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Friends at Court

CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

April 4, Sunday.—Easter Sunday.
 „ 5, Monday.—Easter Monday.
 „ 6, Tuesday.—Easter Tuesday.
 „ 7, Wednesday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 8, Thursday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 9, Friday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 10, Saturday.—Of the Octave.

Easter Sunday.

'The festival of Easter,' writes St. Gregory, 'is the solemnity of solemnities, because it raises us from the earth into eternity, which it enables us to enjoy beforehand by faith, hope, and charity.'

'You shall rise again!' This is what the Church says to us by the eloquent voice of her ceremonies. From the holy temple all signs of mourning have disappeared. The altars are decked out with extraordinary magnificence. Ornaments of gay color and rich embroidery appear. Every face is bright. The bells are all in motion. The song of joy—the "Alleluia"—that word of the language of heaven, fallen on earth for our festive days, resounds on all sides, is repeated every moment: is varied again and again, and is modulated into every key.

Easter Monday.

The contemplation of Christ's glorious Resurrection and the eternal joys of heaven ought particularly to occupy our souls at this season.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

OUR MOTHER.

White is the snow when it mantles the mountains.

Fair are the elements that float o'er their peaks:

Pure is the water of rock-springing fountains.

True is the star that the mariner seeks:

But fairer and purer and truer by far

Is the Heart of our Mother whose children we are.

Great is the power of the saints in their glory.

Loving their guidance and tender their care:

Clients unnumbered of each have a story.

Telling of favors in which all may share:

Far greater the power of Christ's Holy Mother:

Hers is a patronage shared by no other.

On Calvary's Mount, when our Saviour was dying,

Then was she given our Mother to be.

Dearest of titles, in beauty none vying:

Mother of Christians, Star of life's sea.

God's saints are our patrons, all loving and good:

But Mary is Mother, O sweet Motherhood!

—*Ave Maria.*

He who reigns within himself, and rules passions, desires, and fears, is more than a king.

The greatest friend of truth is time, her greatest enemy prejudice, and her constant companion is humility.

It is the possession of an ideal which is the real incentive to action; it is the ideal alone which makes life worth living.

Nothing more completely baffles one who is full of guile and duplicity than straightforward and simple integrity in another.

Common prudence does not always keep one from committing follies, nor much sense from thinking them, nor much wit from uttering them.

Energy will do anything that can be done in the world: it needs no talent, no circumstances, no opportunities, and make a man without it.

We too often put off repentance, but the time of salvation is now, this very day—we might die with only the desire to lead a better life.

The Storyteller

THE EYES OF FAITH

The old sexton glanced uncertainly at the bowed figure in the corner of the last pew. The little old lady always stayed after Mass to say 'the beads,' but this morning she had remained so long and was so ominously still, that Michael was a little uneasy.

He felt rather a sense of responsibility towards this small, black-clad person. There was something appealing about the sweet face and the soft eyes—it's the blue eyes of her,' Michael told himself at the times when he tried to account for this unusual interest in a stranger. 'Yes, it's the blue eyes and the smile of her. I'll just be after touchin' her to see if maybe she's asleep.' He shuffled over—the rheumatism 'got' Michael every winter, 'bad cess to it, but the will of God be done!'—and gently touched the bent shoulder. Instantly the old lady raised her head and gave Michael a rainbow of a smile through her tears that were streaming down her worn face.

'Are ye in anny trouble, ma'am?' inquired the sexton, respectfully. 'Could I do annything to help ye?'

'No, thank ye,' she replied, standing up with difficulty. 'No, God bless ye, I'll be gettin' home now—they'll be wonderin' am I lost. Isn't it terrible the little faith we have? It's a great wonder that our Lord and His Blessed Mother don't lose patience entirely, the way we ask for things, and then despair and cry, and don't trust enough to be sure we'll get them if it's for the best.'

'Yes, ma'am,' answered Michael, with a sigh, 'we're like children, and it's terrible hard for us to see why we can't have what we want. But it's sorry I am to see you feelin' so sad, ma'am.' He walked with her to the door of the church and after she had wished him good-morning, watched her shabby figure going slowly down the street. Then he went back to his work. 'She's a widow,' he reflected, remembering the old-fashioned widow's weeds she wore, 'so her husband is past giving her trouble. 'It'll be a son, maybe—a wild gossoon, a drunkard, or one that has lost the "Faith." He sighed again and thought of a certain green mound in far Roscommon, where he had laid his own mother before coming to America. 'Thank God, I never left her while she lived, nor gave her any trouble. May her soul rest in peace.'

New York bewildered and frightened little Mrs. Halloran. She had travelled, as a girl, to Limerick, and she had sailed from Queenstown two years ago, but such a place as New York she had never dreamed could exist. She marvelled at it this morning as much as she had marvelled two years before. But she did not wonder to-day, as she used to do, how she was going to cross the street without being instantly killed, for she had a staunch friend in the big, blue-coated young fellow at the corner, one of New York's 'finest,' who stopped the traffic in his lordly way and helped her over as solicitously 'as if,' she thought wonderingly, 'as if I was a pretty colleen instead of an ugly ould witch.'

Officer O'Brien, evidently, did not think she was an 'ugly ould witch' at all, for he looked very tenderly at the sweet old face and guided her almost reverently across the crowded avenue. She turned to him at the other side and said, 'God bless ye, ye're a good boy!' He smiled, raised his visored cap while New York's traffic waited his pleasure, and replied, 'Thank you, ma'am. The day wouldn't be started right without your blessing.'

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Mrs. Halloran entered her daughter's modern flat and was immediately hailed by an onrush of children. 'Gran'ma! gran'ma!' piped the chorus of shrill voices, while sticky fingers clutched her dress and bread-and-buttery mouths were raised to be kissed. She greeted the infant Flynns rather absently, and went straight to the mantelpiece, where a few postal cards and 'ads.' proclaimed that the postman had made his morning visit. She turned these over with a feverish eagerness, and then, the light gone from her face, sat down at the window and gazed out unseeingly.

Young Mrs. Flynn, brisk and rosy, and wiping her hands upon her apron, entered from the kitchen and made a raid upon her offspring.

'Rosie, go straight into the kitchen and wash your hands, and wash Tom's, too, and the baby's. Shame on ye, teasin' gran'ma like that! Mother, why don't ye jist give them a good clout when they come botherin' around? Where were ye this long time? Sure, I thought ye were run over or something, I was that anxious!' She was vigorously untying the black bonnet and taking off the shabby gloves as she talked.

'Mary,' said Mrs. Halloran, looking up at her daughter, 'don't ye think I've stayed long enough with you and Tom? I ought—'

'Now, listen to her!' cried Mrs. Flynn, apostrophising the furniture. 'Will ye listen to the wicked old woman! Do ye want to break my heart entirely?'

'I just thought,' went on the soft voice but more faintly, 'that I ought to be movin' on an' lookin'—' the voice broke, and then continued bravely—'lookin' for—for—him.'

There was a peculiar expression of mingled indignation and tenderness on young Mrs. Flynn's face. 'How often have I told ye, mother, that it's no use! Pat knows where to find ye—at least he knows where Tom and I live. And to think that he never has written a word to us in ten years an' that you're still eatin' your heart out for him—it just makes me boil—it does indeed!'

She busied herself with her work, but her eyes were misty with the thought of her brother, the little playmate she had called 'my Pat' in baby days—the 'black sheep,' but such a dear black sheep—ah, how they do get themselves mixed up in one's heart strings, these troublesome ones! She thought of the day, twelve years before, when she and Pat had said good-bye to Ireland and to their parents, brothers and sisters, and with youthful faces aglow had 'come out' to America together. Pat had given his solemn promise to 'look after' the colleen, and to be careful about Mass and the Sacraments. He had found a good 'place' for his sister and had visited her frequently. It was he who had introduced Tom Flynn to Mary, and after a few years Tom married Pat's pretty sister. But during these years the friends became estranged. Flynn was a rising young mechanic, and willing to do all in his power to help his brother-in-law. But Pat got in with bad company and began to drink. His letters home, with their enclosures of money, became less and less frequent, and finally ceased. When Mary received word from one of her sisters that her father had died, she did not know where to find Pat to tell him. In answer to many pleading letters she was obliged to admit to her mother that the boy had disappeared. The widow suffered and prayed, despaired, and hoped, for years, and at last, in spite of the entreaties of her married son and daughter, took her meagre savings and 'came out' to look for her boy—her youngest and best-beloved.

'It's his soul I'm bothered about,' she confided to Mary. 'If I knew he had died, even, and had the Sacraments at the end, it's contented, I'd be. But with the life he was leadin'—Mary, oh, Mary dear, pray God to spare me until I know Pat's soul is not lost. And He will, I know He will—some way he'll fix it so that I can be sure!'

That evening, when Mary sat sewing, and Tom read the newspaper in the light of the dining-room lamp, she began to talk. Tom lowered his paper and regarded her curiously. Her eyes had a feverish brightness, and her voice held a quality strange to it.

'Pat was always a good lad,' she began, leaning forward and looking into the dusky space beyond the lamplight. 'He was a bit wild, but always good to his mother.'

'"Mother, alauna," says he, when he was no higher than that table, I'm going to buy you a silk dress some day,' says he.

'And Mary, do ye mind the time some lad in the school teased ye, an' how Pat knocked him down, an' how the master separated the two of them? Pat could hardly speak with the blood from his nose and the tears from his eyes, but do ye mind how he told the master nobody was going to bully his sister?'

Mary remembered. The memory of that engaging scamp, Pat Halloran, seemed to pervade the room. Even Tom Flynn was living over again his brief acquaintance with Pat.

'An' do ye mind,' continued the mother, dreamily, 'how he used to wait at night, in his little night-shirt, for his father to punish him if he'd been bad? One time—she turned conversationally to Tom—'one time when he was no more than four years of age, his father went to whip him for some little thing, and that bit of a gossoon stood there and smiled at him, an' the father couldn't raise a hand to him. The eyes of him! An' do ye mind the curls, Mary? Faith, by the time he was eighteen, every colleen in the town was wild about him.'

The voice trailed off into silence. After a while she rose, and bidding Mary and Tom good-night, went off to bed. Her daughter looked anxiously at her husband.

'Tom,' she answered nervously, 'I never knew her to talk so much about him before.'

Flynn lowered his voice, glancing toward the bedroom Mrs. Halloran had entered.

'I didn't want to excite her,' he said, 'but I found a trace of Pat to-day.'

The color ebbed out of Mrs. Flynn's cheeks. 'Tom!' she murmured.

'I wouldn't speak of it for fear it wasn't true and it would be a shame to raise her hopes. Besides, it isn't such good news. I met a fellow I used to know at the time Pat and I went around together—Jim Kennedy, his name is,—and he said that he heard Pat is a brakeman or something on a railroad. He met a chap that saw him in Philadelphia. But there's something queer about it. It seems he's been livin' crooked, Mary. I'm going to see what I can do about it.'

The next day was Sunday, and Mrs. Halloran appeared dressed and ready for Mass before 7 o'clock. She would not take even coffee, explaining that she was going to receive Holy Communion.

Mary watched her anxiously from the window. It was a cold morning, and the old lady had looked even more frail and white than usual.

Michael, the sexton, generally attended early Mass in the capacity of usher. He greeted Mrs. Halloran and led her to a pew. During Mass he frequently glanced at her, noticing the pallor of her face, and the peculiar look of expectancy in her eyes. He kept his eye on her when she went up to the rail, for she walked slowly and feebly, and pressed her hand to her heart. When she returned to her seat, he saw her suddenly start up, gazing up the aisle towards the altar. Michael looked to see what had caused the expression of radiant joy on her face. He saw the communicants, mostly old women and young girls, returning from the rail, the priest closing the door of the tabernacle; a ray of winter sunlight gleaming through the stained-glass window and pointing, like a parti-colored rod, to the crucifix above the altar. That was all. And yet, the old woman, with her arms outstretched, tottered up the aisle with a glad cry, and, before Michael could reach her, suddenly collapsed in a pitifully small, black heap on the altar steps.

When they had brought her back to consciousness she tried to raise herself on her elbow.

'Where—where is he?' she asked faintly.

'Where is who, ma-am?' inquired Michael, who had in the meantime sent for a doctor. The priest,

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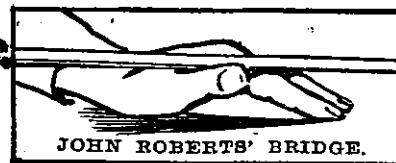
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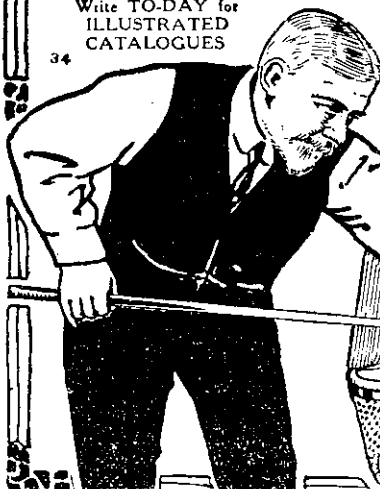
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who had just finished celebrating the Mass, supported the frail figure, and repeated Michael's question. The eyes of all the group followed the direction of her gaze.

'Didn't ye see Pat?' she went on eagerly, 'didn't ye see him? I saw him! He was there! He received Holy Communion. I saw him coming back from the altar!'

The priest looked inquiringly at Michael and at the group of people. They appeared puzzled, and some shook their head and murmured that she was 'wandering.' But Pat's mother smiled.

'He was comin' back from the altar, Father,' she whispered. 'He looked older—than when he—left home, but I knew him—oh, I knew Pat! He wasn't as neat and clean, Father, as he used to be. Pat was that particular about his looks! . . . He had oil and dust on his clothes, but the curls of him, Father! The same curls—so brown—and soft.' Suddenly she started up, and gazed appealingly at the priest. 'Faith, Father, I forgot! There was a cut on his head! There was blood—Father, he'll be needin' me—my boy—let me go!' She struggled a moment, but soon lay still, smiling. The faint voice came again, almost inaudible now.

Thank God. Pat received the Sacrament. God be praised—I knew ye were a good boy, Pat, no matter what they said of ye. Mothers always know, don't they, Pat?'

The priest bent over suddenly, felt her fluttering pulse and looked sharply at the eyelids. . . . Then he straightened himself and, 'It is over,' he said quietly.

'She died happy, Tom,' said Mary that night. She had been crying until there were no tears left, but it was not a hopeless, heart-breaking grief. The smile on the dead face of her mother spared her that.

'She thought she saw Pat receive Holy Communion, Father Henley says. She was happy at the last.'

'It was a great mercy of God,' said big, awkward young Flynn, with an absurd break in his deep bass voice.

The next morning Mary received a letter, which she read, and then re-read with wonderment in her eyes. She called Tom, and stood trembling, hardly able to say, 'Read that!' in a shaking voice. Tom seized the letter, and tried to take in the sense of the contents, with Mary crying quietly on his shoulder.

Euston, Pa.

Feb. 8, 19 . . .

'Mrs. Thomas Flynn,—

'Dear Madam.—Yesterday I was called to the scene of an accident near here—the collision of a freight with a passenger train on the . . . railroad. You have perhaps read of it in the papers by now. A brakeman who had crawled in under the debris and rescued a child was himself pinned down by the wreckage and killed. I reached him with great difficulty and was able to administer the last Sacraments to him. He was hardly able to speak, but managed to tell me his name, Patrick Halloran, and that his sister in New York was to be notified. He gave me your name and address.

'“Father,” he said then, “I went to confession last night—the first time in ten years—and I intended to go to Holy Communion in Philadelphia this morning. Tell Mary to tell mother that I've been straight and haven't touched a drop for a week, and I've saved up something for her that you can send her if you will. And tell her that I was coming to New York when I was sure of myself. I was ashamed—before. Tell mother that I tried to make good by saving that kid, and that I was a good boy—at the last.”'

'He passed away at half-past seven o'clock on Sunday morning.

Very sincerely yours,

J. A. CARROLL,

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'STAND FAST IN THE FAITH'

(A Weekly Instruction specially written for the N.Z. TABLET by GHIMEL.)

THE MASS IN TIME OF WAR.

Some readers may find it useful to have the remaining parts of the Votive Mass, the prayers of which were given last week.

The Introit: 'Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion, and Thy mercies, which are from the beginning of the world; lest our enemies triumph over us: deliver us, O God of Israel from all our troubles. To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust: let me not be ashamed. Glory be to the Father,' etc.

The Epistle is taken from the 42nd chapter of Jeremias. The whole chapter describes one of the last known incidents in the prophet's life. After the fall of Jerusalem, Jeremias, treated kindly by the Chaldeans, went to live at Mizpah. Here one Ishmael, a member of the royal family, tried to force the prophet and other Jewish refugees to migrate with him across the Jordan into the territory of the Ammonites. His purpose, however, was defeated by Johanan. Then this leader and the other refugees resolved to seek a home in Egypt. Jeremias did all that was possible to dissuade them from carrying out this purpose, and this part of his prophecies, which is now read in the Mass, records his faith-inspired words on the occasion: 'In those days went all the captains of the warriors, and said to Jeremias the prophet: Pray thou for us to the Lord thy God. And the word of the Lord came to Jeremias. And he called all the captains of the fighting men, and all the people from the least to the greatest. And he said to them: Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, to Whom you sent me, to present your supplications before Him. If you will be quiet and remain in this land, I will build you up, and not pull you down; I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for now I am appeased for the evil that I have done to you. Fear not because of the king of Babylon, of whom you are greatly afraid: fear him not, saith the Lord; for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. And I will show mercies to you, and will take pity on you, and will cause you to dwell in your own land: saith the Lord Almighty.'

The other Scriptural reading that follows is taken from the Psalms: 'Thou art the God that alone doest wonders: Thou hast made Thy power known among the nations. With Thy arm Thou hast redeemed Thy people, the children of Jacob and of Joseph. Alleluia. Alleluia. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; and defend me from them that rise up against me. Alleluia.'

The Gospel is taken from the familiar passage in St. Matthew. Our Lord would not satisfy the curiosity of his disciples as to the time of the world's end, but contented himself with indicating some of the signs heralding its approach. 'At that time, the disciples came to Him privately, saying: Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming and of the consummation of the world? And Jesus, answering, said to them: Take heed that no man seduce you: for many will come in My name saying, I am Christ: and they will seduce many. And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you be not troubled. For these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be pestilences, and famines, and earthquakes in places: Now all these are the beginning of sorrows.'

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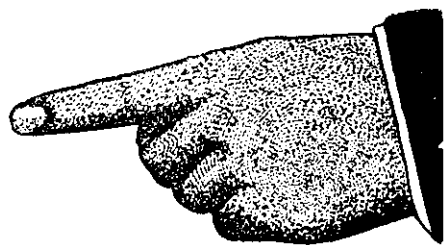
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

St. Patrick's Day was fittingly celebrated in Auckland. Active preparations had been in hand for many weeks, and the result was that the demonstration was a complete success from every point of view. In the following terms the Auckland *Star* dealt with what it was pleased to term 'The Spirit of the Irish':—There is only one national saint's day in the New Zealand calendar that evokes a public demonstration of national fervor—St. Patrick's Day. It is Ireland's day, and year after year, irrespective of all obstacles of weather, war, or business, the irrepressible spirit of the Irish springs up green and glowing each St. Patrick's Day in an outburst of national pride. In Auckland this morning St. Patrick's Day broke dull and threatening of rain, and folks who had no particular concern for Ireland or the day, proceeded, with overcoats and umbrellas, to business, for the day was not observed as a public holiday. But no threat of rain could damp the fervor or shackle the spirits of the Irish. It was their day, and there was to be a national demonstration and procession, followed by sports, rain or no rain, public holiday or no public holiday. They rallied their bands, marshalled their children, flew their banners and sported their sprigs of shamrock. And at the appointed time the children's procession moved off from Cathedral square to the Domain. Marshalled behind Mr. P. Gleeson they swung through the streets, with radiant faces, colors flying, and bands (Garrison and Onehunga) playing. All the city and suburban parishes supplied their quotas, and the result was magnificent—a finer body of children it would be indeed hard to find. Rev. Brother George was marshal, and he kept the procession in good order. At the Domain each parish group wended its way to its own tent, from which was liberally dispensed those delicacies dear to the hearts of the little ones. The sports programme was excellently carried out, there not being a dull moment throughout the day. The following were the results:—

Roger Cup (Championship (100yds) A. Page (St. Columba's School) 1. P. Delgrosso (St. Columba's School) 2. Sheffield handicap (120yds) W. H. Bovaird 1, E. Bust 2, G. E. Kinsey 3. Amateur handicap (120yds) G. Hedlund 1, F. R. Carolan 2. St. Patrick's Day handicap (880yds) T. Woods (50yds) 1, H. King (50yds) 2, R. A. Reston (75yds) 3. Sacred Heart College handicap (100yds) R. Duggan 1, O. Jackson 2. Cycling handicap (2 miles) J. Adam (ser) 1, W. J. Stewart (150yds) 2, W. H. Hills (250yds) 3. Open handicap (220yds) R. Clark 1, G. E. Kinsey 2, W. J. McManus 3. Open handicap (1 mile)—T. Woods (120yds) 1, D. Mason (35yds) 2, C. H. Welch (35yds) 3. Hibernian, C.M.C., and Confraternity handicap (100yds)—J. McKean 1, M. Hoggan 2, P. Duffin 3. Cycling handicap (1 mile)—W. J. Stewart (90yds) 1, F. M. Brennan (100yds) 2, I. Holden (70yds) 3. Amateur handicap (half-mile) J. W. Olphert (15yds) 1, B. Bovaird (45yds) 2, W. J. Davidson (ser) 3. Open handicap (440yds)—W. H. Bovaird (25yds) 1, V. Hogg (25yds) 2, C. H. Parker (32 yds) 3. Public schools' invitation race (100yds)—A. H. Fletcher 1, M. Moore 2, L. Stretton 3. Hibernian handicap (100yds)—H. Woodley (ser) 1, E. Hadley (3yds) 2. Hibernian handicap (120yds)—J. Keenan (5yds) 1. Hibernian handicap (440yds)—J. C. Woodley (17yds) 1. Girls' championship:—Under 11 years—Annie Greig (Sacred Heart Convent) 1; under 12 years—Doris Knight (Ellerslie Convent) 1; under 13 years—Ethel McLaughlin (Onehunga Convent) 1; under 15 years—Vera Pohlen (Remuera Convent) 1. Boys' championships:—Under 12 years (75yds)—H. Woodley (St. Columba's School) 1, D. O'Shea (St. Columba's School) 2; under 14 years (100yds)—F. Muir (Onehunga Convent) 1, L. Williams (St. Benedict's School) 2; under 16 years (100yds)—F. Delgrosso (St. Columba's School) 1, J. Godfrey (One-

hunga Convent) 3. Boys' walking championships:—Under 13 years (220yds)—E. O'Donohue (St. Columba's School) 1, J. Brodie (St. Columba's School) 2; under 16 years (440yds)—J. Moynihan (St. Columba's School) 1.

At the conclusion of the sports, seven hundred children were put through some varied and spectacular evolutions, which were greatly admired, and loudly applauded. As a finale they formed themselves into a representation of an immense harp, the bands at the same time appropriately playing 'The harp that once.' It was a very fine spectacle, and the vast crowd gave vent to their feelings in enthusiastic cheers. As a wind up the children drew up in close formation before the grandstand, and, with band accompaniment, sang 'God save Ireland.'

The Concert.

In the evening a national concert was held in the presence of the Mayor of Auckland, the clergy, and an immense audience.

The following was the programme:—Part I.—Overture, 'Irish airs,' Ewart's Orchestra; chorus, 'The tunes we love to hear on Paddy's day,' pupils of Catholic schools; recitation, 'Shiel's reply to Lord Lyndhurst,' Mr. R. Casey; song, 'The Irish folk song,' Miss Mildred Coleman; chorus, 'The harp that once,' pupils of Mount St. Mary's Orphanage; song 'O'Donnell Aboo,' Mr. J. P. Lonergan; violin solo, 'The harp that once,' Master Henri Lissack; song, 'Mountains of Mourne,' Mr. F. G. Bourke; dance, Irish jig, Misses Maud Moynihan, L. Murphy, L. Lillus, J. Lynch, A. Ibbotson, J. Watts, A. Herron, and A. Dickinson; song, 'The Irish emigrant,' Mr. Evan McCormack; chorus, 'Just a bunch of shamrocks,' pupils of Catholic schools. Part II. Orchestra, 'Irish airs,' Ewart's Orchestra; chorus, 'My Irish home sweet home,' pupils of Catholic schools; song, 'Wearing of the green,' Mr. J. P. Lonergan; song, 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' Miss Coleman; dance, sailor's hornpipe, by girls from St. Mary's Orphanage (Onehunga); song, 'Has sorrow thy young days shaded,' Mr. F. G. Bourke; song, 'Ma-cushla,' Mr. Evan McCormack; chorus, 'Don't forget Ireland,' Marist Brothers' pupils; violin solo, 'Last rose of summer,' Master Henri Lissack; recitation, 'The fighting race,' Master Mackle; chorus, 'Ireland, my Ireland,' pupils of Catholic schools; 'God save Ireland,' pupils of Catholic schools. 'God save the King,' Mr. Harry Hiscocks played the accompaniments during the evening.

MILTON.

March 17, the festal day of Ireland's Patron Saint, is celebrated throughout the civilised world, where the sons and daughters of Erin's green isle have gained a footing (says the *Bruce Herald*). The anniversary was celebrated in the time-honored manner locally with a national concert, in the Coronation Hall. The large audience which attended was in an appreciative mood, and the programme of nineteen items was increased to an inordinate length by the multiplicity of encores demanded, and graciously acceded to by the performers. Naturally, on such an occasion, Irish airs predominated. The greater portion of the programme devolved upon a quartet of vocalists from Kaitangata—Messrs. Proctor (2), Edwards, and Bennetts—but these gentlemen proved a host in themselves, and well merited the encores freely awarded their efforts. The other visiting vocalist was Miss Heffernan, of Dunedin, who was not a stranger to a Milton audience, having appeared on similar anniversary occasions. The whole programme was excellently arranged, and its appreciative reception should prove gratifying to the promoters, and the manager, Mr. Wm. Kirby.

The following programme was submitted:—Selection, 'Gems of Irish melodies,' 14th Regimental Band; chorus, 'Kiss me as I fall asleep,' school choir (encored); song, 'Good-bye, Mavourneen,' Mr. W. F. Bennetts (encore, 'Susan Jane'); pianoforte solo, 'Mazurka,' Miss M. Wilson; song, 'Dear old Ireland,'

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Mr. Edwards; action song, 'Drummer boy,' school boys (encored); song, 'Mother Machree,' Miss Heffernan (encore, 'Little grey home in the west'); musical monologue, Miss Facey (encored); song, 'Eileen Alannah,' Mr. G. Proctor (encore, 'Come sing to me'); song and chorus' (encored), Mr. W. Proctor. After an interval, during which Rev. Father Howard expressed thanks to the performers, and all who had contributed to the success of the evening's entertainment, the second portion of the programme was proceeded with, as follows:—Pianoforte duet, 'Gipsy rondo,' Misses McKeehuie and Dowdall; song, 'Off to Philadelphia,' Mr. Edwards; vocal trio and chorus, 'Hither fairies trip,' school choir (encored); song, 'She is far from the land,' Mr. G. Proctor (encore, 'You never know'); physical drill, school boys (encored); recitation, 'Sons of a fighting race,' Miss K. Walsh (encore, 'Tommy Atkins from a French view'); song, 'Maid of Athens,' Mr. Bennetts (encored); humorous song, Mr. W. Proctor (encored). The accompaniments were skilfully played by Misses Smith (Kaitangata), and M. Wilson, whilst Miss A. Dickson played the accompaniments for the musical monologues. Credit is due to the Sisters of the Convent for their training of the children in the vocal items, also to Mr. Wm. Kirby for training the boys in their contributions. In addition Mr. Kirby discharged the managerial duties in a capable manner, and was assisted by an energetic committee of willing assistants. In conclusion, the entertainment was unanimously voted first-class and the funds of the Dominican Convent will greatly benefit as a material result.

WAIMATE.

(From our own correspondent.)

March 22.

On Thursday evening last the St. Patrick's concert was held in the Waimate Hall, which was packed to overflowing. It was undoubtedly the best entertainment of its kind ever held here. The Waimate Brass Band played selections outside the hall before the commencement of the proceedings. The concert began with a selection of Irish airs, played by Miss Agnes Lawlor. The first part of the programme, devoted to a cantata by the school children, was very creditable to the performers, and the Sisters of St. Joseph are to be highly complimented on the manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves. Miss Delahunt opened the second part with a pianoforte solo. The vocalists, all of whom had to respond to undeniable encores, were Miss Meehan, Miss Teresa Lawlor, Mrs. Gower Burns (Christchurch), Messrs. Andrews, Ziesler (Timaru), and M. O'Shea. The trio by Rev. Father McDonald (violin), Mr. Logan (cello), and Miss Lawlor was warmly applauded. The Rev. Father McDonald, as a violinist, is an acquisition to musical circles in Waimate. The accompaniments were played by Miss Agnes Lawlor, L.A.B., L.T.C.L., and Mrs. Mangos (Timaru). The singing of the National Anthem brought the concert to a close.

TE KUITI.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Tuesday evening, March 16, an Irish concert with picture entertainment was held in the Empress Theatre. The theatre was well filled, every seat being occupied. Much credit is due to the Rev. Father Finn and his committee for the great success of the entertainment, the amount taken at the concert being close on £30. The great attraction of the evening was the appearance of the charming singer, Miss Eilla McMahon, of Wellington, and her rendering of the two songs, 'Hush,' and 'I know not why,' completely charmed the audience. Master Harold Righton sang with great effect 'A message from home' and 'A bunch of shamrocks.' The other items of the programme were rendered by Mr. Coe, the Misses Frost, and Master James Rooney.

WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

The following are the results of the sports held in Wellington in connection with the St. Patrick's Day celebration:—

Girls' events—50yds (under 8)—L. Carr 1; 75yds (under 12)—M. McDonnell 1; 100yds open—M. McDonnell 1; 50yds skip (under 9)—R. Harris 1; 50yds (under 10)—T. O'Callaghan 1; 75yds skip (under 12)—C. Connors 1; 100yds skip (open)—K. Kirnander 1, endurance skipping—Theresa O'Callaghan 1, 30yds hop (under 10)—R. Taylor 1, 50yds skip (under 12)—K. O'Brien 1, three-legged race (under 10)—A. Turner and T. Halpin; three-legged race (over 10)—T. O'Callaghan and T. O'Brien; three-armed race—I. Johnson and R. Davis. Boys races—440yds relay race—J. Condon, W. Ainsworth, R. O'Regan, and F. McParland 1; 50yds (under 9)—J. Condon 1; 50yds (under 10)—M. Lynch 1; 75yds (under 11)—R. O'Regan 1; 75yds (under 12)—F. McParland 1, 100yds (under 13)—E. Wilson 1; 100yds (under 14)—J. Wheeler 1; wheelbarrow race—H. Wilkinson and J. Byrne; three-legged race (seniors)—Greenstone and Lewis, (junior)—McCauley and Lynch; half-mile race—V. Schraeder 1; high jump—T. Columb 1; boys' wrestling—junior L. Goodwin 1, senior E. McMillan 1; broad jump—T. Columb 1. Open events—Wheelbarrow race—Coleman and Andrews 1; half-mile boys' walk—Coleman 1; married women's race—Mrs. Greenfield 1; wrestling—R. Hughes 1; baby show—(boys) M. Wilson and B. Taylor (equal) 1, (girls) M. Parker 1; 440yds handicap (boys)—J. Haggerty 1; senior relay race—E. Wilson 1; Highland fling (under 12, girls)—J. B. Maine 1. There were nineteen entries for this event. Highland reel (girls)—L. Reid 1; sword dance—L. Reid 1; Irish jig (open)—Miss D. McLelland 1; Highland fling (boys under 16)—J. McLean 1.

WAIPAWA.

There was a good audience at the Municipal Theatre, when the concert promoted for the purpose of celebrating St. Patrick's Day was held (says the local *Mail*). The advent of a number of Wellington and Napier singers, new to a Waipawa audience, had been eagerly looked forward to, and the good account of their capabilities was fully borne out by the items which they rendered. In fact it might safely be said that the whole entertainment was one of the best of its kind that has ever been submitted to a Waipawa audience. Rev. Father Bergin opened proceedings with a short address in which he welcomed the visiting performers, who had, at their own expense, come to Waipawa to endeavor to give those present a pleasant evening's amusement. Referring to the European conflict the speaker said that though they were assembled for the purpose of enjoyment there were others of the sons of Ireland, who were giving of their best in the fight for the Empire's existence. The Wellington visitors, Messrs. Newton, Twiss, Marks, Blundell, and Kenny, who opened the concert with a chorus, proved themselves entertainers of a high order, and the whole of their items were enthusiastically received. Miss Strangman, who contributed two violin solos, proved herself a capable executant on this instrument, and for her rendering of 'The harp that once' she received a very emphatic recall. Mrs. Allen, Misses Higgins, and C. Moroney pleased the audience with their contributions. Variety was lent to the entertainment by dances which were contributed by Miss L. O'Leary and Mr. J. Brandon. The convent pupils contributed two part songs in a very pleasing manner, showing careful training on the part of the Sisters. Miss M. Shanly contributed a piano solo. The following was the programme submitted:—Opening chorus, 'The merriest fellows,' Mr. A. Newton and Wellingtonians; part song, 'The last rose of summer,' convent pupils; piano solo, 'Irish diamonds,' Miss M. Shanly; duet, 'Don't let it go any further,' Messrs. Newton and Kenny; song, 'Father O'Flynn,' Mr. E. Blundell; violin solo, 'The harp that

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once, Miss Strangman; 'A yarn or two,' Mr. Marcus Marks; song, 'The wearing of the green,' Mrs. Allen; dance, 'Irish jig,' Miss O'Leary; quartet, 'Simple Simon,' Messrs. Newton, Kenny, Twiss, and Blundell; song, 'My own land,' Miss Madge Higgins; song (humorous), 'The Irish orchestra,' Mr. D. Kenny; part song, 'Irish reel' and 'God save Ireland,' convent pupils; song, 'The minstrel boy,' Mrs. Allen; violin solo, 'Irish airs,' Miss Strangman; song, 'The dear little shamrock,' Miss C. Moroney; 'Any old thing,' Mr. A. Newton; song, 'Off to Philadelphia,' Mr. F. Twiss; song, 'Believe me,' Miss M. Higgins; quartet, 'Little Tommy went a-fishing,' Messrs. Newton, Twiss, Kenny, and Blundell; dance, Mr. J. Brandon; song, 'Alexander's rag-time band,' Mrs. F. Twiss and Wellingtonians. The accompaniments were played by Misses Lee, Shanly, McGrath, Mrs. O'Reilly, and Mr. Kenny. Mr. Duggan briefly thanked the performers for their assistance, and also stated that thanks were due to Mr. J. Higgins, of Napier, for the loan of the Irish flag, which was displayed on the stage. The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

FOXTON.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A most enjoyable time was spent in the Coronation Hall, Foxton, on St. Patrick's Night. Much credit is due to the zealous pastor (Rev. D. P. Cronin) and his co-workers, especially Mr. J. Golder, who organised the concert. The entertainment consisted of a concert followed by a social. The concert items were contributed by local talent and the children of the convent school. Many of the items were encored, one of them being Gounod's 'Ave Maria,' rendered by forty voices, accompanied by the orchestra. Supper was supplied by the ladies of the congregation.

GISBORNE.

(From our own correspondent.)

March 21.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in Gisborne with an illustrated lecture on 'Ireland,' given in the Opera House. The various scenes were ably and graphically described by the Rev. Father Lane, who received a hearty reception on his first public appearance since his return from Ireland. Musical items were given by Mrs. P. Barry and Mr. Grant Down. St. Mary's Choir sang 'A nation once again' at the conclusion of the lecture. Miss M. Neill played the accompaniments, and the Opera House Orchestra contributed Irish airs.

On Tuesday Rev. Father Lane gave the school children a treat by repeating the lecture and picture show for their benefit. The St. Patrick's sports were postponed, and will be held on Easter Monday.

Opunake

From our own correspondent.

Last Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Opunake Church.

Now that Rev. Father Harnett has an assistant priest, there will be two Masses each Sunday at Opunake.

Rev. Father Kelly, who has been appointed assistant priest in the Opunake parish, has taken up his duties.

The weather was very inclement for the Catholic social held on St. Patrick's Night, nevertheless, there was a good attendance. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies. The table decorations were in the hands of Miss M. Herlihy, who carried out the work in a highly artistic manner. The ladies' committee, consisting of Mesdames Dudley, Hickey, Callaghan, Misses Green, Fleming, Herlihy, DeCastro, Fennell, Carroll, O'Brien, and Callaghan, worked hard, and the success of the gathering was due to their splendid efforts.

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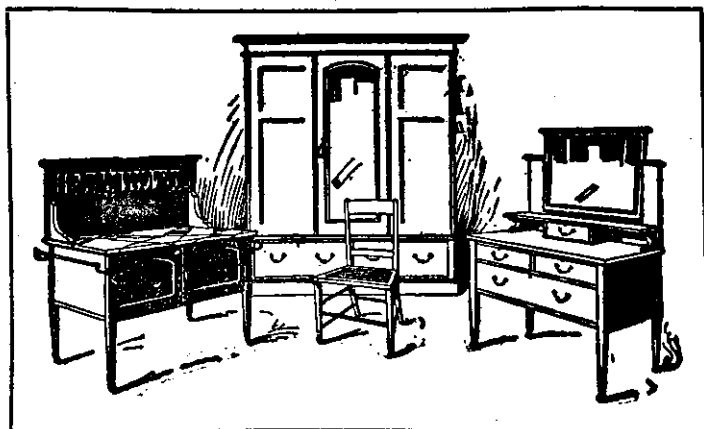
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IRELAND AND THE ALLIES

MR. W. REDMOND ON THE SITUATION.

Let me, as one who is here in Ireland and meeting people every day, say what I am sure is the true feeling of Ireland and of all classes regarding the war (writes Mr. W. Redmond in the *Daily Chronicle*). By every consideration of honor, sentiment, and interest, Ireland is beyond all doubt heart and soul with the Allies in their struggle against German brute force.

Let no one be deceived for a moment by statements as to Sir Roger Casement, or anyone else, begging for mercy or terms for Ireland in Berlin. Ireland has authorised no one to beg for her at the Court of the Kaiser, and all statements to that end are mere weak inventions of the enemy. As if Ireland would beg for terms from the men who have outraged every rule of civilisation and religion and honor in Belgium! Let no one believe such a thing, for it is a slander upon Irishmen.

There have been some vile attempts made to have it appear that Ireland is not in full sympathy with England and the Allies in this war. I do not know what the real object of these attempts may be, but I do know that they are false and malicious, and no one who has any real knowledge of Ireland will treat them with anything but the contempt which they deserve. Again, I say Ireland is by every consideration of honor and sentiment and interest in full sympathy with the Allies.

The Interests of Ireland.

Let me take the consideration of interest first. Ireland knows her interest in every direction is that Germany should not conquer. Ireland is not the despairing land it was thirty years ago. To-day our people, broadly speaking, own the soil. The conditions of the country in every direction have most enormously improved. The people are commencing to enjoy, in their newly-acquired security, some measure of comfort and prosperity. They feel that they have Home Rule within their grasp. Ireland has something to lose now. She knows she markets her goods in Great Britain largely, and she wants to know who would buy her produce, her cattle, and where her markets would be if Germany won. The Irish people are no fools, and when they are told by one or two utterly unrepresentative men that Germany, if she occupied Ireland, would do no harm, they are, to say the least, sceptical. They know how Germany kept her solemn word to Belgium, and they know that if the Germans set foot on the fair fields of Ireland they would not be likely to have their journey for nothing. They know the Germans would not visit us to see the Giant's Causeway or to see Killarney.

The Sea-Divided Gael.

Besides all that, no Irishman worth his salt would desire to be beholden to the men who have ruined Belgium for any favor, even if it were in their power or their will to grant it. There are not many people in Ireland who have not friends and relatives in every one of the Dominions of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and elsewhere. If Germany wins, these Irish people—our own flesh and blood, and mostly of our faith—will have their homes and their property, and their very lives, in peril. Is that nothing to us in Ireland? These people all through the Empire have for more than thirty years helped us by their unfailing generosity to win all the reforms we now enjoy. Are we to sit still and see their homes and countries endangered and satisfy ourselves by saying, 'Oh, it is all right, Germany won't hurt us in Ireland?' 'One in name and one in fame is the sea-divided Gael,' and we in Ireland can never be indifferent or neutral when we see our friends in the free lands over the sea menaced and in danger.

Apart from our own kith and kin, what about these great new lands? One and all they are our friends. Five times the Parliament of Canada and twice the Parliament of Australia have passed resolutions in favor of Home Rule. Nearly all their leading statesmen have expressed their sympathy with Ireland's struggle for Home Rule. Are we to say to them all,

including Botha, 'Oh, it is true you helped us in our time of need in Ireland, and we were very glad of your help, but now, when your interests are at stake, we will not lift a finger to help you, because we believe that whatever may happen to you, Germany will not injure Ireland at all'?

ST. GENEVIEVE'S PROTECTION

Under date January 14, Lord Ashbourne writes as follows from Paris to the Dublin *Freeman's Journal*: Yesterday I went into a church near here. Mass was going on and a simple funeral of some poor man. Over the coffin was a large tricolor. By the side of the altar the flags of the Allies. Under the alb of the priest one could see the red trousers of an infantry uniform, and, in the congregation, the men, about a third of whom had their heads in bandages, seemed to be mostly wounded. Near the door, waiting to be put on the coffin, were some simple bundles of palm leaves, tied with tricolor tape.

A short time ago, Maurice Barres, the well-known writer, went to the front to see some friends. He was entertained at luncheon by the staff of the army he was visiting. They told him he would have to respond to a toast. When the moment came the general got up and said:—'Monsieur Barres, my dear comrades, there is not one of us, I think, who imagines he is a Napoleon. But there is not one of us who expects to see the end of this war. Each of us has already made the sacrifice of his life for France.' And then raising his glass, he gave the toast: 'La France.' What could I add? asked Monsieur Barres afterwards. At the end of August, the Germans were marching on Paris. Nearer and nearer they came, burning and destroying all before them. The inhabitants had no thought of a strategic retreat. All they knew was that every day brought the danger nearer to them. The Government withdrew to Bordeaux, and the chief organs of the press removed their offices to different parts of France. Over a million of the population fled the city, and my wife, who was staying in a hotel in the Avenue d'Jena, tells me that for a week, every night was made hideous by the rumbling of heavy military motor lorries rushing to the front.

In that hour of darkness many a weary soul turned longingly to the memory of St. Genevieve, the patron of Paris and of France. People recalled how, in the year 451 A.D. Attila and his Huns, burning and destroying, were marching on Paris. The Saint prayed and fasted and comforted the inhabitants, telling them that the enemy would never reach Paris. Nearer and nearer they came, and then, suddenly, for no apparent reason, the Huns turned away and were attacked and beaten on the Marne. In the early days of September, last Autumn, a Triduum was ordered in honor of St. Genevieve.

About this time, a man I know, a 'veteran,' was helping to guard the railway at La Ferte sous Jouarre. All at once the Germans appeared, advancing, and there were no other troops in sight. 'Nous sommes foutus,' said my friend in the soldiers' language. Presently, for no apparent reason, the Boches turned aside and began to run, 'comme des voleurs.' Then some British soldiers came by, also running, and, some time afterwards there was the sound of guns in the distance.

To-day, if you go up the Mont Ste. Genevieve to the quaint little old church of St. Etienne du Mont, which contains the shrine of St. Genevieve, you will find candles burning and crowds praying round the shrine.

Your readers will now have some idea of what the atmosphere of Paris is like. There is something at once terrible and grand about it. Imagine my feelings when I saw in the English papers, about that futile discussion on Ireland in the House of Lords. I hasten to assure my fellow-countrymen that, in France at least, the situation is understood, and that, everywhere, I have met with the warmest appreciation of the attitude of our people.

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SIDELIGHTS ON THE WAR

GENERAL.

Mr. Belloc, lecturing at Queen's Hall, London, said that in August the numerical superiority of the Germans to the Entente Powers was as eight to six, that in April the proportion will be eight to eight, and in June ten to eight against Germany.

The five French Cardinals, the Archbishops of Rheims, Bordeaux, Paris, Montpellier, and Lyons, have sent an address to Cardinal Mercier, the Belgian Primate, expressing their admiration for his recent Pastoral, and associating themselves in sympathy with him in the grief inflicted by the invasion of his country and the devastation of its towns and villages, especially the destruction of the University of Louvain, with its library and priceless collection of historical possessions.

When Princess Mary's Christmas gifts to the troops at the front were being despatched, her Royal Highness deposited in one box a slip with the words:— 'This box was packed by her Royal Highness the Princess Mary. The recipient should acknowledge its receipt to her Royal Highness Princess Mary, Buckingham Palace.' On February 3 the slip was received in Buckingham Palace, endorsed with the words: 'Thank you. Received by me, 9780, Private Fitzgerald, Royal Munster Fusiliers.'

Cardinal Bourne, on his return from France, expressed himself as greatly struck by the care taken of the British soldier in the fighting line, both in health and sickness. No precaution making for the men's comfort was omitted. The cheerfulness of the soldiers evoked the unlimited admiration, filled as they were with patient courage and heroic determination, inspired by the justice of our cause. They were fighting in defence not only of King and country and Empire, but of Christian civilisation. The Cardinal during his visit was received at general headquarters by Sir John French, who also paid a visit to the hospital ship *Asturias*, which the Germans torpedoed but failed to sink.

AN ANGLICAN BISHOP ON THE CHURCH IN FRANCE.

The testimony of the Bishop of Oxford in his *Diocesan Magazine* to the fervor of French Catholics and of the virility of the Church in France is of much interest. His Lordship writes:

'I have recently been in France, and alike in towns and villages, on weekdays and Sundays I have been struck by the response from men and women and children to the call to prayer. . . . I have also been very much struck with the increased emphasis which is being laid by the Church of that country on frequent and daily Communion. The notice runs in many churches that "frequent and daily Communion is the normal rule of the true Christian," which, if circumstances permit, is "within the competence of all." The rule of fasting is relaxed for the sick by dispensation. It is convenient (*convenable*) to make some preparation for Communion, but the degree of preparation must be according to each one's circumstances. The only obstacle to daily Communion is "some certainly mortal sin committed since the last good Confession." Such notices and the great number of communicants seen daily approaching the altars indicate a remarkable change in the practice of the Roman Communion at least in that country.'

SINGING 'GOD SAVE IRELAND.'

Private Robert McGregor, of the Gordon Highlanders, writing to his father, who resides in Parkhead, Glasgow, gives the following thrilling account of an engagement with the Germans:—

'I am leaving the trenches, where we have been for about ten days, and we are now enjoying a well-earned rest at ——. You may have heard of the severe fighting by this time. It was awful, and I am sorry

to say many of our poor fellows will never come home again. On the night of December 26 we were informed that the Germans would make an attack on our trenches, so not an eye was closed that night. About four o'clock we thought it was a false alarm, and we settled to enjoy forty winks, when their artillery opened fire on us.

'Our guns were blazing away, and, I think, found the fellows who were annoying us, as their fire got slack, and finally ceased. This sort of thing was kept up till day dawned, and we lost (remainder of this sentence censored). Then we saw the Huns advancing as unconcerned as if on parade. On they came in close formation, and there must have been ten to one against us. We fired as hard as we could, but they seemed to come out of nowhere, and never halted. When they were getting too close we charged. It was our only chance. When they saw us leave the trenches they halted for a moment, but afterwards came on to meet us. I don't remember much of what took place then. It was stab and hack, hack and stab. You could hear the smash of gun against gun, the thud, thud, but beyond this there was an uncanny silence, broken sometimes by an oath and a groan. How long this went on I hardly know (but it seemed years to me). We drove them back about a hundred yards. Our officers saw the Germans reinforced, and sounded the retreat, but owing to a few machine guns we couldn't get back to our trenches. The Germans, now greatly increased, came on again, and our fellows, only about 170 left, got ready to meet what seemed certain death. But just at that moment we heard the sound of singing, and the song was 'God save Ireland.' It was the Connaught Rangers coming to our relief. I have seen some reckless Irishmen in my time, but nothing to match the recklessness and daring of those gallant Irishmen. They took the Germans on the left flank. The Germans now would probably number about 2000 against about 500 Connaughts and 170 of us; but had there been 50,000 Germans I don't believe in my soul they could have stood before the Irish. They simply were invincible and all the time kept singing "God save Ireland."

'One large red-haired son of Erin having broken through the possession of a German officer's sword, and everything that came in the way of this giant went down. I thought of Wallace. Four hundred and seventy Huns were killed and wounded, and we took 70 prisoners. Had it not been for the Irish I wouldn't be writing this, and when it comes to a hand-to-hand job there is nothing in the whole British Army to approach them. God Save Ireland and Irishmen.'

THE SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE OF SOLDIER PRIESTS.

An article on the spiritual influence of soldier-priests among their comrades on the battlefield is contributed to the *Daily Chronicle* by Mr. Philip Gibbs. In the course of his dispatch Mr. Gibbs says:

'It seems to me one of the tragic ironies of this war that men whose lives have been dedicated to the service of Christ, and whose hands should be clean of blood, find themselves compelled by the law of France (and in many cases urged by their own instincts of nationality) to serve as soldiers in the fighting ranks. Instead of denouncing from every pulpit the shameful nature of this bloody butchery which has made a mockery of our so-called civilisation and involved all humanity in its crime, those priests and monks have put themselves under discipline which sends them into the shambles in which they must kill or be killed. When the mobilisation orders were issued to the able-bodied manhood of the nation the call to the colors was sent to young curates and abbots throughout the country and to young monks belonging to Religious Orders banished by its politicians. Jesuits and Dominicans, Franciscans and Carmelites, who had been exiled from France for conscience' sake, hurried back at the first summons, dispensed from that Canon Law which forbids them to shed blood, and as Frenchmen,

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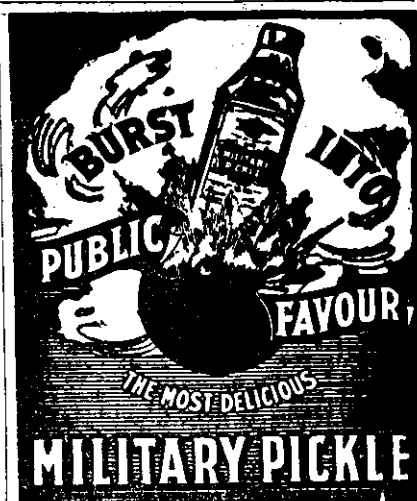
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loving their country though it expelled them, rallied to the flag in the hour of peril. . . . There are twenty thousand priests in the French Army to-day.

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The character of these men is filled with the spirit of Christian faith, though the war in which they sacrifice their lives is an outrage against Christianity itself. The riddle of it all bewilders one's soul, and one can only go groping in the dark despair, glad of the little light which comes to the trench or the battlefield because men like these still promise something better than hatred and blood, and look beyond the gates of death, to peace.

Lawrence

Sunday, March 21, in accordance with the decree of his Holiness Pope Benedict XV., was observed as a day of expiation, and intercession for peace in St. Patrick's Church, Lawrence. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Mass until the evening devotions, and the prayers prescribed by his Holiness were offered.

In addition to the sum of £56 7s. subscribed by the congregation of St. Patrick's Church, Lawrence, for the Belgian relief fund, a sum of £6 11s was collected at Waitahuna, and £6 8s at Kōwhiri.

Shannon

A very successful concert was held (says the local paper) in the Giffandia Hall on St. Patrick's Night. There was a large attendance, who appreciated the splendid programme presented, which was opened by Mrs. Butler's orchestra with an overture entitled 'The anthem of the Allies.' In the second part of the programme they played 'Erin's wreath.' Mr. J. J. Trainer sang 'O'Donnell Aboe.' Miss Kilsby, a very talented singer, sang 'The last rose of summer' and 'It is morn,' on both occasions being encored. Master Reggie Merwood gave a violin solo. Mrs. Costello sang 'Il bacio,' 'Barney O'Hea,' and 'Leonore,' each time being recalled. Misses E. Butler, M. Carran, P. Pickett, and M. Bilderbeck gave the Spanish dance. Mr. Rogers sang 'The minstrel boy' and 'Mother Machree,' both items being encored. Miss Flynn sang 'Maytime,' and Miss Mavis Terry sang 'The flower girl' in a very pleasing manner. Mr. Powell was especially good in 'The blue dragoons.' Mr. Alex. McDonald gave a well-executed banjo solo. Miss Olive Laurvig was heard to perfection in 'My own land,' for which she was encored. Mr. James Curran, an especial favorite, sang 'The boys from County Clare,' and later danced an Irish jig with Misses Molly Curran and Eileen Butler. Mark Hall sang 'Little grey home in the west,' and for a well-deserved encore 'If we should meet.' Mr. Young sang 'Father O'Flynn' and 'My life for thee.' Little Miss Knyvett sang 'Swinging,' and for an encore 'Jungle town.' Mr. Yates sang two Scotch comic songs, to which he introduced some of his usual good humor. Mrs. Hall gave

the 'Irish washerwoman dance,' and Eileen and Freda Butler and Molly Curran danced a Highland fling.

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(From our own correspondent.)

March 28.

The church collection in aid of the distressed Belgians realised £65, which is considered very satisfactory.

In accordance with the decree of his Holiness the Pope in connection with the prayers for peace, there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament last Sunday from the eleven o'clock Mass until after the evening devotions. During the afternoon large numbers paid visits to the church.

Mr. John McNamara, one of the secretaries of the local branch of the Catholic Federation, who has just returned from a holiday visit to Christchurch, speaks in appreciative terms of the kindnesses extended to him by Federation members in the cathedral city.

Devotions during Holy Week in St. Mary's Basilica will be as follow:—Thursday morning, High Mass at 6.30 o'clock; Friday morning, Mass of the Presanctified at 9 o'clock; Saturday morning, Mass at 8 o'clock. On the evenings of the days mentioned the Office of Tenebrae will be sung. The Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Gore, will preach on Wednesday evening, Very Rev. Father Lynch, of Wrey's Bush, on Thursday evening, and the Rev. Father Murphy, of Riverton, on Friday morning.

The members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society, together with the boys of the juvenile branch, approached the Holy Table in a body on last Sunday week. There was a splendid muster, and the Hibernians in their regalia made an impressive spectacle. The Very Rev. Dean Burke congratulated the society on their splendid manifestation of faith, and referred to the necessity of, and the good work performed by, such societies in the various parishes. At the same Mass the Children of Mary also received Holy Communion, and the Dean's remarks referred to both organisations.

On St. Patrick's Night an Irish national concert was held in the Municipal Theatre, when there was a very satisfactory attendance. The first part of the programme consisted of a lecture on the 'European Situation' by the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F. This item proved highly interesting and instructive, and was listened to with rapt attention throughout, the remarks of the Dean being loudly applauded at the conclusion. The second part was devoted to instrumental and vocal items, all of which were well received. Mr. John Shepherd was chairman of the committee, and the secretarial work was capably carried out by Mr. N. Grace. These two gentlemen, and the committee associated with them, are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the requirements of the Marist Brothers' School.

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Current Topics

At Last

It would seem as if the repeated and not undeserved flagellations to which President Wilson has been subjected by candid American papers are at last beginning to have some effect. In Friday's cables we read that 'America has protested to Germany through the Hague Tribunal against the dropping of bombs near relief ships bound for Belgium.' It is a case of better late than never. One cannot help reflecting that had President Wilson only uttered a firm word at the beginning of the war there might have been a very different story to tell, and Belgium might not have been the bruised and mangled nation that she now is.

Some Bishop Grimes Stories

By reason of his long episcopate, his hospitable and sociable nature, and his frequent journeyings in New Zealand, Australia, and abroad, the late Bishop Grimes was one of the best known of our Dominion prelates; and when the flood of reminiscence is properly loosed there will be plenty of stories to tell. Meanwhile, the *Sydney Bulletin* gets in early with a couple of good ones: 'Bishop Grimes, of Christchurch (M.L.), who died this week in Sydney, was a scholarly prelate who built his own monument in a massive Cathedral—one of the finest churches in Macariland. The work was undertaken at the suggestion of an Irish bishop. While Dr. Grimes was in Ireland in 1898, waiting for some priests and wondering how he would fill in time, this friend proposed that he should collect funds for something or other. "Have you a Cathedral?" he inquired. "No, but we want one badly." "Well, start off!" And he did. So well did he work that the Cathedral was completed twelve years before the amiable old man had finished rebuilding sin. One of his towers was about Leo XIII., who appointed him to the new See of Christchurch in 1887. Five years later he went to tell his Holiness how Christchurch was getting on, and had a bad cold when he called. He made his next visit to the Pontiff seven years afterwards. "You had a cold when last I met you—are you now quite well?" came the anxious inquiry. The astonished Bishop said he thought he'd shaken it off, thank you very much.'

The German Fleet

'It's a long, long wait for William's navy,' runs one of the many parodies on 'Tipperary'; and unless Mr. Winston Churchill has up his sleeve some hitherto undisclosed plan for carrying out his intention of 'digging the Germans out,' the indications are that the wait will last a long time yet. In view of the relative superiority of the British fleet, and of past experience, the German ships are not taking any risks; and in this they are, of course, from their own point of view, only acting with ordinary common sense. The German viewpoint as to the considerations which make caution the cue is indicated in a statement made in the course of a lecture delivered at Kiel University early in February by Grand Admiral von Koester, president of the German Navy League, who also throws out a hint as to the sole condition under which the German fleet will accept engagement. 'We are full of the firmest confidence in our fleet,' said Admiral von Koester, 'but we know that a sea-battle means death or victory, and that a destroyed fleet cannot be replaced in the course of the war, even if it lasts for years. We must, therefore, under all conditions be cautious in our procedure and allow ourselves to be incited to no deed which might eventuate in our defeat. For what would be the situation if a sea battle took place to-morrow in which each one of our ships took a hostile ship to the bottom with it, and perhaps some others? Then we should be without a fleet and England could proceed gradually in its attacks against our coasts. And you can be sure after the conduct of England in our colonies that no city would be spared.

Our coast from Emden to Memel would be most severely threatened. Landing attempts, if they were sufficiently well prepared, could succeed at places most uncomfortable for us. Our fleet must protect us under all conditions and may accept battle only when it can reckon on victory.' If naval battle is to be accepted only when a victory for Germany is assured, the day of the great encounter is still a very long way off.

What has Become of them?

Before the war broke out we heard a very great deal about the readiness and efficiency and formidable fighting capacity of Sir Edward Carson's great Army of Ulster Volunteers. Everything was in order to the last button, as the phrase goes. The 'Army' had had a thorough course of drill and training; it executed the most brilliant manoeuvres; its signalling corps was literally a wonder; and altogether it was a shame what these 'Ulster' warriors would do to their Catholic fellow-countrymen and to the British regulars if the privilege and responsibility of self-government should be thrust upon them. After the war broke out, the Carsonite Volunteers still managed to keep in the lime-light. In the course of time the announcement was made that they had offered for service in considerable numbers; and under conspicuous and applauding headlines the news of this altogether admirable and praiseworthy act was duly trumpeted to the ends of the earth. The Empire breathed more freely to know that although Germany had had considerable advantage in the matter of preparation, the British Army was now to be reinforced by at least one body of troops that was in a state of complete readiness. Yet these men on whom such high hopes were built have not yet gone to the front; and people are wondering what has become of them. The Ulster Volunteers were supposed to have received a thorough training two years before the recruits of the 10th and 16th Irish Divisions, and they have had, of course, an additional six months' training since then; yet the Irish Divisions are now in Europe and the Ulster Volunteers are still at home.

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Both in Parliament and in the press questions are being asked about the matter. Mrs. Alice Stopford Green, in a letter to the *Daily News*, expresses her regret that the Ulster Division is not to fight in the First Army side by side with the 10th and 16th Irish Divisions, and her astonishment that Sir Edward Carson and Lady Londonderry have been more intent on breaking the trace in the Irish controversy than on hurrying the Orangemen to the front. 'The Father of Sons in the 10th and 16th Divisions' writes to the Irish press enquiring the cause of the delay. It seems impossible, however, to get anything like a definite reply. In a recent address on the occasion of a visit to the North of Ireland, Sir Edward Carson spoke of 'home defence,' and now a Nationalist journal suggests that it is only for warfare of this kind that the Ulster Volunteers have enlisted. That, however, is too bad to be true. And now Mr. Swift McNeill, in response to a question in Parliament, has elicited the interesting and authoritative information that Sir Edward Carson's Volunteers 'will not necessarily be the last troops to go to the front.' That is, apparently, all the light that can be got on the matter. It is not very satisfactory—least of all, we should suppose, to the Volunteers themselves. After all the drilling, parades, reviews, and manoeuvres, and after all the hot-air speeches of their proud and fiery leader, to be publicly told that they will not necessarily be the last to take the field is the cruellest of anti-climaxes. Alas! *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

The Fall of Przemyśl

The experts have been explaining to us the significance of the fall of Przemyśl—how that it opens the way to Cracow and Silesia, releases a large body of Russians for field operations, strengthens the morale of the whole Russian force, etc. But even without their valued assistance the most common-place citizen

might have guessed the importance of this stronghold from the size of the garrison which was employed to hold it, and from the tremendous efforts which both Austria and Germany have made to relieve the insistent Russian pressure of the past six months. Some short time ago we read of a series of terrific German drives on Warsaw, and undoubtedly one of the main objects of these onslaughts was to relieve the situation in the Cracow region. Hindenburg, we were told, throwing the ordinary maxims of military science to the winds, was sending wave after wave of massed formation upon the Polish capital; and the fighting before Warsaw, it was said, was probably the bloodiest in the whole of this bloody war. That means, in effect, that it was the bloodiest fighting in all history. The measure of the sacrifices made by the Austro-German forces to relieve Przemysl is the measure of the greatness of the Russian victory.

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Cowardice and inefficiency are never pleasant to contemplate whether in friend or foe, and it will be satisfactory to all parties to read that Przemysl fell honorably, the garrison surrendering only under the direst stress of famine and exhaustion. The truth is that the reports which have appeared in our New Zealand papers have from the first consistently failed to do justice to the work accomplished by the Austrian forces. The impression has been almost uniformly conveyed that the Austrians were worthless and inefficient fighters, and that in spite of their numbers and training they were practically an almost altogether negligible quantity. From the fuller information appearing in American papers it would appear that the reverses which they sustained in the earlier stages of the war were due almost wholly to the fact that they were left to face the Russians single-handed, and were hopelessly out-numbered. The Kaiser, in point of fact, in delaying to send any assistance to his ally, played right into the hands of the Czar, whose policy it was to deliver first a crushing blow on Austria, and then to devote his undivided attention to the Germans. At a later stage the Austrians scored some very notable successes against Russia. At the end of September the Czar's troops were in the immediate vicinity of Cracow, and had made an almost uninterrupted advance, capturing place after place, and confidently counting the days when they would take possession of Cracow, Breslau, and Budapest. By the end of October they had been driven right back to the river San, to a point at least eighty miles east of the point that had marked their furthest advance; and the tide of battle had turned completely in favor of the Austrians. Yet little or nothing of this appeared directly in our cables. The impression which has been created in English-speaking circles that Austria has proved an unsatisfactory ally to Germany has been emphatically contradicted by the German papers. Thus the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* has spoken in enthusiastic terms of the valor of the Austro-Hungarian troops and the skillful generalship of the leaders. Writing at the beginning of October, just after the Austrian retreat movement, the *Fossische Volkszeitung* said: "The Austrians hitherto have fought with extraordinary valor. The fact that they were forced to retreat before the enormous Russian forces is not astonishing. But Austria will find ways and means to balance the inequality in numbers. We have the fullest confidence in our heroic comrades in arms." It is only fair to the Austrians to mention these things, and fair also to the Russians, as showing that the undoubted victories gained by the latter have been won over no mean and despicable foe.

A Very Human Document

In view of the practical suppression of the professional war correspondent, the public has been constrained to look more and more to the soldiers and officers themselves not alone for an account of actual military operations but even more for some description of the conditions under which the marching and fighting are carried out. So far we have been exceedingly well served in this matter; and the letters of the Tommy

Atkins of all nations have thrown a flood of light on the work and life of the men in the trenches. Hitherto, however, the bulk of the letters published in the English press have been concerned exclusively with the western area of the conflict, and we have heard literally nothing from the fighting men of the state of things prevailing in the eastern theatre. A special interest, therefore, attaches to the publication of a remarkably human document in the shape of the diary of Lieut. Albert Reinhardt, who was shot by a Russian patrol near Skierniewice in western Russia, on September 29. This lieutenant went originally with the German troops into Belgium; but later he was withdrawn with those troops who were hurried to the Polish frontier, where the Russians were attempting invasion of Germany. The diary furnishes a vivid picture; and from the earnestness with which the writer longs to get back to France or Belgium it would seem that conditions on the eastern front are degrees worse than the worst that the west can show. The chronicle begins with his arrival at the Russian frontier, and ends three weeks later, on the day before he was killed.

Sept. 6.—At Landsberg a railway destroyed, telephone plants demolished, houses burned met my eyes. At Eyslau, where the Russians remained eight days, the country people point to their empty barns—the animals of the farm yard all gone, as the signs of the Russian occupancy.

Sept. 9.—The German aviators have given fine information concerning the positions of the Russian batteries. The Russians pretended not to anticipate an attack on the inferior wing, but they concentrated their force there. A duel of artillery continued till evening. We did not succeed in reducing the Russian batteries to silence. Nine of our men were killed and eleven wounded. The nights are already terribly cold. I warmed myself at the camp fire before burying myself beneath the straw for two hours trying to get warm.

Sept. 21.—The roads are terrible here in Russia. When we were forced to deviate from the highway it was impossible to think of going forward. Thank God we have a little chocolate. We know nothing of the enemy. The southern division is a hundred kilometres away. The superior officers say that we will occupy Poland nothing more. No one can imagine the conditions in which they live here—men and beasts. In one room there are fourteen of us. The sheets on the bed look as though they had not been changed for years. The houses in the villages are all alike, covered with thatch and with dry straw. The people have nothing to eat. The cats have been driven away, the horses have disappeared. They sleep on straw.

Sept. 22.—And still we have not yet seen the enemy. Only a cavalry patrol appeared forty kilometres away. To-morrow we encounter the Austrian Landsturm. It is horribly humid and oppressive. We have received the newspapers but they tell us nothing new. I pass the entire time reading future policies. I have for nourishment an egg, abominable butter and abominable bread. The only thing which we may be permitted to hope is that we will not have to go far into this wretched country. God forbid that we fall into the hands of these people; we should be lost. The natives are courteous. As an example, one woman of whom we demanded hospitality replied, "Wait till the Cossacks come." It seems that we are to go to Holland. The soldiers have found a little beer. Blessings on the country where beer abounds. I believe that when we depart from here we will make a hundred centimetres a day through force of pure joy.

Sept. 27.—The Eleventh, Seventeenth Artillery held the advance position. The highway upon which we advance is apparently the best in Poland. We have stopped in a magnificent castle belonging to a Polish count and have slept well here.

Sept. 27.—The Eleventh, Seventeenth and Twentieth Corps of the Guards follow their columns, while the army with the left wing advances to Warsaw.

Sept. 29.—We are making our way toward a little fortress. When we have that position the "Landsturm" will occupy Poland, and we will return to Bel-

fort. They say that the Russians are retreating greatly diminished by cholera. We have news that the French have taken Belfort. The First Corps has been taken to reinforce the Crown Prince. "To-morrow we reach the fortress before us." But the to-morrow of Lieut. Reinhardt brought him near the fort. He fell with the bullet of a Russian patrol in his heart, and the little volume stained with blood was taken to Berlin.

THE LATE BISHOP GRIMES

THE FUNERAL AND OBSEQUIES

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The Very Rev. Chancellor Price, who accompanied the late Bishop Grimes to Sydney, returned to Christchurch on Wednesday morning, bringing with him the mortal remains of the late prelate. Father Price was with Bishop Grimes to the last, and in view of his close association with the deceased prelate, felt acutely the painful experiences he went through. To a representative of the *Press* Father Price spared a few minutes to talk of the last hours of Bishop Grimes.

His Lordship stood the passage from New Zealand to Sydney very well, and on arrival at the Lewisham Hospital was examined by a prominent surgeon, Dr. Stewart Mackay, and by a leading physician, Dr. Veitch. They found that he was suffering from a dilated stomach and mitral regurgitation of the heart. They were hopeful of being able to restore him to health, though they were of opinion that, owing to the heart affection, his Lordship would never be able to undertake any strenuous work, as the least excitement might result in a sudden collapse. With care, they thought he might live many years. On the Friday night before his death, the Bishop had an attack of appendicitis, but the physician thought it might pass away in about twenty-four hours. Instead of doing so it became more acute, and on Saturday at midday it was decided that an operation was absolutely necessary. The same evening, Dr. Stewart Mackay operated, and he stood the operation splendidly, leaving the operating table feeling well. When the effect of the anaesthetic wore off his Lordship said that he felt much more comfortable. Up to 4 p.m. on Sunday he was getting on as well as the doctors and nurses could expect, but then a slight attack of pneumonia supervened and gave his Lordship no chance, and he gradually sank and expired about one o'clock on Monday morning. Bishop Grimes was conscious up to two or three hours before his death.

When Father Price conveyed to his Lordship the intimation that there was no hope, Bishop Grimes gave his blessing to his people and asked for their prayers. He spoke of the twenty-seven years he had labored amongst the people of Christchurch, and expressed a wish that his remains should rest in the Cathedral.

A Requiem service was held at St. Patrick's Church, Sydney, at which his Grace Archbishop Kelly, the Apostolic Delegate (his Grace Archbishop Cerrutti), and about sixty priests were present. The following day the body was removed on board the *Manuka*, which, after a somewhat rough passage, arrived at Wellington on Tuesday just in time to connect with the ferry steamer.

At Wellington the remains of the late Bishop were transferred from the inter-colonial steamer *Manuka* to the ferry steamer *Maori*, reaching Lyttelton on last Wednesday morning. Meanwhile from an early hour preparations for the reception of the remains were in progress at the Christchurch railway station, the sad occasion being forcibly borne in upon the people, who had happy and vivid recollections of many joyous receptions on the same scene of their much-beloved prelate during the past—more than a quarter of a

century—when returning to his devoted flock in the prime of life, and in good health and spirits. The realisation of the contrast was more than many of the older people could bear. The gloomy weather conditions prevailing, too, appeared to harmonise with the mournful character of the mission in which so many hundreds were then engaged. The station was barred to all, except the travelling public and those intimately connected with the arrangements in hand.

LARGE ASSEMBLAGE OF MOURNERS.

The widespread and very real love and veneration in which the late Bishop was held by his flock, and the great respect felt towards him by the public of Christchurch generally, were very eloquently testified to by the large gathering that so patiently waited the arrival of the mortal remains of the Bishop, and by the respectful grief manifested on all sides. Moorhouse avenue, from the station entrance westward almost to Colombo street, was filled with people, and subsequently the sidewalks along the route of the procession were lined with crowds. Shortly after seven o'clock the mourners began to arrive at the station, amongst the first large bodies being the children from Mount Magdala and the Children of Mary, the last-mentioned being distinguished by their blue cloaks and white veils. It was known early that the ferry steamer had arrived a little late, and that, consequently, there would be some delay. In the meantime the different parts of the procession were assembled along the southern footpath of Moorhouse avenue, stretching from the entrance from the avenue to the arrival platform on the south side of the station, to the entrance to the station. The children from Nazareth House, the school children from the two convents, the boys from the Marist Brothers' School and from St. Bede's College, the Marist Brothers' School Cadets (looking soldierly in their green uniforms), and the members of the H.A.C.B. Society, as they arrived took up their appointed stations. The clergy, both local and visiting, were present in large numbers, and with the other mourners took up their posts. By half-past eight the formation of the procession, as far as it was possible, had been accomplished.

Order of the Procession.

A quarter of an hour later the hearse conveying the body of Bishop Grimes emerged into the avenue from the southern side of the station, and the procession finally formed. The order of the procession and those comprising it were:—The cross-bearers; altar boys; the clergy; Nazareth House children (in charge of the Sisters of Nazareth); Mount Magdala children (in charge of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd); St. Bede's College students; boarders and school children of Our Lady of the Missions Sacred Heart College and Convent Schools; School children of St. Mary's Convent and representatives from Houses on the West Coast; Marist Brothers' schoolboys; schoolboys from St. Mary's; visiting clergy; the hearse; guard of Hibernians; motor car (Sir George Clifford, Mr. H. H. Loughnan, and Mr. J. A. Cassidy); carriages (visiting clergy); the Bishop's car (with curtains drawn); Marist Brothers' School Cadets (under Lieut. Roche); members of the H.A.C.B. Society; the general public.

The procession presented a very picturesque appearance. At the head the cross-bearer, holding aloft the cross, was accompanied by altar boys bearing lighted candles. The banners borne by the two branches of the Children of Mary—the Sacred Heart Convent and St. Mary's parish—lent color to the array, as did also the Hibernians with their sashes of green. A medieval note was added by the ceremonial torch lanterns borne by the guard of Hibernians with the hearse. Some idea of the total length of the procession can be gained from the fact that it took ten minutes to pass one point.

The Hibernians were led by Bro. J. Griffen (president) and Bro. M. Grimes (secretary of St. Patrick's branch), and there were representatives present from the Darfield, Ashburton, Kaiapoi, Leeston, and Timaru branches.

Lieutenant Roche, who was in charge of the Marist Brothers' School Cadets, also represented the Defence Department.

Mr. J. R. Hayward represented the Dominion Council of the Catholic Federation, Wellington, and Mr. W. Hayward, jun., represented the Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation.

Amongst those present were Mr. T. H. Davey and Mr. J. C. Adams, chairman of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College.

The great bell of the Cathedral was in the meantime tolled, and at about ten minutes to nine the procession started, and at ten minutes past nine the casket was conveyed from the hearse into the Cathedral, the front of which was draped in black. Very Rev. Dean Hills received the body, which was conveyed to a position in front of the altar. The interior of the Cathedral was draped in black and purple, the altar and pulpit being draped in black. Over the high altar were the words '*Requiescat in Pace*' in large silver lettering on black. Dean Hills said the 'Miserere,' the clergy responding. This was followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary. At the conclusion of the service of mourning the lid of the casket was removed; this permitted the remains to be viewed through a glass front. About 600 persons had viewed the remains by ten o'clock, and throughout the day members of the Catholic Church and others continued to file through the Cathedral to pay their last respects to the mortal remains of a Bishop who, during his episcopacy, had set a notable example not only to his own flock, but to the whole community, by his holy life, his simple kindness, and devotion to duty.

The Lying-in-State.

During the lying-in-state, probably thousands filed reverently passed the coffin, the procession being continuous. The coffin was flanked by six lighted tall candles on each side, sufficient space being left for the free passage of the people. All through Wednesday night relays of men of the congregation kept watch. The members of the hierarchy and clergy, who already arrived from other parts of the Dominion, were his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, his Lordship Bishop Verdon, his Lordship Bishop Cleary, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, Very Rev. Deans Smyth, S.M. (Provincial), Regnault, S.M., Holley, S.M., Binsfield, S.M., Carew, S.M., McKenna, V.G. (Masterton), Tubman, Very Rev. Fathers Coffey, Adm. (Dunedin), O'Connell, S.M. (Wellington), Rev. Fathers Dignan, S.M., Barra, S.M., McDonnell, S.M., and a number of the diocesan clergy from Westland and Canterbury.

PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS.

Long before the appointed hour for the Pontifical Requiem Mass and solemn obsequies, people were flocking to the Cathedral, and by ten o'clock the whole of the ground floor space was thronged, hundreds being content to stand. Soon the overflow was accommodated in the choir gallery, until it was closely packed. Then the lengthy side gallery showed line after line of later arrivals, and finally one after the other of the galleries in the great dome were occupied. Never in the brief history of the Cathedral has it contained such a vast concourse, and probably never before in the Dominion has such a sight been seen. As the procession of hierarchy and clergy entered the Cathedral and filed up the nave, the strains of Beethoven's 'Funeral March' were heard, and was followed by Chopin's 'Marche Funebre,' played by the Cathedral organist (Mr. W. Handel Thorley).

The Pontifical Requiem Mass, which commenced at 10 o'clock, was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., was assistant priest, the Very Rev. Dean Tubman, S.M. (Timaru), deacon, Very Rev. Dean Hyland (Rangiora) subdeacon, Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., master of ceremonies, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy assistant master of ceremonies. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea, S.M., occupied the vacant episcopal throne, and was attended by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M.,

and Very Rev. Dean McKenna (Masterton). The Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, Bishop of Dunedin, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G., Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., and Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary occupied seats of honor in the sanctuary. The whole of the Christchurch diocesan clergy were present in the sanctuary, whilst others from the archdiocese of Wellington and dioceses of Auckland and Dunedin were—Very Rev. Deans Smyth, S.M. (Provincial), Regnault, S.M., Holley, S.M., Binsfield, S.M., Carew, S.M., and Burke (Invercargill), Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook (Auckland), representing the N.Z. District of the H.A.C.B. Society, Very Rev. Fathers O'Donnell (Gore), Coffey, Adm. (Dunedin), O'Connell, S.M. (Wellington), Rev. Fathers Delany (South Dunedin), McDonnell, S.M. (Hastings), Dignan (Napier), and Barra, S.M. (Wellington). Seats had been reserved for representatives of various public bodies, and as was to be expected in the case of a Bishop whose sympathies were so wide and whose interest in the welfare of his own city was so keen as those of the late Dr. Grimes, these reserved seats were well filled. Among those present in the congregation were:—Representing his Excellency the Governor: Colonel Chaffey, accompanied by Captain Matthews. Representing the Christchurch City Council: the Mayor (Mr. H. Holland), Crs. H. B. Sorensen, A. Williams, F. Burgoyne, Hiram Hunter, Geo. Scott, J. McCullough, and W. H. Cooper; Messrs. H. R. Smith (town clerk), and A. Dudley Dobson (city surveyor). Representing Canterbury District Law Society: Mr. F. W. Johnston and Mr. J. A. Cassidy. Representing North Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board: Mr. F. Horrell. Representing the Board of Governors of the McLean Institute: Messrs. H. W. Bishop, S.M., George Harper, and W. F. Hilson (secretary). Representing the Board of Governors of Canterbury College: Messrs. J. C. Adams (chairman), C. H. Opie, Geo. T. Weston, S. Hurst Seager, G. H. Mason (registrar). Representing the Professorial Board: Professor Wall, Dr. Clifton. Representing Dominion Council of the Catholic Federation: Mr. J. R. Hayward. Representing Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation: Mr. W. Hayward, jun. The H.A.C.B. Society was represented by Bro. J. Griffen (president) and Bro. M. Grimes (secretary) of St. Patrick's local branch, together with a large number of members. The Rev. H. S. Leach (Anglican), and Revs. W. Sinclair and H. H. Bellhouse (representing the Methodist Conference) were also present.

Among the prominent laity in attendance were Sir J. G. Ward, K.C.M.G., Bart., and Lady Ward, Sir G. Clifford, Bart., Mr. M. Kennedy, K.S.G., Superintendent Dwyer, Mr. H. H. Loughnan. There were also present—Mr. G. Witty, M.P., Mr. G. H. Gilby (representing Dr. Thacker, M.P., absent from the city), Mr. J. A. Scott, M.A., editor of the *N.Z. Tablet*, Dr. Crooke, Mr. W. H. Murray, Mr. H. J. Marriner, and Mr. T. Smale. Occupying reserved places were the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Sisters of Nazareth, and the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, also the Marist Brothers, and children of the several institutions. Led by the Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., and Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., the 'Dies Irae' and solemn ordinary of the Mass of Requiem were sung by the choir of clergy, and at the Offertory the Cathedral organist played Handel's 'I know that my Redeemer liveth.'

THE PANEGYRIC.

The panegyric was preached by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea, S.M., Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington, who, in addressing the enormous congregation, said:—

My Lords, Right Rev. Monsignor, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, and beloved brethren,—Might I, first of all, return the thanks of the Archbishops and Bishops, and the clergy and laity, not only of this diocese, but of the whole Dominion, for the kind sympathy that we have received from the whole of the citizens. We are especially grateful to his Excellency the Governor, to the Prime Minister, and the Mayor of this city, and other public and representative men for the kind mess-

ages which they have sent to the Bishops and the ecclesiastical authorities in this diocese. This has touched us very deeply, and it is most consoling, and will serve to draw tighter the bonds of affection that should exist, especially in these perilous times, between the people of all classes and creeds in this Dominion.

His Grace based his discourse on the following text:—'And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me: Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow them' (Apoc. XIV. 13). Proceeding, his Grace said: A great calamity has overtaken this diocese of Christchurch, and a great sorrow in consequence fills all parts. Your beloved Bishop, who for nearly eight and twenty years ruled so successfully and so well over this portion of the Lord's vineyard, is no more. After a long, strenuous, and active life that passed the allotted span, he has laid down the burden, and the whole diocese is in mourning. It is hard to realise that the stout heart has ceased to beat, and that an active brain is now stilled in death. But the sad fact is before us, and we are assembled here in this beautiful Cathedral, which the departed prelate raised with such loving care, to pay our last tribute to all that is mortal of the first Bishop of Christchurch. To me personally the task of addressing you on this occasion is the more difficult, because I was bound to your Bishop by the closest of ties. It was at his hands that I received the great dignity of the priesthood, and this fact naturally drew me towards him, made me look up to him with feelings of filial affection.

Early Days of the Departed Prelate.

Bear with me then, my brethren, while I discharge the sad duty of recalling to mind, before we consign his body to the tomb, the chief incidents of his life—the work that he accomplished, the virtues that he gave example of. The Right Rev. John Joseph Grimes was born in the year 1842 at Bromley, Kent. He was a bright, intelligent lad who, from an early age showed that he possessed exceptional talents. He studied in various colleges of the Marist Fathers in Ireland and France, and, as he showed signs of a decided vocation to the religious and priestly life, he was received into the Society of Mary in the year 1867, and was ordained priest in 1869. For a time he taught in the colleges of his Order in Ireland and England, and after a while he was sent to the United States, where he was attached to the staff of Jefferson College, New Orleans, eventually becoming head of that institution. While in New Orleans the yellow fever broke out. As many of the diocesan clergy were down with it, Dr. Grimes and the college priests offered their services to assist in ministering to the sick,

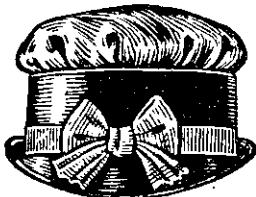
and he too caught the fever. Happily he recovered, but no doubt the attack weakened his by no means robust constitution. He was sent back to England in 1880, and appointed Superior of St. Mary's College, Paignton, in the South of England. He held this position until the year 1887. It was in that year that the Holy See decided to separate Christchurch from Wellington, and Dr. Grimes was selected by the Holy Father to be the first Bishop of the new diocese.

Bishop of Christchurch.

So he was consecrated by the late Cardinal Vaughan in St. Anne's Church, London, in the middle of the year 1887, and he arrived in Christchurch at the beginning of the following year, just twenty-seven years ago. The Colony, as it was in those days, was not as advanced as it is at present. Things were more or less in a state of formation, and there was a lot of building up to be done. A new diocese always presents difficulties to its first ruler that would not confront a bishop who takes up the reins in a diocese that has already been well established and ruled over by able predecessors. The new diocese has to be organised. Things have to be gradually brought into shape and into line with the requirements of ecclesiastical law. All this involves on the part of the Bishop an immense amount of energy, skill, tact, and perseverance. The work of visitation alone in those days was a heavy one. The means of communication, especially in Westland, thirty years ago were not as up-to-date as they are at present. But visitation is one of the chief duties of a bishop, and it is always more necessary in case of the organising of a new diocese. We know how conscientiously Dr. Grimes carried out that part of his office down to the very last. He went into every district—becoming acquainted with his people, giving Confirmation, preaching, exhorting, and in a word setting all things in order like the first bishops of whom we read in the New Testament. The strain of the first three years was so great that he very nearly broke down in health and had to go to Europe for a prolonged holiday. Even there he did not altogether rest, but did something towards raising the nucleus of a fund for the erection of a Cathedral worthy of this city. When he returned restored in health, he set to work vigorously to further this last-mentioned project. At the same time he did not neglect attending to the other wants of the diocese, especially the educational and charitable institutions, which made very great progress soon after his advent to Christchurch. But the work of raising the large sum of money for the new Cathedral was indeed a formidable one, especially in view of the many other requirements of the diocese. However, he was not dismayed at the greatness of the undertaking. He threw himself heart and soul into the work, for he



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knew that if the large sum of money required were to be obtained it must come through him and in answer to his direct and personal appeal. So he set to work to visit every part under his jurisdiction, even to have, if possible, a personal interview with every Catholic in the diocese and beg for the Cathedral. He wrote innumerable letters. The work of collecting money is, as everyone knows, a distasteful one. It brings plenty of mortifications and rebuffs, and God alone knows how many humiliations the late Bishop had to go through. But he had the courage of his cause, and he was determined that the erection of a Cathedral should be a public profession of faith on the part of his people. There are some people who would like to identify religion exclusively with the corporal works of mercy, and who think that money spent upon a magnificent Cathedral is a waste and would be far better spent upon charitable or educational institutions. With these up to a certain point the Bishop agreed, but there he parted company. By all means raise money for these other institutions, but do not neglect the House of God. The service of man is most necessary, but it must not be looked upon as an all-sufficient substitute for the service of God. His Cathedral was to be a centre of the public worship of God, and to his mind could in no way interfere with the progress of other necessary institutions of education and charity. As events have proved, it has not done so in the Christchurch diocese. Nowhere have you finer parochial churches, convent schools, and charitable institutions.

A Wonderful Achievement.

The work of collecting for the Cathedral occupied most of the middle period of his Lordship's episcopate, and he had the happiness of completing the beautiful building in which we are assembled, and seeing it solemnly opened for public worship just ten years ago. He was surrounded on that memorable occasion by distinguished prelates from Australia and New Zealand, and he received many well-deserved congratulations from all quarters, and the then Governor and Prime Minister of the Dominion were present in person at the opening. It is true a large debt still remained on the building, but the Bishop, with his usual energy and success, almost entirely wiped it out before his death, and now a sum of less than £5000 remains to be paid. From whatever way you look at it this was a wonderful achievement. For one Bishop to begin and complete such a magnificent Cathedral during his lifetime was indeed a great thing, but he had done more, he had during his episcopate practically raised all the money required for the building. No wonder, then, that this Cathedral will always be looked upon as the best monument to the first Bishop of this See.

Other Works.

I shall not detain you, but will merely enumerate the various other works that he was instrumental in establishing in the diocese during his episcopate of a little over a quarter of a century. Several new religious Orders were introduced; the number of priests and churches were greatly increased. Many of the older churches have been replaced by beautiful and substantial modern buildings. The Marist Brothers were introduced under his rule. A new college for boys (conducted by the Marist Fathers) was opened. The splendid Magdalene Asylum was greatly extended, and an orphanage built in connection with it, as well as a very fine chapel. The educational establishments of the Sisters of the Mission, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and of St. Joseph were multiplied and improved. Then we had the establishment of the Sisters of Nazareth, which is doing such good work for the old people and for the orphans in Sydenham. Last, but not least, we have the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, who began last year at the small hospital at Lewisham, for whom the late Bishop performed his last public function, and who nursed and cared for him so tenderly and devotedly during the last weeks of his life. To-day, my dear brethren, he leaves the diocese, that he saw grow from infancy, one of the best organised and equipped in Australasia.

Now, my brethren, the Bishop, who under God accomplished all this, must have been no ordinary man. I know that in all his undertakings he had the loyal co-operation of his priests and people, without which very little can be accomplished by any Bishop. But, as in an army, more depends upon the qualities and ability of the general than upon anything else, so it is in the great army of God, in which the bishops of His Church are the generals. And Dr. Grimes was no ordinary man. He was endowed with gifts of heart and head above his fellows. He had a charming manner and personality that made him friends everywhere, not only amongst his own people, but amongst people of all classes and creeds. He was a very able administrator. He was very thorough in all that he undertook, and, as he was a man of tireless energy, there was little that escaped his attention. He was a man of wide sympathies. He took an active, practical interest in everything that concerned the welfare of this young country, that he loved so well. He was especially proud of his own city of Christchurch, and was never tired of showing his visitors around it, and pointing out to them its many features of interest and beauty. Nothing that concerned his people's welfare was too trivial or beneath his attention. He was always thinking of them and working for them. Busy as he was and occupied with a multiplicity of duties, he always found time to devote to the duties of hospitality, and indeed he was an ideal host, as many visitors to this fair city can testify.

The Secret of His Success.

Now, what was it that rendered the late Bishop's career so remarkable and so successful? It was nothing else than his zeal for God's glory. Herein we have the reason why he worked so hard for the salvation of souls, and why he labored so strenuously to build this grand Cathedral, and to raise up all those institutions of education and charity for the benefit of his fellow-creatures. All these things contributed to God's glory. He saw in his fellow-men the image of the Creator, and in laboring for them he labored for God. No merely humanitarian motive can make men persistently work for their fellows. No, it must be supernatural. Poor human nature is so weak, it is often so repulsive and so ungrateful if left to itself that only there are higher motives, many a good man would soon be discouraged and give up working for his fellow-men. It was these higher motives that prompted Bishop Grimes in all that he did. Like the Apostles, he wished to make himself all to all, that he might gain all for Christ. It was his delight to have all the ceremonies of Holy Church carried out with as much splendor and magnificence as possible, not because he loved show, but because he rightly believed that nothing can be too grand in the public worship of the Creator. He was a man of prayer and union with God, and therein he found strength and consolation in all his difficulties. For, great and exalted as is the position of a bishop in the Church, great, also, are his responsibilities. He has so much to answer for, such difficult paths to tread, and often alone. Bishop Grimes cherished a tender devotion to our Blessed Lady. *Eccce Mater tua*, the words contained in the motto on his coat of arms, meant a reality for him, and in the constant devotion to Mary the Mother of the priest, he was a true son of the Order to which he belonged.

It has pleased God to call him out of this world at the moment when our Empire is passing through what is perhaps the great crisis in its history, when we need our best and strongest men. The loss of such a prelate in these circumstances is therefore the more deplorable. But welcome be the holy will of God. He has left a rich heritage behind him—a heritage of example that should inspire us all to work more strenuously for God and country and our fellow-men.

Our Consolation.

Though our hearts are sad to-day, we are not as people who have no hope. For it is our consolation as Christians to be able to look forward with confidence to that glorious immortality of which the Apostle

speaks: 'Behold, I tell you a mystery, we shall all indeed rise again for this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Then shall come to pass the saying that is written: death is swallowed up in victory; O grave, where is thy victory; O death, where is thy sting?' This is the hope and firm expectation that consoles us to-day, that softens the heavy blow that has fallen on this diocese. We shall rise again, and it is in our power, by co-operating with God's grace, to make our resurrection a glorious and a happy one, so that we may be reunited, never again to part from those whom we have known and loved upon earth. We are not, then, as those who have no hope, for in God's own time this happy reunion will come about.

I need hardly remind you that there is one great duty which you must not neglect. It is the duty of praying for his soul. Great, no doubt, were the graces that your late Bishop received from God; but great, also, were his responsibilities, and he may still stand in need of your help and assistance, of the help and assistance that you can afford him by your Masses and your prayers. I know and feel sure that you, with your strong Catholic belief in the efficacy of prayer for the dead, will, for the love you bear him, pour forth your prayers and supplications before the throne of God for the soul of your departed Pontiff, that the time of his purgatory may be shortened, and that he may soon be admitted to the joys of the Beatific Vision. And, though we say farewell to-day to all that is mortal of the first Bishop of Christchurch, we know that his memory will remain in benediction in the Church of this young land, in the Church which he has adorned by his virtues and helped so much by his labors. For, whether we look at him as a studious youth in the busy metropolis of the world, as a bright student at college, as a young priest working amongst the ravages of the fever in Louisiana, or as a holy and energetic Bishop devoted to his work, we always recognise his singleness of aim and purpose, and the supernatural nature of the motives that actuated him at every period of his life. And while we consign his body to the tomb, where it will fittingly rest beneath the dome of his own dear Cathedral, there to await the hour of a glorious resurrection, may his dear soul be soon received into the kingdom of the Blessed, there to reign with Christ for all eternity. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION.

Although the whole ceremonial was impressive and mournful in the extreme, the final portions were, as may be easily imagined, the most touching. Descending in processional order from the sanctuary, the Archbishops and Bishops and other ecclesiastical dignitaries approached the casket containing the venerated remains, and upon which were placed the crozier and mitre of the departed Bishop. Taking their respective positions, the pontificating prelate, his Lordship Bishop Cleary at the foot of the coffin, his Grace the Archbishop and Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M., his Lordship Bishop Verdon and Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay on either side, each in turn gave the absolution, the Archbishop first, Bishop Verdon next, then Monsignor Mackay, Dean Smyth, and finally Bishop Cleary. Eight members of the Hibernian Society then reverently raised the coffin, and conveyed it to the Chapel of the Holy Souls. A dirge was sung, the last sacred rites were celebrated, and then the remains were silently lowered into the space prepared under the floor of the chapel, and deposited with the final *'Requiescat in pace.'*

As a recessional, Handel's 'Dead March' from 'Saul' was played, and thus concluded the most notable and impressive ceremony of its kind that has ever taken place in this city. It was sad and soul-stirring in its intensity, and the recollections of it will never be effaced from the minds of the present generation.—R.I.P.

MORE TRIBUTES FROM PUBLIC BODIES.

At the meeting of the Hospital Board last week the chairman, Mr. F. Horrell, referred to the loss sustained to the Catholic community by the death of Bishop

Grimes. He had been an honorable gentleman and had taken a very active interest in philanthropic work in the district. The Catholics still stood in the forefront of other denominations in regard to buildings for learning and for the relief of distress. He felt that the death of Bishop Grimes would be a loss to the whole community. He moved—'That the board convey to the Catholic community its deepest sympathy at the loss sustained by the death of his Lordship Bishop Grimes, a loss which also affected the whole community, inasmuch as he had always given the greatest assistance in any movement calculated to promote the welfare of the people.' Mrs. Wilson, in seconding the motion, said that she had been associated with Bishop Grimes on other boards and had always found him a courteous gentleman, and desirous of doing all he could to help the distressed. His death was a direct loss to the whole community. The motion was carried, the members standing.

A resolution of sympathy with the Catholic community in the death of Bishop Grimes was passed by the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association at its annual meeting last week.

At a meeting of the general committee of the Poor of Great Britain, Ireland, and Belgium relief fund, reference was made by Major Oakes to the fact that the late Bishop Grimes was a member of the committee, and had taken great interest in its work. He moved that the committee should record its regret at the death of Bishop Grimes. The motion was agreed to, all present standing.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

I have to record with regret the death of Miss Winifred Drury, which took place on Saturday last. The deceased was but 21 years of age, and her death occurred after many months of ill-health. She had been a valued member of the choir and Children of Mary Society.—R.I.P.

In the December theory examinations of Trinity College of Music, London, the following pupils of the local Convent of Mercy were successful:—Advanced intermediate, Doris Millen. Diploma examination: Having completed the theoretical work Mrs. Goldfinch and Miss Barrie (Otaki Convent) were awarded the licentiate and associate diploma respectively, and Miss Vera Graham that of associate in singing.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 29.

At the physical instruction camp for the training of teachers, held recently in Timaru, every attention was shown to the two Marist Brothers who attended.

At the recent horticultural show in Timaru, the first and second places for highest number of points were secured by Messrs. D. Pearce (35 points) and W. Cunningham (28 points) respectively. Both gentlemen kindly donated the value of their prizes and all their exhibits to the Belgian fund.

There was a very large congregation present on Tuesday morning last at the Solemn Requiem Mass which was celebrated for the repose of the soul of our late Bishop. Very Rev. Dean Tubman was celebrant, Rev. Father Kerley deacon, Rev. Father McDonald subdeacon, and Rev. Father Murphy master of ceremonies. The music of the Mass was rendered in a very impressive manner by the choir, assisted by Rev. Father Ainsworth, of Temuka.

The annual meeting of the Federated Catholic Clubs, to be held in Timaru, commencing on Holy Saturday morning, promises to be largely attended. In addition to the usual sections, there will be added this year for the first time a religious one, of which the inaugurator of the scheme, Rev. Brother Egbert, has been appointed judge. On Easter Sunday the delegates will be taken for a motor trip to Waimate, and every effort will be made to make their stay in Timaru enjoyable.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

From our own correspondent.

March 27.

A social in aid of Rev. Mother Aubert's Homes will be held in the New Century Hall on April 28.

The special devotions, ordered by his Holiness the Pope, for peace took place at all the churches last Sunday.

The Rev. Father Gondringer, S.M., M.A., preached another of his series of Lenten sermons to a crowded congregation at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, last Sunday evening.

Miss Eileen Corby, by passing the theoretical examination in the art of teaching, has completed her course for the Associate (A.T.C.T.) Trinity College of Music, London, having passed in practical pianoforte in 1913.

The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Dominion treasurer of the Catholic Federation, has received during the week the following contributions towards the Trenham building fund: Mr. H. Sullivan, Auckland street, Wellington, £2 2s; Mr. Charles C. Phelan, Auckland, £1 1s.

It is expected that the building to be erected by the Catholic Federation for the residence of the Catholic members of the Expeditionary Force at Trenham, will be ready in about three weeks' time. Donations towards the cost will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Dominion treasurer, the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Patterson street, Wellington.

The St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held its quarterly meeting at St. Patrick's Hall last Monday evening, Bro. J. P. McCarthy, B.P., presiding. There was a good attendance, and a very great deal of business was disposed of. The death of the late Bishop Grimes, and the funeral and requiem mass, were discussed, and the following resolutions were directed to be carried: "Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M.

The many friends of Mr. Joseph Grimes, who died with regret of the demise of his well-known friend, gathered at their residence, Harper street, at 10 o'clock. The late Mrs. Fitzgerald, who had been in the same time, leaves a husband and three young children to mourn her death. The interment, which was held, took place on Tuesday at Karori. Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., officiated at the church and at the graveside. R.I.P.

The following telegram was received from the Irish soldiers now in camp at Trenham, by the secretary to the Irish National concert on St. Patrick's Night: "Irishmen at Trenham camp ready to be with you to-day fervently join in every sentiment in honour of our Patron Saint, and 'The day we celebrate.' May God still prosper and bless Ireland, and may the effort of her fearless sons, following the example of their illustrious predecessors, give perpetual peace to humanity.—Justin McCarthy, E. McFarlane, W. H. Mulcahy."

The Very Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., is at present conducting a mission at St. Francis' Church, Island Bay. He is being assisted by the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M. The services are well attended. On Thursday evening Father Taylor preached an eloquent discourse on the 'Blessed Eucharist.' At the conclusion of the sermon, and for the first time in the history of the church, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place, the children and the members of the Hibernian Society participating. The Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., is similarly engaged in conducting a mission at St. Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie. He is assisted by the Rev. Father O'Connor, S.M.

The St. Aloysius' branch of the Hibernian Society met at St. Anne's Hall on March 8, under the presidency of Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., B.P.

Very Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., Superior of the Marist Missioners, was also present, and he was thanked by the president and Bro. Giles for the work he had done during the recent mission to increase the membership of the society. Father Taylor, in replying, congratulated the branch on its flourishing condition, and trusted that it would still further prosper. The annual returns were presented by the secretary, and an interesting report of the annual district meeting was received from Bro. Stead, the branch's proxy in Auckland.

Feeling reference was made in all the churches on Sunday to the great loss the Church had sustained by the death of Bishop Grimes. At St. Mary's, the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., detailed the great work which the late Bishop Grimes had accomplished during his lifetime, and earnestly exhorted the faithful to pray for the repose of his soul. Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M., at St. Mary's, Seatoun, also gave a descriptive sketch of the work of the deceased prelate. At St. Joseph's, Mr. Bernard Page played the 'Dead March' from 'Saul,' as also did Mr. Isidor Mount at St. Mary's, as a mark of respect to the memory of the first Bishop of Christchurch.

In connection with the first public appearance of the Young Ireland Hurling Club at the St. Patrick's Day sports, teams were selected from among the members to represent Auckland and Wellington. The following were the selections: Wellington F. Sheahan (captain), P. O'Sullivan, J. O'Sullivan, M. McCarthy, P. O'Driscoll, T. Kelly, D. Cotton, J. Cleary, P. Nihill, T. Devoy, P. Cassidy, P. Hogan, M. O'Shea, J. O'Connor, J. Carmody, Auckland—Standish O'Sullivan (captain), D. Sheahan, P. McArdle, J. Flynn, P. Higgins, J. Troy, M. McCarthy, T. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, H. Fahy, P. Coyle, J. Shields, E. Fitzgerald, K. Cleary, and T. Casey. In the first half hour, Wellington scored one goal, as also did Auckland. In the second half, Wellington scored 2 goals, 1 point, to Auckland's 1 point, thereby beating Auckland by 2 goals.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 29.

Prior to the 11 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday last, the palms were blessed and distributed by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm.

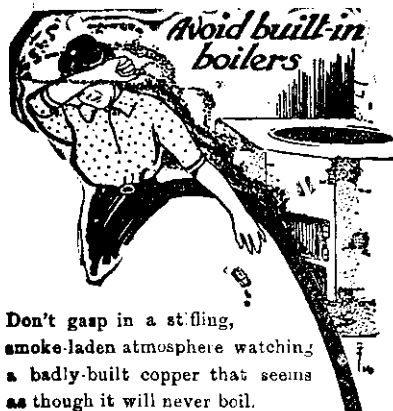
The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., has been appointed Administrator of the diocese, until the consecration of a successor of the late Bishop Grimes.

In the primary schools cricket competition on Saturday, playing against Woolston School, Marist Brothers scored 125 in the first innings, against 42 by Woolston.

Mr. P. Clarke attended the funeral of the late Bishop Grimes, as the representative of the musical branch of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association, Auckland. During his short stay he met many of the local 'old boys,' all of whom expressed the hope of seeing Mr. Clarke and his fine company down south again.

The Hibernian fair and art union, which is being promoted by the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, will be opened in the Hibernian Hall, Barbadoes street, on Saturday night next, by Dr. H. T. J. Thacker, M.P. The committee, assisted by their lady friends, are leaving nothing undone to ensure the bazaar being a great success. Two well furnished stalls, 'Ireland' and 'Belgium,' are under the capable management of Mrs. Green and Miss Wally respectively, and the tea stall is being well catered for by Mrs. Maher. Various side shows are being arranged for, and on each evening a short concert will be given.

Writing from Paris, Mrs. Arthur Mead, the talented Dominion soprano, says: 'I have been three months in this most beautiful of cities, and have seen a great deal of Paris. The churches are marvels of beauty. I have just been to Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, of Mont



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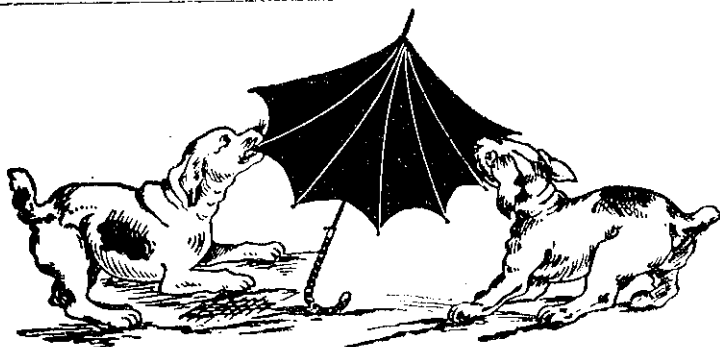
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At the annual meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association Rugby Football Club, held last week, sixty members were present. The report, which was adopted, showed that the junior team was successful in being coupled with Lyttelton as winners of the junior flag. The other teams, although not so successful, showed consistency. The outlook for the coming season was a bright one. Several new members were elected. Over twenty members had left for the front, and it was decided to keep them free on the books during their absence. Sir George Clifford, Bart., is president, and the vice-presidents of honor are the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and Rev. Dr. Kennedy. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Vice-presidents—Dr. Morkane, Dr. Ardagh, and Messrs. L. Corbett, J. Power, W. Rodgers, T. Cahill, A. J. Malley, S. Flood, F. J. Holley, S. J. Kelleher, W. Moon, G. Ives, and J. R. Hayward; club captain, Mr. F. Smith; secretary, Mr. M. O'Malley; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. Donohue; committee—Messrs. W. Barnett, J. McQuillan, P. Amodeo, E. McQuillan, and M. Griffin; delegates to Canterbury Rugby Union—Messrs. P. Smyth, M. Mahoney, L. Corbett, and A. Fanning; delegate to the training hall, Mr. F. Smith; delegate to Sports Protection Association, Mr. L. Donohue; auditors, Rev. Brother Calixtus and Mr. E. L. McKeon; coaches—senior, Mr. B. Fanning; junior, Mr. J. McQuillan; fourth class, Mr. E. McQuillan. It was decided to open the season on Saturday.

Rakaia

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Five candidates presented at the Methven centre for the Trinity College examinations have been notified that they have successfully passed in the art of teaching. The following are the names of the successful candidates: Misses Ellen Cullen (Licentiate), M. F. McEry, N. O'Donnor, M. Kotowski, and Gwen Haylock (Associates).

A highly successful entertainment was given on St. Patrick's Night in the Town Hall, by the pupils of the local convent school. An excellent programme of vocal, instrumental, and dramatic items was gone through most creditably by the children, who had been carefully prepared by the Sisters of Mercy. The audience, which was a large and enthusiastic one, received each item with applause. The following was the programme: Part I. Opening chorus, 'Ireland, beautiful Ireland'; prelude, Richard Peckham; 'Poppies,' junior pupils; 'The sailors,' boys; 'Shan't go to school,' junior girls; piano duet, K. Sheehan and Lucy Meade; comic duet, May Peckham and Lucy Miller; 'Where the river Shannon flows,' Mr. Frank Brown. The following took part in the play, 'The new boy': Gerrie Muller, Willie Peckham, and Alex. Marshall. The characters in 'The expected visitors' were filled by Gerrie Muller, K. Sheehan, Annie Ronan, May Peckham, Kathleen Muller, and Rita Ronan, and in 'The doctor's mistake' by James Keane, Cornelius Liddy, Clarence Dolan, Patrick Brown, and D. Dolan. Part II.—Piano duet, M. Peckham and Kathleen Hills; skirt dance, pupils; 'Little pot of shamrocks,' Kathleen Sheehan, Rose Brown, and Monica McNamara; 'Sons of New Zealand,' boys; 'Grace Darling,' senior pupils; 'Green shore of Erin,' Mr. F. Brown; 'Sunshine and rain,' M. Lufaro and Lucie Muller; 'Medicine Jack,' Willie Peckham; 'Loin du pays,' Lucy Meade.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Bishop Grimes was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Donnell at the Church of the Holy Name.

The proposed celebration for St. Patrick's Day—a banquet under the auspices of the Catholic Club and

Hibernian Society—was abandoned on account of the death of Bishop Grimes.

In common with all other Catholic churches throughout New Zealand, the intercessory service, decreed by his Holiness the Pope, took place at the Church of the Holy Name on Sunday, March 21.

The weekly meetings of the Catholic Young Men's Club (under the chairmanship of Mr. J. A. Lennon) continue to be well attended. The varied programme arranged by the club's council have proved both instructive and entertaining—a factor no doubt responsible for the evident prosperity and progress of this popular institution.

Amongst the competitors at the musical and other competitions, held in Christchurch recently, were several of the pupils of the local convent school. No little credit is due to the Sisters for the success attending their efforts, as pupils of the school secured a first place, also several seconds and thirds, on each occasion beating a large number of entrants.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

March 29.

His Lordship the Bishop returned to Auckland from the south on Saturday morning. He officiates at the Holy Week services, and leaves on Easter Monday for Sydney.

The Rev. Father Clarke who, for over four years has been chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Ponsonby, has resigned the chaplaincy, owing to continued ill-health.

Rev. Father Cahill addressed the last meeting of the Holy Family Confraternity on 'Uprightness of character,' and pointed out what every Catholic young man and woman should be. The example of a good Catholic in the community was incalculable.

The friends of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, assembled on Thursday to witness the profession of seven members of the Community. The young ladies who received the black veil were—Miss Kathleen Wallace (in religion, Sister M. Philomena), of Albury, N.S.W.; Miss May Mulvey (Sister M. Brigid), Coblar, N.S.W.; Miss Rita McAlister (Sister M. Magdalen de Pazzi), Galway; Miss Gertrude Day (Sister M. Monica), Melbourne; Miss Teresa Perkins (Sister M. Ussula), Murrumbidgee, N.S.W.; Miss Margaret Tully (Sister M. Angela), Bray, Ireland; and Miss Norah Collins (Sister M. Xavier), Dundalk, Ireland. Owing to the absence of his Lordship Bishop Cleary, who was attending the obsequies of the late Bishop Grimes, the ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., who preached a most eloquent sermon on the occasion. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was commenced at 8 a.m., during which the candidates for profession made their vows and received the black veil and ring from the celebrant. The altar was beautifully decorated with choice flowers, and the music was rendered by the Sacred Heart Choir, Ponsonby, which was conducted by Mr. T. Adams, Miss Jones being the organist for the occasion. Among the clergy in the sanctuary were Very Rev. Paul Kehoe (Wexford), and the Rev. Fathers Golden, Cahill, Murphy, Furlong, Jansen, McLaughlin, Forde, Dunphy, Kelly, and O'Brien. The religious ceremony concluded, the visitors were entertained at breakfast in the convent by the Sisters. The Sisters of Mercy in Auckland are to be congratulated on the increase of the staff to aid in the works of mercy—hospital and orphanage works,—and in the primary and secondary schools conducted by the Order in the diocese.

It was the steamer Hesperus
That sailed the wintry sea,
But the skipper bold had an awful cold,
And was sad as sad could be,
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Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

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., Pope.



THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1915.

GERMAN NAVAL POLICY

LATE English and American papers throw some interesting side-lights on German naval policy, and bring out some aspects of recent happenings and official utterances which have not, so far as we have seen, yet received publicity in this country. The commonly accepted explanation, for example, at this end of the world, of the great running fight in the North Sea on January 24, which culminated in the sinking of the 'Blücher,' was that the Germans were on their way once again to shell some English seaside towns, and that they were surprised in the attempt. Well-informed English papers, however, discredit this theory. They point out that on previous occasions when the raiders came on such an errand they always crossed the North Sea by night, launched their bolt in the first hours of daylight, and steamed away again before any considerable British force had time to get near them. On January 24, however, the German ships were heading towards the English coast, and apparently still a long way from it, in daylight. It looked as if they wanted to be discovered by the British ships. On being sighted and chased by British destroyers, they immediately turned tail. No sensible person believes that the Germans are lacking in courage: and their procedure in so promptly taking flight is certainly suspicious. What, then, was the object of their little excursion? Apparently nothing less than to draw the British ships on by appearing to run away from them, and so to entice them into a minefield and among submarines, or to destroy them singly during a long pursuit by dropping mines in their path. That, at any rate, is the London *Spectator's* theory. It would seem as if Admiral Beatty took a similar view; for in the very heat of victory, when it looked as if he had only to steam a few more miles to be certain of sinking another cruiser, he deliberately refrained. Admiral Beatty is deservedly receiving as much applause for his level-headedness and sound judgment in knowing when to stop, as for the gallantry and dash which characterised his more spectacular work in this exciting skirmish. This new German manoeuvre is interesting as giving the British naval authorities a clue to the sort of wearing down tactics which they may expect Germany to pursue until she deems it safe to venture upon an open fight, and as indicating that the British Navy will have to fight with their heads as well as with their guns so long as this waiting long-range warfare continues.

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American papers also throw a somewhat fuller light on the means by which Germany proposed to make good her so-called blockade of British coasts. The information is conveyed in the text of the German Government's reply—published in full in the American press—to the American protest against the terms of the war zone decree issued by the former on February 4. When that proclamation was made, the public mind in this country ran mostly to the thought of submarines. The German Note referred to, however, places most of the stress upon mines as the effective 'blockading' agent. 'Acting from this point of view,' it says, 'the German Admiralty proclaimed a naval war zone, whose limits it exactly defined. Germany, so far as possible, will seek to close this war zone with mines, and will also endeavor to destroy hostile merchant vessels in every other way. While the German Government, in taking action based upon this overpowering point of view, keeps itself far removed from all intentional destruction of neutral lives and property, on the other hand, it does not fail to recognise that, from the action to be taken against Great Britain, dangers arise which threaten all trade within the war zone without distinction. This is a natural result of mine warfare, which even under the strictest observance of the limits of international law, endangers every ship approaching the mine area.' Again and again the Note warns neutral shipping that the only hope of safety is to keep away from the 'war zone.' 'The German Government,' it continues, 'considers itself entitled to hope that all neutrals will acquiesce in these measures, as they have done in the case of the grievous damages inflicted upon them by British measures. . . . In view of the fact that Germany gave the first proof of her good will in fixing a time limit of not less than fourteen days before the execution of said measures, so that neutral shipping might have an opportunity of making arrangements to avoid threatening danger, this can most surely be achieved by remaining away from the naval war zone. Neutral vessels which, despite this ample notice, which greatly affects the achievement of our aims in our war against Great Britain, enter these closed waters, will themselves bear the responsibility for any unfortunate accidents that may occur. Germany disclaims all responsibility for such accidents and their consequences.' And again it says: 'Germany would be particularly grateful if the United States would urgently recommend to its merchant vessels to avoid the British naval war zone.' It may well be that this repeated talk of the wholesale use of mines, and these urgent exhortations to keep away from the war zone, are very largely in the nature of bluff, used for the purpose of frightening neutrals from continuing their trade with Britain. But for whatever such utterances are worth, there they are, in the official document.

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The Note affords striking and unmistakable evidence of the extent to which Germany is now feeling the economic pinch. There are repeated and undisguised references to the fact that her overseas food supply is now almost completely cut off, and to the grave danger of starvation which that entails. It may be that the numerous peace 'feelers' that are a marked feature of several pro-German American papers that lie before us are an outcome of these references. It is a truism to say that every sensible person desires peace; and provided it be the right kind of peace, it cannot come a day too soon. 'The peace which the Holy Father invites us to implore from God,' said Cardinal Amette, in a recent pastoral, 'is the sweet and lasting peace which, according to the words of the Holy Book, is the work of justice: the peace which supposes the triumph and the reign of right.' And for that peace—the only genuine and enduring peace—we may all most heartily and sincerely pray.

We have to thank Messrs. Wilkie and Co., Dunedin, for a copy of an excellent war map, showing the scene of operations in Turkey.

Notes

Getting Even

There is a good story in currency in English papers just now which, if it be not true, certainly ought to be. It is of a French Minister visiting a French military hospital, in which two Parisians occupied two neighboring cots. The Minister asked Parisian No. 1 how he was. 'We are making slight progress,' was the cheerful reply. The Minister, with a smile, turned to the second wounded man, whose recovery was slow. 'And how are you?' he asked. 'Situation unchanged,' was the soldier's reply in a feeble voice. 'Nothing new to report.' This time the Minister laughed outright, and cheerfully admitted that the joke was against him.

Pointed Pars

American papers continue to have their little jokes on the subject of the war, and some of their pen pricks are sufficiently to the point. Here are some of the latest:—

Spades are trumps in the European war game.—*Wall Street Journal*.

Turkey is now in a position to issue the bluest of blue books.—*Houston Chronicle*.

It seems as though those hundred years of peace had been celebrated just in time.—*Boston Transcript*.

'Is civilisation a disease?' asks a highbrow professor. If it is, Europe is fast eradicating it.—*Kansas City Journal*.

The new election laws in China fix the Presidential term at ten years, or indefinitely. There's a one-term plank that even Woodrow Wilson could subscribe to.—*Boston Transcript*.

The pessimistically inclined who have been crying that Christianity is a failure might wait until it has been tried.—*Washington Post*.

The trouble with Colonel Bryan's overtures of peace is that the other nations do not seem to be able to catch the tune.—*St. Louis Globe Democrat*.

There's some consolation in the reflection that after the war some of those medieval European cities can use the trenches for subways and sewer systems.—*Boston Transcript*.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

His Lordship Bishop Verdon and the Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., who had been in Christchurch assisting at the obsequies of the late Bishop Grimes, returned to Dunedin on Saturday.

On St. Patrick's Day there took place at St. Dominic's Priory the ceremony of reception, at which Miss Mary Ellen Dillon (Ireland), in religion Sister Mary Peter Claver, received the holy habit of the Order. His Lordship Bishop Verdon officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Father Buckley. Amongst those present were Very Rev. Father O'Donnell (Gore), Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., Rev. Father Edge, Rev. Fathers Liston, Morkane, M.A., Collins, and Scanlan (Holy Cross College), Tobin and Falconer (South Dunedin), several students of Holy Cross College, and the friends and relatives of the newly received Sister.

There was a crowded meeting in the Town Hall, South Dunedin, on Tuesday evening, when the congregation of St. Patrick's Basilica assembled to say good-bye to the Rev. Father D. O'Neill, who was recently transferred to Invercargill. During the evening, Mr. J. J. Marlow, on behalf of the congregation, presented Father O'Neill with an illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns. Owing to pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over a full report of the presentation until our next issue.

An enjoyable entertainment in aid of the St. Clair Stall at the forthcoming St. Patrick's School bazaar, South Dunedin, was given in the Town Hall, South Dunedin, on Friday evening, when there was a very good attendance. The first part of the programme con-

sisted of a variety entertainment, under the direction of Miss Brennan, and to which the following contributed:—Mesdames Fannon and Ramsay, Misses Fenton, Brennan (2), Mulholland (2), and Lockhart. The second part was as follows: Pianoforte solo, Miss Netta Rings; song, 'I seek for thee in every flower,' Mr. Moore; recitation, 'Reggie,' Miss M. D'Arcy Davidson; waltz song, Mrs. J. H. Gale; song, 'The sea road,' Mr. F. Woods; song, Miss D. D'Arcy Davidson; humorous item, Mr. J. B. McConnell; song, 'Spring song,' Miss A. Heffernan; 'God save the King.' Misses Madge Mulholland and Hughes acted as accompanists.

CATHOLIC SEWING GUILD.

The Catholic Sewing Guild for Belgian relief met again on Wednesday, when there was another very good attendance. Donations were received from the following:—The Sisters of Mercy, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Bell, Miss Brennan, Mrs. Carnell, Miss Cread, Mrs. Dyer, Miss Dunbar, Miss Dunsford, Mrs. Dickie, Mrs. Gebbie, Miss Hegarty, Mrs. Hoare, Miss Meade, Mrs. Manning, Miss Malquin, Mrs. L. McConnell, Miss Montgomerie, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Walls.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

INQUIRER, Pahiata.—The so-called "Nun Divorce" case was dealt with in our Current Topics column a fortnight ago.

J. D., and others.—The C.S.G. examinations will be held again this year. Full particulars will appear in our columns in about a couple of weeks' time.

COUNTRY MOTHER, Lower Hutt. The headquarters of the D.I.C. are in Dunedin, and the management inform us that there is no such movement on foot as that to which you refer. The employees contribute weekly to a fund for the general relief of Belgian distress; and in some cases sewing bees have been established to make up clothing for children, but not for the special class to which you allude.

CEREMONIAL. The playing of the 'Dead March' is, of course, no part of the service or sacred function, but is a non-liturgical act introduced from without the Church, and permitted owing to its harmlessness. There is, therefore, no prescribed or authoritative rule or regulation as to the procedure to be observed. It is usually considered the common course for the congregation to stand, out of sympathy with this act of respect for the memory of the dead.

J. T., Mamunu.—(1) St. Patrick died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland, March 17, 493. (2) The Fenian Brotherhood was a political organisation which originated in the United States, having for its object to win independence for Ireland by force of arms. Ireland, since the Union, had not been in such a deplorable state as in the sixties of the last century. It had lost two millions of its population through the terrible famine and the emigration which followed. The landlords, with their crowbar brigades, pursued their brutal treatment of their tenants, whilst the Government were indifferent to the sufferings of the people. Constitutional agitation had come to naught, and the outlook seemed hopeless. The Irish exiles in the United States, having bitter memories of their own treatment in Ireland, concluded that the time was opportune for righting their country's wrongs by physical force. They accordingly started several organisations at various times having this object in view, but it was not until 1858 that they got into touch with the Irish at home. In that year James Stephens arrived in Ireland, and proceeded to Skibbereen, where a political club, called the Phoenix National and Literary Society, had been established. Stephens, who was a very clever man and a born organiser, informed the members of

the club of what had been done by the Irishmen in the United States to aid those at home to gain their independence. Before a month had passed, out of one hundred young men in the club, ninety had been sworn in as members of the new secret organisation. Such was the start of Fenianism in Ireland. Among the Fenians in America there was a certain dynamite party who believed that the English people could be frightened into measures of justice for Ireland by plots for the destruction of human life in English cities; and one or two such attempts, happily unsuccessful, were actually made. It ought to be said, however, that the recognised Fenian leaders never lent any countenance to acts of such a character. As being a secret society, the organisation was condemned by the Church; but many, both of the leaders and of the rank and file, were men of high honor and pure motives. Two of the Fenians who were actually condemned to death afterwards won credit and distinction in peaceful pursuits. One of these was John Boyle O'Reilly, whose death-sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life, and who was transported to Western Australia. He contrived to escape and made his way to America. He settled in Boston, rose to great distinction as a journalist, an author, and an orator, and was made welcome in Boston's most cultured literary society at a time when Emerson, Longfellow, and Oliver Wendell Holmes were still living. The other James F. N. O'Brien, was for many years a respected member of the British House of Commons. Although the movement failed in its immediate object, it undoubtedly had the effect of bringing home to the minds of Englishmen the need of some improvement in the condition of things in Ireland, and in this sense may be said to have laid the foundation for many important subsequent measures of reform.

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, March 30, 1915, as follows:—**Rabbiskins.** At our sale yesterday we offered a small catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Prices were a shade easier since the last sale. Prime winter does, to 15³/_d; outgoing does, from 11¹/_d to 12¹/_d; best locks, to 13¹/_d; outgoing, 9¹/_d to 11¹/_d; prime racks, 6³/_d to 8¹/_d; light racks, 5¹/_d to 6¹/_d; autumn, 7³/_d to 9¹/_d; prime winter blacks, 28¹/_d to 30¹/_d; horsehair, 19¹/_d to 20¹/_d per lb. **Sheepskins.** Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, April 13. **Hides.**—Our last sale was held on the 25th inst., when we offered a medium catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Prices were a shade better than at our last sale. Quotations: Prime ox, to 10³/_d; medium, to 9¹/_d; light, to 8¹/_d; heavy cow hides, to 9¹/_d; medium, 8¹/_d to 8³/_d; light, to 8¹/_d; inferior, 4¹/_d to 7¹/_d; calfskins, to 10³/_d; medium, 8¹/_d to 9³/_d; inferior, 4¹/_d to 7¹/_d per lb. **Tallow and Fat.**—Small consignments are coming forward and competition is keen. Best rendered tallow, 22s to 24s; medium, 18s to 20s; best rough fat, 16s to 18s; medium, 14s to 15s. **Oats.**—The market is a shade easier. Buyers are not operating so freely owing to the Government's decision to restrict export. Prime milling, 4s 1d to 4s 2d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 1d; inferior to medium, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). **Wheat.**—As most of the millers are holding good stocks just now they are not so keen to operate, and there is very little business passing, consequently values are a shade easier.

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PRESENTATION TO REV. FATHER O'CONNELL, LAWRENCE.

There was a large gathering of Catholics at St. Patrick's Schoolroom, Lawrence, on Tuesday evening, March 23, for the purpose of making a presentation to the Rev. Father O'Connell, who had recently been transferred to Oamaru (says the *Tuapeka Times*).

The chairman (Mr. H. Hart) said the guest of the evening did not want any introduction from him, nor did he require to explain at length their object in meeting him that evening. Father O'Connell was looked upon as an old and valued friend, and there was no gainsaying the fact that he had endeared himself to all classes of the community. When the order came for his removal to Oamaru he quietly took his departure. But his people here could not allow the occasion to pass without showing in some tangible way the esteem and respect he was held in, and they had invited him there that night to give effect to their desires. He (the speaker) had been closely associated with Father O'Connell since he came to Lawrence, and he had found him not only a devoted and zealous priest, but socially one of nature's gentlemen.

Mr. J. J. Woods, who was entrusted with making the presentation, said he was sure they were all disappointed at the absence of the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, who, unfortunately, had to leave in order to attend the obsequies of the late Bishop Grimes. On behalf of Father O'Connell's many friends, he extended to him a hearty welcome back to the district. He thought he could not pay him a higher compliment than to say a few words of commendation in regard to his *alma mater*—Holy Cross College—which, as an ecclesiastical seminary, would stand as a monument to Bishop Verdon as long as the Dominion of New Zealand lasts. The Lawrence parish had been the first in which Father O'Connell was called to work, and they therefore claimed to be his first love, and he was sure from what he knew of him that he would never forget the people of Tuapeka, where he had spent three happy years and won alike the love and respect of old and young. To the young priest just out of college there was no better parish priest than Monsignor O'Leary, who was always most considerate and helpful to his young curates. Father O'Connell was, however, especially blessed with an amiable disposition, a trait which could not but be helpful to him in his holy work. Mr. Woods concluded by reading the illuminated address and handing over to Father O'Connell the purse of sovereigns as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his good work in the Tuapeka parish, at the same time wishing him success and happiness in the future.

Following is the text of the address.

Rev. and Dear Father,--On behalf of the Catholics of Lawrence district we desire to convey to you our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the very great success that has attended your priestly labors during your sojourn here as curate. In performing the duties of your holy calling you have been most thoughtful to our spiritual and temporal needs, in comforting the sick and sorrowing, and in alleviating the sufferings of those in trouble and distress. At no time or place is the good priest more seen to advantage than at the death-bed, and here it was that your amiable disposition and heartfelt sympathies were at all times so conspicuously exemplified in the consolation of our holy religion and your sympathetic kindness to the bereaved ones. At our social re-unions we shall all miss you, as you were at all times ready to lend your valuable assistance for any charitable object and to further the advancement of the district generally in any way your talents would permit. While extremely sorry to part, it is gratifying to know that you have been appointed by our good Bishop to the Oamaru parish, where the genial climate will enable you to carry out your sacred work with less hardship and fatigue than is possible in the more strenuous climate of the Tuapeka district. In saying *au revoir* we promise not to forget you in our prayers, and in return

we would ask you to kindly remember us from time to time, more especially when offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the altar.

J. J. WOODS, B. HART, J. COWAN,
T. CROWLEY, E. FAHEY.'

The Rev. Father Kaveney said he was delighted to see so many present to show their esteem for Father O'Connell and their appreciation of the good work he had done amongst them during the past three years. He apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, who had expressed his sorrow at not being able to be present to take part in the proceedings. He ventured to think he knew Father O'Connell better than any of them, for he had spent five years with him in college, and during all that time he had always found him a thorough gentleman. Since he had come to Lawrence he had heard Monsignor O'Leary speak in the most eulogistic terms of him, and everywhere throughout the district the people were loud in his praise. He concluded by wishing Father O'Connell every happiness and the best of health in the new parish to which he had been assigned.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, in acknowledging the gifts, said he met them that night with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—pleasure in seeing so many old friends and renewing acquaintances; regret and sorrow because he had to part from them. Partings were always painful, and the dearer the friends the more painful the parting. During his three years' sojourn in Lawrence he had formed many warm and enduring friendships, and it was therefore with true sorrow that he left this district. He was exceedingly sorry that Monsignor O'Leary was unable to be present with them that night. There was no need for him to sing his praises to them, as they probably knew him better than he did, but he would like to say publicly how much he appreciated his kindness and goodness to him during the time he had acted as his curate. They were a favored people in having such a parish priest as Monsignor O'Leary; he doubted if there was a more zealous or self-sacrificing priest in the Dominion. He had been pleased to see the fine spirit of Catholicity that prevailed in this district, and he ascribed this as due to the fine work of Monsignor O'Leary. He congratulated the people of the parish in having Father Kaveney as his successor. They had been fellow-students at Holy Cross College, and he could say in all sincerity they had in Father Kaveney a good priest, and one who will do his duty amongst them and win a deep place in their affections. He thanked them very heartily for their gifts, assured them that he would ever retain happy recollections of his sojourn amongst them, and that he would not forget them in his prayers.

An abundant supply of refreshments was then served by the ladies.

During the evening musical and other items were contributed by the following: Misses Woods, Nieper, and Kelleher, Rev. Fathers Kaveney and O'Connell, Messrs. Woods and Walker.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 29.

The following are the results of the higher theoretical (art of teaching and rudiments) examinations, and also of the local centre theory examinations in connection with Trinity College, London:—Higher examinations—Passed piano, art of teaching and rudiments (licentiate), V. Rankin, L.T.C.L. Passed piano and rudiments (certificate—honors), L. Gray. Passed art of teaching, R. Falconer. The above are all pupils of Miss Cartwright, L.T.C.L., L.A.B. Local Centre Theory.—Advanced Junior Division—I. Hjorring, 90 per cent. (honors), Miss Cartwright. Preparatory Division—G. Golding, 100 per cent. (pass), Miss H. Cartwright.

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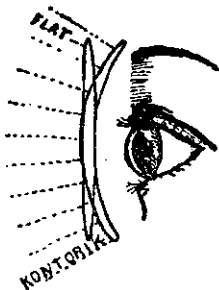
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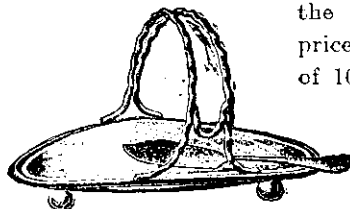
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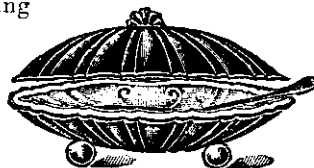
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Irish News

GENERAL.

Derry City has sent a third strong contingent to join the Irish Brigade in Fermoy, and altogether over 1500 Nationalists have now joined the army from that centre alone.

Private Michael Glynn, of the Irish Guards, a resident of Clough Dene, near White-le-Head, Tyne-side, has been awarded the distinguished service medal for conspicuous bravery at the Yser.

Flight Commander and Capt. Hyacinth Albert Roche, youngest son of Sir George and Lady Roche, of Merrion square, Dublin, was killed while serving with the British Flying Corps in France.

Addressing the Grand Jury at Magherafelt Quarter Sessions the other day, Judge Todd said it seemed to him that his circuit was turning into a pilgrimage of congratulations. There was but one small case to go before them.

A London firm has been fined £20 for having offered for sale some socks for soldiers which were described as Irish hand-knit product, 'passed by military expert as the finest and most suitable for active service,' whereas they were 'German shoddy,' 'absolute rubbish, retailed at a profit of over 120 per cent.'

The Rev. Father Lane, who has just returned from Ireland, said in a lecture at Gisborne that there was no more prospect of civil war between the North and South of Ireland than there was between the North and South Islands of New Zealand. The first contingent of Irish Nationalist Volunteers to leave Ireland to go to the assistance of England, he said, were escorted through a northern town by one of the Orange brass bands. Did that look like civil war?

Mr. John Dillon, M.P., acknowledging a cheque sent through him by the Ballaghaderreen Division of the A.O.H. in aid of the Belgian Refugee Fund, says that Ireland, in proportion to her means, had probably done more than any other country in the world to help the Belgians. To anyone who knew anything of the history of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, it would indeed be strange, he said, if the members of that Order did not feel for the Belgians in the hour of their martyrdom.

Cork, which has now taken back the freedom of the city conferred on Professor Kuno Meyer in 1911, conferred it recently on the Marquis of Aberdeen and Tara, the retiring Viceroy. Having signed the roll of freedom, his Excellency, in the course of his acknowledgment of the honor, said it would be a source of regret both to himself and Lady Aberdeen to leave so many friends behind them, but he hoped that their separation from Ireland would be more nominal than real, and he could, at all events, assure them that that would not be their last visit to Cork.

The election of the Lord Mayor of Dublin took place on February 5. On January 25 Alderman Clancy was elected to the position, but died within a week. A new election was thus rendered necessary. Great interest attached to the proceedings by the fact that the contest was between a well-known Nationalist, namely, Councillor Gallagher, and a Sinn Féiner, Alderman Kelly. The voting resulted—For Councillor Gallagher, 50; for Alderman Kelly, 13. The former was then declared elected.

PROSPERITY OF IRISH TRADE.

At the annual meeting of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce the president, Mr. Richard K. Gamble, referred to the effect of the war on Irish trade. Reports from all sides, he said, showed that trade in nearly all cases was in an extremely flourishing condition. The Irish woollen and linen manufacturers were working at full time, and overtime in some cases. The common-sense and absence of panic shown by the Irish commercial community had been well repaid, and the banking reports showed that Ireland was in a very prosperous

condition. So far as her limited commercial and agricultural interests were concerned there was plenty of room for the development of other industries in Ireland.

MR. W. REDMOND JOINS THE IRISH BRIGADE

Mr. William Redmond, M.P. for East Clare, writing to Mr. Linnane, J.P., of Ennis, announces that he has offered himself to the Irish Brigade, stating that he does so because he is absolutely convinced that the future freedom, welfare, and happiness of the Irish people depend upon the part Ireland plays in this war. 'There may be a few,' he adds, 'who think that the Germans would not injure Ireland, and that they would even benefit her. I hope the Clare people will rely on no such statement. If the Germans come here, and they will if they reach Great Britain, they will be our masters and we shall be at their mercy. What that mercy is likely to be, judge by the treatment given to Belgium. If in the time to come we in Ireland could not show we had struck a blow for Belgium, then indeed I believe that our name would be disgraced. Apart from this, I regard the Act which will restore our own Parliament as a treaty of peace with the people of Great Britain. The British democracy have shown help and sympathy. Every reform we now enjoy we owe to their loyal help and constant support. It would be ungrateful and inhuman if we stood idly by while the English, Scotch, and Welsh people were in danger and their women and children killed in cold blood, as happened in Scarborough. Australia and New Zealand have been our loyal friends in our hour of strife. Their Parliaments and their statesmen have ever pleaded for our rights. If Germany wins this war, these people will have their homes, their property, and their lives in danger. Are we to leave these people who were our friends without our aid? If we did so we should be justly disgraced. I am far too old to be a soldier, but I intend to try to do my best for whatever life remains in me to show that Ireland at least is true to her treaties and not in any way ungrateful to her friends throughout the world.'

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT.

Commander G. E. Holland, C.I.E., D.S.O., Dock and Marine Superintendent, Holyhead, has been appointed Director of Inland Water Transports at the front, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel R.E. At the outbreak of the war he was in charge of the cross-Channel transports. Lieutenant-Colonel Holland is the second son of the late Mr. Denis Holland, Dublin, and married a daughter, since deceased, of the late Sir Edmund Dwyer Gray, M.P., Ballybrack, Ireland. He joined the Royal Indian Marine in 1880, and retired from that service in 1905, taking up the appointment of Marine Superintendent at Holyhead two years later. He served with the Burma Expeditionary Forces in 1887-89, was made Lieutenant in 1882 and Commander in 1893. He received numerous medals and orders, and was frequently mentioned in despatches.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. T. DONOVAN, M.P.

On a recent Sunday night in the Linen Hall Hotel, Belfast, Mr. John T. Donovan, B.L., M.P., was the principal guest at an interesting and enjoyable social function, when the formal ceremony took place in connection with the presentation to the member for West Wicklow of a valuable library and an illuminated address from his many personal friends in Belfast on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Alda Ralph, of Auckland. A very representative company was entertained to dinner, under the presidency of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and interesting speeches were delivered by the chairman and others felicitating Mr. and Mrs. Donovan, and recalling Mr. Donovan's distinguished services to the National cause in Ireland and abroad. From start to finish the proceedings were of the most auspicious and successful character, and were indicative of the warm personal regard felt for Mr. Donovan in his native city, as well as the admiration elicited by his brilliant advocacy of Irish claims.

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THE LATE GENERAL SIR LUKE O'CONNOR, V.C.

A London correspondent gives the following particulars regarding the passing away of General Sir Luke O'Connor, V.C., whose death was reported by cable at the time:—For some time before his death he had been in failing health, but he always retained that upright carriage and that alertness which were most characteristic of the famous soldier. Irish, born and bred, and always proud of his nationality, his was a case of distinction won by sheer merit, as he had risen from the ranks to become commander of the regiment in which he had enlisted so very many years before. Sir Luke was a devout Catholic and took a great interest in the Catholic Boys' Brigade. The funeral service took place at Farm street Church, at which the King was represented by Col. Norie, A.D.C. Present in the church were many old comrades and friends, and the service was very simple. Requiem Mass was said by Father Considine, during which the coffin rested on a catafalque in front of the altar; a Union Jack covered the coffin, and the General's plumed hat and sword rested on it. Eight sergeants of the General's old regiment carried the coffin to the waiting gun carriage outside, and thus the gallant Irishman was brought to Kensal Green, accompanied by the files and drums of the Scots Guards with a firing party of the same regiment.

A REPLY TO LORD MAYO.

'An Irish Officer,' writing in the London *Daily Chronicle*, says:—The tactless and ungracious attack on the Irish National Volunteers by Lord Mayo in the House of Lords has naturally caused much indignation among Irishmen. As an example of how the Irish run away from the Germans, the following account by an eye-witness may help to show. Sapper M. J. Cassidy, R.E., in the *Irish Postal and Telegraphic Guardian*, writes:—'Before going into action the Irishmen knelt for a moment in prayer, and then, with the same slogan that I have heard so often on the hills of my native Mayo, they charged with the bayonet and completely routed the Prussians with indescribable slaughter. They did their day's work well, but when the roll was called next morning it was found that over 1000 of the Irishmen had "gone west." I could give dozens of similar accounts from the front, all portraying the gallantry of the Irish regiments, but one will suffice. Of course, Lord Mayo may say that his remarks were intended for the Irish Volunteers, and not for the Irish regiments in the British Army; but he knows, or ought to know, that the same men who fill the ranks of the Irish National Volunteers make up the bulk of the Irish regiments in the British Army. We Irishmen are very proud of the way in which our fellow countrymen are behaving on the battlefields of France and Belgium in this great fight against the common enemy. It is, however, only what we should expect of them. We desire no praise or glowing tributes; the composition of the roll of honor is tribute enough to our brave lads. We do, however, expect justice and fair play.'

The Irish national friendly societies have been busy of late (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal*). The members of the H.A.C.B. Society held their annual demonstrations of faith a few Sundays ago, when 1800, mostly men, received Holy Communion at the Cathedral. The members came from the most distant suburbs. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, who celebrated the 8 o'clock Mass, delivered a short address, in the course of which he congratulated the members of the society in affording such an edifying example to Catholics and non-Catholics. Nothing could afford any Bishop greater joy than such a practical proof of a strong Catholic faith.

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People We Hear About

The new title assumed by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on his promotion by the King to the marquissate is: The Marquis of Aberdeen and Temair. 'Temair' is the name anciently associated with the historic Hill of Tara. The word 'Temair' is also spelt in the ancient documents 'Tamhar,' the 'mh' being aspirated and silenced.

Prince Hussein, the new Sultan of Egypt, who is sixty-two years of age, is a great friend of France. He was educated mainly in France, and during his youth was frequently a guest of Napoleon III., and Empress Eugenie, and the favorite companion of their son, the ill-fated Prince Imperial. His Highness, who is uncle of the deposed Khedive, and a highly capable administrator, has a passion for agriculture, and has been termed 'Father of the Fellah' (peasant).

The tragically sudden death of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman John Clancy, cast a gloom over the city. Only recently his fellow-corporators fittingly recognised his long and valued civic service by appointing him to the highest honor in their gift—the chief citizen's chair. The late Alderman, though he had passed three score and ten, appeared in excellent health, and was looking forward to a year at least of good work for Dublin, its people, and its interests. Following so soon upon his election to a position that by right of ability and service he had well and truly won, his death has evoked the deepest expressions of sorrow on every side, and the opinion is universal that in his passing away Dublin has lost not only a strong, but also a great, personality, and one who has left the impress of his municipal genius on much that is progressive and good in the city to-day.

Mr. Thomas A. Browne, better known as Rolf Boddewood, passed away recently at South Yarra, where he had been living quietly for several years. He had attained the age of 88, and his death was not unexpected, as he had been an invalid for over a year. He leaves a widow and family of seven. A large part of his life was spent in New South Wales, where he received his early education. He first took up pastoral pursuits, but owing to losses by droughts he finally relinquished these in 1869. Later he became police magistrate and warden of the goldfields, and it was during his official career that most of his literary work was done. Before taking to novel-writing, he contributed many tales and sketches to various Australian papers. Of his works, *Robbery Under Arms* was the most popular, and has won favor also on the dramatic stage and in the picture theatre. The success of his writings may be gauged by his recent statement that he had more than made up for his losses in pastoral pursuits by his writings.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, who has been lecturing on the war in various parts of Great Britain, approaches his subject with the expert knowledge drawn from practical experience. As a soldier in the French Artillery, he was trained on the very ground in which the great Western conflict is now being waged. Mr. Belloc is the son of a French barrister, and after serving in the French Army he brilliantly graduated at Balliol College, Oxford, and became a naturalised Englishman. For four years (1906-1910) he represented South Salford in Parliament, but his sturdy independence, based on a rooted antipathy to the 'party machine,' led to his retirement from Westminster. Mr. Belloc, a friend and colleague of Professor Phillimore and Mr. G. K. Chesterton, is, of course, a Catholic, and one of the most brilliant and versatile of contemporary writers.

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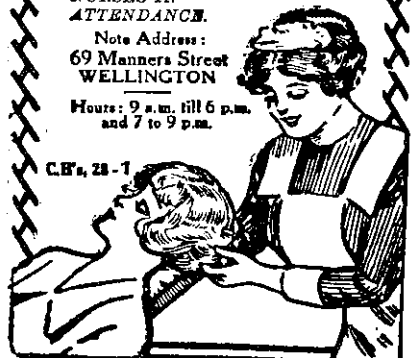
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'Progress' is the note reflected in the *Students' Magazine of the Sacred Heart College, Auckland*, for the past year—progress both as to the doings of the college, and as to the turn-out and contents of the *Magazine* itself. As to the former, the editorial supplies us with a concise and interesting summary: 'To no year can we look back with greater pleasure than to the one just closed. In no period of the college life was there more perfect harmony among the pupils or greater union between the teachers and the taught; fresh laurels have been won in the examination halls; the laboratory has been thoroughly equipped with apparatus necessary to enable the pupils to grasp readily the various branches of science taught in the secondary schools; experimental plots have been laid out to which many farmers from the districts round have paid a visit of inspection in order to improve their store of agricultural knowledge from the results obtained by the pupils' work; further facilities have been given to pupils for perfecting themselves in cricket, football, handball, and tennis; and, lastly, thanks to our zealous parish priest, the Very Rev. Father Cahill, and his devoted assistant, the Rev. Father O'Malley, the spiritual wants of the pupils have been assiduously attended to with unflinching regularity in spite of weather conditions and the many difficulties that must often arise in the busy life of a parish priest to interfere with the performance of outside functions.'

In the chronicle of the year's activity one notices that the subject of science in all its branches bulks very largely; and the records of the newly-installed telescope, of the laboratory, and of the course of practical agricultural training, give us an idea not only of the keen interest displayed by the students in the various scientific subjects but also of the very admirable work that is being accomplished by Brother Bonifas in this department. In addition to the annual record of the scholars' attainments and of the activities of the college, the *Magazine* contains as a specimen of the work that is being accomplished by the students, a very successful speech on David of Gaul delivered by J. P. Harvey, in his competition for the W. P. Hackett Medal for the year. The speech shows careful study and a wide knowledge of the subject, admirable arrangement, and highly creditable powers of thought and of expression. Another extremely interesting item is the selection of extracts from letters written by Fred. Glasier, an old boy of the college, who accompanied the N.Z. troops to Salon. Outside of the purely college items, the *Magazine* features a study of the present Pope to whom is accorded the place of honor in an excellent frontispiece, and of whom an interesting biographical sketch is given. The general literary matter comprises an essay on Newman's *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* by Miss Callan and 'Thoughts on a First Reading of the Life and Poems of Francis Thompson' by Miss V. Jacobsen, M.A.—two exceptionally fine and high-class contributions. Altogether, the *Magazine* is a very bright and readable production, and one in regard to which both editors and students have reason to congratulate themselves.

We have also to acknowledge receipt of the following timely and excellent publications of the Australian Catholic Truth Society:—*Pius X.*, by the Bishop of Salford, *Benedict XVI.*, by Benedict, C.S.S.S.; *National Education: A Statement of Principles and a Comparison of Systems*, by P. S. Cleary; *The Labor Party and Secular Education: How the Catholic Workers of England Solved the Problem*, published by the Advocate Press; *Cultured Paganism: A Critical Study*, by Rev. W. J. Tucker, S.J.; *Little Thérèse: A True Story for Little Readers*, and *Some Xmas Letters, A Soldier's Son, and Other Stories*, by 'Miriam Agatha.'

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THE LATE BISHOP GRIMES.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Now that I have witnessed the last sad rites in connection with the consigning of the mortal remains of our late beloved Bishop to their earthly resting place within the beautiful Cathedral of Christchurch, permit me to make a reference by way of correction and addition to the accounts given of his early days. In the reports of the *Christchurch Press* and *Lyttelton Times*, just shortly after his death, in your issue of the 18th inst., and, again, yesterday by his Grace the Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington, in his beautiful panegyric, it was recorded that the deceased prelate was ordained (to the priesthood) by Dr. Whelan in London. I respectfully suggest that this referred to his receiving sub-deaconship or deaconship. It may surprise you to know that I was a pupil at St. Mary's College, Dundalk, Ireland, when he came there as a professor, and he was then only Rev. Mr. Grimes (not Father), and one of my teachers.

I have in my possession to-day, after all these years, the medal presented to me by his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. McGettigan, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, on the occasion of being train-bearer to his Grace at an ordination ceremony held in the Chapel of St. Mary's, Dundalk, when the late Bishop (Dr. Grimes) was raised to the dignity of the priesthood and I hold the distinctive honor of having served his first Mass the following day. This fact was publicly acknowledged by the late Bishop on the occasion of my presenting him with an illuminated address, when he visited this portion of his diocese a good many years ago, and also on a certain occasion when, entertaining his guests at dinner in Christchurch, he said 'You cannot guess whom I saw in the Cathedral this morning?' He was remarkable for his discernment of people in a congregation. He answered his question by stating that he saw in my person the boy, who served his first Mass at St. Mary's Dundalk. He told me this himself.

I hope, Sir, that you or anybody else will not think I write this in any egotistical spirit, unless to a pardonable extent on account of my privilege, but I would be sorry to think that the cherished memory of this event for the past 46 years proved to be 'But a dream of the mind, a false creation, proceeding from a heat-oppressed brain.' I mention it more on account of the deep and sincere friendship with which he regarded my parents and family during all these long years, corresponding with them, and never failing to call on them whenever he went to Europe, and visited Dublin; for the many kindnesses received by myself at his hands, as well as giving me the opportunity of expressing my heartfelt grief at his death.

Oh, memory, fond memory!
When all things change we fly to thee;
We bid thee bring us back again
The thoughts, the friends, we loved so well,
E'en our sorrow, time endears,
Breathe upon us thy magic spell!

I am, etc.,

JAS. McCORMACK.

Oxford, Canterbury, March 25.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

Very Rev. Deans Holley and Binsfield arrived here to-day, after attending the obsequies of the late Bishop Grimes.

Special references were made in both churches last Sunday to the late Bishop Grimes. At St. Mary's at the 10.30 o'clock Mass, the Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., spoke at some length of the great work the deceased prelate had accomplished, and at Vespers the organist (Mr. J. Kearsley) played the 'Dead March' from 'Saul.'



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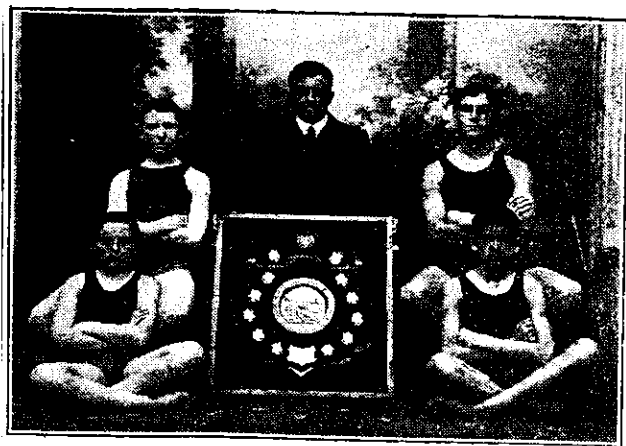
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Ohakune

(From an occasional correspondent.)

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On Wednesday, March 17, the Irishmen of Ohakune and surrounding districts held the first national gathering in honor of the day, which has taken place here. A comprehensive programme of sports for children and adults had been arranged, but unfortunately shortly before 3 p.m. the rain came down, bringing the outing to a somewhat abrupt termination. There was a very large attendance, and despite adverse weather conditions all enjoyed themselves. In the evening a social was held in the Town Hall, when several Irish national items were contributed by a number of talented vocalists. The proceeds of the day's functions are to be devoted to the church funds, and it is satisfactory to find that a substantial amount was realised. The success of our first St. Patrick's Day celebration has made the committee, who were most energetic, very ambitious, and next year's outing will be organised on an even bigger scale.

During the Lenten season, there are devotions in the church every evening, and on Wednesdays and Fridays there is Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. These services have been well attended, and on Sunday evenings there is always a large congregation. It is a consolation to Catholics in the back blocks to be able to follow the practices of their religion to the same extent as their more fortunate co-religionists in the towns, and, judging by the attendances, our people here are duly grateful for the privilege.

Ohinemuri

(From our own correspondent.)

About 250 children from all parts of the district were present at the annual St. Patrick's Day picnic, which was held in Paeroa this year. Special reserved railway carriages conveyed the children from Waikino, Owaharoa, and Karangahake. Mass was celebrated by the Ven. Archdeacon Hackett, who delivered a very able and impressive address on St. Patrick in St. Mary's Church, Paeroa, when there was a crowded congregation. After the Mass the children proceeded to the picnic ground, under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, where a very enjoyable day was spent, and all the items of the programme were keenly contested. Valuable assistance in carrying out the day's programme was given by Messrs. J. Wall, R. Wilkinson, J. Patton, and T. Quigly, and Mesdames J. O'Neil (Karangahake), and J. Armour (Waikino).

Gisborne

Irishmen the world over never fail to do honor to their Patron Saint, St. Patrick, on the 17th March (says the *Gisborne Times*). Functions of various kinds are invariably the rule in centres where the sons of Erin foregather, and the Irish population of Gisborne were not unmindful of what was due from them. The special function held this year was a huge Irish entertainment held in the Opera House, at which, in point of numbers, a record house must have been present. In such numbers did the Irish and those who were not Irish, of the town attend that at 7.45 the 'house full' sign had to be hung up to the circle portion of the house, and a few minutes later the lower portion of the theatre was filled to overflowing and hundreds of intending patrons had to be turned away.

The first portion of the entertainment was devoted to pictures, three films of more than ordinary merit being shown. Two comedies, 'Pat and the milliner' and 'A queen for a day' tickled the risibilities of the crowded house to such an extent as to cause shrieks of laughter. The third picture was a delightful drama having its foundation set among the beautiful scenery which exists only in Ireland.

After the interval a number of magnificent lime-light slides were shown depicting spots in the Emerald Isle which were visited by Rev. Father Lane during his recent holiday in that country. The rev. gentleman increased the interest which these slides produced by a lucid and graphic description of the different points of interest, and by many a witty anecdote concerning some special feature. The slides covered a wide range. There were included the most notable of Ireland's public buildings, many of its beautiful churches and colleges, splendid examples of architectural art, spots of historic interest, monuments of warriors and of Irish patriots who have passed away, scenes depicting Irish life and the old style of Irish cottages, a dozen slides of the glorious scenery that abounds around the world-famed and immortalised Killarney Lakes, and views of some of the thousands of other beauty spots with which Ireland abounds. During an interval in the showing of the slides Mrs. Phil Barry delighted the audience with 'Killarney,' that evergreen song which never fails to please, and later Mr. Downie sang 'My little Irish girl,' for which he was encored. At the conclusion of the slides Mr. Downie sang 'A nation once again,' St. Mary's Choir joining in the chorus.

At the close Rev. Father Lane briefly addressed the audience. He said the dominant force actuating the Irish people to-day was loyalty to King and country. Already over 200,000 children of the Emerald Isle had gone to the front to shed their blood and give their lives, if need be, in the service of the Empire. Britain was now united as never before, England, Scotland, and Ireland being united in a common cause, and a common destiny. England, he was certain, would after the war fulfil her word and make Ireland a nation once again. The green flag of Erin would then float over a free, unfettered, and regenerated Ireland. The crisis on the Home Rule problem was briefly mentioned by Rev. Father Lane. He said that a report had appeared in the New Zealand papers that civil war between the North and South of Ireland had been imminent. This he emphatically denied, and asserted that the report had no justification. He happened to be in Ireland at the time, and he assured his audience that war between the North and South of Ireland was as unlikely as war between the North and South Island of New Zealand. Indeed, it was a fact, he added, that an Orange band had headed a detachment of Nationalist Volunteers who had offered their services to the Empire at the outbreak of the European conflagration.

The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

A feature of the entertainment was the special Irish music which the Opera House Orchestra played during the showing of the pictures and during the interval.

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Beans they did have—at least, the upper classes had them. Henry VIII. was very fond of beans, and had a Dutch gardener over, who found English soil would grow broad beans every bit as well as Dutch. They rather sneered at peas in the year 1600. Such as were eaten were imported from Holland. 'Fit dainties for ladies; they came so far, and cost so dear,' says one writer.

Some years ago, in the Isle of Bute, a splendid crop of peas was raised from seed which was at least 2000, and probably nearly 3000 years old. This seed came from an Egyptian tomb. The flower had a beautiful red centre, surrounded by white petals, and the peas were well up to the modern market-garden standard. Cabbage has always been a pet vegetable of the Dutch. We got it from them in 1510, and in 1915 we still use thousands of pounds of Dutch cabbage-seed. And the extraordinary part of it is that cabbage is in reality a native of Great Britain.

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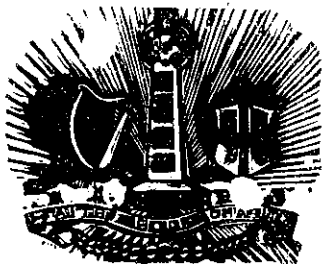
state. Indeed, it would take a botanist to tell that it was a cabbage at all. Scotland owes the cabbage to Cromwell's soldiers. The cauliflower is but a cultivated improvement on the cabbage. It was brought to perfection in Cyprus, and was very little known in England till about a century ago.

The parsnip is another native of Britain. You will find it along almost any hedge-row, but it is small, and intensely bitter in its wild state. Parsnip is grown more in Ireland than in England. In Ulster a sort of beer is made from the root.

Celery is a third native of Great Britain. It grows luxuriantly in ditches and brooks; but, like the others, wild celery is nasty, even poisonous. We owe the delicious eatable celery to a French prisoner of war, Field-Marshal Tallard, whom Marlborough beat at Blenheim in 1704.

If asked what was the most important event in the history of British vegetables, most people would say the bringing over of the potato from its home in America. They would be wrong. The introduction of the turnip—that is, of the Swede variety—was of much greater value. Until we got the field-turnip, all England had to live during the winter chiefly on salted meat. And severe winters were dreaded, on account of the terrible mortality amongst sheep, which were then left out at pasture all through the cold weather. The growing of swedes changed all that, by providing cheap and wholesome food for stock when penned up. Turnips, like so many other vegetables, came to us from Holland about 1690.

The artichoke is a vegetable not as popular now as it was some years ago. It grows wild in Turkey and Italy. The Jerusalem artichoke, which is now much better known, is not really an artichoke at all, but a sort of sunflower.



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GARDENING NOTES

(By Mr. J. JOYCE, Landscape Gardener, Christchurch.)

KITCHEN GARDEN: WORK FOR APRIL.

All strawberry plantations should be finished this month, so that they may be well established for the winter. If planted too late, they have not sufficient roothold of the soil, the consequence being that they are lifted out of the ground by the severe frosts. They must be kept free from weeds, so that they may have plenty of sun and air. The old leaves should not be removed from strawberry beds, they are best left on the plants until spring. Celery can now be moulded up. It is better not to mould too high, until the plants are fully grown, when they can be earthed up again. It must be done in dry weather, and care should be taken that the soil does not get into the heart of the plant. The best way to act is to have the soil nicely dug on each side of the row, and catch the plant with the left hand, holding all the leaf stalks together tight, then, with the right hand, draw the soil all round the plant as high as possible. This prevents the earth from getting into the centre. Some people tie paper around each plant, when the soil can be placed along the row with a spade. Leeks must now be earthed up, but they need no hand work, the shovel or spade will answer best.

Kail, winter green, savoys, and broccoli, may still be planted out for spring use. They are very useful when vegetables are scarce. Turnips should also be sown for spring use. The white stone or golden ball are the best to stand the winter. Silver beet is also a very useful vegetable. The leaves are used like spinach, and the stalks like sea-kail. If not sown before, it ought to be put in at once in good rich ground, and when the plants come up they should be thinned out to about six inches apart. French spinach should also be sown, as it comes in when other green vegetables are scarce. Spinners and onions should now be stored away. A little cauliflower and cabbage seed should be sown, as it is always handy to have a few plants ready when wanted for putting out. Early potatoes should be taken up, and the seed selected for next season and stored away. Pears and apples, as they ripen, should be carefully picked, and put by carefully in a cool place. Care must be taken that bruised ones are not stored with the sound.

FLOWER GARDEN.

This should be a busy time with lovers of spring flowers. Now is the time to plant out all narcissi. There is no lack of choice, as there are so many varieties to choose from. Tulips and hyacinths should not be neglected. Ixias and sparaxis are very pretty spring flowers, as also are anemones and ranunculi. There is also another pretty little bulb called tritonia, which is well worth a space in the garden. I must not omit one of the first harbingers of spring, the favorite little crocus. This is a good collection of old-fashioned flowers which can be purchased at a small cost. The admirer of the sweet pea should get his collection, and sow them in a well-cultivated spot in the garden, where the plants will be sheltered from the cold winds and frosts of the winter. There must be a careful watch kept on them during the winter, as woodlice, slugs, and insects are fond of nibbling at the young shoots. It is also wise to sow some in boxes to transplant out where any might have failed. A dusting of soot and lime occasionally will help to keep away the slugs.

Cuttings of geraniums and other bedding plants should be put in this month: plant in boxes of light sandy soil. Towards the end of the month any geraniums which are worth saving should be taken up and put in pots or boxes to keep through the winter.

Now is the time for sowing down new lawns or improving old ones, where the grass has failed through the depredations of the grub or from other causes. Where patches are bare the ground should be scratched with the rake, sown down, then top-dressed with nice

fine soil, and rolled, or patted down with the back of the spade. The lawns should be rolled pretty often just now after rain, as this is the time the grubs are busy among the roots of the grass. The rolling makes the ground hard, and prevents them travelling.

Intercolonial

It has been definitely fixed that his Excellency Archbishop Cerretti, the Apostolic Delegate to Australia, will visit Melbourne on Saturday, April 17, and remain during the following week. Arrangements are being made by a committee for his reception.

Among the journalists seeking active service is Mr. John Bede Dalley, who has received a commission in the Australian artillery, and joins the camp at the end of the present month (says the *Catholic Press*). Later he proceeds to Europe. Mr. Dalley is a son of the late William Bede Dalley. He is a barrister, but he has been a professional journalist for many years.

Right Rev. Mgr. O'Brien, Rector of St. John's College, within the University of Sydney, died last week. He had been ill for some time. Monsignor O'Brien was born at Oldcastle, County Meath, in 1842. He was educated at All Hallows College, Dublin, and in Rome. He was ordained in 1865. At one time he was professor of moral theology in All Hallows College, Dublin, and vice-president. He was appointed Rector of St. John's College, Sydney, in 1888.

A crowd of nearly 2000 people, including a large number of non-Catholics, thronged the Toowoomba Town Hall recently to give a fitting send-off to the Rev. Father John O'Connell, on the occasion of his departure to Ireland. Amongst those present were his Grace Archbishop Duhig (who journeyed from Brisbane to make the presentation). His Grace, in presenting Father O'Connell, on behalf of the parishioners, with a cheque for £410, spoke of his association with Father O'Connell, whose popularity grew with years, as was exemplified by the record crowd present. He sincerely hoped the departing priest would benefit by his holiday.

In the near future several Catholic works in the Rockhampton diocese will be opened by Bishop Shiel (writes a correspondent of the *Catholic Press*). The dedication of the new church at Longreach will take place in May. A new convent has been completed at Richmond for a community of Sisters of St. Joseph, and it will be opened, in all probability, on the fourth Sunday after Easter. The opening of a new convent school at Emerald for the Presentation Sisters has been fixed for about a month hence. Another Catholic building to be opened is a presbytery at Bowen. To open a new convent at Ingham for a community of Sisters of Mercy from Townsville would mean an absence of three weeks from Rockhampton, owing to the irregular steamship service, so the Bishop of Cooktown, Dr. Heavey, kindly consented to perform the ceremony.

His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, in the course of an address at the blessing of a school-church at Maroubra on Sunday, March 14, said:—The nations will have to see that the gallant country (Belgium) which stood firm for its own honor, its own territory, and for the treaty to which it was a party has a just claim for the moral and physical support of the whole world. And while the case of the Belgians—whose right to their freedom is a right divine—is unsettled the people cannot consent to peace. But why should not these invaders go back to their own country, making proper compensation for the evils they have done? They can then go home and save their sons and families from destruction and their own nation from the terrible destiny which awaits it if justice be not done. But only God can bring this about: let us pray that He will do it.

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THURSDAY, 1st APRIL.

Train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin at 6.25 p.m., Milton 8.3 p.m., arriving Balclutha 8.49 p.m. Connects with trains for Lawrence and Catlins River Branches.

Train will leave Macleannan for Balclutha at 12.50 p.m., Catlins River 2.28 p.m., arriving Balclutha 4 p.m., connecting with 4.10 p.m. express Balclutha to Dunedin.

Train will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel at 11.25 p.m.

SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston and intermediate stations at 9.25 a.m., returning from Palmerston at 4.20 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7 p.m.

Special train for Lawrence will leave Dunedin at 7.42 a.m., arriving Lawrence at 10.55 a.m. Return train will leave Lawrence at 6.40 p.m., arriving Dunedin 9.48 p.m.

MONDAY, 5th APRIL.

The 5 a.m. Palmerston Dunedin train will NOT run.

Special train for Beaumont will leave Dunedin at 7.42 a.m., arriving Beaumont 11.47 a.m. Return train will leave Beaumont at 5.55 p.m., arriving Dunedin 9.58 p.m.

The 5.30 a.m. train Balclutha to Catlins River and the 7.30 a.m. train Catlins River to Balclutha will NOT run.

Train will leave Balclutha for Catlins River at 8.5 p.m., returning from Catlins River at 10.15 a.m., connecting at Balclutha with night trains for Invercargill and Dunedin.

Train will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel at 11.25 p.m.

STRATH TAIERI SHOW AT MIDDLEMARCH.

Train will leave Omakau for Middlemarch at 8.30 a.m., Ranfurly 10.30 a.m., Hyde 11.50 a.m., arriving Middlemarch 12.30 p.m.

Train will leave Middlemarch at 1.30 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.25 p.m.

Train usually leaving Middlemarch at 1.5 p.m. will NOT leave till 5.10 p.m., Hyde 6.10 p.m., Ranfurly 7.35 p.m., Otarehua 8.35 p.m., arriving Omakau 9.45 p.m.

TUESDAY, 6th APRIL.

Train will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 5 a.m., arriving Dunedin 7.24 a.m.

Train for Balclutha will leave Macleannan at 5.50 a.m., Catlins River 7.30 a.m., Owaka 7.43 a.m., arriving Balclutha 9 a.m.

EXTRA EXPRESS TRAINS.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, MONDAY, & TUESDAY.
1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th APRIL.

DUNEDIN-CHRISTCHURCH. Extra Express train (with dining car) will leave Dunedin for Christchurch at 10 a.m., Seacliff 11.16 a.m., Waikouaiti 11.35 a.m., Palmerston 12 noon, Hillgrove 12.21 p.m., Hampden 12.33 p.m., Herbert 12.55 p.m., Maheno 1.8 p.m., Oamaru 1.38 p.m., arriving Christchurch 6.36 p.m. Stops where timed, and at Studholme, Timaru, Temuka, Winchester, Orari, Rangitata, Hinds, Ashburton, and Rakaia; also at Port Chalmers Upper and Waitati to pick up passengers for stations at which train is timed to stop.

On these dates the ordinary express train will NOT take passengers at excursion fares from Dunedin to Oamaru and intermediate stations.

Extra Express Train will leave Christchurch at 9.10 a.m., Oamaru 2.10 p.m., Maheno 2.38 p.m., Hampden 3.13 p.m., Palmerston 3.51 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6 p.m. Stops at Maheno, Herbert, Hampden, Hillgrove, Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seacliff, and Waitati to pick up or set down passengers, and at Port Chalmers Upper to allow passengers to alight.

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DUNEDIN - GORE - INVERCARGILL.—Down mail train leaving Dunedin at 8.30 a.m. WILL RUN TO GORE ONLY. Will take passengers for Waiwera, Clinton, Waipahi, Tapanui branch, Pukerau, Gore, and stations on the Gore-Kingston line and Waikaka branch ONLY.

Express train for Invercargill will leave Dunedin at 8.45 a.m. Will take passengers for Mataura and stations south thereof only. Stops at Caversham, 8.52 a.m., Mosgiel 9.8 a.m., Milton 10.12 a.m., Stirling 10.40 a.m., Balclutha 10.52 a.m., Waiwera 11.25 a.m., Clinton 12 noon, arriving Invercargill 2.23 p.m.

Express train for Dunedin (connecting with Kingston-Gore train) will leave Gore 2.55 p.m., Waipahi 3.28 p.m. (connecting with train from Tapanui branch), Clinton 3.55 p.m., Balclutha 4.35 p.m., Milton, 5.11 p.m., Mosgiel 6.9 p.m., Caversham 6.28 p.m., Dunedin arrive 6.33 p.m.

FRIDAY & MONDAY, 2nd & 5th APRIL.

DUNEDIN - PALMERSTON.—Dunedin depart 9.25 a.m., arriving Palmerston 11.42 a.m.

PALMERSTON-DUNEDIN.—Palmerston depart 4.30 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.33 p.m.

Trains for Palmerston and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 8.30 a.m. and 10.10 a.m. Return trains stopping at intermediate stations will leave Palmerston at 5 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

Train usually leaving Dunedin for Palmerston at 5.27 p.m. will NOT leave till 7.40 p.m.

EXTRA EXPRESS TRAINS DUNEDIN-BALCLUTHA.

From Thursday, 1st April, till Tuesday, 6th April (Sunday excepted), express train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin at 9 a.m., connecting with trains for Lawrence and Catlins River Branches, arriving Balclutha 11.12 a.m.

Extra express train for Dunedin, connecting with trains from Catlins River and Lawrence Branches, will leave Balclutha at 4.10 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.12 p.m.

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Dunedin depart 10.45 p.m., Christchurch arrive 8.15 a.m. Friday.

Christchurch depart 10.35 p.m., Dunedin arrive 7.55 a.m. Friday.

Dunedin depart 11 p.m., Oamaru arrive 4.12 a.m. Friday.

Dunedin depart 11.15 p.m., Balclutha 1.40 a.m., Invercargill arrive 5.45 a.m. Friday.

Invercargill depart 11.20 p.m., Balclutha 3.30 a.m., Dunedin arrive 5.48 a.m. Friday.

SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Dunedin depart 11 p.m., Palmerston arrive 1.50 a.m. Sunday.

MONDAY, 5th APRIL.

Christchurch depart 9.20 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.40 a.m. Tuesday.

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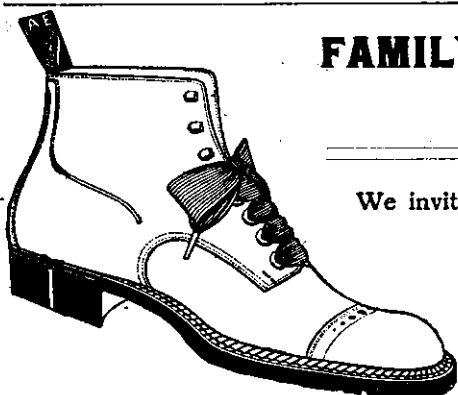
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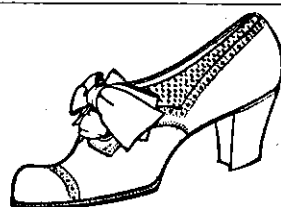
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The fourteenth annual conference of the Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand will be held in the Catholic club rooms, Timaru, commencing on Easter Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m.

At the conference will be held the usual annual contest for the shield, which is held at present by St. Benedict's Catholic Club, Auckland. The rules governing the contest are as follow:—Debate—The subject of the debate will be: 'Are New Zealanders justified in treating naturalised Germans as an enemy's subjects?' Each competitor will be required to prepare both sides of the debate. Sides will be drawn at the conference. Two speakers from each club. Time allowed: 1st speaker, 5 minutes; second speaker, 7 minutes. Points: 1st, 7; 2nd, 3½. Elocution—Subject—Own choice. One speaker from each club. No competitor to give an item with which he has won a first prize in a public competition. Time allowed: 7 minutes. Points: 1st, 6; 2nd, 3. Billiards—One competitor from each club. Games 50 up, and final 100 up. Points: 1st, 4; 2nd, 2. Tennis—One competitor from each club. Games 30 up, singles only. Points: 1st, 4; 2nd, 2. Religious section—The questions are as follow: (1) Why do Catholics go to confession? (2) What is meant by Papal Infallibility? (3) What is the *Ne Temere* Decree? Are mixed marriages absolutely forbidden? (4) What does the Catholic Church think of Socialism? (5) Why does the Church condemn Freemasonry? (6) Has the Church always encouraged the Arts and Sciences? (7) Can Catholics justify the Inquisition? (8) Is one religion as good as another? (9) To whom do we owe the existence of the Bible? (10) Why do Catholics build and maintain their own schools, when free schools are open to them? The procedure to be adopted is that each competitor will be required to answer orally any one question, the time limit being set at 5 minutes. The marks assigned for this section will be the same as those for the debating section.

The following are the items of general interest in the agenda paper:—Notices of motion. (a) St. Benedict's Catholic Club to move—(1) 'That in years to come or in future years, a shooting competition be included in the syllabus of competitions for the shield contest.' (2) 'That rule 6 be altered as follows: the word "Wellington" occurring in the second last line be deleted, and the word "Auckland" be substituted therefor.' (b) Federal Executive to move—(1) 'That there be no limit to the number of vice-presidents on the Federal Executive.' (2) 'That for the purpose of providing prizes for competitions, and assisting the finances of the Federation, a biennial art union be held.' Report *re* publication of the *Catholic Magazine*. Written reports (on the past year's work) from (a) affiliated clubs: (b) district representatives. Suggestions by delegates for the improvement of the Federation and of its constituent clubs. New Zealand Catholic Federation, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Seamen's Conference, H.A.C.B. Society, boys' clubs. The desirability of mutual co-operation in extending the membership and participating in the work of these societies. Catholic Social Guild course. Question of Federal Executive taking over Social Guild study scheme in New Zealand, and also taking over the work of holding the examinations in connection therewith. The hon. secretary will read correspondence between the editor of the *New Zealand Tablet* and executive.

The following is a synopsis of the annual report:—During the past year there have been no new clubs admitted to the Federation. This is due, no doubt, to the slackness that exists in club affairs, owing, in a measure, to the war. Following upon instruction from last conference your executive communicated with

various parish priests requesting them to take steps for the formation of Catholic Clubs in their respective parishes. In only one or two cases, however, replies were received, but it is hoped the action taken by your executive will bear good fruit. Your executive also communicated with the existing Clubs at Oamaru, Hawera, South Dunedin, and St. Joseph's, Dunedin, to ascertain if they would affiliate. The aims and objects of the Federation were brought under their notice, but no good results have as yet been attained. We trust, however, that the time will not be long before these clubs will join the strong chain of affiliation. Several of the affiliated clubs have been very inactive during the past term, but considering the serious depletion of their ranks on account of so many joining the Expeditionary Forces, some justification doubtless exists for such inactivity. The attitude that has been displayed by clubs in connection with these competitions is not to be encouraged. It is much to be regretted that no results were received in the oratorical competition. Regarding the general knowledge competitions only five returns came to hand, and the results will be announced later. A diploma has been issued to Mr. C. J. Lenihan, past secretary of Federation, for meritorious services. Very Rev. Father O'Connell has been appointed spiritual director. The following resignations have been received by the executive with extreme regret:—Messrs. C. Gamble (vice-president) and A. J. Ridler (hon. secretary) resigned to join the Expeditionary Forces, and Mr. W. B. Keany (treasurer), on account of pressure of business. Mr. T. H. Forster was elected hon. secretary, and Mr. Galvin an executive member, in place of Mr. Ridler on active service, and the position of treasurer was filled by the unanimous election of Mr. E. B. L. Reade. The executive takes this opportunity of placing on record its sense of appreciation of the good work done and the time so gratuitously given by Messrs. Gamble, Ridler, and Keany. Arrangements in connection with the publication of the *Magazine* are satisfactory. A suitable date for publication will shortly be fixed. At present twenty-four clubs constitute the Federation, and only seven so far have paid subscriptions for 1914-15, despite reminders. Eliminating the outstanding subscriptions from the balance sheet, there remains an actual debit balance of £2 9s 9d. The Federation depends solely on subscriptions to meet actual working expenses. During the past eight months the Catholic clubs as a body have suffered great loss owing to the departure of great numbers of Catholic young men with the Expeditionary Forces, but it is hoped that this state of affairs will not continue, and that all will return safely. The executive wishes to thank the clubs generally for such assistance as has been given it during the past year, and earnestly hopes that all clubs will, during the coming year, put new life and activity into their work, and co-operate with the executive in the affiliation of new clubs.

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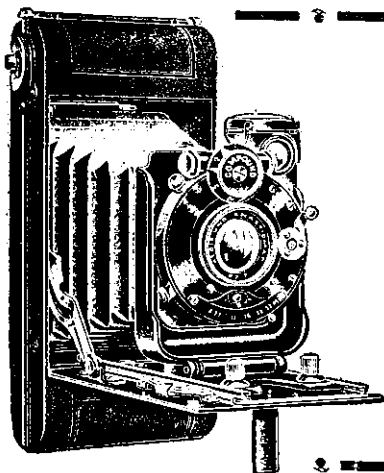
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ROME LETTER

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THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS.

It is of interest to look into the status, numerical and national, of the Sacred College at the present time. Facts relating to the most learned and most revered group of men in Christendom are always interesting to every Catholic. At the moment, one can hardly say when at any previous time, the numerical power of Italian and non-Italian cardinals came exactly equal; but at present each class numbers thirty, the entire body being made up of sixty Princes of the Church. Of this number twenty-one Italians and four non-Italians live in the Eternal City, aiding the Supreme Pontiff in the ruling of the Catholic Church as prefects of the Sacred Congregations, or presidents of the different commissions. Great Britain may be said to be represented at the Pontifical Court by two cardinals—namely, Cardinal Gasquet and Cardinal Merry del Val. Though the latter is a Spaniard, he is English by birth, education, and sympathy.

It has been computed that the bishops and archbishops of the world are renewed by death about every fourteen years. While leaving it to readers, who have a turn for statistics, to reckon how often the College of Cardinals is renewed, one can say death has been rather busy among its members of late years. In the year 1914 eight Cardinals died. And during the pontificate of his Holiness Pius X., whose reign was a brief one in comparison with the lengthy terms during which Pius IX. and Leo XIII. ruled, forty-eight Cardinals passed away. It would almost seem that Leo XIII. chose as cardinals men whose physical powers would weather time as easily as their intellects have overcome difficulties. Cardinal Vaszary is eighty-three years old; Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal Gotti, and Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli are each in their eighty first year, and of these, only the last seems to mind the hand of time.

THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION.

If war circumstances permit their touching at Italy, it is expected that Very Rev. Paul Cullen, C.M., and Very Rev. Michael Flynn, C.M., who left Dublin last week for Australia, will visit the Eternal City. When referring to these distinguished Vincentians, it is worthy of notice that the Holy Father has nominated as Consultor to the Propaganda Very Rev. M. Fontaine, who has for some years been Superior of their international novitiate in Rome.

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Gore

March 23.

The annual St. Patrick's Day social was held in the Town Hall, and was in every respect a very successful gathering. An excellent set supper was supplied by the ladies' committee.

There was a very satisfactory attendance at the Gore Showgrounds, when the St. Patrick's sports were held. The day was an ideal one, and all spent a very enjoyable afternoon. There were fully a dozen running races for boys and girls, and prizes of toys, marbles, and lollies were eagerly competed for. The young ladies' and married ladies' races caused a good deal of amusement. At a suitable interval refreshments were provided.

The annual meeting of the Hibernian Football Club was held in the club rooms, there being a good attendance. Mr. Poppelwell (president), who presided, referred to the position of football owing to the war, and stated that the reason the meeting was called so early in the season was to report as to the club's position. The speaker congratulated the club on winning the second-grade banner last season, and stated that if the attendance was any indication it should be equally successful during the coming season. The finance of the club was satisfactory, the credit balance being £10 5s 11d. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Very Rev. Father O'Donnell; vice-patron, Rev. Father Foley; president, Mr. D. L. Poppelwell; vice-presidents, Dr. McIlroy, Messrs. Jas. Holland, Owen Kelly, R. Ferris, and M. Roache; delegate to Eastern District Sub-union, Mr. Owen Kelly; secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. T. Francis; committee—the president, secretary, captains of both teams, and Messrs. F. W. Bayley, J. E. Quirk, F. R. Quirk, W. Laloli, and J. E. Leep.

Tuakau

(From an occasional correspondent.)

March 22.

The parishioners are again making an effort to reduce the debt on the church.

The work of organising a visit of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Social Club for April 10 is in the hands of an energetic committee, and ought to prove a great success. There has been a dearth of entertainments here lately, so the Auckland performers may expect an exceptionally good hearing.

Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., who left this parish about nine months ago for England, is at present attached to one of the British regiments at the front as chaplain. Many of his friends here have heard from him since he joined the colors. He has not forgotten his old parishioners among whom he worked with much success for twelve months, even though they may have forgotten many of his wise counsels.

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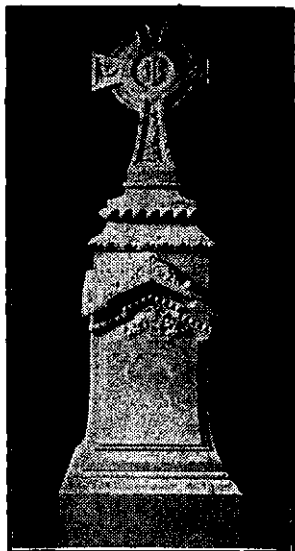
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ENGLAND

CARDINAL BOURNE AT THE FRONT.

Readers of the report chronicling the incidents of Cardinal Bourne's visit to France will all recognise (says the *Catholic Times*) that his Eminence has been led by a spirit of fraternal charity to perform a noble work. At the front, amidst perils to life, he cheered and encouraged men who are facing the gravest risks in the service of the country, and doing so under conditions which, owing to unpropitious weather, are peculiarly trying. They appreciated the Cardinal's kindness, and none of them will forget the stimulating words in which he addressed them. He enabled them to regard their duty in a new and a clearer light, and there are few, if any of them who, in the trials through which they have to pass, will not profit by the lessons impressed on them. But, welcome as his Eminence's presence was to the soldiers who are taking part in the conflict, it was still more acceptable to the sick and wounded. In the many hospitals which he visited his warm sympathy touched the hearts of all. Even the German prisoners amongst whom he went and to whom he spoke words dictated by religious feeling were moved by his sincere friendliness. The sense of gratitude aroused in the breasts of many by the Cardinal's acts will not soon pass away.

DEATH OF AN ARCHBISHOP.

On Saturday morning, February 6, the death took place at Hummersbury House, Isleworth, of Archbishop Bagshawe, Titular Bishop of Seleucia. For some time he had lived in retirement at the convent at Isleworth, where he died. The late Archbishop was born in London in 1829, being a son of Judge Henry Bagshawe, Q.C. He was educated at Oscott, and was ordained priest in 1852, having joined the Congregation of the Oratory. From 1874 to 1901 he was Bishop of Nottingham, and in 1902 he became Titular Bishop of Hypaepa, two years later being raised to the dignity of Archbishop of Seleucia. He was the author of the English metrical versions of the Breviary Hymns, the Psalms and the Canticles, and he had also written *Brief Notes on Christian Doctrine*. As a pamphleteer on the social and political questions of the day he was well known, dealing in his essays with the economic state of Ireland, on the tenure of land, and on the duty of the rich to the poor.

ROME

CARDINALS TECCHI AND AGLIARDI.

His Eminence Cardinal Scipio Tecchi died at Rome on February 7. The deceased Cardinal, after pursuing his studies at the Apollinare, was ordained priest in 1876. He was created Cardinal in May of last year. The death is also reported of Cardinal Agliardi, who passed away in his 83rd year. The deceased acted as Nuncio at Munich, Vienna, and St. Petersburg at various times, and was for a period Apostolic Delegate in India and Ceylon. He was raised to the Sacred College in June, 1896.

SCOTLAND

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF A NUN.

The Rev. Mother Mary Agnes, of St. Catherine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh, a sister of the late Abbot Snow, celebrated recently the fiftieth anniversary of her profession as a Sister of Mercy. The ceremonies began with the celebration of High Mass in the convent chapel. A number of lay friends of the Sisters were present, as well as a large attendance of the clergy of the archdiocese. The Rev. Father Maher, S.J., preached the occasional sermon, in the course of

which he said that they were gathered there to commemorate the jubilee of their Sister and Mother in religion. And so it behoved him, however distasteful it might be to Mother Mary Agnes, to record a few simple facts of her life. Fifty-four years ago she entered religion and began as a novice. Three years afterwards she was appointed Mother Assistant of Novices, and in 1872 was for the first time elected Rev. Mother. Since then, for over forty years, she had been again and again entrusted with the responsibilities and anxieties of the office. She had given her whole heart and soul to the work and labored for its success with the utmost devotion. In the Providence of God she was the main instrument in its growth and development by her zeal, courage, prudence, generosity, and charity. His Grace Archbishop Smith afterwards held a reception in the spacious music hall of the convent, at which Lord Skerrington, on behalf of the Catholic community of Edinburgh, offered his respectful congratulations to the Rev. Mother.

GENERAL

SAD RESULTS OF THE WAR.

Since the war commenced between France and Turkey the Turks have expelled all the French monks and nuns from their monasteries and convents in Palestine. Some of these religious have been sent to Egypt, others to Alexandria. Many charitable works will suffer by the absence of these priests and nuns, such as, for instance, the immense Hospice in Jerusalem under the care of the French Sisters of Charity, where shelter was given to deserted children, the aged blind, and the infirm of every description. The Sisters also nursed in the municipal hospitals and the lepers in the Silue district. The nuns of the same Order have likewise been turned out of their convents at Bethlehem, Caiffra, and Nazareth, and consequently from the performance of their various works of mercy at their different institutions. We (*Irish Catholic*) only take this Congregation as an example. Many others are enduring the same fate. Even the Poor Clares and Carmelite Nuns have not been allowed to remain in Nazareth, Jerusalem, Caiffra, or Bethlehem. In Palestine alone, more than 200 French priests and Religious and more than 300 nuns have been expelled by the Turks: their 55 convents, hospitals, poor schools, and boarding schools have either been occupied by the Turks or closed. Some few of the convents have been allowed to remain open with nuns of Ottoman, German, or Dutch origin in charge, but they will not be able to continue their good works for very long.

Matata (Bay of Plenty)

(From a correspondent.)

March 18.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary arrived here by motor car on Friday, March 12. His Lordship celebrated the eight o'clock Mass on the following Sunday, when upwards of fifty received Holy Communion. At the ten o'clock Mass, celebrated by Rev. Father Bressers, the little church was well filled. There were close on fifty candidates for confirmation. Nearly half of these were adults and recent converts to the faith. The Bishop left for Whakatane the same evening.

The new Cathedral erected by his Grace Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, Minnesota, was to be opened for worship on Palm Sunday, March 28. The total cost of the site and the building was a million and a half dollars. The Archbishop hopes the Cathedral will be free from debt on Dedication Day, April 11.

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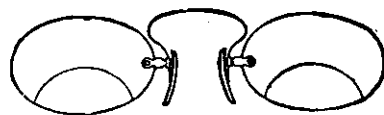
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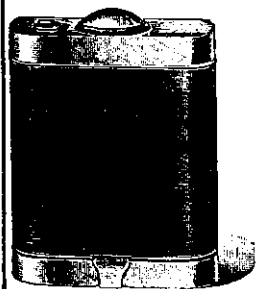
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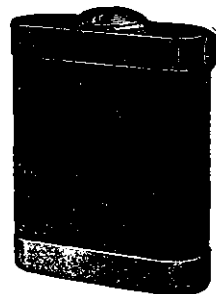
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Rice Gruel for Use in Diarrhoea.

Put two ounces of ground rice into two quarts of water, add quarter of an ounce of cinnamon, and sweeten to taste. Simmer gently for from three-quarters of an hour to an hour. It should be drunk slightly warm, but neither very hot nor quite cold, as hot and cold drinks tend to aggravate diarrhoea.

To Purify the Dustbin.

Even after the collector has been and removed the refuse there may still be an unpleasant odor. Tear up two or three newspapers into small pieces, crush them up and separate them so that they will not lie flat. Put in the dustbin and set them alight. The fire will destroy all objectionable matter, and will not injure the dustbin.

Breakfast Cakes.

Required: One pound of flour, one large teaspoonful of salt, two eggs, one rounded teaspoonful of baking powder, about three-quarters of a pint of milk. Sieve the flour, salt, and baking powder together. Beat the eggs until well frothed, pour them into a well made in the centre of the flour, and add gradually sufficient milk to form all into a light, soft dough—so soft that it can hardly be handled. Cut this dough into three pieces, shape them into rounds, drop these into greased tins, and bake the cakes in a quick oven for from 20 to 30 minutes, or until browned and emitting a hollow sound when tapped underneath. Serve hot, split and buttered.

Compote of Pears and Cream.

Take some nice large stewing pears and cook slowly with a small stick of cinnamon and sugar for two and a-half to three hours. Take them up and let them cool; reduce the syrup in which they were cooked to the consistency of thick cream. When the pears are cold take out the cores and fill up the centres with stiffly-whipped cream, flavored with vanilla and a little sugar. Dish up and pour the syrup round. A few shredded sweet almonds can be sprinkled on the top.

Remedy for a Cough.

A simple remedy for a cough in which there is difficulty in bringing up the phlegm is to inhale occasionally the steam from a solution of friar's balsam and boiling water. Put one teaspoonful of the balsam into a quart jug. Pour on this a pint and a-half of boiling water. Twist a towel round the top of the jug, so that an aperture is left to which the mouth and nostrils can be applied. But take care that the steam is not hot enough to scald. It is a wise plan to try this just before going to bed.

Household Hints.

When choosing butter see that it is a good pale yellow color—not a bright golden or a light cream. It should be firm and dry, and, when cut, it should break a little roughly at the edges.

If hard-boiled eggs are to be used for making dishes or for a garnish, they should be plunged into cold water when taken from the hot water, to prevent, if possible, discoloration of the yolks.

A good polish for oilcloth can be made from candle ends. Melt the ends in the oven, and mix with them enough turpentine to make a soft, creamy paste. This is a good substitute for beeswax and turpentine.

Stamps may be unstuck by laying a thin piece of paper over them and ironing them with a warm iron. The iron must not be too hot, or it will scorch them; but if not warm enough it will not dry them quickly enough.

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On the Land

GENERAL.

In round figures the United Kingdom takes beef and mutton to the value of thirty millions sterling; but 60 per cent. of the mutton, beef, and lamb consumed is still produced in the British Isles, and in 1914 the farmers in the United Kingdom supplied 1,100,000 tons of meat out of the 1,800,000 tons consumed.

As a splendid grazing district, Pahiataua has come into considerable prominence this season. It is estimated that about 7000 sheep and 400 head of cattle have been taken to the district by rail from the drought-stricken areas of Hawke's Bay lately (says the *Pahiataua Herald*).

'The law with regard to noxious weeds is a farce,' said the chairman of the Stratford County Council at the monthly meeting. 'So long as a settler cuts a quantity—be it ever so small—of weeds he is safe from prosecution. There should also be passed legislation compelling a settler to burn all weeds out. It is no use allowing weeds to remain on top of the soil when cut; they may just as well be left standing.'

As comparing the prices of meat 17 years ago with the present prices, the following extracts from an old account bill of Messrs. Stanners Bros., old Eltham butchers, will be interesting:—18lb of beef 4s 6d, 14lb of mutton 2s 11d, 4lb of sausages 1s 6d, hind-quarter of lamb 2s 6d, 4lb rump steak 1s. It will be noticed (says the *Argus*) that present prices are nearly treble the above prices, while wages, according to an old Eltham resident, have not risen anything like proportionately.

At Addington last week there were moderate entries of fat stock, but there was again a very heavy yarding of store sheep. The attendance was good. Fat cattle were somewhat easier, there being no demand for export on account of the want of space. Store sheep sold at about previous week's rates. Fat Lambs. There was a moderate entry, and the offerings included a large line of prime heavy lambs from the West Coast, which attracted considerable attention. The quality of the remainder of the yarding was only moderate. Best lambs, 18s to 22s 1d; others, 13s to 17s 6d. Fat Cattle.—Extra good steers, to £14 10s; ordinary steers, £7 10s to £10; extra heifers, to £11; ordinary heifers, £5 5s to £8; extra cows, to £15; ordinary cows, £4 17s 6d to £8 10s. Price of beef per 100lb, 21s to 43s. Fat Sheep.—Prime wethers, 21s 6d to 24s 7d; others, 16s 6d to 21s; prime ewes, 20s to 25s 6d; medium, 15s 6d to 19s 6d; others, 11s 6d to 15s; merino wethers, 11s to 19s 5d. Pigs.—There was a large yarding of fats, and prices generally were easier. Choppers, £2 10s to £5 10s; baconers, £2 7s 6d to £4 (equal to 5½d to 5½d per lb); porkers, £1 6s 6d to £1 18s (equal to 5½d to 5½d per lb). A smaller yarding of store pigs met with a better sale.

There were medium yardings at Burnside last week, and prices for all good sorts were firm at late rates. Fat Cattle.—One hundred and fifty head came forward, the yarding consisting of medium to good steers and heifers. This number was about equal to the requirements of the trade, and competition was firm at previous week's rates. Quotations: Prime bullocks, £17 12s 6d; good bullocks, £14 to £15 15s; medium bullocks, £11 10s to £13; light and unfinished, £8 10s to £10 10s; prime heifers, £10 to £12 17s 6d; good heifers, £8 to £9 10s. Fat Sheep.—A fair yarding of 2877 was penned. Prime wethers were in short supply, the greater proportion of the yarding being ewes, of which a fair number were extra heavy. For wethers there was a keen demand, while all medium ewes were well competed for by exporters. Quotations: Extra prime wethers to 34s; prime do., 26s to 28s; prime to good do., 22s to 24s; light do., from 17s to 20s; extra prime ewes, to 29s 9d; prime do., 24s to 26s; prime to good do., 21s to 23s 6d; medium do., 17s 6d to 19s. Fat Lambs.—A medium yarding of 1116 came forward.

The bulk of the yarding was only medium quality, but there were some pens of exceptionally heavy lambs. Prices for all freezing qualities were firm, at previous week's rates, but unfinished sorts were hard to dispose of. One small line of four lambs realised the high price of 36s 9d. Quotations: Prime lambs, £1 to £1 4s; good, 17s to 19s; light and unfinished, from 12s 6d to 16s. There was an entry of 56 fat pigs for which prices were on a par with previous week's rates.

THE OBJECT OF APPLYING FERTILISERS.

When a farmer applies a fertiliser to the soil, what does he do it for? He is simply supplying so many pounds of food to his plants, just as he gives rations of fodder to his live stock.

The crop, as it grows, consumes or assimilates, besides other substances, a certain quantity of nitrogen, phosphate of lime, and potash, and when we put on the soil dressings of nitrate of soda, superphosphate, kainit, or other fertilisers we are providing the crop with a stock of food for the period of its growth.

Thus a dressing of 1½cwt nitrate of soda to the acre furnishes 20lb of nitrogen, equivalent to about 24lb of ammonia; 3cwt of superphosphate furnishes 87lb of soluble phosphate of lime; 2cwt of kainit furnishes 29lb of potash.

BONE MANURES.

Bone meal and crushed bones may be classed among the oldest forms of manure; they are mentioned in the agricultural literature of the past century, and always recommended for their excellent effect on grass lands and pastures (says *Farm, Field, and Fireside*).

In this country their value seems to have been especially appreciated, because we imported large quantities from the Continent, thus depriving Continental farmers of valuable material, and to such an extent did this occur that agricultural experts on the Continent raised a protest against such shipments, and accused us, in language not very polite, of being grabbers and of inflicting injury to their country, although their people appeared glad to get good English gold in exchange for the shipments.

Times have changed since that period, and now English and Continental farmers compete for supplies of bone material from South America and other parts of the world.

Moreover, the use of bone material has been rendered more economical by the treatment of bones with acid. Few farmers now think of applying raw bone meal, as they know that better results can be obtained by applications of good bone manures.

From their first introduction dissolved bones have retained a high reputation, because from the results obtained from their use farmers have recognised that a well-made bone manure is one of the best forms in which money can be expended with a fair prospect of a remunerative return.

The advantage of a bone manure over a purely mineral manure, such as superphosphate, consists in its organic character.

In pure dissolved bones or vitriolised bones—i.e., bones and acid only—the organic nature of the manure is very distinct, as in addition to the percentage of phosphate rendered soluble in water they contain an almost equal percentage softened by the acid, but of which the bone structure has not been completely broken up, as well as about 3 per cent. of ammonia, all from the bones, so that the incorporation of the manure in the soil assists and encourages bacterial life, besides supplying plant nourishment. Well-made dissolved bones and bone compounds can be depended upon to produce good results in pastures, meadows, turnips, and swedes, and can be employed with advantage on barley. They are not too stimulating, and yet nourish the crop, producing a fine sample.

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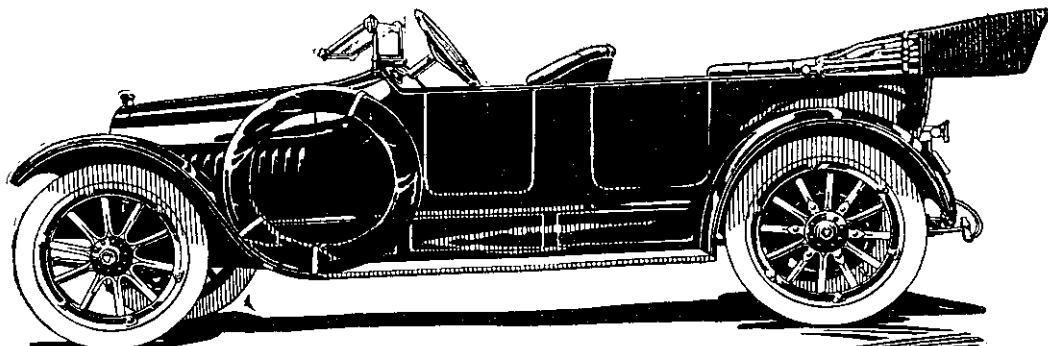
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PEARLS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE FOR OUR LITTLE ONES

BY THE REV. M. J. WATSON, S.J.,

Author of 'Within the Soul,' and 'The Story of Burke and Wills.'

"Unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."—St. Matt. xviii. 3.

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EASTER JOY.

And the angel, answering, said to the women: 'Fear not you, for I know that you seek Jesus Who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come and see the place where the Lord was laid.'—St. Matt. xxviii. 5-6.

On Easter Day we celebrate with rejoicing hearts our Divine Lord's Resurrection. What precisely is meant by the Resurrection? The word, 'resurrection,' means 'a rising up'; and at Easter we recall to mind how our Lord, Who had died on the Cross by the separation of His soul from His body, united again His soul and body the third day after and so began to live a glorious and immortal life, just as He had really lived before His death: that is what is meant by His rising up from the dead, by His Resurrection. During Holy Week, the last days of Lent, we meditated on the sufferings of our dear Jesus during His Passion: we beheld Him mocked, scourged, crowned with thorns, and nailed to a Cross. And we grieved for His pain and humiliation, and sought to make reparation by our sympathy and love for all He endured from His enemies. Now at Easter we rejoice with Him in His glorious triumph over death, and we give God thanks that He, our beloved Saviour, has entered into a life of infinite bliss that shall never end.

The Apostles were filled with a deep joy when they saw their Divine Master risen from the dead—alive again after death,—and they took to heart the lesson of His sufferings, which He taught them when He said: 'Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and so to enter into His glory?' They bore afflictions patiently to the end of their life, and they are now entered into eternal rest with Him. And we, who, as St. Paul tells us, are 'joint-heirs with Christ,' we, too, shall enter into that blessed rest, yet so, if we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified with Him.' (Rom. viii. 17.) Although now, dearest, when you are young, you have dreams of a bright future and indulge in joyous hopes, you must not neglect to bear in mind that if life has pleasures, it has also trials and sorrows, and it is through loving submission to our Heavenly Father's will that we shall win our crown on high, where our Lord awaits us. Let us, then, with the Apostle, 'reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, which shall be revealed in us.' Take courage and be resolved to serve God with true faith and hope and love to the end of your life. Our Lord will then make you live far happier days than can your enemies, the world and the devil, who seek only to ruin your soul for ever by casting it into hell. Your dearest Saviour is watching over you and protecting you from evil. 'The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven.' (Ps. x.) 'Lord, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle? or who shall rest on Thy holy hill? He that walketh without blemish, and worketh justice: he that speaketh truth in his heart, who hath not used deceit in his tongue, nor hath done evil to his neighbor.' (Ps. xiv.)

We read in the *Life of St. Catherine of Siena* that our Lord once appeared to her and presented two crowns, one of gold and the other of thorns, asking her to choose one or other. She replied: 'Lord, I wish to be like you and to find my delight in sorrow and pain.' Then she chose the crown of thorns, which

she pressed upon her head, and lived ever after with joy in sufferings of many kinds.

We must not be ungenerous and cowardly in keeping the Divine law. God will assuredly help us, and we should say: 'I can do all things in Him Who strengtheneth me.' Therefore, at Easter, and indeed at all times, let us seek not earthly things, but set our hearts on those that are heavenly, those that will lift us up to Christ, Who is sitting at the right hand of God, and He will give us gladness in His service, and bring us after death to share His joy and glory in His Father's Kingdom in Heaven.

Prayer to be Said Often.

I believe in the resurrection of the flesh and life everlasting. Amen.

Easter Hymn.

Ye sons and daughters of the Lord,
The King of Heaven, the King adored,
From death this day Himself restored.

Alleluia.

On Sunday morn, at break of day,
The holy women went their way,
To see the tomb where Jesus lay.

Alleluia.

An angel clad in white they see,
Who sat and spake unto the three:
'Your Lord hath gone to Galilee.'

Alleluia.

On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices raise
In prayer and jubilee and praise.

Alleluia.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

GOOD ADVICE.

If the sharp weed springing
Chokes our garden-bed,
Never heed its stinging;
Plant a flower instead.
Where the rose is growing
Thistles cannot stray,
Every flower that's blowing
Keeps a weed away!

If the way seems weary,
Cares about it throng,
Just to make it cheery
Sing a snatch of song.
Trouble finds no dwelling
Where the lips are gay—
Every song out-swelling
Keeps a care away!

If some wish ungranted
Brings perchance a frown,
Why not smile undaunted,
Smile it bravely down?
Shall a vain repining
Darken all our day?
Every smile outshining
Keeps a frown away!

—Exchange.

THREE CLEVER CROWS.

The reasoning faculty is present to a remarkable degree in the crow (says an American exchange). A man in Monroe County had a tame crow that demonstrated this most conclusively. He had three children, and one evening their mother went to a neighbor's house, locking the children and the crow in. That crow always stayed up until the children were put to bed, and this evening, while the children were romping with him, the kerosene lamp was knocked off the table. The spilled oil took fire, and soon the house was in a fair way to be burned down with all in it, and but

for the crow it would have been. The crow, as soon as the flames spread, flew up the chimney, and, perching on the roof, set up such a yelling as only a crow can give when so disposed. This unusual noise was heard by the neighbors, and they went out to see what was the occasion of it. Flames were then bursting from the windows, but the crow kept his place on the roof, yelling furiously. The children were rescued just in time, they having run into the kitchen, where they were found huddled together. But for the timely warning given by the crow, though, they would have perished in the flames, as the fire was so far advanced that the house was soon consumed.

A story even more remarkable is told by an Ohio farmer. 'I had,' he said, 'two tame crows once, and while they were most amusing pets, they, after a while became such incorrigible thieves that I saw we must get rid of them. They stole anything and everything they could get hold of, including money and jewellery. One article they purloined was a gold watch belonging to a young woman who was visiting at our house, and they lugged it away somewhere and hid it where it could not be found. It was that theft that decided me to get rid of the crows, and one exceedingly dark night I took them off their roost, put them into a feed bag and drove with them nearly ten miles to a piece of woods, where I dumped them out of the bag and drove on, returning home by a circuitous route, for fear the cunning birds might hear the sound of the waggon if I turned around at the spot where I released them and went back the road I had come. I might have saved all the trouble, for the next day one of the crows came flying leisurely into the yard, perched itself on the railing of the back porch, where I was at work, and gave me the most outrageous doing ever imaginable. I was glad I couldn't understand crow talk, for I am sure I would not have been complimented by what that crow said. After it got through giving its opinion of me the crow busied itself about the premises as usual. In an hour or so the other crow came back. Those two incorrigibles jabbered together in the most earnest manner for several minutes, and then seemed to have come to some understanding, for they flew away toward a wood lot at the back of the farm. I hated to do it, but I made up my mind to make away with those crows that very night if they came back again. I went to the barn to think up how I would do it, and was there some time. When I returned to the house my wife met me with a curious expression on her face. The crows had got back and were strutting sedately about the yard.

"What do you think?" said my wife. "Those crows must have brought Mary's watch back, for she found it a minute ago on her bureau, just where they took it from."

"And so they had. I didn't make way with the crows that night, nor I didn't have to make way with them at all, for from that day, as long as they lived, those crows never stole another thing. Did they know and appreciate the fact that I had made an effort to turn them adrift from a comfortable home because of their thievery, and therefore came back to restore the watch they had purloined and hid away, and with a determination to reform? There isn't a particle of doubt in my mind that they did."

THE VOWEL GAME.

'Now,' said Charlie, when everybody was gathered around the table, 'let's play the vowel game father told us he used to play when he was a boy.'

'How do you play it?' asked everyone at once.

'It's very easy,' replied Charlie, distributing pencils and paper among the family group. 'You take the five regular vowels—*a, e, i, o, u*—and, beginning with the first letter, each player writes as long a sentence as he can, using no vowel except '*a*' in any word, but repeating that letter as often as he wishes.'

'I don't quite understand,' said Cousin Lucy. 'Please give us an example.'

'You'll have to give me a few minutes' grace, then,' laughed Charlie, taking his pencil and paper.

'Suppose I take '*a*.' He wrote industriously for a few minutes, and then read the result aloud:

'Ah, madam, Frank Farns, a tall, tasty, black man at Panama, has a cat that can catch all bad ants rats, and bats at Nathan's pantry and barn.'

'Bravo!' cried uncles and aunts, as Charlie finished reading the queer sentence.

'You see,' continued Charlie, 'you may give the players five minutes, or any time you agree on beforehand, to make up the sentence. When the time is up, the sentences are read, and the one having the longest sentence of good, plain, common-place English has gained the first point. You go on this way for each of the five vowels, and when all the sentences are read and compared, the person who has gained the most points wins the game.'

ENABLES THE DOCTOR TO LIVE.

Admiral Dewey, on being complimented on his superb health, smiled and said:

'I attribute my good condition to plenty of exercise, and no banquets. One-third of what we eat, you know, enables us to live.'

'In that case,' said his friend, jestingly, 'what becomes of the other two-thirds?'

'Oh,' said the Admiral, 'that enables the doctor to live.'

A MODERN HINDU.

Sir Pertab Singh, an Indian prince now in his seventieth year, has left India to fight with the Allies. Mr. Coningsby Dawson, the well-known English writer, tells the following anecdote of the prince in a recent London dispatch:

A young English lieutenant had died of cholera in his palace. The boy was the son of an English friend. When the body had to be carried out to be placed on a gun carriage, Sir Pertab Singh went forward to lift it up. Before he touched it, he was stopped by some English officers. They reminded him that, by his religion, were he to touch the dead, he would lose all his caste, and perhaps, despite his wealth, never be able to buy it back. They advised him to send for the sweepers, who are outcasts. In spite of their protests, he picked up the body and carried it down the palace steps to the gun carriage.

A gasp went up at the sight: every one of his subjects knew what he had done. The next morning, when he arose, five hundred Brahmin priests were waiting in the courtyard. He came out, a proud figure, to face them. He knew what they had come for—to make him the lowest thing in India, a man without caste. He asked them what was their errand, and they told him. They had come to make him of as little account as the humblest sweeper in his palace.

Sir Pertab Singh laughed. 'I belong,' he said, 'to a higher caste than any of you have ever dreamed of, and you can't take it from me: you're welcome to all the rest. I belong to the same caste as the dead son of my friend—the caste of a soldier.'

With that, he walked back into his palace, and the Brahmin priests went away one by one, ashamed and puzzled.

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