cotter, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the assemblage for their attendance, and also the performers for the capital night's amusement. Mrs. De la Perrelle kind-

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