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## Friends at Court

### CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- June 13, Sunday.—Third Sunday after Pentecost.  
 „ 14, Monday.—St. Basil, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.  
 „ 15, Tuesday.—St. Vitus and Companions, Martyrs.  
 „ 16, Wednesday.—Of the FERIA.  
 „ 17, Thursday.—Of the FERIA.  
 „ 18, Friday.—SS. Mark and Marcellian, Martyrs.  
 „ 19, Saturday.—St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin.

St. Basil, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

St. Basil, a native of Caesarea, in Asia Minor, belonged to a family of saints. He pursued his studies with brilliant success at the principal seats of learning in the East. After engaging for some time in the teaching of rhetoric, he renounced the bright prospects of worldly fame which were opening before him, and embraced the religious life. His literary and scientific attainments, and his surpassing eloquence, enabled him to render valuable services to Christianity, which was then assailed by the Arian heretics. Naturally feeble in health, he practised austerities of a rigorous nature. He died in 379, after having for some years governed as Bishop his native diocese of Caesarea.

St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin.

St. Juliana was a native of Florence. Having, while still a child, lost her father, she found a second father in her uncle, St. Alexis Falconieri, one of the founders of the Servite Order. She is celebrated for her devotion to the Adorable Sacrament of the Altar and to the Mother of God. Like so many other saints, she was singularly successful in reconciling enemies and reclaiming sinners. She died at an advanced age in 1340.

### GRAINS OF GOLD.

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Hears distant voices sweetly toned that bring  
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 Of faith and love—God's choicest gifts the bloom  
 So listening to our holy friends we whom  
 The churches' portals wide to-day we bring,  
 I hear their aisles and fretted arches ring  
 The victor's song of triumph o'er the tomb.

Yet they were of our kin, our weakness shared,

The cup of pleasure they were not denied;

While we its captives were, these heroes dared,

Enamoured of the Cross, to turn aside.

They heard His voice and followed in the way,  
 Till on their vision broke eternal day.

— There is a wish ruling over all mankind, and it is a wish which is never in any single instance granted. Each man wishes to be his own master. It is a boy's beatific vision, and it remains the grown-up man's ruling passion to the last. But the fact is, life is a service: the only question is, 'Whom will we serve?'—Father Faber.

Much of our lives is spent in marring our own influence and turning others' belief in us into a widely-concluding unbelief, which they call knowledge of the world, while it is really disappointment in you or me.

The little things of life are in reality the big things, for, if you pass them by, the big things will pass you by. The great men and women of all times realised that no work was accomplished without thoroughness. To do a thing, and to do it as well as you can, spells success. A great musician does not start on the works of the masters. He starts with the scales.

## The Storyteller

### OUT OF THE STORM

Not very long ago a zealous priest was speaking of the varied and wonderful ways of the Lord in bringing about unlooked-for conversions to the Catholic faith: conversions that seemed nothing short of miraculous, especially when the early prejudices and teachings of generations seemed to stand in the way like stone fortresses or iron-barred gates. He began to tell of his own experiences, and the following was so striking as well as true, that I shall give his account in his own words:

'Before I came here to take this parish,' he said, 'I was pastor in a small place in a certain part of Wisconsin. I had a neat little church, an average-good congregation, and was hoping to be able soon to have a school built for the children, who assembled only on Sundays, when I heard their Catechism lesson, and gave them instructions on the Sacraments. We had Confirmation about every two or three years, and it was a good fifteen miles journey to the city to get the bishop. Then I had to put him up for the night, and have his Mass, First Communion, and Confirmation next morning. The good bishop was always glad to come to my little parish, and it was a great day for the people. On the occasion of which I am going to speak, I had prepared a goodly class of boys and girls and some adults, and had begun to think it was time to call on the bishop and have him fix a date for Confirmation.'

'My horse was sick, so I wrote to a friend in the city—a banker—asking him (since he often offered his automobile) if he could come out on a certain day and take me in to see his lordship. I received an immediate answer, and on the day designated, the "machine" was at the door. We had a delightful drive, for it was an afternoon in late summer, and the atmospheric conditions were perfect. The scenery, as we passed hill, and forest, and stream, with an occasional farmhouse peeping out, was charming. There was no railroad, then, for miles, the trunk-lines being as yet free from branches to small towns.

'We enjoyed the ride thoroughly. I found the good bishop at home, made an appointment with him, and my friend promised his automobile to convey him to our church and back again. It was a little late when we started home, and we had gone about ten miles when the sky grew as black as ink, thunder rolled, and rain came down like the deluge. We stopped right in the middle of the highway, and let it pour down on the machine. It was a straight rather rough road, and there was no way of getting to shelter. We made light of it for a while, but soon we were drenched, and saw to our dismay that the storm was a hurricane—a cyclone, if you will. Great branches of trees were torn off and were hurled on us. Leaves were whipped off the forest, and swept down the road. The gale tore at our curtains, which we had tried to fasten closely, between the flashes of lightning. I suggested leaving the machine and seeking some shelter. But my friend said it was better to stay in the open—for we heard the trees, struck by lightning, crash to the ground about us, and the incessant thunder kept us from hearing our own voices, unless we shouted in each other's ears.

'We were there fully an hour, but it seemed double that time. I confess I became apprehensive lest we would not be able to get home at all, when suddenly the wind slackened, the claps of thunder became more distant, and the lightning less vivid. The storm had spent itself—but still the rain poured down. The machine was sinking in the mud, up to the running board, and right ahead a great tree had fallen across the road, rendering our progress impossible.

'When we discovered this we were dismayed. What was to be done? My friend, who was younger and more of an optimist than I was, drew his coat collar about his ears, and advised me to do the same.

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"Pretty wet proposition, isn't it?" said my friend, mockingly.

"Well, it's the worst experience I have ever had," I said, between the gust of wind that swept the falling leaves into my face.

"Where are we going?" he said in answer.

"Indeed I don't know," I replied.

"But just then, both at once, we saw a light gleaming ahead of us.

"Bravo!" he cried. "There's a light! Now we have hope!"

And, very much encouraged, we both redoubled our speed, and soon found ourselves before a comfortable farmhouse standing back from the road, with light streaming from the windows. We hastened to the door, which in response to our repeated knocks, was opened by a slender young girl with a most prepossessing face—who drew back when she saw standing without, two men with caps pulled down on their faces, and coats dripping with rain.

"Come here, father!" she cried.

Instantly a sturdy farmer, his comfortable-looking wife, and two boys about twenty or twenty-two, loomed up from the interior of the house and blocked up the doorway. I tried to be courteous, standing in the rain. "We have been caught in the storm, and our automobile is sunk in the mud on the road," said I. "Besides a tree has fallen across the way, and we are not able to remove it. You see, we are soaking wet. Will you kindly give us shelter until the storm passes? Then if you are good enough to help us to raise the machine and remove the tree, we will pay you as generously as we can."

"Come right in!" said the farmer, heartily. "You are welcome strangers. You have got into hard lines, sure. Martha, put on two extra plates. Take off your wet coats, and come in to the fire. We are just sitting down to a late dinner. Come right in! Rachael (to the young girl), take their wet coats and hang them before the fire."

Extremely grateful for this most unexpected greeting, we stepped inside the hospitable doors, and found ourselves in a large comfortable kitchen, where a blazing fire, and a good odor of a most appetising meal greeted us. My friend gave his wet coat and cap to Rachael, who smilingly took them, and urged me to go to the fire. My friend was talking to the farmer, the wife was bustling around, the boys stood and stared, while I was left somewhat in the shadow.

I ran my hand through my disordered hair, arranged my Roman collar which had been covered by my coat, and looked down at my wet shoes, which were in a sorry condition. When I looked up it was because an ominous silence had fallen on the air. I turned round to see the farmer, his face growing red and stormy, looking full at my Roman collar.

"Are you a Romish parson?" he rather shouted, than said, to me.

"I am a Catholic priest, if that is what you mean," I said, pleasantly. "What of it?"

"What of it?" he echoed. "Don't you know we are solid, hard-shelled Baptists? No infernal Papist has ever darkened our door before! Do you think I'll have a Popish priest at my table?"

And he thumped his fist on the table till the dishes rang.

I determined I would be pleasant. "Well now, Sir," I said, "it is too bad we were caught in that rain—too bad our machine stuck in the mud. Why, I was just thanking Providence for this unexpected hospitality, and silently invoking blessings on this fine household. Is there any reason why I should be so displeasing to you? I have never done you any harm."

"Root, branch, and fibre, my family and I hate Papists. It's born in us, and in my ancestors! I never was so near to a Popish priest in my life, and

no Papist parson will ever sit down in my house at the same table with me!" he shouted.

The family stood aghast. My friend looked at me quite troubled. I saw that the poor man was struggling with the traditions of hospitality and the bigotry of a false religion.

"Well," I said, "there is nothing for us to do but go into the storm. May we stay in the barn till daylight? I give you my word we are peaceable men." I said, smiling, and I moved towards the door.

"Oh, dad!" said the young girl, "what are you thinking about?"

"Hold on, father," said the eldest boy. "You wouldn't let the dogs out a night like this."

My friend now spoke.

"Sir," he said, "my name is Mr. X—. I am a banker in the town of D—. This reverend gentleman is a friend of mine. If I don't mistake, I have seen you in the bank. Are you not Amos Wilton, and don't you remember seeing me before? Do I, or does my friend look like a man to deserve such language?"

The farmer, on hearing these names, showed his discomfiture at once. With a muttered apology, he pointed out places at the table, and called to his wife to serve the dinner. Nothing more was said. I determined not to lose my good nature, and when we began the meal I started to talk on the topics of the day, addressing myself to the boys, to the girl, and at last, in the most pleasant manner, to Amos himself.

Finally, under the influence of the good dinner, the warmth, and light he thawed, and although apparently ashamed of himself, joined in the conversation which my friend and I kept going. At the end of the meal he rose up like a man, and apologised awkwardly.

"See here, strangers, you musn't mind a man in a temper. I own I had no right to talk as I did. I hope you won't bear me any ill will. It's in the blood of the Wiltons to be down on the Catholics, and I ain't an exception."

Turning to my friend, he continued: "Yes, Sir, I have money in your bank, and I'm right sure you wouldn't be companion to a man, even if he is a Catholic parson, who had a bad reputation. So I take back what I've said, and my sons and I will go out to that automobile, and see what we can do for you."

Of course, my friend and I assured him we had paid no attention to his remarks. They were natural, considering the surprise, and we thanked him for the fine supper. I took out a "green-back," and would have offered it to him, only he shouted to me to put it back in my pocket.

He was only a victim of bigotry—not his fault, and his heart was as sound as a nut.

We got our coats, and hats, and all five went to the door. The rain had stopped, and the moon was shining. With the strong arms of the three men, and our own, we got the tree to one side, and pried up the "machine." After it was on harder ground we found there was no damage done. Soon we started off. The farmer shook hands heartily with us, as did his sons, and as we sped along you may be sure we could talk of nothing else but our adventure. We reached home late at night, but safely. The days passed on, the good bishop came, and administered Confirmation. The great occasion was over, and things settled down into their usual routine. I remembered the storm and the farmer for a long time, but at last the memory of it all faded away.

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Two years passed by, and I was in the next town, assisting the pastor at the Forty Hours. When it was over I said good-bye, and was going down the steps of the rectory into the street. Just then, a slender, pretty young girl, dressed with taste, came up to me with a smiling face.

"Are you not Father So-and-So?"

"Why, yes," I replied. "I think you have the advantage of me. I do not remember ever having seen you before. What is your name?"

"My name is Rachael Wilton," she said.

Still I was not able to place her. "How do you



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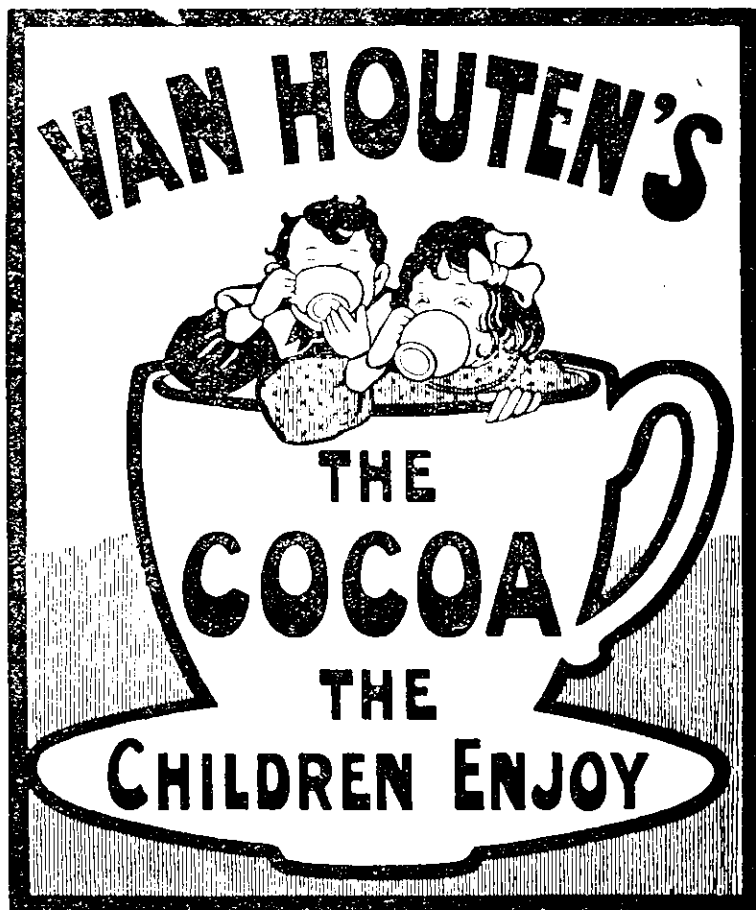
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know my name?" I said, for I was in a strange parish.

"Father," she said, taking a little book out of her pocket, "do you remember being storm-bound one evening two years ago? It was a terrible storm, and you and your friend had to leave your automobile, and seek shelter in my father's farmhouse. He gave you a stormy welcome, too," she said, smiling, "but he did not mean it. You were wet through, and took off your coats to dry, and this little book fell out of your pocket. I found it after you had gone. Do you remember, now, and do you recognise the book?"

"Indeed I did. I remembered the young girl who admitted us from the heart of the storm that evening, and I recognised the book, a small *Imitation of Christ*, which was given me by a friend in the seminary. I prized it highly, and I had been greatly distressed when I found I had lost it. I had no idea where it was. I reached out for it eagerly.

"Of course I recognise it!" I said, opening the book, where sure enough my name was plainly written on the fly-leaf. No wonder she knew my name!

"And so you have had my book all this time," I said, smiling.

The girl flushed.

"Father, I began to read it, and it fascinated me. I always meant to return it to you some day. I read it over and over again, and each time I became more and more convinced that those doctrines were the doctrines of the true Church. This is why I came here to-day—to see if I could find you and ask you to give me more information about the Catholic Church."

"All this time we had stood talking on the steps of the rectory. 'Come in, my child,' I said, 'and I will introduce you to Father X—'. He will do all I could do for you, and more."

"We entered the rectory, and by good fortune just met the pastor. He took us into his study. Then I told him of the night of the storm, introduced Miss Wilton, and showed the little *Imitation of Christ* as the innocent cause of leading this chosen soul to the faith of Christ. He was quite interested, and said he would do all in his power to instruct and help her.

"I might as well tell you, Father," she said, "that I have left home, and I want to get a position here as a teacher. I have some money of my own, and a good enough education, and I think I can manage. When I told my father I was convinced that the Baptist Church was wanting, and that I was going to look into the Catholic Church, he raged, and fumed, and swore. Finally he ordered me out of the house, and told me never to darken the door again. You know what a temper he has, Father," she said to me. "Well, it hasn't improved much. I made up my mind I would go and try to learn what Catholics believe. I am staying with a friend here, and mother knows all about it, but she can do nothing. The boys are with father."

"There was a little catch in her voice as she mentioned these details, and I saw that the pastor was deeply touched. She was in good hands. I left her with him, presenting the book to her, although she wished to return it, and seemed distressed at my depriving myself of it. I told her it was a great pleasure to give her this little souvenir, and I would always be glad she had it. When I told her this she was satisfied. I left then, and the pastor promised to take care of her. This he did, for he took the trouble some weeks after to come up to see me and tell me of her progress.

"Without trouble she had secured a good position as teacher in the district school. She had come regularly for instructions, had been baptised, and had made her first Holy Communion. Her mother had come down to see her, and was surprised to find her so well and happy, and doing so nicely. She had secured a pleasant home with friends, and was quite independent. She was, in fact, a good Catholic, fervent and in earnest, and thanked God continually for His goodness in allowing that little book, the *Imitation of Christ*, which came to her out of the heart of the storm, to be her guide into the true fold. She never ceased praying for her dear

ones at home, all of whom, except her mother, had disowned her.

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"It was all true. Yet while Rachael went about her daily work with the heroism born of true conversion, and an enthusiasm that kept her gratitude to God glowing and fervent, when the day's toil was over there were hours of depression in her lonely room that tried her strength of soul to the utmost. How could she help missing the old happy hours at the homestead, the rough, tender love of that old father, the devotion of her two brothers, and the sense of security and protection from the cold indifference of the world? Do not all converts have such hours of pain? Rachael was not an exception, but God was with her. She prayed for strength, and it came. She prayed for those dear ones from whom she was exiled because she preferred her Lord, and with more and more love did she plead with Heaven for the reason that she felt the superabundance of light and peace flood her own heart. The years passed by. It seemed as if her prayer could not be heard. But the answer came, and again I was the happy medium of winning their souls to God.

"One afternoon I was riding leisurely along the same old road where our automobile met with such a storm the day my friend and I had gone to secure the bishop for Confirmation. Strange to say, although it was fully four years before, the whole scene came vividly before me. The storm, the darkness, the rain, the old farmhouse, the abuse of the farmer, the good meal, the conversion of Rachael—and I began to think of her fervent prayers for the conversion of her family. Surely, I thought, such prayers, and such a sacrifice will have their reward. I was passing the woods, beyond which I knew was the old house, when I saw a man, a farm hand, a man I did not remember having seen before—running towards me, waving his hat as a signal for me to stop. Of course, I did so. When he came up to me, although out of breath, he asked if I were not a priest.

"Certainly I am," I replied.

"Are you Father So-and-so?" he asked.

"Yes, that is my name," I answered.

"Well, Father, for pity's sake will you come over to see Mr. Wilton: the old man is sick, has been in bed for two weeks. He is so restless and cross that the wife and sons are worn out with him. They got the Baptist minister to come and see him, but before he left the old man lost patience with him, and he left in a temper. He began to mention your name—said he wished he could get to see you. It seems you came here one stormy night long ago, and he treated you badly. Am I right?"

"I remember," I said, smiling. "He was only talking for his ancestors. He really had nothing against me. We parted the best of friends. Of course I'll go to see him. Can the horse go through these woods?"

"I'll lead him," said the man. "I'm mighty much obliged to you for coming, and I know the missis will be, too. Just say you heard he was sick, and that you made a friendly call."

"It was only a few minutes when we found ourselves before the farmhouse. How well I remembered it! Mrs. Wilton came to the door, looking worn and pale. But her face lighted up when she saw me.

"You are welcome, indeed, Sir," she said. "My husband is very poorly, and besides he is so restless and worried like. We don't know what to do for him. The doctor says he'd get well, if he'd stop fretting. You see," she said in a whisper, "he has never been the same since Rachael left us."

"May I see him?" I asked.

"Yes, indeed. Why, he's been wishing you would come along. It seems you took him so kindly the night of the storm, that he never forgot you. He said any other man would have knocked him down for the way he abused you. He's sorry for it now."

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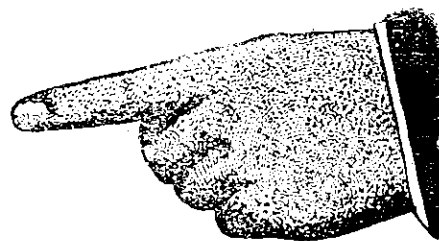
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"No, he didn't," she said. "He always had a temper, but it was over as quick as it came. Come up with me."

She led me to a pleasant room where, propped up on pillows, lay Amos Wilton, reading the paper. He certainly looked a sick man. But he threw down the paper, pulled off his glasses, and stretched out his hand in welcome, while a friendly smile played on his face.

"You're welcome, stranger," he said. "This time I am glad to see the Papist parson!"

"And I am glad to see you, but not as a sick man. I hope it won't be long, however, until you are up and about."

"Take a seat, Sir. Martha, get a chair, and don't be all day about it."

The obedient wife obeyed orders, and then left the room.

Amos continued: "I don't know about being up and about. There's more the matter with my soul than with my body. Somehow, since I sent my daughter, Rachael, out into the world, because she intended to worship God the way she felt bound, I haven't had an hour's peace. That girl has some of her old dad's make-up in her, and it occurs to me very often that if she didn't think she was right she would never have acted the way she did. And if it's right for her, why it's right for me, and that's all about it. I have been wanting right along to talk religion with some one that knew all about it, and they sent for the Reverend Jones, but he didn't get on to the tack I needed. So I let him know it. Then you came into my mind, and I kept a wishing and a wishing you'd come along, and here you are!"

"And I am delighted that the Lord sent me when you wanted me," I said, heartily, "and I think I can satisfy you in all your questions."

And then this simple-hearted, but tempered man began to ask about the faith of Christ. He listened wonderingly to the plain, clear truths of religion. I sat with him a long time patiently answering all his objections. Finally I asked him if he would read the little book I drew out of my pocket, a small catechism, and I promised that I would come back soon again. He consented readily, and when I arose to go he called his wife to show me out. His face was full of grateful feeling when I said good-bye.

"I told his wife I thought he would get better, and she seemed greatly consoled. I promised to return in a few days, and left the house wondering at the ways of God. I saw the touch of grace in the man's heart, and it had so transformed him that I could only wonder and praise the Lord."

"It seems to me there is not much more to be said. Old Amos Wilton plunged into the instructions the way he did everything. He made his wife and sons listen to that catechism. After my visits he would repeat all

I had told him, and in course of time, his mind being easier and the burden of his perplexities relieved, he became better."

At last the day arrived when I told him I would baptise him, and by this time I had included wife and sons in the instructions. He was able to ride to the church, and Rachael was there, to be present—all tears and joy—at the baptism of father, mother, and two brothers. Although they were Baptists they had never been baptised.

Happiness beamed from Rachael's tearful eyes. She could not contain her gratitude to God, and indeed it was as much as I could do to keep back the tears of joy that persisted in coming to my own eyes.

Rachael went home with them, and it was the talk of the neighborhood for many days—how the Wilton family all "went over to Rome." But in the hearts of the new converts there was that peace which the world cannot give, that surpasses all the good things of this world. May God give them all the grace of perseverance!—*The Missionary.*

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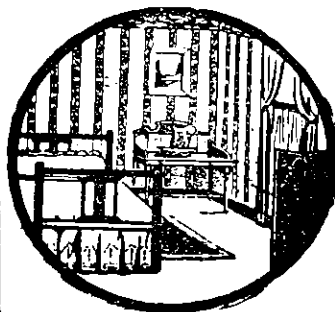


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'Not being a cat, I don't profess to be a natural judge of horseflesh,' said the night policeman, pushing his helmet back and mopping his brow thoughtfully; 'but I'd cheerfully swallow this helmet if I wasn't better at it than poor old Noah Tibbins. He knew as much about horses as he did about dromedaries.'

'Twas some years back, when this place was beginning to get sizable; there wasn't a person in the place who didn't know the little green hand-barrow, loaded up to the top with fruit and vegetables, nor a resident who wouldn't give a cheery greeting to the pleasant, perspiring face of old Noah behind it.

'For years he'd pushed that barrow round the town, starting early from the little detached cottage, which his busy wife kept as clean as a new pin, and coming home late at night, tired out. And as the place grew, and customers increased, the round became larger and the barrow heavier; and Noah Tibbins reached home a little later and a little tired.

'But he didn't mind, for Sarah and he shared a secret only they knew of. And when Noah's legs ached very hard as he sat down to supper, he glanced up at a bank on the tall mantelshelf. Then he would forget the ache, and, creeping up to bed, dream of a cart, with a real horse between the shafts, and, well, only Noah knew what.

'One day the bank came down from the mantelshelf, and into his hand Noah poured a stream of coins.

'"Wife," he said, forgetting them lovingly, "I think we have enough."

'"How much?" said Sarah, though she knew better than he.

'"Seventy-five dollars," Noah responded, after a pause. "With that we should get a good, sound horse fit to go between the shafts of the cart your Uncle Harry left us."

'"When's the horse to be, Noah?" Sarah asked.

'"Next week," said Noah, emptying the money slowly back into its resting-place. "It's been a hard pull, wife, but thank heaven we've managed it!"

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'"That looks a good one,"

'Noah, with his hand clasped tightly over the money in his left trouser-pocket, looked critically at a big roan mare.

'"Excuse me, sir, but are you looking for a harness horse?"

'Noah and his wife turned at the low, pleasant voice behind them, looked into the smiling face of a tall gentleman.

'"Yes, sir," Noah stammered, somewhat taken aback.

'"I see you are surprised at my being interested in horses," said the man, with a smile. "You are strangers hereabouts, or you would know me. I live in Greenville and have a horse which I wish to dispose of. He's a little too spirited for my wife, who is extremely nervous."

'He laughed a low, musing laugh; and Sarah nudged her husband to intimate that this might be the very horse for which they were searching.

'"You will wonder why I came here personally," added the man. "But I want my horse to fall into kind hands." He lowered his voice. "I don't want it to go to a dealer."

'"What would you want for it, sir?" ventured Noah.

'The man shrugged his shoulders.

'"It is a good horse," he said, "and worth 200 dollars at least. But if I could ensure the animal good food and kind treatment, I would let it go at a low figure—I would take 100 dollars."

'Noah's face fell visibly.

'"I can't afford that," he said, in a low voice. "I'm only a greengrocer in a small way, and—"

'"What can you give?" The man took Noah's shoulder in a friendly grip. "I pride myself on being a judge of faces, and I know you would treat the horse well. I would rather you have it, and lose a few dollars, than the poor thing should be ill-treated. What is your limit?"

'"I can go to 75 dollars," said Noah.

'Good! Now you must come and thoroughly examine the horse.'

'Noah and Sarah exchanged glances of mutual congratulation as they followed the man to the door of a dark stable.

'"Peters," said he to a sedate-looking groom who appeared from the interior, "bring Dobbin out."

'The groom disappeared into the dark stable, and in a few minutes emerged, leading a big, spirited grey, with lovely jet-black markings.

'The animal tossed its head and pawed the air with its fore-foot, whilst its eyes flashed as if in terror.

'"You see he has a will of his own," said the man, with a smile. "But he is not a bit vicious, and would be an ornament to any shafts."

'Noah advanced to the horse critically. It had taken a great many years to save that 75 dollars and a certain amount of caution was necessary.

'He examined the animal's teeth carefully, this being the great test of a horse's age. His experience was not sufficient to reveal the clever way in which they had been filed down, and the natural black markings erased. Nor did he perceive how the hollows under the horse's eyes had been temporarily puffed, or notice the little stain of Indian ink on his hand after he had stroked its glossy coat.

'In short, poor old Noah and his wife, as I've said before, knew as much about a horse as they did a dromedary, so, with many injunctions from the man to treat the dear horse kindly, the little greengrocer counted out the hard-earned money, and, smiling, led his purchase from the fair.

'It's a long walk from here to Yatang and by the time Noah and Sarah reached home they were tired out. Still, the thought of their bargain helped to keep their spirits up, and as they walked up to the little wooden stable at the back of the cottage, Noah was rather surprised to notice that the horse was the tiredest of the three by a long chalk. It looked just fit to drop.

'"He must have had a hard day," murmured Noah to himself. "He'll be better after a feed and a sleep."

'But there was just a trace of anxiety in his eyes when, before going to bed, he glanced up at the empty bank on the mantelshelf.

'The sun had only just called another morning into being, when Noah slipped on his clothes and hurried down to the stable.

'The sleep and the feed had not been so effective as he had hoped. The horse looked dully at its new owner, and hung its head as if it were too heavy for its neck. A deep cavity seemed to have developed under each of its eyes.

'A cold hand seemed to clutch at Noah's heart. He untied the halter-rope quickly, led Dobbin out into the yard, and trotted him up and down. Gone was the high-stepping and tossing of head. The horse ambled loosely after him, dragging his feet in sheer senility.

'Noah gulped as he ran to the stable, and returned with a pail of water. Feverishly he threw the water over the horse, thinking perhaps to stimulate its tardy vitality. Dobbin submitted listlessly, though the black markings on his coat shone with renewed brightness. Noah looked, and stroked Dobbin vigorously.

'Then he noticed the Indian ink on his palm, and the full truth dawned upon him.

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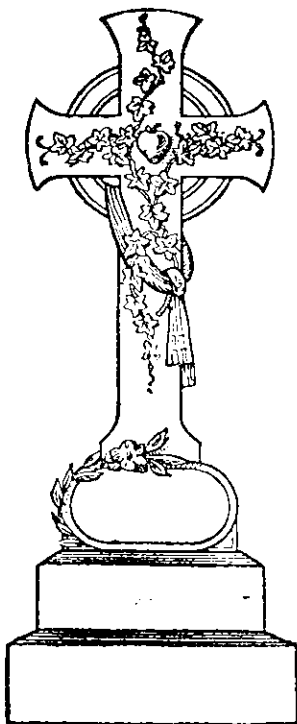
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'Septimus Johnson, was a kind man, but a busy one.

"Who is it?" he asked sharply of the maid who had announced a caller.

"Name of Tibbins—a greengrocer, I believe, sir."

"Tibbins?" The justice thought for a moment, then nodded, as though in recollection. "Show him in," he said.

A moment later Noah, the cheery smile gone from his face, came into the study. He had done the first thing that had suggested itself to his simple mind—come to complain to the local justice of the peace. With an emotion he could not conceal, he told his story, and the justice listened gravely and sympathetically.

There was a break in the little greengrocer's voice as he concluded:

"I was a fool, sir— heaven knows I was a fool! But it seems hard—hard!"

The squire rose to his feet, the suspicion of moisture in his own eyes, and gripped Noah by the shoulder.

"Not such a fool. Tibbins—not such a fool! I know the man that sold you that horse and he's the biggest rogue and cleverest horse dealer in the country. But what about the horse. I'd like to see it."

There and then the justice called for his hat, and accompanied Noah back to his cottage.

"Is this the old ship?" he said, as they entered the stable half an hour later.

Dobbin was standing listlessly, but at the stranger's voice he cocked his ears with more vigor than he had displayed since leaving the fair.

Justice Johnson observed the movement, and looked at the horse curiously. Then he stepped up and examined it more carefully.

"Ned," he said presently, in an undertone.

The horse half turned his head, and whinnied plaintively. The justice turned round to Noah, and there was a look almost of joy in his face.

"Tibbins," he said, "I'll give you the price you paid for this horse."

Noah gasped.

"You will, sir?"

"Yes—willingly. It is an old friend worth more than that. Two years ago I gave it to a friend for his children, trusting him to take care of it. He sold it to a dealer, as I thought, for cats' meat."

"But it ain't worth 20 dollars, sir," Noah protested.

"I've stated my price, Tibbins," said the justice shortly. "Send it up to my place at once."

The next day Noah received a cheque from Justice Johnson, and an offer of advice when he made his purchase. And I needn't tell you that, the justice being the finest judge of horseflesh in the country, it was an offer which Noah took full advantage of.

'Now, as you know, sir,' concluded my friend of the night beat, 'Tibbins is another name for a greengrocer in this village, and I guess, at this moment, there's a little steel bank on old Noah's mantelshelf.'

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### THE CHURCH AND STATE.

One of the great difficulties that secular newspapers and outsiders generally have in understanding the Pope's firm attitude of neutrality in the present war arises from their complete failure to grasp the independent and international character of the Church. They are so used to their own special brand of Christianity identified with one nation and one nation only that they fail even to understand the Catholic Church when she carries out the very mission of genuine Christianity by breaking down the barriers that separate Greek and barbarian, Jew and Gentile, Roman and Scythian.

It is true of course that these national prejudices correspond to strong sentiments of the human heart. 'There is nothing,' Cardinal Newman reminds us, 'men more pride themselves in than birth, for this very reason that it is irrevocable: it can neither be given to those who have it not, nor taken away from those who have.' But Christianity has a nobler ideal to set before men: Our Saviour is our elder brother, and we are all brothers in Him. The tone of thought in Europe and elsewhere for many years past has not favored than fundamental truth, and recent happenings have not improved matters, but all the same the truth must be kept well in mind, though we mean to win, and all Christians should be grateful to the one Sovereign Power, who is showing in a concrete way that he has ties with all nations and considers them all as his children.

The Catholic Church does not for a moment ignore the claims of nationality. She has always recognised that the actual distinction of nations is due to the providential arrangement of God. Who wishes to use the special character of each for His glory. The Church, too, knows how to deal with each. 'All alike must be addressed, but each addressed in its own peculiar way, nor any rigid uniformity preserved of outward expression. For, indeed, the fashions of speech and action vary so much with race and nation, that what would imply evil in the one, say falsehood or irreverence, implies no evil in the other: not that the principles of morals vary geographically, but the significance of externals; and thus each man feels, and feels rightly, that a foreigner is no judge of his conduct, and lacks the subtle appreciation needed for a fair estimate.' But this is exactly where a Church that claims to be, and really is, Catholic, comes in: 'The Church, precisely because in one sense she is a foreigner to all, is a foreigner to none; and brings with her not only the general graces needed for all, but also the particular grace needed to correct the particular form of human corruption prominent in the natural character of each nation: ministering as a common source of grace to each varied necessity. Unity is her mark: unification her work: by nature the members of the Church are not one and would not become one; yet in the essentials of their faith, their devotions, and their moral ideas, she makes them one' (Devay: *Key to the World's Progress*, xxxviii.).

If then the Catholic Church tells us in no uncertain terms that we are in duty bound to love and cherish our native land, to sacrifice even our lives for her (God is the author of this natural love), it also reminds men of all nations that they are dearer to God when in union with one another by faith and prayer. We ought to be grateful then to the man who strives to keep men in mind, amidst these horrible cruelties, of their common origin, common salvation, and common destiny.

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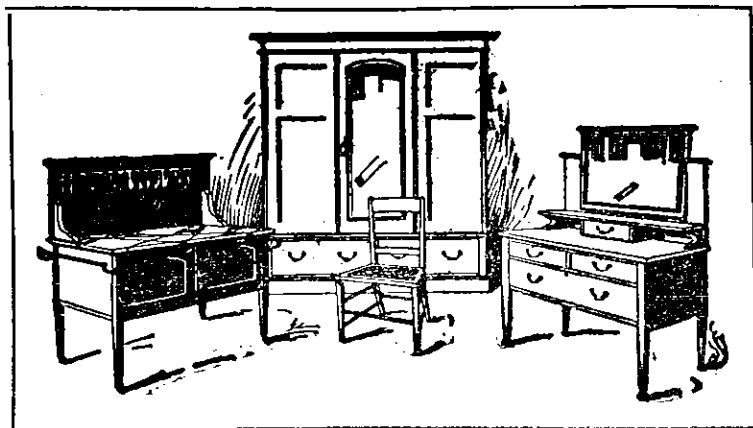
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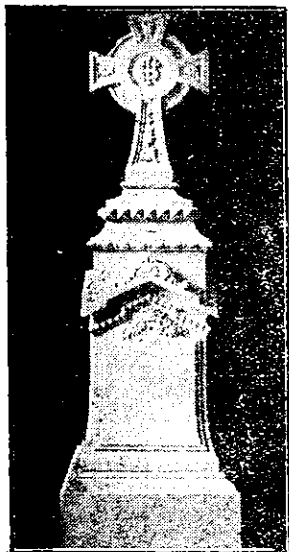
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## LA BEATRICE

(By the REV. J. KELLY, Ph.D.)

In an old house there is a staircase with a stained glass window at its head. In the window there is the figure of a saint. So that when one goes up the stairs, the image is luminous above, and through it the light shines down on the face of the climber. The memory of this comes back to me whenever I open *The Divine Comedy*, that marvellous book which fulfilled Dante's promise to say of Beatrice that which was never said of any other woman. Through the three immortal cantos he goes with his eyes on her face, through which shines on him the light behind, which grows more and more as she leads him to the White Rose at the heart of which is the Source of all light.

In the 'Inferno' he 'found himself,' like the Prodigal; and led by Virgil, who represents the teachings of philosophy, came forth into the sweet air and saw the light of the stars and heard the tremendous sea again; in the 'Purgatorio' he saw the souls joyful in their penance and finding no expiation hard, because it led them, not to the complete purification without which there is no vision of God; in the 'Paradiso' he saw guided him through the realms of bliss, her hand, a ray of light, preparing him all the way for the coming glory. The changing beauty of her face, at first bright to look upon, then with her eyes shining with heavenly love, then with a happiness brighter than the sun, then with a smile that would make a man happy in the rest, then with a holy love in her countenance, which purified his affection from all mean desires, holy transformation, so that only God could comprehend her holiness, prepared him for the effulgence of the presence of God of which one broken ray remembered would make his poem immortal.

Who then was Beatrice? Boccaccio answers, and with him the majority of students of Dante, that she was Beatrice Portinari, a Florentine girl of flesh and blood. Francesco Casella boldly places himself in a minority with Mario Filicchio, Biscioni, Rossetti, and Francesco Perez, contending that she was purely allegorical. The late Martin says she was eminently human.

'The perfect woman, nobly planned  
To warn, to comfort, to command;  
And yet a spot still and a bright  
With something of an angel light.'

Matthew Arnold says a real Beatrice was the basis of an idealization which symbolized for the poet the ineffable beauty and purity for which he longed. Palmieri thinks that though she was a woman 'in *carne et ossa*' in flesh and bone, she was not Bice Portinari, and that the name Beatrice was given her by Dante.

In the *Vita Nuova* we learn all the poet has to tell us, and all we are ever likely to learn about her. Dante records how, a boy of ten, he first saw Beatrice, a girl of nine, dressed in crimson. Nine years later he saw her a second time between two ladies, older than herself. This time he tells us that she was dressed in white and that she saluted him. He tells us how her grief and beauty on the occasion of her father's death moved all who visited her; how he met her at a wedding; how he received news of her death, a little later, followed by a vision in which she was 'arrayed in the same crimson robe in which she originally appeared in my eyes and she seemed as youthful as on the day I first saw her.'

That is all he tells us in the *Vita Nuova*. But when he wrote *The Divine Comedy* her smile, the *santo riso*, the *dolce riso*, was still a reality to him. Undoubtedly she was no mere allegory: the reading of the *Vita Nuova* makes that point almost certain. The records of their meetings, the thoughts that inspired his sonnets, his plain reference to her death and to its anniversary all indicate a real, living Beatrice. His conception of her is certainly an idealized one, and she becomes more and more spiritual to him as the book nears completion, until after the last vision he writes: 'I saw things which determined me that I would say

nothing further of this most blessed one, until such a time as I could discourse more worthily of her. And to this end I labor all I can; as she well knoweth. Wherefore, if it be His pleasure, through Whom is the life of all things, that my life continue with me a few years, it is my hope that I shall write of her what hath not before been written of any woman. After which, may it seem good unto Him Who is the Master of Grace that my spirit should go hence to behold the glory of its lady: to wit, of that blessed Beatrice who now gazes continually on His countenance, Who is blessed throughout all ages. *Laud Deo.*'

One thing seems clear: there could not at any time have been much material passion in the poet's love for Beatrice. After her death certainly the spiritual side was predominant. And when he came to write the great poem of the Italian language, the love which lost nothing in intensity saw her now as a spirit shining above him, beaming him towards God: *Beatrice in suso, ed io in lei guardavo.*

She remains one of the originals of literature, this inspiring motive of one of the great works of all time. No matter how far away time brings us from them, she stands side by side with Dante, illumined by his glory, a beautiful radiant form in the firmament of literature. The pity of it is that so few now read that work, which deserves to be read so far more than nearly all the books that came after it, which taken in thousands could not rival in truth and beauty and wisdom a single canto of *La Divina Commedia*.

## Ashburton

From our own correspondent.

June 6.

Included in the enlistments for Ashburton for active service abroad, appear the names of several of our Catholic young men.

The Catholic Club and the local branch of the Hibernian Society met in the clubrooms in a euchre match, victory resting with the Hibernian Society.

An oratorical competition amongst members of the Catholic Youth Men's Club, concluded on Tuesday evening last. The president of the club (Mr. J. A. Lennon) occupied the chair. The prize for competition was kindly donated by Mr. T. Stanton. Rev. Father O'Donnell acted as judge of the competition. The five competitors acquitted themselves creditably, their speeches proving that a little time had been spent on studying the subject matter. The judge's award placed Mr. T. M. Brophy first, with Mr. J. McAlone second.

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## SIDELIGHTS ON THE WAR

### GENERAL.

According to the *Matin* (Paris), the battle front held by the French is 543 miles long, while the British front is 31, and the Belgian 17. This, better than anything else, affords a comprehensive idea of the respective numerical strength of the Allies in the west, and the tremendous task imposed upon France.

### MAJOR E. J. O'NEILL, D.S.O.

Major Eugene Joseph O'Neill, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry and devotion to duty at the Dardanelles, is a son of the late Sergeant O'Neill, of Dunedin, and brother of Rev. Fathers P. J. O'Neill (Riversdale), and D. O'Neill



MAJOR E. J. O'NEILL, D.S.O.

(Invercargill). He was born in Dunedin in 1875, and received his primary education at the local Christian Brothers' School, where he was dux. He graduated M.B. and Ch.B., at the University of Otago. During 1899-1900 he was house surgeon at the Dunedin Hospital, and in 1902 he went to South Africa as surgeon-captain with the Sixth New Zealand Contingent, and was mentioned in despatches for gallant conduct in attending to wounded under fire. At the close of the war he went Home to continue his studies in the London Hospital, and in August, 1903, after holding several important medical appointments and obtaining his diplomas as M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., London, F.R.C.S., Edin.—he returned to his native city. He joined the medical staff of the First New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and proceeded with it to Egypt, and from there to the Dardanelles. Those who are personally acquainted with Major O'Neill will not be in the least surprised to hear of his winning distinction for gallantry. He is a born fighter, absolutely without fear; and valuable as is the medical and surgical service which he is rendering, it is just a question whether his energy, determination, and resourcefulness would not find

greater scope and an even more congenial sphere in the fighting line itself. In whatever capacity he serves, Major O'Neill can be relied upon to bring credit to himself and to his city.

The following particulars of Major O'Neill's service are taken from the Army List:—South African war, 1901-2. Operations in the Transvaal, March to July, 1901, and October, 1901, to March, 1902. Operations in the Orange River Colony—July, 1901, and August to October, 1901. Operations in Cape Colony—July and August, 1901. Mentioned in despatches, *London Gazette*, August 20, 1901. Queen's medal with five clasps. Major O'Neill has the added honor of having been recommended for the D.S.O. for his gallantry during the Boer war.

### A LETTER FROM EGYPT.

The following letter (writes our Auckland correspondent) was read by the Rev. Father Cahill at the meeting last week of the confraternity of the Holy Family. The writer is Corporal P. Ashton Warner, of the Howitzer Battery, and the letter, which was written at Zeitoun, Cairo, on March 9, was addressed to the Rev. Dr. Ormond:—'Just a few lines from a member of the Holy Family Confraternity of Auckland. I am writing these because I think it my duty towards my brother members, and am enclosing two post cards, which show the picture of the sycamore tree and the church, which is built on the exact spot where it is said the Holy Family rested. I daresay you have seen these pictures before, but I would like the other members to see them. I entered the church and offered a prayer for all the members of the confraternity, and, as this is the night of the meeting, my mind carries me back to those beautiful meetings which I always enjoyed, and will never forget. We have Mass every Sunday morning at the magnificent church at Heliopolis. Rev. Father Richards generally officiates. I hope you will excuse me writing with a pencil, as I think myself lucky to have even that, as we are camped right in the desert, seven miles from Cairo, and this is all the paper I can get. I am glad to say that all the boys are keeping well, and are as happy as can be expected. Will you kindly ask the members of the Holy Family Confraternity to say a prayer or two for us. I can assure you you are never forgotten by us.'

### A TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC PRIESTS.

The Rev. Richard Hall, a Wesleyan minister, who had acted as chaplain to the Expeditionary Forces since the beginning of the war, was for ten weeks associated with Father Bradley, S.I. 'I never met a more unselfish man than Father Bradley,' said Mr. Hall, in a public address at Derry: 'I remember one night we were sleeping by a river, and I thought I felt a cold coming upon me. Father Bradley wanted me to take his blankets. Of course I would not consent to that, but when I wakened up the next morning I found Father Bradley had taken his own blankets and placed them on me. Another name I would like to mention is that of Father Strickland. I saw how unselfishly he performed his work and when he heard that I was coming to England he made a journey of twenty-five miles for the purpose of bidding me good-bye. These two men, when they met a member of the Wesleyan Church and thought he had need of the ministrations of a chaplain, went out of their way to let me know.'

### CONFIDENCE IN GENERAL JOFFRE.

In a remarkable article, the well-known patriot, deputy, writer, and Academician, M. Maurice Barres, expresses a fact that dominates the mental attitude of the French people with regard to the war; their absolute confidence in the talent and conscience of General Joffre. 'Joffre the Silent,' as he is often called, has gained their confidence, not by high-flown phrases or theatrical demonstrations (indeed the reticence of his

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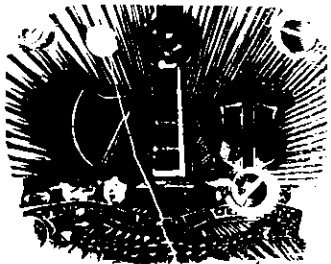
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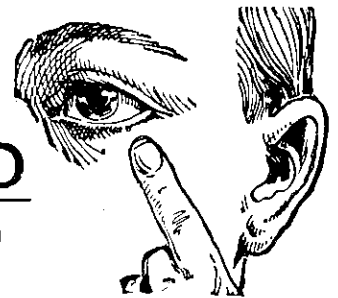
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General de Castelnau, one of General Joffre's best-known colleagues, is a fervent Catholic: of his five soldier sons, two have been killed since the beginning of the war, and the superhuman courage, born of Christian submission, with which their father received the news, without interrupting for one moment his arduous task, will never be forgotten by his comrades.

#### THE CAPITAL OF TURKEY.

Constantinople, the capital of the Turkish Empire, which was founded as long ago as 330 A.D. by Constantine the Great—hence its name—consists of two distinct parts: Constantinople proper, and what might be called Christian Constantinople, because it is there that the Christian colonies chiefly congregate.

The two are separated by the Golden Horn, a creek about five miles long and half a mile wide at the entrance, so called probably from its famous fisheries, a veritable land of plenty to the ancient inhabitants.

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Christian Constantinople, on the north side of the Golden Horn, is divided into three distinct sections—Top hane, which is so named from its cannon-foundry, and is chiefly famous for its market, its Circassian slave dealers, its caïque building, and its beautiful marble fountain.

The two other sections are Galata, the merchant quarter, the seat of Customs, and the steam companies'

agencies; and Pera, the aristocratic quarter, where all the embassies, legations, and consulates are situated.

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#### IMMUNITY OF THE CRUCIFIX.

Time and again we have seen it noted in reports, both official and private, from the front that, amidst the destruction of towns and villages and churches, when all else was reduced to ruins, the Crucifix, and sometimes an Image, alone remained unscathed. 'As you know, all over France there are shrines and crucifixes, and in no case have I seen them damaged by shells or fire. I think this has been noted more than once in English newspapers.' So writes one of the staff of an English Church paper in the firing line. A writer in the *Times*, describing the action at Neuve Chapelle, bears the same witness as follows:—

To see Neuve Chapelle by daylight is to know the power of modern artillery fire. Unless fallen bricks may be called a village there is no village left, with the exception of half a dozen houses which were hit several times. After knocking the buildings to pieces British shells kneaded and pulverised the remains. Yet two objects stood practically unharmed amidst the low skyline of ruin. They were two huge crucifixes of the type familiar to travellers in France. Eight-inch shells had excavated enormous holes on either side of the base of one, and while trees in the town had been cut in two and splintered and gashed, four small evergreen shrubs around the other Christ was undisturbed. Many soldiers remarked the curious phenomenon; and, indeed, talked much of it.

#### OBITUARY

##### MISS MARGARET M. HICKEY, NELSON.

The death occurred at St. Mary's Convent, Nelson, on Tuesday morning, May 18, of Miss Margaret Mary Hickey, only daughter of Constable and Mrs. Hickey, after a brief illness from acute pneumonia. The deceased, who was a pupil at St. Mary's Convent for several years, was a clever musician, and gave great promise of becoming very proficient as a pianist, having gained a certificate in four different grades during the past four years. At the Trinity College music examination, held at Nelson last year, she was successful in passing the senior advanced grade. The funeral took place after Mass at 9 o'clock on May 20. The school children were formed into rank and led the procession to the Nelson Cemetery, where the Rev. Father Tymons officiated. The parents of the deceased have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

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## Current Topics

### Self-Government for Poland

Russia's promise to grant autonomy to Poland was received somewhat cynically in many quarters, and there were many knowing ones who predicted that the promise would never be kept. That prophecy has already been belied, for Russia has recently conceded a substantial earnest of the promised emancipation. In the first week of April a law was promulgated from Petrograd giving local self-government to all towns in Poland. The language question is settled on practical and common-sense lines. Correspondence with State Departments, as also with public bodies or private persons outside Poland, must be in the common language of the State—namely, Russian. Replies to letters addressed to Polish municipal departments in Russia must be in Russian. Municipal placards and similar notifications must be in both languages in parallel columns. Debates in either language may be at the speaker's discretion, but the President is obliged to explain the substance of a speech if any member present announces his inability to follow it. Minutes of meetings and other official proceedings must be recorded in both languages. It is provided that any cases of disputed interpretation where both languages have been used shall be decided according to the State language—namely, Russian. The municipal autonomy now granted to Poland is equivalent to that enjoyed by Russian towns; and it is stated that the new law is welcomed alike by Russian and Polish organs of public opinion.

### The War

We hailed the capture of Przemyśl by the Russians on March 22 as a great victory, and we are bound in justice and in logic to admit that its recapture by the Austro-German forces is what Mr. Lloyd George has described as a 'set-back.' At the same time there is a sense in which our eastern Ally is justified in regarding the loss as only temporary, and as merely an incident in a great and complicated struggle. The Russians have an almost illimitable capacity for absorbing defeat. After even a really heavy reverse, when other nations would become seriously demoralised, they quietly pull themselves together, and continue to peg away almost as if nothing had happened. In the meantime these concentrated massed attacks, even where they are successful, are costing the Germans dear; and the Russian policy of pegging away and keeping the enemy busy, is playing the Allies' game of 'attrition' to perfection. Russia is filling exactly the role that is desired and expected of her; and, considering the enormous advantage of the enemy in the matter of strategic railways and of munitions, she is filling it well. The real trial to the spirit, as the long European summer days ebb away, is not these isolated German successes here or there in the hundreds of miles of front, but the weary wait for the commencement of the Anglo-French offensive in the west. We may console ourselves with the reflection that the delay is quite possibly not wholly due to unpreparedness; or, if it is, it has at anyrate the compensating advantage of enabling the Allies to mature their diplomatic measures, so that every iron may be in the fire at once when the time is ripe for the final effort. The war is a war of diplomats, as well as a war of troops and generals and munition workers; and the diplomatic representatives of both sides have been very assiduous in their attentions to those interested neutrals who, it was known, were morally certain sooner or later to come into the struggle. So far the adherence of Italy to the cause of the Allies has been secured; and there appears to be a near prospect of Roumania and Bulgaria entering the arena on the same side. If and when that eventuates, it may safely be taken for granted that things will begin to happen all round.

### A German Press Item

Referring to the early fighting in connection with the landing at the Dardanelles and with the struggle

to secure a position on the Gallipoli Peninsula, our Friday's papers contained the following cable, dated Fremantle, June 3:—'Reuter's Cairo correspondent's reports of the fighting at Gallipoli contained in the newly-arrived papers by mail state that the Australasian wounded are very cheerful, and speak with glowing pride of the part they played in the great fight. They are proud of having been chosen for a task the success of which depended entirely on extraordinary dash and daring. When the wounded heard of the rejoicings in Australia and New Zealand they cheered, and cried: "We are going to do better when we get back."' \*

That, we know, is the truth: and it is only what we should expect of and from our boys. But it is very different from the sort of stuff with which German papers, and pro-German papers in America, are being 'fed up' by official German press agents. Referring to precisely the same time, place, and incidents, the following inspired paragraph appears in pro-German American papers: 'Reports from Cairo, Egypt, state that there has been a mutiny among the Australian troops in which many lives have been sacrificed. The mutiny was caused by the Australians being urged to the front to breast the withering fire of the enemy while the British troops lagged behind. It was the same way with the Indians. These poor, brown men were compelled to take their places before the guns of the foe, while the flannelled fools and oafs of the home regiments sheltered themselves in the trenches behind the bulwark of Hindus on the firing line. As a consequence thousands of the Hindus have deserted the British colors and gone over to the Turks, preferring to fight in the cause of men who will fight along with them to fighting and exposing themselves for the sake of cowards who take every advantage, however mean, to save their own skins.' It is a sure sign of weakness when a country has to resort to the publication of that sort of stuff to 'keep its end up.'

### A Belgian Florist's Troubles

As is generally known, many thousands of the stricken Belgian people have depended for work and livelihood on bulb culture; and, thanks to the advent of quite another 'kultur,' a large proportion of these have been reduced to complete beggary. With immense difficulty and at cruel loss, a number of growers have managed to transfer large parcels of their stock to Holland; and they are writing letters and publishing short catalogues entreating British customers to send them even the smallest orders. The Belgian firms are selling very cheaply, and are willing to take all the risks and to wait for their money until the safe arrival of the goods. Probably not very much can be done from New Zealand, but every little helps, and will be appreciated; and we bring the matter under the notice both of professionals and amateurs, and, in particular, of the directors of public gardens, in the hope that anything that can be done will be done. \*

As illustrating the straits to which Belgian growers are reduced, we publish a sample letter which has been received at this office. It is headed 'A Modest Supplication to Our English Friends'; and the quaint English in which it is couched in no way lessens the interest and pathos of the document. We print the letter exactly as it has reached us:—

'Sas Van Gent,

'Holland, March 1915.

'Sir and Madam,—Herewith I beg to take the liberty to refer to my previous letter and catalogue; I should not trouble you so much by requesting you for orders, but as you are aware of the great trouble I have been put to by taking in my begonias from Melle-lez Gand, Belgique, and to bring them all the way up to Sas van Gent (Holland), with old horses and carriages, as my best horses have been confiscated by the Germans, one would lose his spirit by the fact to know, that this beautiful crop would remain unsold; and what

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to do then? It is easily to understand, that one must have a great deal of courage not to run away from all business and leave everything so it is and really I should do so, if I could do something else. I sincerely hope, my English friends will pardon me for having written them this all, but as I was a substantial man before the War broke out and disposed of a good many pounds, I feel sorry that I must repeat, that I have lost everything except only my stock of Begonias.

Believe me, one feels the trouble with doubled force, if one is doing his utmost and puts his spirit in the scale in order to sell his bulbs, when unsufficiently orders are coming in. I am obliged to say, that a great deal of my English friends has given me his favors and so I am coming up to you to sell a few dozens as a help in this difficult time.

'I am very fond of orders for Begonias, and all orders have my special attention. You will see that my Begonias, when in flower, will give flowers far better than they are described on the opposite page.

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'As Begonias never have been so cheap, caused by the war, I am sure, you will apology, that I urgently appeal to Your goodwill and do not doubt, You will favor Belgique with Your so very much appreciated order.

'Your obedient Servant,

'GERHARDT VAN HAUTEN.'

The writer's present address, and during the war, is Gerhard Van Hauten, Sas Van Gent, Holland; and we willingly give him this free advertisement in so deserving a case.

### The Line of the Rhine

Under this title, Mr. Hilaire Belloc discusses in *Nash's Magazine* for April a question which we hope in the course of the next three or four months will become one of acutely practical interest. Assuming the enemy finally beaten back to his natural stronghold across the Rhine, have the Allies in the western theatre of war any reasonable prospect of overcoming the difficulties presented by the line of the Rhine, that long, well-fortified stretch of waterway running from Switzerland in the south to Holland in the north, and covering a length of over four hundred and fifty miles? To cross the Rhine successfully will certainly be one of the most tremendous military feats of the present conflict; but difficult as it is, Mr. Belloc thinks it can be done. At the outset he is careful to guard against a foolish over-confidence, and to explain that in what is written he is not in the least degree attempting to prophesy, or to suggest that such an undertaking is a probability of the near or even of the remote future. He is, he explains, merely discussing a purely hypothetical case. 'It is necessary,' he sanely remarks, 'to emphasise that prime truth that war is the least certain of all our uncertain human activities, and that prophecy in war is futile. It is also well to remember that public opinion is none the better, in the midst of a perilous struggle, for expecting victory. One studies the line of the Rhine only on an *hypothesis*, only on the *chance* of the Allies' success and Germany's increasing embarrassment in the west. But in doing so, one must always remember the other alternative, which is that the enemy may break our containment of him, and that no necessity for him to retire at all, let alone to stand upon the line of the Rhine, may ever come. One only examines the problem because it will enter into one of two possible results, and one does so in the full appreciation of the other possible result in which we should be hard put to it, to defend the west after a new German victory, and not the enemy put to it to defend his territory after a victory of our own forces.'

So much being premised, he proceeds to discuss at considerable length, and with the aid of a detailed series of diagrams, the question as to what advantages—and disadvantages—the line of the Rhine would have for the enemy as a defensive position under modern conditions, and whether, in the event of his ultimately standing upon that line, he would be able unassailably to maintain himself there. He explains, and again and again emphasises, that the governing factor in such an undertaking is the matter of artillery. 'Now the most important thing to grasp in connection with this line of the Rhine is that, *under modern conditions, the power to cross such a river will depend not so much upon the number of men you can concentrate as upon the number and efficiency of your heavy guns.* It does not take many dozen men to build a bridge which half a million men may pass over after it is built, and after the bridgehead on the further side is held. But you cannot build your bridge at all, at any place where the enemy's big guns can drop shells upon it as it is being constructed, and to day shells can be dropped from a very long way off. You must dominate his artillery with yours before you can throw your bridge across the river: if you can do so you cross, and this is particularly true of a broad river carefully and lengthily prepared for defence beforehand.' He then sums up the conditions under which Germany will be able to hold the line of the Rhine, and affirms that the line cannot be held if any one of these conditions is lacking. The conditions are as follows: *First.* The enemy must not be allowed to dominate a reentrant or loop pointing towards his positions and away from the German positions. *Secondly.* There must be enough men and enough heavy artillery behind the line to concentrate, within the time it would take an enemy to cross, a sufficient force to prevent that crossing at any threatened point. *Thirdly.* The enemy must be able to distinguish between a feint and the main attempt to cross the river. *Fourthly,* and much the most important, he must be amply supplied with heavy artillery, at least as mobile as his opponent's. This last point is, under modern conditions, by far the most important; and I think it may be taken for granted, if ever the struggle for the line of the Rhine comes, that upon this feature, almost alone, will the issue depend.'

He is sanguine enough to hold, and he maintains that really expert opinion is unanimous on the point, that in the case of a German defeat the obstacle of the Rhine will not prove by any means an insurmountable impediment to the Allies. Expert opinion, he says, is confident, not indeed that the enemy will be defeated, for prophecy of that kind in war is folly, but that *if* he is defeated the Rhine will not prove his salvation. And he explains tolerably clearly why the experts are agreed that the holding of the Rhine line by the enemy is less certain than is sometimes imagined. 'The present line of the German trenches from the Swiss mountains to Nienport, is a line not quite four hundred miles in length, counting all its ins and outs. The Germans can at present just hold it with the number of men they have concentrated in the west. When they can no longer hold that line it will be because they have become so worn down by persistent local attacks that their diminishing numbers will compel them to fall back upon a shorter line, and the best and shortest line to which they can fall back is that starting with the southernmost point of the Dutch border, passing in front of Liège, in front of Metz, and so down to the southern part of the existing line. . . . Now it is apparent that if ever the enemy is driven from this shortest line, that is, if he is so further worn down that he cannot hold it, he will with difficulty be able to hold the much longer line of the Rhine immediately behind him. . . . Nor is this all. It is equally apparent that, in effecting their retirement from the short line Liège-Belfort to the longer line of the Rhine, the various bodies of the enemy must leave gaps between them. The retirement must either be fan-like in character, as it spreads out from the shorter to the longer line, or it

must deliberately leave an unprotected district to the north or to the south of the retirement. In the first case there will be numerous small gaps, in the second case one large one, and the pursuit if properly handled will at once take advantage of the one or the other. Before a diminished enemy unable to hold the shorter line could establish himself strongly beyond the river, some portion of the river line would already be within striking distance and within bridging distance of the Allies. If, as is expected, the Allies can add to this advantage in such a final phase of the war a definite superiority in heavy artillery, the crossing of the obstacle after no great space of time should follow as a matter of course.

## A FIGHT ON BEHALF OF DEMOCRACY

### LORD HALDANE AND THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

Lord Haldane has made a striking contribution to the literature of the war in an interview with Mr. G. P. Bell, the London correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News*, which is published in the *Daily Chronicle*.

'When did you first become fearful that Germany intended to break the peace of Europe?' the interviewer asked the Lord Chancellor.

'Well, you know,' answered the Lord Chancellor, 'the whole of the past decade in Europe has been rather critical. There were moments when peace trembled in the balance. The Agadir incident, particularly, compelled us to face the possibility of war. However, subsequently things improved. Anglo-German relations appeared to be getting started on the right road. It was with the object of maintaining and accelerating the improvement that I went to Berlin on behalf of the Government in February, 1912.

'With Bethmann-Hollweg I had close and interesting conferences. The Kaiser, already well known to me, I saw again, and it was my privilege to talk with many important men. Gratifying as were these interchanges, I came away feeling uneasy. Germany was piling up armaments. She showed no disposition to restrict her naval development.'

#### What He Said.

'Was there real fear in Germany that England and her Allies were planning an attack upon the Fatherland?'

'I am unable to see how there should have been any such fear. Certainly we had done everything in our power to obviate it. When I was in Berlin in 1912 I left no doubt in the minds of the foremost men as to our sentiments with reference to Germany. We were prepared, and we definitely told them we were prepared, to enter into the most binding agreement that in no circumstances would we be a party to any sort of aggression against Germany.

'Moreover, I did my utmost to make the Berlin statesmen understand England's position. I disabused their minds, if unmistakable language could do it, of all doubt as to what would be England's attitude to a violation of Belgian neutrality. If the Government ever misunderstood me on this point they have only themselves to thank. From what I said to Bethmann-Hollweg in so many words there ought to have been no doubt in his mind that we should regard an invasion of Belgium as something over which he could not reckon on our neutrality.

'I also told him that as long as Germany chose to continue her policy of formidable naval development we should lay down two keels to her one. There was absolutely no ambiguity in my conversation with the German Chancellor, and he understood that all I said on these matters represented the view of the British Government. It was of the very essence of my friendly purpose in going to Berlin to be perfectly candid and explicit. This was so because I felt that in no other way could Anglo-German relations be got upon the right footing.'

## Reform Must Come From Within.

'Assuming that the Allies win, will they attempt to democratise German politics?'

'It does not seem to me the Allies will find it easy to do this unless the German people respond. You know, it really is impossible to impose government from without. Government must come from within. If the army and the navy and the men who made the war lose their prestige, Germany will probably recover herself. How can she better do it than by effectualising her democracy? In other words, I feel that the real Germany, which has made so profound an impression upon the world by reason of great qualities, will take over the government of Germany when the present regime has been discredited and destroyed.

'I cannot help thinking that the present war should bring to a permanent end the system whereby political personages use peoples as pawns on a chess-board. I think secret diplomacy will disappear. Certainly, in the light of Austrian methods leading up to this war—methods that went right back to the days of Metternich—political manipulation beyond the reach of the influence of the people it affects ought to disappear.'

#### Democracy's Fight.

'Then you are looking for a great democratic advance as a result of the war?'

'For a great democratic advance, and for a great moral advance. Might has sought to establish itself as the supreme law. Right is on the defensive. It is giving us some very fine examples of the best there is in human nature.

'The object lessons should be beneficial. Nobility should be quickened. Our standards should be lifted up. We all were too luxurious. You in Chicago and New York were too luxurious. We in London were too luxurious. Berlin was too luxurious. In Paris also people had become luxurious. We shall all be made simpler by this war. We shall be made more frugal, more serious, less cynical, greater. Long years will pass before any one of us ceases to feel the effects of the struggle.

'As for democracy, it is democracy's fight—nothing else. The militarist has hurled his system against Europe. It must be broken. When it is broken a settlement should be possible conserving the political welfare of all the peoples concerned. Freedom for all nationalities is the ideal, and I see no reason why it should not be substantially realised.'

'How do you think the war is going to affect the question of armaments?'

'If the Allies win—if Germany, who has carried her military preparations to a pitch heretofore unknown, finds herself beaten—I do not imagine any nation in the future will be likely to pin its faith to armaments. If Germany, armed as she was armed, could not win, how could any nation hope to win by means of arms? I am hopeful that the world as a result of this war will get rid of at least a part of the burden of armaments. I am hopeful that civilisation is going to do something to defend itself against war.

#### Armaments After the War.

'We now know that the effects of war cannot be localised. We know that two considerable powers cannot fight without inflicting disturbance and loss on the whole world. Definite knowledge is necessary to definite action. I believe that the world is going so to organise itself that no nation, out of ambition or fear, or because of any other influence or motive, will be permitted to go to war. This means that differences somehow must be settled by arbitration. If the world had been so organised last July, Germany could not have refused to accept our proposal for a peaceful settlement of the issues at stake.'

'What do you think of the German argument that America should not export munitions to the Allies?'

'It seems to me unfair. For years Germany was heaping up armaments. She made the most formidable army that ever has existed and a navy by no means negligible. Her arsenals were filled with munitions.

She had selected her own time for a stupendous war of aggression. We were much less prepared. Parenthetically, Germany had constructed a great system of strategical railways parallel to the Russian frontier. Russia had done no corresponding thing. Now, fully prepared for war, with colossal accumulations of war material, Germany decides upon the moment for war, and declares war. Is there any fairness, any chivalry, in her trying to prevent us in full accord with international usage from going into neutral markets to buy the implements that Germany's action causes us so direly to need? Germany supplied large quantities of munitions of war to Russia during the war with Japan, and thought it no breach of neutrality then. Why should it be such now?

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 5.

The Feast of Corpus Christi was appropriately observed in all the parishes.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and his energetic committee have the preliminary work of the bazaar, which is to take place towards the end of the year, well in hand. The lady stallholders are displaying much enthusiasm in the undertaking.

A very successful social was held at the Sydney Street School by the parishioners of St. Brigid's, Wadestown, last Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance, including the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. The committee, of which Mr. W. M. Ellis was secretary, deserve every praise for the successful results of their energetic work.

Mr. P. J. O'Regan will, on June 14, deliver a lecture on proportional representation, under the auspices of St. Joseph's parish committee of the Catholic Federation, at St. Peter's Schoolroom, Ghuznee street. As the subject is one which should appeal to all Catholics, it is to be hoped that large numbers will avail of the opportunity to hear the advantages of this mode of representation explained by such an able exponent as Mr. O'Regan.

The Rev. Father Daly, chaplain at the military camp, Trentham, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of magazines, books, etc., for the use of the Catholic soldiers, from Mr. J. Corry (Wellington), Mrs. J. Kennedy (Rona Bay), and Mrs. Martin Kennedy (Wellington), also cash donations from Mrs. H. Freer (£1), and Mrs. J. Higham (5s). The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., Dominion treasurer of the Catholic Federation, desires to acknowledge the receipt of £2 from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Napier, and £1 from the Waipawa branch of the Catholic Federation towards the Trentham hall building fund.

Wellington is engaged at the present time in a big undertaking in endeavoring to raise the sum of £55,000 for the wounded soldiers' fund. Street processions, carnivals, and all sorts of devices have been organised to aid in the work. On the King's Birthday the supreme effort was made, when a huge procession was held in which all nations, trades, etc., were represented. The Hibernian Society participated, and made a good showing. Children from St. Joseph's Convent, Wellington South, took part, representing Japan, and also about 45 children from St. Joseph's Orphanage, who were kindly looked after and treated by a committee of ladies. Miss McEnroe's committee kindly entertained the Orphanage children at Newtown Park.

There is more money saved in buying good Brushware than in any other thing about the house. You find only good Brushware at Smith and Laing's, Invercargill....

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 7.

The prayers of the Cathedral congregation were asked on Sunday for the repose of the soul of Mr. E. J. Quinn, whose name appears on the list of killed at the Dardanelles, where he was fighting as a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Whilst on duty at Methven on last Sunday week, during the intensely severe weather then prevailing, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. (Cathedral) caught a chill from the effects of which he was obliged to lay up all the week, and was thus unable to participate in the Corpus Christi ceremonies. Owing to unfavorable symptoms, he had to enter Lewisham Hospital on Friday, but is now, owing to the devoted attention of the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, well on the way to complete recovery.

Great progress is being made in the erection of the extensive permanent buildings in brick and stone of the Lewisham Hospital on Bealey avenue. This week the roofing will be put on and within three months the great building is expected to be completed. It will form a conspicuous and imposing landmark, and easily the most prominent and noticeable structure in the vicinity. The increased accommodation will be most acceptable to the devoted Nursing Sisters, whose available space is now, and has been almost from the beginning, taxed to its full extent.

As patronal feast of the Cathedral, the observance of the Feast of Corpus Christi has a particular significance. Masses were celebrated on the day itself in the Cathedral at 7 and 9 o'clock. At the last Mass several children made their First Communion. In the evening there were devotions, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday last very large numbers of the Cathedral congregation, including both divisions of the arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, approached the Holy Table at the early Masses. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11 o'clock Mass, followed after Vespers by a procession and Benediction. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Seward to a very crowded congregation.

The Feast of Corpus Christi was observed with befitting solemnity at Mount Magdala. In the beautiful Gothic church of the institution there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the early morning, with continuous adoration. In the afternoon the whole of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and the inmates of the main institution and Sacred Heart Orphanage, together with a number of visitors, assembled in the church preparatory to an open-air procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., presided, the Rev. Father Murphy, B.A., was deacon, Rev. Father Long subdeacon, and Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., master of ceremonies. The Rev. Fathers Bell, S.M. (chaplain) and Seward were also present. Along the lengthy drives and avenues of the grounds (which were beautifully decorated) the procession wended its way, the 'Lauda Sion Angelorum' and Litany being sweetly sung. Benediction was given at a tastefully adorned open-air altar, the 'Tantum Ergo,' and 'O Salutaris' being sung by the kneeling assemblage on the wide lawn. In the church, when all the processionalists had re-entered, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was again given.

### CATHOLIC GIRLS' CLUB, CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

In the institution now in full operation in this city, the problem of successfully conducting a club and hostel for Catholic girls appears, to have been definitely solved. When first the Immigration Committee of the Catholic Federation was formed a year or so ago, the necessity of establishing a hostel for the temporary re-



ception of immigrant girls was brought home to the lady workers in that connection. As time went on this need became intensified, and it was decided to initiate a club, even on a limited scale, primarily as a convenient place for girls to meet in their spare time, and attend to many little personal matters in the performance of which facilities were not always available at the place of their occupation. A room was consequently rented as a beginning, but this speedily proved inadequate, so quickly did the new organisation develop and grow. On looking around for more extensive accommodation, the ladies interested secured at a moderate rental for a term a large dwelling, which, for the time being, appeared to offer all that could be desired for the purposes of the club and hostel. One of their number, to whose keen enthusiasm and benevolence the committee are deeply indebted, promptly guaranteed all the financial assistance necessary. Operations on an extensive scale were at once entered upon, and the institution has progressed in a way that has surpassed the expectations of even its most sanguine promoter. Situated on an elevated frontage, facing Cranmer square, in the most favored residential portion of the inner city area, the hostel enjoys a pleasant outlook from any of its fourteen rooms. With a zeal and sacrifice worthy of their strong faith in the necessity and usefulness of the undertaking, the Misses Johnson (who occupy the positions of matron and manageress) placed all the furniture of their former home in the new institution, thus largely contributing to what was an auspicious beginning. On March 19 (Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph), the hostel was ready to receive those for whom it is intended, and was shortly afterwards formally opened. The board of management, so far as the ladies are concerned, consists of Mrs. G. Harper (president), Mrs. Palmer (vice-president), Mrs. S. Barrett, Misses Hayward and Harrington—all well representative of the Catholic ladies of the city. Since the opening there has been an average of seven regular boarders. Ten visitors to the city have made the hostel their temporary home, and a number of other Catholic girls, coming or going, to or from positions, have taken advantage of its hospitality.

It must be thus conceded that the hostel has established its usefulness. Visitors have been received from Hawke's Bay, Dunedin, Invercargill, Wellington, Timaru, etc. The clubroom of the hostel is a spacious apartment, and here weekly entertainments are given, to which all are privileged to invite Catholic friends. These social gatherings have proved eminently successful and enjoyable. Well-thought-out rules and regulations have been framed for the discipline of the hostel, which, whilst not unduly exacting, are rigidly enforced. In a pleasant interview with the matron I, like all others

who visit the institution must be, was greatly impressed with its possibilities, and its timely establishment is an achievement every Catholic in the diocese should applaud. That the hostel and club may continue and prosper, all, without exception, will desire, marking, as it does, yet another important step in advance. Help, however, will be needed, and as the Catholic Federation originated the project of which the hostel is the practical outcome, aid should be forthcoming to extend its usefulness. Surplus country produce, coal, etc., are always acceptable commodities, and such donations would go a long way towards minimising current expenditure, and assist greatly in the initial stages of the enterprise. Ladies or young girls contemplating a visit to Christchurch could not do better than get into communication with the matron, and the present writer can fully vouch for the satisfaction they will receive.

### Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

The ordinary meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Monday last, Bro. J. Scott (president) presiding. Three new members were initiated, and five candidates were proposed.

Several ladies of the parish have been actively engaged for some time past in working for the Red Cross Society. On Sunday an appeal was made for larger attendances, and it is to be hoped that on Wednesday next this worthy object will receive more assistance than in the past.

A progressive euchre party, organised by some of the Catholic young ladies of the parish in aid of the Red Cross fund, was held in the clubrooms on Monday last. The prizes were won by Misses Connell and McShane and Messrs. C. Horgan and Brosnahan. The affair was very successful, and the sum of £10 was netted.

On Friday Mr. R. P. Connell, M.A., who has resigned his position as senior assistant in the secondary department of the Temuka District High School to accept an important position with the North Canterbury Education Board, was presented by his pupils with a leather wallet. He also received a presentation from the teaching staff, who gave him a case of brushes. Addresses were delivered by Mr. McLeod, B.A., and others, and all spoke very highly of Mr. Connell's capabilities as a teacher and his fine personal qualities. Mr. Connell suitably responded.

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**Methven—Rakaia**

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was begun in St. Ita's Church, Rakaia, on Sunday, May 23. The Rev. Father J. Ainsworth, S.M., Marist missionary, arrived from Temuka on Saturday evening, celebrated Mass at 8.30 o'clock on Sunday morning, at which there was a large number of communicants. Rev. Dr. Kennedy celebrated a Missa Cantata at 11 o'clock, at the end of which Father Ainsworth delivered the opening discourse, which was an explanation of the origin and nature of the devotion, and the privileges to be gained from attending the exercises. He made an eloquent appeal to all to attend during these days of grace. Exposition was continued throughout the day, the faithful attending in large numbers. In the evening Father Ainsworth delivered a powerful sermon on 'Confession,' showing at length its divine origin, and its incalculable advantages to souls. On Monday and Tuesday mornings, Masses celebrated at 7 and 9 o'clock, were attended by large numbers, all of whom received Holy Communion. Rev. Father Ainsworth addressed the congregation both morning and evening, his sermon on Monday night being a splendid discourse on the 'Mass.' The music was rendered by the congregation and by a choir trained by the Sisters of Mercy, by whom also the sanctuary and church were artistically decorated. The remembrance of the devotion this year will long remain with the people, and will be a great stimulus to them in the practice of the duties of their religion.

The parishioners of Methven were equally favored. The Very Rev. T. W. Price, Adm. (Christchurch), celebrated the early Mass in Rakaia on Sunday, May 30, and then motored to Methven, where he sang Mass and inaugurated the devotion of the Forty Hours, and addressed the congregation most impressively. The exceptionally bad weather prevailing on the Sunday militated to some extent against the complete success of the devotion by preventing a number of parishioners, who lived at a distance, from attending on the first day; but those who had the privilege of attending were treated to eloquent and instructive discourses by the Very Rev. Father Price. A large number received the Sacraments at all the Masses. On Monday evening the Rev. Father P. J. Cooney, of Lyttelton, preached an eloquent sermon on the 'Love of Jesus as shown in the Blessed Sacrament.' Father Cooney celebrated the early Mass on Tuesday morning, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy the Mass of Deposition, after which the Litanies were sung and the procession held. The devotion terminated with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The music was rendered by a choir and the congregation. Father Kennedy returned his sincere thanks to his rev. colleagues for their generous assistance, and to the Sisters, to whose devotedness the success, as in previous years, is largely to be attributed.

**Timaru**

(From our own correspondent.)

June 7.

On Sunday morning at the 9 o'clock Mass, a number of children of the parish made their First Communion. After Mass they were entertained at breakfast in the girls' school by the ladies of the Altar Society.

The annual procession in connection with the Feast of Corpus Christi took place in the beautiful convent grounds on Sunday, and, as usual, was a very impressive ceremony. This time of the year is not the most favorable for outdoor ceremonies, as the weather is unsettled, but, fortunately, on this occasion there was no cause for complaint in this regard, as the day was an ideal one for the procession. This is the one day of the year, when the Catholics of Timaru unite in making a public profession of their faith, and of proclaiming by acts of adoration, their firm belief in the Adorable

Sacrament of the Altar. The people attended in thousands, and no one could gaze upon that magnificent procession without being convinced of the unity and firm faith of Catholics. Punctually at 2.30 a start was made from the convent chapel and, as the long files moved slowly around the beautiful grounds, the different colored regalia and beautiful bannerets of the various sodalities had a most charming effect in the bright warm sun. Several appropriate hymns, to the accompaniment of a brass band, were sung during the procession. Rev. Father Seymour, who was preceded by several neatly attired little flower strewers, carried the Blessed Sacrament, and was attended by Rev. Fathers Goggan and Murphy. Near the steps of the main door of the convent a temporary altar was erected, from which Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given. From thence the procession wended its way to the girls' school, where another altar had been erected, and Benediction was again given. After this, the route lay through the presbytery grounds to the church, where the congregation was so large that standing room only was available. The first Communicants of the morning renewed their Baptismal vows, and Rev. Father Goggan, from the text 'If thou only hadst known the gifts of God,' preached a most eloquent and practical sermon on the necessity and advantages of frequent Communion. The third and final Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was then given, and the immense gathering dispersed, grateful for being able to participate in the united ceremonies associated with the great Feast of Corpus Christi.

**DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

June 7.

At the last meeting of the Confraternity of the Holy Family Rev. Father Cahill resumed his course of lectures on the history of the Church.

A novena in honor of the Sacred Heart is now being held in the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, and is particularly well attended. It will terminate on next Sunday.

For some time past his Lordship the Bishop has been undergoing treatment, in Victoria, for neuritis and the overwork of the late Bible in-schools campaign. His return to Auckland is not expected for some time yet.

Nearly £4000 more were put through the totalisator at the Auckland winter race meetings of last Thursday and Saturday than at the same meetings last year, which proves that the war has not a very depressing effect on this portion of the Empire.

The Rev. John Taylor and Rev. Patrick Flynn were recently ordained deacons in St. Peter's Church, Wexford. They are expected to be raised to the priesthood very soon for the Auckland diocese, where they are due to arrive before the end of this year.

The bazaar in aid of the church and school funds of the Ellerslie parish was opened in the local parish hall last Wednesday evening by Mr. Frank Lawry. Monsignor Gillan, V.G., and several of the clergy from the surrounding parishes were present. A good musical programme was given by friends and pupils of the convent school. The bazaar was continued during the week, and was largely patronised. It is hoped Rev. Father Tormey and his parishioners may secure the fullest results from their labors.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced at the Cathedral after the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday. Throughout the afternoon watch was kept before the Blessed Sacrament by the members of the confraternities of the Holy Family, Guard of Honor, and Children of Mary. After Vespers Rev. Father Cahill preached on the devotion and its meaning. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed. The devotion will conclude on Tuesday. The high altar was magnificently decorated, the work excelling all

previous efforts. For this, great credit is due to the Sisters of Mercy.

Mr. Leys, editor of the *Auckland Star*, who recently returned from a lengthy tour of Europe, gave an interesting public lecture a few evenings ago on his travels and observations. Dealing with events in England prior to the outbreak of war, he trenchantly criticised Sir Edward Carson and his colleagues, including Mr. Bonar Law, whom he charged with treason to the Crown and Parliament. The lecturer significantly added that the Labor leaders in England made it abundantly clear that the lessons to be learned from the speeches and actions of these gentlemen would be remembered and acted upon hereafter to the detriment of the classes.

### Huntly

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

June 7.

Arrangements are being made to hold a convent school social at Te Kauwhata.

Under League rules, the local football team defeated Ngaruawahia at Huntly on Saturday by 16 points to 8.

The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society has lost another of its members in the person of Mr. Bert O'Connor, who has gone to the front.

An effort is being made to hold a mission here at an early date. It is some years since the last mission was held, and since then a large number of Catholics have settled in this parish.

Much pleasure was felt here at the brilliant success of our local sportsman (Mr. W. J. Ralph) at the recent Auckland race meeting. His horse won the Great Northern double, an achievement only once before accomplished in the history of Auckland racing. Mr. Ralph has our heartiest congratulations, for he is (with the exception of Miss Ralph, his sister) the greatest benefactor to the Church that the Catholics of Huntly have known.

## FAREWELL TO CHIEF DETECTIVE HERBERT

At the sitting of the City Police Court, Dunedin, on Saturday, the members of the Bar took the opportunity of bidding good-bye to Chief Detective Herbert, who is to proceed in a similar capacity to Christchurch. There was a representative attendance of members. Mr. H. Y. Widdowson, S.M., was on the bench.

Mr. J. B. Callan, jun. (president of the Otago Law Society), addressing the bench, said that the members of the Bar had met for the purpose of saying good-bye to their old friend, Mr. Herbert, who had occupied the position of chief detective for a number of years in Dunedin with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the Bench and Bar, and to the community generally. He thought that he could assure the chief detective that they all appreciated his many abilities, and had enjoyed exceedingly the pleasant relations with him. They wished him every success in his work in Christchurch, that was, such success as was commensurate with the privileges of lawyers and the rights of criminals. The time was past when the chief detective might achieve successes of the more sensational nature, but, looking back at his record, they could speak with confidence of his undoubtedly successful work as chief detective in Dunedin. As regarded his work in the court, he had always been pre-eminently fair and capable. Even the members of the Bar, and particularly the younger members, had in watching the chief detective at his work

managed to pick up points in the art of advocacy. Most of them had learned at times that he was indeed a much better advocate than they were. He was a thorough student of human nature, had a keen sense of humor, a quick mind, and great courage, and it was these faculties that had made him a successful advocate. It was to be regretted that he was leaving Dunedin, but he could safely say that he was only voicing the sentiments of all concerned when he repeated that they all appreciated the chief detective's many good qualities.

Mr. W. C. MacGregor (Crown Prosecutor) said he had always found Chief Detective Herbert to be very fair, not striving unduly after a conviction, but laying his cases before the court with fairness. He thought that Chief Detective Herbert had been very successful in his work, and he had a great deal to his credit as a man and a police officer.

Mr. A. C. Hanlon said that he had, he supposed, come into contact with the chief detective more than any of the other members of the Bar in Dunedin, and he could safely say that in all his practice he had never met a police officer who had treated him, and, indeed, treated all those with whom he had come into contact, with greater consideration than had Chief Detective Herbert. The case against an accused person was always put clearly, but anything that might be brought forward in favor of that accused person was not forgotten. Chief Detective Herbert was always fair, and he was very sorry he was going away. He wished him at the end of his service - and valuable service it must have been to the department - all good fortune, and a pleasant and enjoyable life in his well-earned retirement.

Mr. Widdowson, S.M., said he thought it was fitting that, upon the eve of the departure of the chief detective from Dunedin, they should say farewell to him in the court with which he had been so long associated. He had been in Dunedin as chief detective for over twelve years, and during that time he had earned the esteem and goodwill of the Bench, of the Bar, and of the general public. With regard to his work in this court, he could only say that it had been marked by courtesy, and in the conduct of his cases the chief detective had displayed ability and great fairness. The chief detective had not only placed all the facts against an accused person before the court, but he had also presented all the facts favorable to that person, and informed the court of any extenuating or mitigating circumstances. Speaking on behalf of the Bench, he might say that he appreciated what had been done by Chief Detective Herbert. They hoped that in his new sphere he would be as happy and successful in the sense mentioned by Mr. Callan as he had been here. Mr. J. R. Bartholomew regretted that he was unable to be present, but endorsed all that he (Mr. Widdowson) had said.

Mr. Callan then presented Chief Detective Herbert with a lady's toilet case for Mrs. Herbert, as some tangible record of the fact that Chief Detective Herbert had been greatly admired, and his services highly appreciated during his long stay in the district.

Chief Detective Herbert, in reply, said that he was very flattered, indeed, at the earnest and sincere compliments that had been passed on him and his work generally. He had no idea that his work was so highly appreciated, but he knew that the members of the legal profession in Dunedin were strong personal friends of his. The sentiments the Bar had expressed of him he also entertained for them. He thanked them for their expression of goodwill, their many kindnesses, and the handsome present they had presented to his wife, and intimated that he would look upon Dunedin as his home, and return later. He had never lived in any one place before for twelve years.

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## CATHOLIC FEDERATION

### WELLINGTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the executive committee was held at St. Patrick's Hall, Wellington, on June 2. Mr. F. W. Crombie was in the chair, and Messrs. Corry, Parsonage, and Johnson (hon. secretary) were present. Apologies were received from the Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna and Mr. B. Ellis. The Railway Department wrote granting the usual concession fares for delegates attending the meeting of the Diocesan Council on July 15, and the necessary certificates, together with the order paper, etc., will be sent out to parish committees in the course of a few days. The question of offering prizes to pupils in the Catholic primary schools for the best essays on the subject of the Federation was referred to the Council for consideration. The committee further considered the question of holding a general Communion breakfast of the combined city branches at some central place on Federation Sunday, July 4, and it was agreed that while such a function would be desirable in every way, considerable difficulty would be found in carrying it out successfully. The committee therefore recommended that each branch be advised to make its own arrangements.

Parish committees are reminded that the quarterly returns and remittances are due on the 30th inst., and should be forwarded before July 5, in order that they may appear in the accounts for the current half year.

### AUCKLAND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the literature committee of the Auckland Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation was held on June 2. There were present Rev. Father Doyle (president), Misses V. A. Jacobsen, M.A., and Boylan, Messrs. O'Malley and Temun. An apology was received from the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G.

The president welcomed the new member, Miss Boylan, to the committee. A letter was received from the proprietor of a certain bookstall, to whom a letter had been sent, *re* his having on sale an anti-Catholic and generally indecent and objectionable book. The letter was considered very satisfactory, the writer stating that he had none of the books in question now in stock, and that he did not intend to sell any in future. A letter was also received from Mr. J. T. Fitzgerald (secretary of the Ponsonby branch of the Federation), making certain suggestions to the committee with regard to another matter. It was decided that the action already taken would cover the matter for the present. Rev. Father Doyle reported to the committee information he had received with regard to what he thought might be a breach of the Education Act with regard to sectarian teaching in the schools. After a general discussion it was decided that as no documentary evidence was available nothing could be done meantime.

## ADDINGTON.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The June quarterly meeting of the Addington branch was held on Wednesday evening last in the schoolroom, when the president (Mr. Geo. Getson) presided over a good attendance of members. The balance sheet, which was read and adopted, showed the branch to be in a very flourishing condition. Commenting on the progress of the branch, the president referred to the able manner in which Mr. Leo Courtney carried out the duty of secretary, also to the way in which the lady members had worked to extend the Federation in Addington. It was decided to donate a silver medal to the pupils of the Addington school, and also one to the Halswell pupils, as prizes for the best essay on Catholic Federation.

## OBITUARY

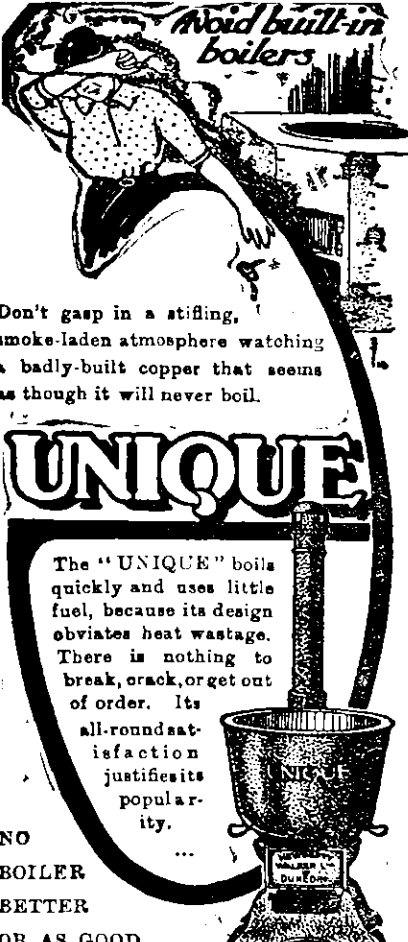
### MRS. ANNE PACKER, STUDHOLME JUNCTION.

On June 4 there passed away at her residence, Studholme Junction, Mrs. Anne Packer, relict of the late Worthy Packer, and one of the oldest and most respected residents of the district, in her 59th year. The deceased was the daughter of the late Patrick and Kate O'Holloran, of Newcastle, Aghirea, County Galway. She came to New Zealand about the year 1877, arriving at Port Chalmers in the ship Invercargill, and about two years later was married at Waimate by the Rev. Father Goutenoire. She had a family of eight sons and three daughters. Four sons predeceased her, and her husband died in 1901. She leaves four sons and three daughters to mourn their loss—Rev. Father W. J. Packer, C.S.S.R. (Australia), Mr. Joseph Packer (Greymouth), Mrs. A. Brown (Woolston), Constable Packer (Christchurch), Mrs. M. Leonard (Woodbury), Miss Annie, and Mr. James Packer (Studholme Junction). Mrs. Packer and her husband were among the first to settle at Studholme Junction in the year 1884. The deceased was a fond mother, and brought up her family in the fear and love of God, and to do this she had many obstacles in her path, but in the end she succeeded, and passed away on the 4th inst., knowing that she had done her duty faithfully and well, and fortified by the last rites of the Church. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, on Tuesday on arrival of the remains from Studholme, and the interment took place at the Waimate Cemetery. —R.I.P.

### MR. JAMES O'MALLEY, IKAMATUA.

I regret (writes a correspondent) to record the death of Mr. James O'Malley, who passed away at his residence, Ikamatua, on May 28. Deceased was a native of County Mayo, and 79 years of age. He arrived in Melbourne in 1859, in the sailing ship Royal Charter, and was a prominent figure in the early gold rushes

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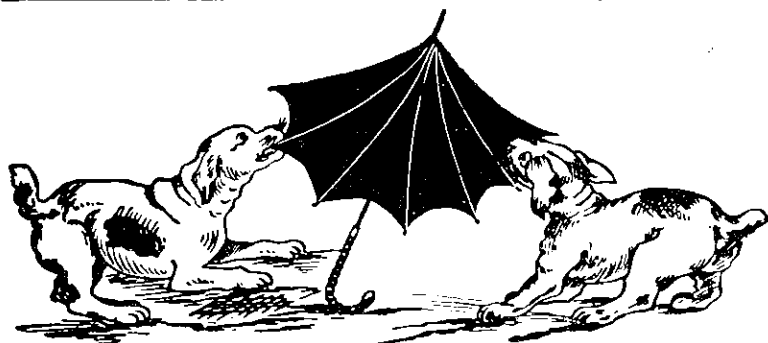
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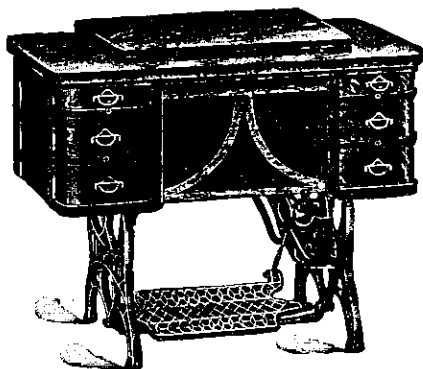
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in the Beechworth and Ovens districts. He came to New Zealand in 1861, and engaged in the Otago gold rushes, including Gabriel's Gully and Dunstan. Later on he came to the West Coast, and worked at the Hokitika and Charleston rushes, and then took up land at Ikamatua, where he had resided since 1875. His wife predeceased him by ten years. He leaves two sons—Mr. James O'Malley (Hawera) and Mr. William O'Malley (Ikamatua), and three daughters—Mrs. Thomas Shannahan (Greymouth), Mrs. Edward Carroll (Stafford), and one who is a Sister of the Good Shepherd, Mount Magdala, Christchurch. Another daughter, who was a Dominican Nun, died about ten years ago. The deceased, who was a staunch Catholic, died fortified by all the rites of the Church. The funeral took place on Sunday, May 30, and was the largest ever seen in the Grey Valley district, mourners being present from Westport, Reefton, Hokitika, and Greymouth. Rev. Father Galerne conducted the burial service, and paid a high tribute to the many sterling qualities of the deceased as a Catholic and as a citizen. During his long residence in Ikamatua he was ever ready to extend the hospitality of his home to priests visiting the district.—R.I.P.

#### PRIVATE JOHN SHEEHAN LLOYD.

Private John Sheehan Lloyd, of the South Otago Infantry, died of wounds received at the Dardanelles on April 29. The deceased, who was only 23 years of age, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lloyd, late of Cust, Canterbury, but now residents of Spreydon. His brother, Private Daniel Patrick Michael Lloyd, is also at the Dardanelles. His father received



PRIVATE JOHN SHEEHAN LLOYD.

a letter from the deceased a few days before he left Egypt, in which he said that he had been to confession that night, and was to receive Holy Communion next morning. This news was a great consolation to his parents in their bereavement. Both the deceased and his brother were aware of the danger they ran in going to the Dardanelles, but they were determined to do their duty.—R.I.P.

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## WEDDING BELLS

### WHITE—WRIGHT.

A wedding, which created a good deal of interest, was solemnised in St. Raphael's Church, Hawarden, on April 14, the contracting parties being Mr. Oswald John White, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. White, The Peaks, North Canterbury, and Miss Ada Maud Wright, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright, Mason's Flat, Hawarden. As both parties were very popular in the district, there was a very large attendance at the church, where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Connor. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful robe of ivory satin, trimmed with applique lace, and a trained skirt, finished with lace and orange blossoms, the whole being completed by a beautifully embroidered tulle veil, with wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Misses Ellen and Elsie Wright. The former (chief bridesmaid) wore a dainty dress of heliotrope crepe-de-chine with hat to match. The latter wore a dainty dress of pale blue crepe-de-chine, with hat to match. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. J. H. Wright (brother of the bride). On the happy couple leaving the church the Wedding March was played by Miss J. Cox, the organist. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the Town Hall, where relatives and friends to the number of 150 sat down to breakfast. The usual toasts were honored, the principal one being proposed by Rev. Father O'Connor, who spoke of the very high esteem in which the newly wedded couple were held. The bride's travelling dress was a sapphire blue costume, with a navy blue hat and ostrich plume to match. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold neck chain, to the bridesmaids gold pendants, and to the best man a silver-mounted walking stick. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a travelling bag. Mr. and Mrs. White left by motor for Christchurch en route to Invercargill for their honeymoon, thence to their home home, Sherwood Downs, Fairlie. The presents, which included many cheques, were both costly and numerous.

### Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

A number of girls from the convent schools made their First Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday.

It is proposed to proceed immediately with the completion of St. Mary's Basilica, and tenders have been invited for the work.

It is interesting to note that the father of the now famous Sergeant Michael O'Leary, V.C., was a playfellow in the Old Land of Mr. James Collins, who is well known in Dunedin and Invercargill.

The Hibernian Society intend holding a 'Ladies' night' on Tuesday, the 15th inst., and, judging from similar functions in the past, the evening should be a most enjoyable one. The ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to be present.

On Wednesday, June 30, the pupils of the Dominican Nuns will present, in the Municipal Theatre, Lewis' famous cantata, 'Little Nell's surprise party,' the proceeds to be devoted to the Belgian fund. Besides the cantata, vocal and instrumental selections will be rendered by extern students of St. Catherine's Convent. Very successful rehearsals are held, so, apart from the object of the entertainment, patrons may be sure of an interesting and pleasant evening. The sale of tickets is meeting with a ready response, and a crowded house is expected.

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## DEATHS

HICKEY.—On May 18, 1915, at St. Mary's Convent, Nelson, Margaret Mary Hickey, only daughter of Constable Timothy and Mary Hickey, of Collingwood; aged 15 years and 8 months.—R.I.P.

PACKER.—On June 4, 1915, at Studholme Junction, Anne, relict of the late Worthy Packer; in her 59th year.—R.I.P.

## IN MEMORIAM

CARROLL.—Of your charity pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Patrick Thomas Carroll, who departed this life at Westport on June 11, 1914. On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for him.

MEEHAN.—In sad and loving memory of James, dearly beloved husband of Esther Meehan, Kawa Kawa, Feilding, died in Dublin, Ireland, on June 9, 1914.—R.I.P. Inserted by his loving wife, son, and daughters.

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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, JUNE 10, 1915.

## THE SOCIAL STUDY SCHEME



OMEWHAT over a year ago, it will be remembered, we introduced into New Zealand the admirable social study scheme inaugurated by the Catholic Social Guild of England; and last year examinations were held in the Dominion with highly gratifying and successful results. As has been already briefly intimated in our columns, the Executive of the Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand have now officially taken up the scheme; and, in conjunction with ourselves, will carry out the work of holding the examinations in this country. The object of the scheme, as we have before explained, is to promote amongst our Catholic people a close and definite study of the social question, and to educate them in the true principles of social economics as viewed and interpreted by the best Catholic authorities. To attain this purpose, a carefully-thought-out syllabus and a most excellent series of text-books have been prepared. Three courses of study have been mapped out, and each course is divided into two stages, each of which covers one year's work. For the present we are concerned only with the first course, Economic Theory, which comprises the two stages, Elementary and Advanced. The text-book for the Elementary examination is *A Primer of Social Science*, by the Right Rev. Mgr. Parkinson—altogether admirable publication, which both young and old may read with interest and profit. The books of reference recommended for collateral study are *The Science of Wealth*, by J. A. Hobson; *Social Duties of Catholics*, by C. S. Devas; and the Encyclicals of Leo XIII., published under the title, *The Pope and the People*. For the Advanced stage of Economic Theory the text-book is the well-known masterly work on Political Economy by C. S. Devas. The young man or woman who goes through even the first elementary course will have gained a sound knowledge of general economic principles which will serve as an excellent foundation for wider and more extended study. The candidate who masters Devas's fine work will have covered the whole field of social economy under the direction of a wise and prudent and at the same time open-minded and progressive guide. In addition to the text-book a number of useful works of reference are recommended for supplementary study. Besides these regular courses, two new alternative courses have recently been issued—a syllabus on 'Land,' and a syllabus for a course of reading and study on 'War: Its Moral and Social Aspects.' We are not aware whether either of these courses will be available for New Zealand candidates this year, but we will know definitely when the books which have been ordered come to hand.

As we have already explained in these columns, the Board of Examiners consists of well-known and recognised authorities on social and economic subjects; and the examination questions are set as follows:—One half on the given text-book and the other half on the books recommended for a collateral course of study. Any student who has passed in either an Elementary or Advanced Course of any one Study-subject is entitled to a Pass; any student who has obtained Passes in the Elementary and Advanced Courses of any one Study-subject is entitled to a Certificate; and any student who has obtained Certificates for all three Courses A, B, and C is entitled to a Diploma. The Executive of the Federated Catholic Clubs have ordered a supply of the text-books, both Elementary and Advanced; and these will be obtainable only from the secretary of the Executive, and not from the *Tablet* office as hitherto. The books are due to arrive about the end of July or early in August. Subject to the approval of the Guild, the date of the examination will be fixed by the Editor of the *Tablet*, and will be as nearly as possible six clear months after the books are in the hands of our students. This would bring the date somewhere about the end of February or beginning of March. Full particulars as to the arrival of the books and date of examination will be given in due course in our columns. Intending candidates are requested to send in their names at earliest convenience to the Executive Secretary, to the following address:—Mr. T. H. Forster, Secretary Federated Catholic Clubs, 15 Kensington street, Wellington. Any applications sent to us will be duly forwarded to the Executive Secretary; but as all orders for books must be made to that officer, it would simplify matters if all applications were sent direct to him. Applications should in all cases be accompanied by the prescribed entrance fee of one shilling, which will be forwarded by the Executive to the Guild, and which must be paid to the latter body before the candidate is eligible to sit for examination. The examination questions, while adequate in scope and fairly covering the prescribed ground, are not really difficult or formidable. Of the nine New Zealand candidates who entered last year, eight secured a pass, and the ninth missed success only by the narrowest of margins. In acknowledging receipt of their certificates, almost all the candidates wrote to express the pleasure and profit they had received from the definite and systematic study of the great question of the day, and their unalloyed satisfaction at having taken up such extremely interesting and valuable work. Several of last year's candidates have already intimated their intention of proceeding to the advanced course this year. Although the candidates this year will probably be drawn mostly from the ranks of our Catholic Clubs, the examinations are, as we have before indicated, open to every Catholic man and woman without restriction or limitation of any kind. We hope and believe that the members of the societies affiliated to the Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand—and others outside the ranks—will take up the social study project with energy and spirit. This is the day of small things, but a successful beginning has been made; and we believe that, with patience and enthusiasm, the time is not far distant when the Catholic social study scheme, with its immense possibilities for good, will have secured a firm and sure footing in our Dominion.

## Notes

### To Help the Poles: What the Pope Says

In forwarding his donation the other day to the Polish Relief Fund which we have inaugurated, Rev. Father Cahill, of Kaponga, wrote: 'Your appeal on behalf of the unfortunate Poles is deserving of a hearty response from the readers of the *Tablet*. The cause of millions of starving people who have lost all they had is one that should appeal strongly to all who can give a helping hand. I enclose you a pound for the relief of the Polish victims of this terrible war; and trust that your effort on behalf of the Poles will be very

successful.' Other correspondents have expressed similar sentiments. One *Tablet* reader, who has sent a substantial contribution, writes: 'If every one in the Dominion would deny themselves one day's pleasure for the great need, it would make a presentable and worthy offering to the poor persecuted Poles, and surely no one would refuse or miss that.'

It may interest our readers to know that the movement for Polish relief has the warm sympathy, hearty approval, and practical endorsement of the Holy Father. Recently the famous writer, Henryk Sienkiewicz, as President of the General Relief Committee of Poland, sent a telegram to his Holiness asking his blessing on the Committee's work. The Holy Father sent the following reply through his Cardinal Secretary of State: 'The august Pontiff, instead of sending the usual telegraphic reply, has charged me to let you know of the feelings of gratitude and fatherly affection produced in him by the reading of the telegram, so full of devotion, of the General Relief Committee for the victims of the war in Poland. You know how deep the Holy Father's grief is at the terrifying spectacle of the awful slaughters and ruins which are the consequence of the present war. As Vicar of that merciful God Who has infinitely loved all men and given for all the price of His Blood, he suffers from the pains of all the combatants and is in mourning for all the families. His affection goes out to all his children without distinction and, as he said at the last Consistory, his heart is especially touched at the thought of the pain of all those sons of his who are most grievously tried by this horrible catastrophe. I can assure you truly that your Committee by relieving the victims of the war in Poland and thus carrying on a work eminently charitable and pitiful, has profoundly moved the fatherly heart of the august Pontiff. In his beloved sons of Poland he sees not only a people plunged in terror and desolation, but he recognises and loves in them children, especially affectionate and generous, who are devoted to the Holy See to the point of sacrifice. Hence, as his Holiness has already given a proof of his interest in Catholic Belgium by sending it a letter of encouragement with his personal offering and that of the Sacred College, so now he is especially glad to be able to confer the same privileges on his well-beloved people of Poland, by sending a similar offering in his own august name and in that of his College, together with an autograph letter to relieve their distress and comfort them in their anguish. And now his Holiness congratulates your Relief Committee on the truly charitable work which is relieving the miseries of his most beloved children of Catholic Poland, and in token of his fatherly affection he bestows with all his heart the apostolic blessing on all the Polish nation, on all who assist it, and especially on you and on the members of the Committee.—P. CARD. GASPARRI.'

### Germany in Belgium

The Press Bureau of the Belgian Government has supplied to foreign journals a letter of Cardinal Mercier against an ordinance of the German Governor of Belgium which decreed the payment of ecclesiastical stipends on condition that the beneficiaries should sign a declaration of submission to the German Government. The patriot-Cardinal was promptly to the fore to checkmate this somewhat obvious bribe, and despatched the following letter to the German Governor:

'Mr. Governor General, A communication of your civil Administration informs us that the German Government offers to give effect—in the occupied portion of the country—to the payment of the emoluments of the clergy, beginning with the 1st September or the 1st October, 1914, on condition that the members of the clergy sign a declaration binding themselves to undertake nothing and to combat everything which can be prejudicial to the German administration.'

'Some considerations, which have perhaps escaped your civil Administration, will throw light on the juridical and legal position of the Belgian clergy, and

will, I am sure, claim the attention of your Excellency.

'1. The ministers of religion are not functionaries of the State.

'2. Their emoluments are paid by way of indemnity, as compensation for confiscated ecclesiastical property.

'Consequently the members of the clergy take no oath, nor do they assume any pledge towards the Belgian Government, but are simply subject, like all other citizens, to the general laws of the country.

'I have stated, your Excellency, that ministers of religion, in Belgium, are not public functionaries.

'Our Court of Cassation expressly recognised this in a judgment of the 4 March, 1847, which affirmed that it cannot be ignored that ministers of religion are neither depositaries nor agents of the civil authority; only those, says the judgment, can, in fact, be considered as such who by indirect or immediate delegation of the law or of the Government in some way exercise public power, and to this ministers of religion are extraneous.

'I shall add that the emoluments are paid to the clergy by way of indemnity. In the terms of Art. 17 of the Belgian Constitution "the emoluments and pensions of ministers of religion are a charge upon the State; the sums necessary to meet them are annually included in the Budget of the State."

'The preparatory negotiations of this Article prove that the great majority of the Congress, from which emanated the constitutional pact of Belgian independence, considered the emoluments and pensions of the clergy as compensation, in the form of an indemnity, for the ancient privileges of which the Catholic Church had been deprived at the time when ecclesiastical property was confiscated.

'At the outset of our national independence, Mons. Prince de Méan, Archbishop of Malines, anxious to "guarantee to the Catholic religion that full and entire liberty which alone can ensure its peace and prosperity," wrote to the national Congress as follows: "The State did not take possession of the property of the clergy except with the obligation of providing becomingly for the expenses of worship and for the maintenance of its ministers." Article 1 of the French law of the 2 November, 1789 attests this."

'The Holy See, for the sake of peace, ratified the alienation thereof solely on the express condition that the Government should remain obliged to treat the ministers of religion in a becoming manner, as Articles 13 and 14 of the Concordat of 1801, and also the Bulls thereto relating, afford proof. With a view to prevent unjust preferences and to prevent, by means of such action especially, any agent whatsoever from impeding the free exercise of worship by exercising an illegal influence upon the opinions and action of ecclesiastics—to prevent this, I say, the constituted Government has never required from the clergy the signing of any declaration in connection with the payment of their emoluments. If the Government now existing exact it, it will force the clergy into a position inferior to that guaranteed them by the Belgian Constitution.

'I entertain an assured confidence that the Governor General will examine equitably the preceding considerations and recognise their legality.

Signed: D. CARD. MERCIER,  
'Archbishop of Malines.'

The letter, with the standing and influence of Cardinal Mercier behind it, produced its intended effect; and the Governor General has abandoned his proposal.

### The War and the Sacraments

The present war, carried out on such a colossal scale and involving the risk of sudden death to immense masses of men, has given rise to some new problems in regard to the administration of the Sacraments to soldiers; and Rome has been prompt to give authoritative decision in respect to the difficulties that have emerged. One of the most important of the recent declarations relates to the giving of absolution to soldiers

summoned to battle. A question was submitted to the Sacred Penitentiary in the following form: 'Whether it is lawful, by a general formula or common absolution, without preceding confession, to absolve, before admitting them to Holy Communion, soldiers summoned to battle, when their number is so great that their confessions cannot be heard severally, after they have duly made an act of contrition?'

The Sacred Penitentiary, having maturely considered what has been explained, graciously decided, our Most Holy Father Benedict XV. assenting, that the answer should be given: 'In the affirmative.' And there is nothing to prevent those thus absolved in the aforesaid circumstances from being admitted to receive the Holy Eucharist. But let the military chaplains not omit, when opportunity is afforded, to instruct them that absolution so given will avail nothing unless they are duly disposed; and that, if they escape danger, there remains for them entire the obligation of going to confession in due course. All things whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Rome in the S. Penitentiary, 6 February, 1915. CAROLUS PEROSI, S.P., Regens., JOSEPHUS BALICA, S.P., Secretarius.

A second important declaration, issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, relates to administration of Holy Communion and to the celebration of Mass in camps. It is in the following terms: 'The Sacred Congregation of the Discipline of the Sacraments, desirous of consulting for the welfare of souls, in view of the extraordinary circumstance of the present war, and whilst they continue, by special authority of our Most Holy Lord Pope Benedict XV., declares and enacts the following: (1) That soldiers called to battle (soldiers at the front) can be admitted, *scrutis scrupulis*, to the Eucharistic Table by way of Viaticum. (2) That priests attached to the army who are intended to carry and care for the wounded and those who are ill (vernacularly litterbearers and infirmarians), if they cannot say Mass in churches, can celebrate Mass, all danger of irreverence being removed, in any fitting and safe place whatsoever, even in the open air; and that those who bear arms can celebrate Mass in the same way, and under the same conditions, but on Sundays only and on feasts of precept, provided all the aforesaid priests are hindered by no other canonical impediment. All things whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Rome from the Secretariate of the Sacred Congregation, 11 February, 1915.

PHILIPPUS CARD. GIUSTINI,  
Praefectus.  
ALCISIUS CAPOSTASI, Ep. Thern.  
Secretarius.

### DIocese OF DUNEDIN

A Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament began in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Friday evening, and was brought to a conclusion on Sunday at Vespers, when the 'Te Deum' was sung.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from the last Mass until after Vespers, when the usual procession, followed by Benediction, took place.

A euchre party and social evening will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Mornington, on Friday night. The committee expect a large attendance, as the proceeds go towards paying off the debt on the church grounds.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will begin in the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley, on Friday morning, when Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. The devotion will conclude on Sunday.

The Month's Mind of the late Rev. Father Keenan took place in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. His Lordship Bishop Verdon presided at the Solemn High Mass, which was celebrated by the

Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, Rev. Father Delany being deacon, Rev. Father Kavanagh subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The other clergy present in the sanctuary were—Very Rev. Father Hunt, Rev. Fathers John Lynch, J. O'Reilly, P. J. O'Neill, Buckley, D. O'Neill, Corcoran, Foley, Kaveney, and Falconer. His Lordship the Bishop gave the Absolution at the catafalque.

The Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. of St. Joseph's Cathedral, who is this month celebrating the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, was presented on Tuesday evening at the Bishop's Palace with a substantial cheque by his fellow priests of the diocese of Dunedin in recognition of his valuable services to the Church in New Zealand.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

**STRATHMORE, Taranaki.**—According to competent authority, the number of persons of Irish birth or Irish origin in the United States is not less than thirty millions.

**W.A.Q.**—A report as to the seizure of the Catholic Bishop of Lemberg has appeared in certain American papers, and also in one or two English journals, but we have seen no confirmation of the statement. We have seen no such statement in regard to the Bishop of Przemyśl; and none of the reports suggested that either of these prelates had been sent to Siberia. If any such seizure as is reported took place, it may be taken as certain that the explanation is on the lines of that which you have suggested.

### BAZAAR IN SOUTH DUNEDIN

The bazaar in aid of the building fund of St. Patrick's School, South Dunedin, was opened in the Town Hall, South Dunedin, on Wednesday evening of last week by Mr. T. K. Sidey, M.P., who was introduced by Mr. J. J. Marlow.

Mr. Sidey, in the course of a brief address, said that so many claims were at present being made in connection with the tremendous struggle that was taking place abroad that they were sometimes apt to lose sight of local institutions that had strong claims upon them; but there were no claims greater than those that were promoted for the well-being and training of the young. He was glad to say that no denomination in the community recognised that duty better than the Catholic body. He pointed out that character was of the first importance in making good and useful citizens. He referred to the teachings of history, which showed that while Greece had cultivated intellect Palestine had given them character, and said that moral and spiritual force was always stronger than the physical.

The Forbury School Band played outside the hall as an attraction to the sale, and inside the Lyric Band, conducted by Mr. Morris, played selections during the evening. Entertainment was also provided by the Higgins and Murphy quartet party of Irish dancers, the Misses Riddle, Lockhart, Frame, and King gave Highland dances, and the Black-and-White Follies Company contributed performances that were very highly appreciated.

On Thursday night there was a splendid attendance. The entertainment programme, which was greatly enjoyed, consisted of an action song by the pupils of St. Patrick's School, Irish dances by Miss Eager, club swinging by the Christian Brothers' gymnastic class, and items by the Christian Brothers' Choir. The programme on Friday night was highly appreciated. The fairy dance by pupils of St. Philomena's College found special favor, the dressing and grouping being very effective. The 'black-and-white follies' gave the second of their meritorious performances. Miss May Black's pupils gave a very effective military ballet, and also the Irish specialty 'The top o' the morning.' Graceful Irish dances were contributed by the Misses Salmon and McUleary.

The attendance on Saturday was very satisfactory. The items of the Lyric Orchestra proved very acceptable. Some 50 pupils of St. Patrick's School gave a fan action song, for which they received a well-merited recall, and the Christian Brothers' gymnastic class gave a further proof of their proficiency as club swingers. The Christian Brothers' Choir of 60 voices, under the baton of Mr. Gillies, gave a new setting of 'God save the King,' and as an encore number gave a fine rendering of 'The dawn of day.'

On Monday and Tuesday very encouraging business was done, the attendance evidently growing larger each evening. A fine programme of songs, dances, etc., delighted patrons on both evenings. Owing to the large quantity of goods on hand and to the splendid patronage extended to the fair, it has been decided to keep it open for the remainder of the week. Those who have books of tickets are reminded to forward blocks and remittances so that they may participate in the drawing of the art union on Saturday night. Those residing in the country should send blocks so as to reach the secretary not later than Saturday morning.

### Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

June 7.

At a meeting of those interested, on the 30th ult., it was decided to reconstitute St. Patrick's Club for the winter session. The opening social takes place on Wednesday evening next with a euchre tournament. A successful season is anticipated.

### Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. James Mannix, who has been a very active member of the Hibernian Society was recently presented with a medal in recognition of his valued services. The medal took the form of a gold shamrock, with the emblems of the society standing out in relief, and his name inscribed on the reverse.

The Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament commenced on Thursday last, and was continued until yesterday, there being Solemn High Mass at 9.30 o'clock. Rev. Father Eccleton, of St. Patrick's College, was celebrant, and Rev. Fathers Dignan and O'Sullivan, deacon and subdeacon respectively. Rev. Father Smyth preached an eloquent sermon. There was Exposition after Mass until the afternoon, when there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the church by way of Munroe street and Station street, and then back to the church, when Benediction was given by Rev. Father Dignan.

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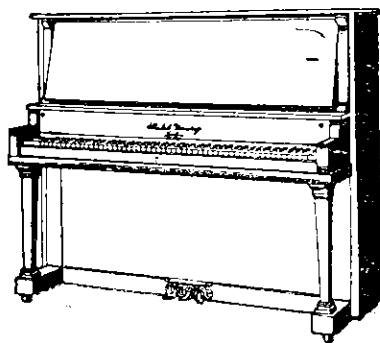
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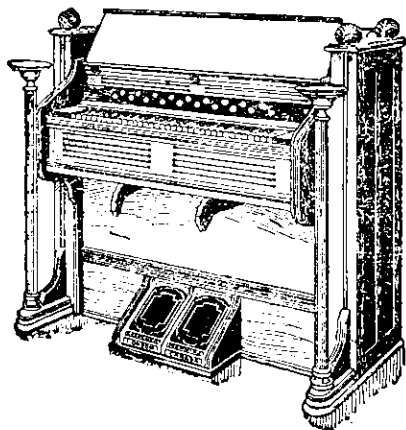
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## Irish News

### GENERAL.

According to the figures so far available, 850 men presented themselves for enlistment at the Custom House recruiting office during the visit of the Irish Guards' Band to Dublin.

The death took place at his residence, Castleconnor, Co. Sligo, recently, of Very Rev. Canon E. Timlin, P.P., after a short illness. Deceased had been parish priest of Castleconnor for the past twenty years.

Lord Wimborne, the new Irish Lord Lieutenant, made his State entry into Dublin as Viceroy on April 15. The Dublin Corporation, by a two to one majority, decided to present the new Viceroy with an address of welcome.

There being no cases at the Mayo Criminal Sessions, Mr. T. F. Rutledge, Sub-Sheriff, presented County Court Judge Doyle with a pair of white gloves. His Honor said it was a matter of great satisfaction and personal pleasure to him to be again the recipient of this symbol of the freedom of the county from crime.

Judge Matthew O'Doherty, addressing a meeting at Louisville, U.S.A., on St. Patrick's Day, held under the auspices of the A.O.H., in the course of a lengthy address, took vigorously to task those who criticise Mr. Redmond, whom he called the successor of O'Connell. When war broke out the Irish Parliamentary Party, he said, took the honorable course, and Ireland's hopes were never brighter than at the present.

A son and heir was born to the Earl and Countess of Granard at Forbes House, Halkin street, London, on April 10. He will bear the title of the Viscount Forbes. The Earl of Granard, who is the Master of the Horse to his Majesty the King, and Vice-Admiral of Connaught, has recently raised, and now commands, the 5th Battalion Royal Irish Regiment. The regiment was originally raised by his ancestor, the first Lord Granard, in 1684, and distinguished itself at the siege of Namur.

Very Rev. Father Crotty, O.P., who went from Rome in the earlier days of the war to become a chaplain to the Irish Catholic prisoners in Germany, has sent a list of the Tipperary prisoners of war at Limburg (Lahn), and it has been published in the *Clonmel Nationalist*. There are over 2000 Irish Catholic prisoners at Limburg, and almost every one of them received Holy Communion on St. Patrick's Day. They are 'doing well and cheerfully bearing the difficulties of exile and imprisonment.'

There was no criminal business for disposal at the Derry County Crown Sessions, and his Honor, Judge Todd, was presented with a pair of white gloves by Mr. Alwyn S. Craig, Sub-Sheriff. His Honor, returning thanks, said he was delighted that this oft-recurring ceremonial had again taken place. For a considerable time he had nothing of a criminal nature to try in that part of the county. He received white gloves repeatedly, and he was delighted to know that peace and prosperity continued in this large district.

Opening the business of the Dublin County and City Commission, Mr. Justice Kenny told the Grand Jury that there was only one case returned for trial from the county. This, his Lordship said, was 'an exceptionally light calendar, and was a reflex of the general condition of the district, which seemed to enjoy its normal freedom from serious criminality.' In his address to the City Grand Jury his Lordship said that the present Commission was a very exceptional one. At no Commission in his experience of 17 years was the number of cases for consideration by the Grand Jury so small and unimportant.

On Sunday afternoon, April 11, the Rev. Brother O'Mahoney, Superior of the O'Connell Schools, North Richmond street, Dublin, was presented with a beautifully illuminated address and marble statues of St. Joseph and St. Patrick, in commemoration of his golden

jubilee as a member of the Christian Brothers' Order. The statues, which were much admired, were designed and executed by Mr. Albert G. Power, Associate of the Royal Hibernian Academy. The interesting ceremony of presentation took place in the schools with which Brother O'Mahoney has been for so many years associated, and in the little chapel attached to which he made his vows as a Christian Brother half a century ago.

### SERGEANT O'LEARY, V.C., OFFERED A COMMISSION.

The popularity of Michael O'Leary, V.C., is one of the extraordinary things of the war; not that he has more than earned all the praises which have been showered upon him from all quarters. The *Daily Chronicle*, in a leading article on recruiting in Ireland, says: 'For generations hostility to enlistment in the Army had been one of the most deeply ingrained of Irish political traditions. The transition from this sentiment to the sentiment which has made Sergeant Michael O'Leary the national hero is nothing less than a spiritual revolution. It has been achieved with little or no help from the official authorities, or the War Office, sometimes, indeed, in face of a deplorable wooden and unhelpful policy in those quarters.' Michael O'Leary's mother told a *Chronicle* interviewer that the War Office had offered her son a commission in some other regiment, but that he did not care about leaving the Guards just now.

### A WONDERFUL CHANGE.

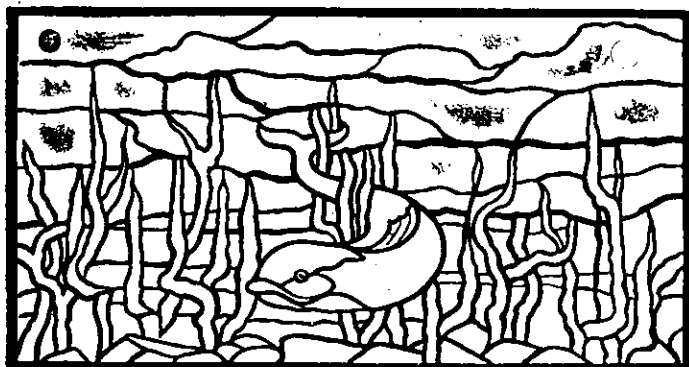
'Other newspapers are never mentioned in this column,' writes the contributor of 'From a London Club Window' in the *Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury*: 'but for once the rule must be broken, because of the account given in the *Times* of the Nationalist Volunteer parade in Dublin. Except for a couple of sentences of subordinate interest, it was as completely Home Rule as Mr. Redmond could desire, and a wonderful change from the former utterances of "The Jove." If readers will remember the statement made here over a month ago that the Conservative back-benchers will not agitate against Home Rule after the war, this narrative in the *Times* looks as if the Carson-Craig Ulsterites were going to lose another invaluable support. Straws show which way the wind blows. It was Mr. Redmond who welcomed the band of the Irish Guards to Dublin, whilst Sir Edward Carson, convalescing at Torquay, never even sent a message to a recruiting movement that was not for the special glorification of Ulster.'

### DEATH OF DR. ESMONDE, M.P.

Deep regret was felt all over the country at the unexpected death from pneumonia on April 17 at his residence, Drominagh, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary, of Dr. John Esmonde, M.P. for North Tipperary. Very popular with all classes, the deceased, who was 53 years of age, was a son of the late Mr. James Esmonde, D.L., his mother being a daughter of Mr. W. J. Sugrue, J.P., of Mashanaglass, Co. Cork. He was also a nephew of Sir John Esmonde, the 10th baronet, and cousin of Sir Thos. Esmonde, M.P. Educated at Clongowes, Oscott, Stonyhurst, and (medically) in Dublin, he took his L.R.C.S.I. and L.M. (1884), L.A.H. (1891), and L.M. (Coombe Hospital) Degrees. After practising in England for 24 years, Dr. Esmonde returned to his native place and was Civil Surgeon Curragh Camp. At the general election of December, 1910, he was returned unopposed as the Nationalist representative of North Tipperary, replacing Mr. Michael Hogan, who was member for the constituency for some years previous. He was twice married, first to Miss Rose Magennis and secondly to Miss Eily O'Sullivan, author of many stories, poems, songs, and essays. He has left twelve children—eight sons and four daughters. Only a few weeks ago he was gazetted captain in the R.A.M.C., and his eldest son also holds a commission in the army. Since the outbreak of the

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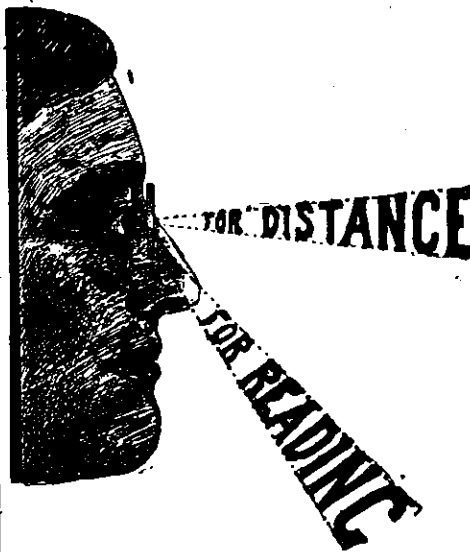
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war Dr. Esmonde was active in the recruiting campaign. To Mrs. Esmonde and family the sympathy of the Irish public, and, indeed, of those who were numbered amongst the friends of the deceased in Great Britain, has been extended, and regret must also be added for the loss the Irish Party has sustained in a member of brilliant parts and sterling qualities.

#### DUBLIN CATHEDRAL PROPOSAL.

The reasons for the abandonment of the scheme for the erection of a new Catholic Cathedral on the Ormond quay site are set out in a letter from Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, to the Lord Mayor. His Grace refers to the cost of land, and to the necessity of disturbing tenants who were plainly not willing to be disturbed. His decision with regard to the site he says is final, and adds:

'I have had to incur a considerable amount of expense in obtaining some necessary information, not only as to prices, but also as to certain legal and other matters, such as the fitness of the site for bearing up the weight of a great building such as a Cathedral should necessarily be. But I can hardly say that I regret this very much. It has enabled me to feel assured that, after having done everything in my power to carry out a much-needed project, I have been forced back on the conclusion that the opinion I had formed over twenty years ago as to the impossibility of procuring a site for a Cathedral in Dublin, an opinion which (with the exception of a few months recently) I have ever since retained, is now fully confirmed.'

The City Treasurer subsequently reported that he had gathered from the remarks made by his Grace to him that the probable cost of acquiring the quay premises created an insuperable difficulty to the utilisation of the site for the purposes of a Cathedral. 'We regret,' the committee observe, 'that the efforts of his Grace to attain such much-needed and worthy object have not been successful. In the circumstances we have resumed our proceedings in connection with the carrying out of the proposed housing scheme on the area.'

#### FIVE SONS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, of Iveagh Buildings, Dublin, rejoices in the honor of having five sons on active service at the present time—three in the Army and two in the Navy. She also takes a deep pride in the fact that she and her husband belong to 'soldier families.' Her husband, who died a few years ago, was band sergeant in the East Surreys. Her father was a color sergeant in the K.O.S.B., and fought in the Crimea and Indian Mutiny. Her mother was one of the noble band of nurses who responded to the call of Florence Nightingale during the Crimean campaign.

#### IRISH-AMERICAN PRIEST'S OPINION.

The Very Rev. Francis J. McCabe, P.P., Pittsburg, Pa., who is a native of Co. Cavan, in the course of an interesting letter to his cousin, Mr. J. P. McCabe, vice-chairman of the Blackrock Urban Council, dealing with the position of Ireland and the war, says:—My sympathies and the sympathies of every sane, level-headed Irishman is with England alone, as for the sake of Ireland. If Germany won in this war, she would dictate to all Europe. She would even cross the Atlantic and dictate to us in this Western Hemisphere. She would annex Belgium and the Netherlands, and having done that, it would be but a matter of a short time, until she would reduce England to a second or third-rate Power. To my mind, the Prussian military aristocracy is like the old Tory party in England. It was the Prussian military spirit that crushed poor Poland, and tried, under Bismarck to crush the Catholic Church in Germany, just as the old Tory party crushed the Irish, and is still trying to crush them. England must win this war, if it is to cost her every available man and pound at her disposal. After the war is over, I believe that a stronger feeling of friendship and sympathy will exist between the Irish and the democracy of England. You might as well expect the leopard to change his spots as the Tory party to change its feeling towards the Irish.'

## People We Hear About

The Marquis Guillo della Chiesa, the younger brother of the Holy Father, died at Genoa early in April at the age of fifty-four.

Very Rev. Patrick White, of Limerick, has been appointed Rector of the English-speaking Catholic Church of San Silvestro, Rome.

King Alfonso of Spain celebrated his 29th birthday on May 17. His Majesty is the son of the late King Alfonso XII. and Queen Maria Christina, a daughter of the late Karl Ferdinand, Archduke of Austria, and he was born after his father's death, his mother being Queen Regent until he reached the age of 16. He is married to Princess Victoria Eugenie of Battenberg, a cousin of King George and a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, who became a convert to the Catholic faith.

Sir John French, having expressed general satisfaction with the military progress all along the lines which he particularises, and with the Prince of Wales, adds that 'his Royal Highness did duty for a time in the trenches with the battalion to which he belongs.' One should have to go back to the Plantagenets to find an English monarch or heir apparent in the actual field of battle, for a certain James doesn't count. True, George IV. was convinced to the last that he led a charge at Waterloo, but it was an opinion in which he was left in sovereign possession.

The Chief Justice of Victoria (Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G.) on May 16 celebrated the 71st anniversary of his birth. His Honor, who is the son of the late Mr. John Madden, solicitor, of Melbourne, was born at Cork, Ireland, and arrived in Victoria with his parents in 1857. He was an early student at St. Patrick's College, East Melbourne. Younger brothers of the Chief Justice are Sir Frank Madden (Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly) and the Hon. Walter Madden (sometime Minister of Lands in Victoria, and since 1889 managing director of the National Trustee, Executor, and Agency Company, Melbourne).

Major-General Sir Luke O'Connor, V.C., K.C.B., who left practically the whole of his fortune of five figures to charity, had the distinction at the time of his death of being the only Victoria Crossman who had risen from the rank of private to generalship. He was the most charming old soldier I ever met (says a contributor to the *Universe*), and did not enshrine his dignity in those artificial bodyguards which some other less truly great souls find necessary to preserve their mental equilibrium when they are among the common herd. I was once travelling back to town with the old soldier after an inspection of the Catholic Boys' Brigade which he had carried out at Ware. Travellers on the Buntingford branch line know of the tedious change at St. Margaret's. The general had made quick friends with the party in the carriage, and when he found we had to wait for a connecting train he issued a general invitation to tea, which he supervised and at which he talked about everything and everybody—except himself. He had served in the Crimea, the Indian Mutiny, and the Ashanti Expedition.

We (Melbourne *Tribune*) join with the members of the hierarchy, clergy, and laity in wishing many happy returns of the day to his Grace our revered Archbishop, who celebrated his 76th birthday on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The Archbishop was born at Moylough, Co. Galway, Ireland, on May 12, 1839, and, after a brilliant career at St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, and Maynooth College, he was ordained in 1866. He arrived in Melbourne on June 11, 1887, and since then the Church has made wonderful progress. Figures given on the occasion of the Archbishop's episcopal silver jubilee in 1907 showed that the number of parishes had increased from 26 to 56, and the total expenditure on churches, convents, schools, etc., had reached the great sum of £1,272,874. More recent figures showed that there were 31,109 children attending Catholic schools, and the number of churches was 180, whilst the number of clergy had increased to 173. His Grace is still an energetic worker, and we rejoice in the fact that he retains the health and vigor of a man in the prime of life.

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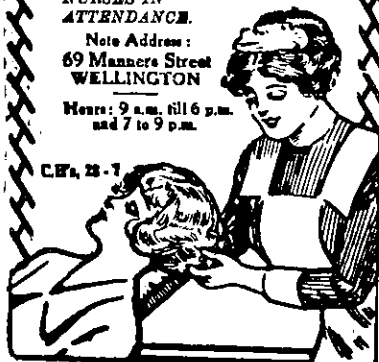
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'Before they retreated their commanding officer begged Sister Julie, a Sister of St. Joseph, to go with them, but she refused to leave her wounded soldiers. She stayed at her post to the end, and was still there when I visited the town this week. Twice she saw it burnt, and twice bombarded, and for part of the fortnight after it was taken helped to nurse the German wounded who were brought into it.'

Here is a further incident in the life of this angel of charity and devotion:

'The English people have already been told of Sister Julie, upon whom the President of the Republic has conferred the Legion of Honor for devotion to the wounded, under shell fire in a burning town, but perhaps one little incident related with that honor has not yet been reported. I think, perhaps, Sister Julie liked it more than the Cross of the Legion of Honor. A squadron of Chasseurs passed the house where this lady lived amidst the ruins of her town, and the captain called for her. When she appeared, smiling upon him, he turned to his men, and reminded them how, when they had passed that way before, they had seen a woman—Sister Julie—attending the wounded in spite of the shells which burst around her, and the flames which raged across the street.'

'My little ones,' said the officer, 'here is this lady again. The President of the Republic has pinned the cross for her courage on her breast. Let us salute her.'

'And, drawing his sword from his scabbard, and kissing its hilt, with a sweeping salute the captain of the Chasseurs ordered his men to raise their sabres, and to parade before this lady, whose eyes were full of tears. It was a beautiful act of homage, not only to Sister Julie, but to the womanhood of France.'

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And there are thousands of Sister Julies among these glorious daughters of our Mother the Church. Trained in the retirement of Nazareth Home, moulded after the example of Mary, the Mother of God, they move through their days with their eyes fixed on heaven. Brides of Christ, they are strong through the strength of Christ, facing horrors that have daunted the hearts of brave men. Nor let us forget that these sublime heights are gained by these heroines, not through lack of human nature, but because of their control of human nature. They move among the lepers of Molokai and Japan; they face the fanatic hate of China; they are equally at home on the tropic plains of India or amid the icy fastnesses of Alaska; in pestilence and famine, nursing the aged poor, succoring the dying, the whole world is their home, and all mankind their brother.

#### CHAPTER V.—OUR CHURCH.

What is the secret of this sublime heroism and self-sacrifice? What is the source from which this more than human power springs? It is no secret to the Catholic. He knows that the cause of all is the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church—the Church of Sacrifice and Sacraments. To the Catholic the personality of the priest is negligible; what are of importance are the Divine Forces that he guards and distributes. As a man he may even be careless, but that affects not the soul that kneels before him, and at his hands receives the Body and Blood of Christ, giving eternal life. Above and around the priest towers our Mother the Church,

guarding our faith, our most precious and most cherished possession. Love of her has filled heaven with martyrs, and love of her causes Catholics to-day to fight so strenuously to hand on this glorious heritage of faith to their children. This is the reason of the unceasing fight against those who advocate education that is divorced from religion, and why the Catholic Church thinks no sacrifice too great to preserve this faith in the heart of the child. Belgium fought for this for forty years, and won, and the name of Belgium is synonymous with honor in the world to-day.

#### Twin Rails of Faith and Charity.

Our Church holds out certainty to her children, and, like a mighty engine, moves surely forward on the twin rails of Faith and Charity, firm spiked by eternal dogma. Her power is recognised even by those of another mind. Dr. Inge, the Anglican Dean of St. Paul's, London, speaking last month of the Church, thus eulogised her:

'Pious Roman Catholics have the consciousness of belonging to a great institution, to a mighty world power with a remarkable history. It pointed the highway of saintliness trodden by thousands, and had answers ready for all difficulties. Another characteristic of Catholic sanctity is its genuine unworldliness; the man who tried to make the best of both worlds, combining unctuous religiosity with grasping covetousness, can hardly exist in the Roman Catholic Church.'

'No institution ever has had such a magnificent body of devoted servants as this Church. She is still able to produce saints worthy of her oldest and best traditions.'

'She is still able to produce saints worthy of her oldest and best traditions.' How true this is to-day even the most unobservant must notice, and it will be true through all time into eternity.

#### Universality of the Church.

Her divine power is shown, not only in these manifestations of charity by her children, but also in a higher aspect still of this divine virtue. Her charity embraces all men, and is above nationality. This is the outcome of the universality of the Church. This power that is hers is transmitted to her children, and some of the manifestations of it in the present war are touching in the extreme. Here is one.

#### 'I Put His Rosary in His Hands.'

Five French soldiers charged a Uhlan officer and two men, killing the men and fatally wounding the officer. The officer was a Pole and a Catholic. This is how the French officer describes what happened:—

'Lying in a pool of his own blood, he tried to pull from his pocket his Rosary and an image of our Lady and Child. At this sight all my fury died down, and, having placed my men at their posts, I went back to him and told him that I, too, was a Catholic, and my greatest desire was to comfort his last moments. He seemed to understand, and lifted up his Rosary. Seeing what he wanted, I recited a decade, and he answered, feebly and more feebly, in German, after which he raised his beads to his lips and kissed them several times. Then he handed them to me, and I also kissed them. This seemed to please him. Then I had to go back to my men, so I put his Rosary and image in his hands and left him. Next morning, on my way back to the trenches, I found him lying dead just as I had left him.'

How close to Heaven does this charity of Christ lift man! Over and above all the seeming confusion, the Church sees One who will as surely curb and still the waves of human passion as He stilled the raging waves of Galilee.

#### What the Bishops Say.

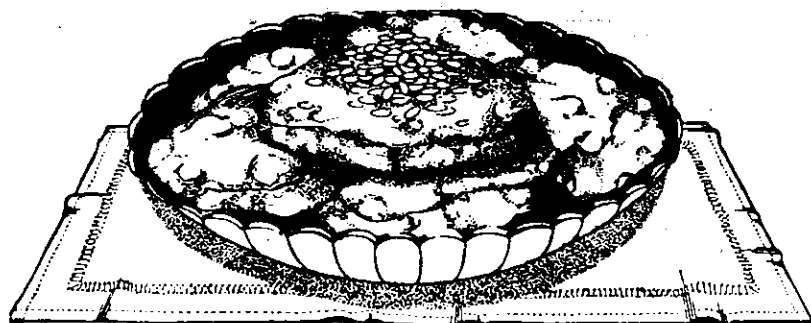
This is the spirit that breathes through the Pastoral issued by the Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops of Germany.

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ticism, and on the unwholesome atmosphere of an unchristian over-culture. Our soldiers, before their march, renewed with Him in Holy Communion their covenant for life and death. The war is a judgment for all nations afflicted by it, and therefore a loud call to penance and expiation.

The Pastoral issued by the Hierarchy of Austria makes no reflections on the nations engaged in the war, and strives solely to turn all thoughts to the Sacred Heart:

'The Angel of Death is reaping a gruesome harvest; the flower of manhood is falling beneath the bloody stroke of his scythe. The tears of widows and orphans are flowing. The ancient miseries, too, of earth are abroad—poverty, want, sickness, and wasting away of lives. In such extremes we cast our eyes upon the Heart of Jesus, with His Cross and Crown of Thorns. He has not only fathomed the depths of human woe, but has descended into them Himself. That He Who alone was without sin bore all our sufferings before us, gives courage and strength to us in turn. May there henceforth be but one rivalry between us—that which consists in love of the Sacred Heart and of Holy Church.'

They trace the love of God for man through the centuries, and conclude by exhorting the people to consecrate themselves to Christ, and pray for a victory whose glory shall belong to God alone, to whom all the blessings of peace must be attributed.

Cardinal Mercier.

Cardinal Mercier's Pastoral is in the same lofty strain. It is inspired by the ardent patriotism of a great citizen and the fervent piety of a great priest. He holds up Christ, stricken and dying, as the model for stricken Belgium:

'The disciple is not greater than the Master. To rebel against pain, to revolt against Providence because it permits grief and bereavement, is to forget whence we came, the school in which we have been taught, the example that each of us carries graven in the name of a Christian. The truth is, that no disaster on earth, striking creatures only, is comparable with that which our sins provoked, and whereof God Himself chose to be the blameless victim.'

With this faith as a foundation, he speaks of patriotism and the wounds of our Belgian, French, and English soldiers. For, in truth, our soldiers are our saviours: pray daily for them, for victory. He shows how, in the hour of trial, all have risen nobly to heights of heroism, and continues:

Patriotism a Sacred Thing.

'Patriotism is a sacred thing, and a violation of national dignity is in a manner a profanation and a sacrilege. If I am asked what I think of the eternal salvation of a brave man who has consciously given his life in defence of his country's honor, and in vindication of violated justice, I shall not hesitate to reply that, without any doubt whatever, Christ crowns his military valor, and that death accepted in this Christian spirit assures the safety of that man's soul. "Greater love than this no man hath," said our Saviour, "that a man lay down his life for his friends." And the soldier who dies to save his brothers and the hearths and altars of his country reaches this highest of all the degrees of charity. This is the virtue of a single act of perfect charity; it cancels a whole lifetime of sins, and transforms a sinful man into a saint.'

Mothers of Belgium.

After calling on the mothers of Belgium to stand erect by the side of the Mother of Sorrows at the foot of the Cross, the Cardinal proclaims, with the assurance of 'one having power,' that 'affliction in the hands of the Omnipotent is a two edged sword. It wounds the rebellious, it sanctifies him who is willing to endure.' He points out our absolute dependence on God, and, after enumerating the appalling horrors of Belgium's martyrdom, he goes on to speak of her past faults in prosperity, and asks:—

'Have we not something to expiate? What have we made of Sunday Mass, of the restraints of modesty,

of reverence for marriage, of the spirit of penance, of respect for authority?'

Mercier and the Mass.

And this magnificent father of his people ends his Pastoral with a Catholic confidence that recalls the Prophets of the Old Law.

'Let us,' he cries, 'continue to pray, to do penance, to attend Holy Mass, and to receive Holy Communion for the sacred intention of our dear country. I recommend our parish priests to hold a funeral service on behalf of our fallen soldiers every Saturday.'

'As soon, in God's own time, as the sun of peace shall shine upon our country, we shall redress our ruins, shall restore shelter to those who have none; we shall rebuild our churches, and we shall hope to crown this work of reconciliation by raising upon the heights of the capital of Belgium, free and Catholic, a national Basilica of the Sacred Heart, where annually we shall solemnly celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. And in every region of the diocese the clergy will organise an annual pilgrimage of thanksgiving to one of the privileged Sanctuaries of the Blessed Virgin in order to pay special honor to the protectrix of our national independence and the Universal Mediatrix of the Christian Commonwealth.'

How our hearts thrill as we look upon this splendid figure, towering, a veritable Colossus, above stricken Belgium, and rousing the world by his words of fire! Oh, the strength of the faith that makes such a pronouncement possible! While his country still quivers beneath a hell-burst, a wilderness of smoking roof-trees, of hearths ensanguined by the blood of her murdered children, with the roar of battle in his ears, he stands, calm and confident, and looks for redress to Jesus and Mary.

The Pope Speaks.

And from him who sits on the throne of Christ on earth comes the same twofold cry—a cry of anguish because of the sufferings of his loved ones, and a cry of warning to those who look not beyond the narrow limits of Time. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XV., addresses the following touching words of more than fatherly tenderness to his flock. And as we read, let us remember that it is the wish of God that every soul on earth should know and acknowledge that voice as the voice of him of whom Christ has declared, 'He that heareth you, heareth Me':—

'But when We look from the heights of this Apostolic See towards the Lord's flock committed to Our care, We are filled with horror and inexpressible grief by the sight of this war. From the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ, whose place We hold in the government of the Church, We have this very duty, that We embrace with the bowels of paternal love all the lambs and sheep of His flock.'

Penance and Prayer.

His Holiness exhorts all Bishops to implore God 'that He may put away this scourge of His wrath which He exacts of the people, penance for their sins; to pray to the Virgin Mother of Him in Whom the Eternal Father willed to reconcile all things, making peace through the Blood of the Cross, both as to the things on earth and the things that are in heaven.' (Coloss. i. 20.)

The Mountain of the Neutrality of Christ.

With a broadness of vision that comes only to those who understand the greatness of the destiny of man, our Holy Father and the great Princes of the Church, while their hearts are wracked with anguish at the sight of the sufferings of their flocks, do not hesitate to point to the rough road over Calvary that must be trodden by the sinner. Standing on the Mountain of Neutrality that belongs to Christ, they fearlessly denounce the downward path along which so many were moving, and tell the erring that this war is a scourge in the hand of an Insulted God.

How close to heaven this all-embracing charity of Christ lifts man! It is the charity of Him Whose delight is to be with the children of men, of Him Who ever hungers for the return of sinners, and ever preached

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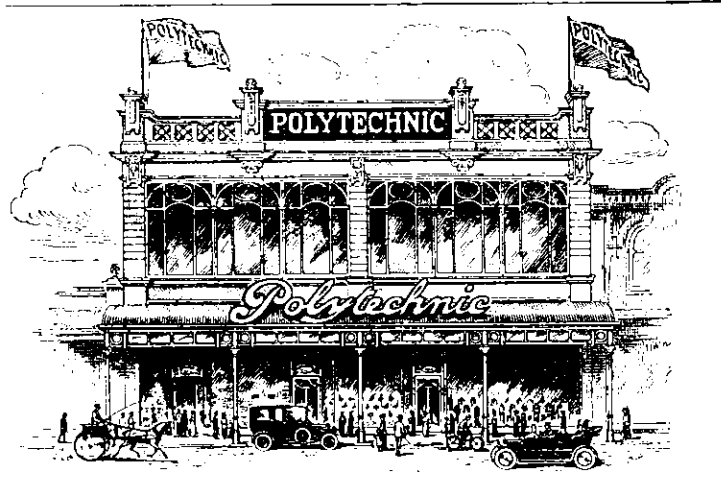
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### SOME INSCRIPTIONS FROM LOUVAIN

During my last visit to Louvain, then a city of peace and study, I spent an afternoon copying the memorials in the old Irish College of St. Anthony of Padua (writes Mr. Shane Leslie in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record*). The college was founded by Archbishop Florence Conry, who was born in Galway, 1560. *The Annals of the Four Masters* record that he was Hugh Roe O'Donnell's confessor. He read St. Augustine's works seven times. 'One wonders how many people in the world have read them even once!' exclaims Mr. Leslie. The Archbishop wrote a *Compendium to St. Augustine*, and also *The Mirror of Religion*, one of the first Irish books printed on the Continent. He was made Archbishop of Tuam by Pope Paul V., but was never able to visit his see.

Mr. Leslie gives the Latin inscription to the Archbishop, and the English translation. It is the most conspicuous inscription in the old chapel of the college, and reads as follows:

'The most illustrious and reverend Father Florence Conry, of Connaught, of the regular observance of the Minor Order, Archbishop of Tuam, formerly of the Irish Province, for his great piety, doctrine, and prudence most worthy of eternal memory. Owing to his solicitude to restore the orthodox faith in Ireland this College of St. Anthony of Padua was founded by the munificence of Philip III., King of Spain, in the year 1606. Broken by his varied labors for faith and fatherland, he died piously in the Convent of St. Francis at Madrid, in the year 1629, fourteen days to the kalends of December, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, and the twenty-second of the archiepiscopate. In the year 1654 the grateful Fathers of this college placed this where his bones were translated from Spain, and await the reward of immortality.'

Other inscriptions of peculiar interest are:

'Here lies as he wished, the very noble Lord Dominic Lynch, from the noble family of the Lynches of Galway, Lieutenant-Colonel of Lally's Irish Brigade, who endured much and with honor for his Sovereign, Charles Stuart, in Scotland, and was afterwards wounded at the battle of Lafield, the 21st day of July, 1747, and died in Louvain the 28th day of August in the same year.'

'Here lies as he wished, the most illustrious and reverend Sir, Brother Dominic, of the noble family of Burke, of the holy Order of Preachers, Bishop of Elphin, in Ireland, who suffered many things for his God and King, and died in exile in this college at Louvain of St. Anthony of Padua, of the Friars Minors of Ireland, on the — day of January, in the year 1704, and at the age of seventy-five.'

There are also inscriptions to 'the venerable Father Francis Stuart, librarian and archivist, whom envious death snatched in the flower of his youth, in the twenty-seventh year of his age' and to 'the venerable Father Simon O'Reilly, reader in philosophy, working librarian and archivist.' 'John Baptist O'Donnell, jubilate reader,' and 'Francis Tully, reader in sacred theology.'

But most unique of all the inscriptions that Mr. Leslie copied is that which tells of:

'The most excellent Lady Rose O'Dogherty, the daughter and sister of the princes of Inishowen. To the character of her high blood she added prudence and splendid marriages, marrying first the noble hero, Lord Caffary O'Donnell, a cousin of the Prince of Tir Connell, secondly the most excellent Lord Owen O'Neill,

Commander in Chief of the Catholic army in Ulster. She endured both kinds of fortune, and considering her misery, studied to win heaven by her good deeds. She died at Brussels, more than seventy years old, on November 1, in the year 1660. With her first-born, Hugh O'Donnell, she forwaits the Resurrection of the Flesh.'

### Palmerston North

In the past a high level of excellence has been maintained by the convent senior pupils at their annual concert, and they have set a difficult standard for each succeeding concert to reach. But past efforts were surely surpassed, when the ninth annual programme was given before a large and enthusiastic audience at the Opera House (says a Palmerston North paper). Rarely before in Palmerston has there been gathered on the amateur concert platform such a number of talented and well-trained pupils, and the artistic vocal and instrumental results reflected the teaching abilities of the Sisters of Mercy in a very marked degree. The opening item, after the National Anthem, was cleverly and pleasingly interpreted by Misses E. Lynch, M. Buchanan, A. Millen, and V. Bartlett, the pupils exhibiting in their playing the careful training they have received from the Sisters. The chorus, 'Ave Maria' (Vincent) was impressively sung by the chorus of over 30 voices, the effect being harmonious and well balanced. Mendelssohn's 'Rondo Capriccioso,' was played by Miss Ida Carey, L.A.B., her interpretation of the work meeting with the satisfaction of the audience, who heartily applauded the pianiste. The first soloist of the evening was Miss R. Palmer, who used her vocal gifts to great advantage in 'Life's glorious anthem.' In response to the audience's desire, she prettily sang 'Ashore machree.' Misses R. Kelly, L.T.C.L., and E. Lynch were associated in a piano duo, the selection being Chopin's 'Rondo in C.' Each showed fine executive ability, and the rendition was most enjoyable. Alltisen's 'Song of thanksgiving' was nicely rendered by Miss V. Graham, A.T.C.L., who sang with feeling and expression. One of the most acceptable items of the evening was the interpretation of Liszt's pianoforte solo, 'Rhapsodie, No. 10,' by Miss V. Kendall, L.T.C.L., L.A.B. Miss Kendall is an accomplished player and the audience was not slow to appreciate her merits. Mrs. E. L. Broad sang with feeling and expression Gluck's 'Che faro,' the setting being in Italian. Mrs. Broad replied to a warm demand for an encore with 'On the banks of Allan water.' The first half of the programme concluded with a solo and chorus. The soloist was Mrs. E. J. Leydon, who used a splendid soprano voice to excellent advantage. The second half opened with 'Rhapsodie No 2' (Liszt), which was played by six young ladies, Misses R. Kelly, T. Haywood, M. Hill, B. Lather, V. Lather, E. Pemberton. The Angelus chorus from 'Maritana' (Balfe) was a happy selection and one that the chorus did full justice to. Miss D. Strang was the next vocalist. 'Mon coeur s'ouvre a ta voix' was her selection, and one that enabled her to reveal her vocal gift in a most acceptable form. As an encore number she sang 'Ashes of roses.' A double quartet, 'You stole my love' (McFarren), was rendered by Mesdames Leydon and Broad, and Misses Strang, Spelman, Kearins, Devine, Rawlins and Millar. Miss Kearins' singing of 'When the flowing tide comes in' earned many encomiums from the audience. She also sang 'I cannot sing the old songs.' Machetti's beautiful 'Ave Maria,' in which Mesdames Leydon, Broad, and Miss Kearins were associated, was one of the gems of the evening. Miss E. Millar won instant favor with a pleasing interpretation of Smart's 'Lady of Lea,' and in response to the demands for an encore sang a pretty Irish melody. The concert concluded with the French and Russian National anthems, and 'God defend New Zealand,' and the National Anthem. The accompanists were Misses Graham, Kendall, and A. Rainbow, L.T.C.L. The proceeds of the concert were divided between the hospital and a fund which is being raised to assist in relieving local distress.

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### Metallurgy and Gunnery.

The *Standard* remarks that one of the strangest mistakes that has been made by Englishmen in modern times has been the idea that big guns were made out of iron. A lesser mistake was that steel was only a compound of iron with a certain quantity of carbon in it. At the present time there are never less than five and often more than ten elemental metals in an ingot of what is still called steel. We know nothing of the composition of the alloy that has been built into the splendid 15in guns of the Queen Elizabeth that are engaged in the bombardment of the forts of the Dardanelles. The exact compositions of the metal the gun is made of might be easily ascertained by a careful analysis, but it would be no good at all to the engineer who wanted to make the gun. Every separate part of even the smallest gun is made differently, and many alloys are worked into its mechanism.

### Lighthouses for Aviators.

In Germany there are specially-built land lighthouses, whose purpose is to guide aircraft. Each is fitted with a powerful searchlight which, at intervals of a minute, throws out a flash of 27,000,000 candle-power. These beacons send a powerful ray of light vertically up into the clouds, so that it can be seen by aviators at great altitudes. Such guides are mounted on prominent spots. Each lighthouse has a certain distinctive flash, so that its geographical position can be ascertained by aviators passing overhead. The German land lighthouses are also fitted with wireless apparatus, which at frequent intervals sends out weather reports which are caught on the 'aerials' of passing aircraft. In this way aviators for many miles around can be warned against approaching wind or rain storms, for almost every German military aeroplane carries wireless equipment, which enables its pilot to keep in communication with the earth beneath.

### Early Submarines.

I heard someone say the other day that the French invented the submarine, but this is not true (says a writer in the *Universe*). It is quite true that over a century ago the French Government spent a lot of money in perfecting the invention of an American, and that a series of submarine tests were made at Brest and Rouen, and that at Brest a submarine boat succeeded in remaining about four hours under water, during which period the vessel fired a torpedo which sank an old hulk lying in the harbor. But the torpedo had to be attached to the bottom of the boat which was blown up. The first inventor of the submarine was a Dutchman named Drebel, and this boat was tried in the Thames by James the First. This hoary ancestor of the modern engine of destruction is mentioned in Boyle's *New Experiments* (Oxford, 1660), and a full description is given of it. Obviously, it aroused the greatest attention, and after Drebel had astonished the world with his under-the-sea boat an English bishop, named Wilkins, who was noted more for his mechanical, rather than theological, aspirations, gave the submarine idea a strong impulse by writing a full chapter on its possibilities in his book, *Mathematical Magick*. He called it an 'Ark for submarine navigation.' The story of the submarine was carried on from chapter to chapter till the year 1886, when the 'grandfather' of the present submarine was born in Stockholm. Driven by steam, it was the invention of one Nordenfelt, and ran 16 miles at a speed of 5 knots. Although it came up to expectations, yet, somehow, the critical eye of the experts looked upon it as useless, nor were they appeased even when the Turkish Government ordered two boats. The original boat lay at Copenhagen, and she was finally broken up. Then France took the matter up seriously in 1897, when she bought the plans of the Peral and constructed four boats of this type, or something very similar. She did two trials of about 120 miles under water at a speed of about seven knots, and discharged a torpedo at 400 metres.

## GARDENING NOTES

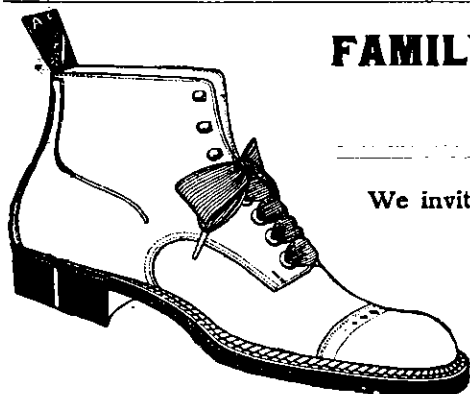
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### EVERGREEN FLOWERING SHRUBS.

I think one of the greatest favorites with amateurs is the camellia, and the least often seen in their gardens. Yet it is as easily cultivated as the commonest shrub. The best situation in which to plant the camellia is where the early sun will not shine on the blossoms. One of the faults of the camellia is that it flowers early in the season, when late spring frosts are very prevalent. Therefore it should be planted in a position where the morning's sun will not shine on the frozen buds, for if it does it is sure to destroy the blooms. If the blooms are to be preserved it is wise to give them some protection on frosty nights. They like a cool shady place to grow, and pretty good soil. The rhododendron is also a universal favorite, and it well deserves its popularity. It is certainly one of the best shrubs we have. It likes a good rich loamy soil, with a little peat added, and a good sprinkling of well-rotted leaf mould. Another noble shrub is the magnolia grandiflora, with its large cup-like white flowers. It is a tall growing plant, therefore it must have plenty of room. Another plant which has come lately into favor is the pink manuka (*leptospermum nicolii*). It is called after a gentleman named Nicolls, who discovered it among a lot of the common manuka near Belfast, not far from Christchurch. This gentleman did not see anything very extraordinary in a red blossomed manuka, but he thought a sprig of it would look nice in his button-hole. But it was not there very long before the keen eye of a local nurseryman espied it and made inquiries as to where it came from. When all the necessary information was gained, the nurseryman, who had a keen eye to business, immediately proceeded to the locality and secured a good stock of cuttings. When they were all well established, he advertised them for sale, sent a lot Home, and was amply remunerated for his shrewd business capabilities. It took first prize, as a new and rare shrub, against all-comers at the Olympia Exhibition in London. It is indeed a gorgeous shrub when in full bloom. It bears an immense quantity of bright red flowers, and no garden should be without a few planted in the shrub-beries. The different hardy heaths deserve a prominent place in every garden, as they are a very interesting class of plants. There is a shrub called prostranthera (a native of Australia), which bear a mass of small purple flowers, and makes a beautiful addition to the ornamental specimens of our gardens. *Kalmia latifolia*, with rose colored flowers, is a charming evergreen shrub. Another very useful one is the Spanish broom, which has rush-like foliage. It bears yellow flowers. Another broom, which looks very pretty, is *cytisus andreana*. It bears copper and yellow flowers, and is much admired when in bloom, but its habit and appearance are against it, when not in flower. The *ceanothus* is a tall-growing blue flowering shrub. The *buddleia* is also a good shrub to plant. *Buddleia globosa* is a very old identity, which bears flowers like yellow balls, hence the name *globosa*, whilst *buddleia lindleyana* bears long lilac flowers. *Calestemon*s are natives of Australia, and bear a feathery flower resembling a bottle-brush. The different *laurestinus* are a most useful class of shrubs, as they bloom when flowers are scarce. They are very suitable for a large garden. *Romneya coulteri*, better known as the Californian poppy, where it succeeds, is well worth the position it occupies. It bears white flowers with a mass of yellow stamens. The Portugal laurel and the sweet bay are useful for a back position in the shrubbery. They grow to a good height and on that account should be planted well at the rear. The ornamental hollies look well either as specimens on the lawn, or amongst other shrubs. The variegated *euonymus* give color to the shrubbery by their silver and golden hue, when mixed with other plants. The different kinds of *escallonia* are very useful in a mixed border. Some bear white and others pink flowers. *Crataegus pyracantha*, evergreens

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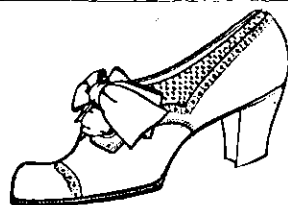
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with a mass of orange-colored berries, are well worth planting. The cistus are a very showy class of plants. They bear a black spot on the petals, and make a good show amongst the shrubs.

### Hokitika.

(From our own correspondent.)

May 28.

The election of the Queen of the Carnival took place here last Monday. The weather was fine, and a record gathering assembled at the racecourse. Miss Kathleen Giesekeing, the commercial travellers' candidate, Greymouth, was elected Queen, the number of votes polled for her being 209,261, which represented £1743. Miss Myrtle Keller, the Hibernian candidate, came second, polling 160,187 votes, which represented £1334. There were seven candidates in the competition, and the Hibernians are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts on behalf of Miss Keller. So far as Westland is concerned, Miss Keller topped the poll, for Greymouth, a much larger town, had only one candidate upon whom to concentrate its efforts, whilst in Hokitika there were several. The carnival realised the sum of £5359 12s 4d.

In the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening last a very pretty ceremony was carried out as a fitting finale to the Carnival Queen competition of the previous day. The occasion was the crowning of King Thomas and Queen Margaret, the winners of the contest held as a subordinate function to assist the candidature of Miss Myrtle Keller, the Hibernian choice in the principal contest. A throne had been erected at the southern entrance of the hall, and was tastefully decorated with the colors of Miss Margaret Pickett and Master Thomas Williams, the successful candidates. Mr. Henry Williams (secretary of the committee) conducted their majesties to the dais. Mr. W. Jeffries then ascended the throne, and in the customary style performed the crowning ceremony amidst tumultuous applause. Prior to the crowning ceremony, Mr. W. Jeffries delivered

a congratulatory address on the selection of their majesties, and paid tribute to the efforts of the various candidates who took part in the contest, and also expressed his pleasure at the magnificent financial result attained. After the crowning ceremony was concluded, Mr. Warrington gave an eloquent royal address. He dealt with the situation before and since the war, pictured the plight of the Belgian people owing to the loss of their lands and their homes, and praised the efforts of the children on behalf of the heroic Belgian people, who made such sacrifices for the civilisation of Europe. Mr. Henry Williams then spoke of the work of his committee, and the magnificent response. A lengthy musical programme was then gone through, the following ladies and gentlemen contributing items:—Mrs. Richardson, Misses Daly and Harvey, and Messrs. Stopforth and Dudderidge. Mrs. S. Richardson, who arranged the musical programme, is to be congratulated upon the success of her efforts. The singing of the National Anthem concluded an enjoyable function.

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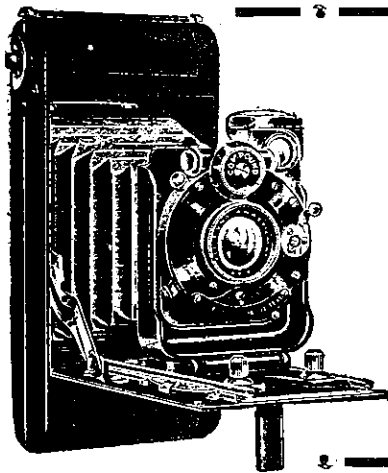
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## FRANCE

### WELCOME GIFTS TO SOLDIER-PRIESTS.

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### THE GOVERNMENT'S TOLERATION.

The French Government has given no clear proofs of its anti-clerical spirit having changed since the war, but in face of the deadly peril that threatens their country, the Ministers, whatever may be their prejudices, are obliged, for the time being, to put aside their petty, persecuting methods (writes a Paris correspondent). There are graver perils ahead than the appearance of a white-robed monk in the pulpit of Notre Dame. Pere Janvier's re-assumption of his habit and other signs and symptoms of the same kind point not to a change in the spirit of the Government, but to a more healthy tone in public opinion. There is no doubt that the men on the line of fire, whatever they may have been before, are now drawn to the Church by the influence of danger and death, and also, in a certain measure, by the example of the soldier-priests. The latter are not only excellent soldiers, they are also the first to volunteer as infirmarians in hospitals for contagious diseases. A letter has just reached me from a priest who, before the war, was a professor in a seminary of central France. He writes from a hospital for soldiers on the eastern frontier: 'This is a large hospital devoted to infectious maladies, where there are many cases of typhoid fever. It was served by medical students, but their indiscipline and carelessness ended by irritating the military doctor who is at the head of the institution, and he expressly demanded that they might be replaced by priests. His request was granted and, although we have much to do, we delight in our work; it brings us very close to our soldiers; we are able to influence them, and, as a rule, they come back from the front with grave thoughts and resolutions that make our task an easy one.'

## ITALY

### CARDINAL MAFFI ON JOURNALISM.

In a sermon delivered by his Eminence Cardinal Maffi, Archbishop of Pisa, at his cathedral on Easter Sunday, there were remarks well worth quoting. Referring to the foundation by Benedict XV. of the national movement for a sound Catholic press in Italy, the Cardinal said: 'Journalism is at one and the same time the echo and the creator of public opinion, the marvellous artificer of currents that can both save or destroy the very edifice of social life in its progress and in its civilisation. The journal is a sympathetic instrument, and has become a necessary thing in the hands of all those who wish to influence civil life.' His Eminence then pointed out how the enemy of good and of Christian ideals had made the evil journal universal, and continued: 'Nowadays, not only as a swift means of

propagating truth, but as a weapon of defence, Catholics must feel the efficacy of the sound journal, which has all the attractions of novelty, without its odious defects. The journal can penetrate where the word of the sacred orator, the voice of the missionary, and the admonition of the man of conscience and science do not reach—the journal which rapidly diffuses truth throughout the world and excites devotion to good. To subscribe to and read a journal having for its programme the propaganda of truth and the defeat of error, no matter under what form, has become to-day almost a matter of conscience.'

## POLAND

### THE HOLY FATHER'S SYMPATHY.

In reply to a despatch which he addressed to the Sovereign Pontiff M. Henryk Sienkiewicz, the celebrated author of *Quo Vadis?* and president of the General Committee of Help for Poland, has received the following letter from the Cardinal Secretary of State on behalf of the Holy Father:—

'Instead of the usual telegraphic reply, the Holy Father has charged me to send you the expression of the sentiments of gratitude and paternal affection with which he has been inspired by the reading of your despatch in the name of the General Committee of Help for the victims of the war in Poland, so full of testimonies of devoted regard. You know how great the Holy Father's grief is at the terrible spectacle of the dreadful carnage and ruin which are the consequences of the present horrible war.

'As the Vicar of the merciful God Who loves all men with an infinite love and Who has given His blood for all, he feels for the sufferings of all the combatants and bears the burden of the sorrow of all their families. He entertains the same love for all the unfortunate, without distinction, and, as he said at the last Consistory, his heart is particularly moved at the thought of the troubles of those of his children who are the most terribly tried by this fearful catastrophe. I can assure you in his name that by succoring the victims of the war in Poland, by carrying on a work so eminently noble and charitable, your committee have deeply touched the paternal heart of the august Pontiff. In his beloved children of Poland he not only sees a people plunged in terror and desolation, but he looks upon them and loves them as specially affectionate and generous children, devoted to the Holy See, even unto sacrifice. Consequently, as his Holiness has given proofs of attachment to Catholic Belgium by sending a letter of encouragement and a personal offering, with that of the Sacred College, he is particularly pleased to-day in being able to act in the same way towards his beloved people of Poland by sending you a similar offering in his august name and in the name of the Sacred College, and by expressing the hope of seeing the sufferings of the Poles relieved and Poland comforted in her anguish.

'His Holiness renews his congratulations to your Committee of Help on their truly charitable work in solacing the misery of the beloved people of Poland; and in testimony of his paternal good-will towards the whole Polish nation the Sovereign Pontiff, from the bottom of his heart, sends the Apostolic Benediction to all who shall aid you, and especially to you and the members of the committee.'

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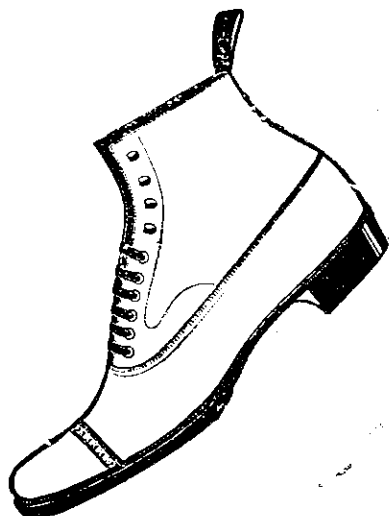
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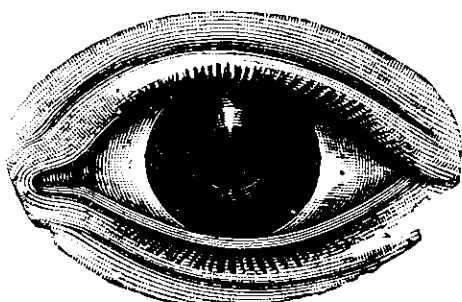
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## ROME LETTER

(From our own correspondent.)

April 16.

### THE HOLY FATHER'S MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

For nearly a week the press of three continents have been busy discussing what Mr. C. Wiegand has been pleased to call his "interview" with the Pope. Very likely the best explanation that can be given of it and of the columns written on it is that which appeared this morning in the Catholic daily of Rome, the *Corriere d'Italia*: "We have already said," remarks the *Corriere* apropos of the audience, "that it was not properly speaking an audience, as it has been described by a greater part of the press. From further information that we have been able to gather, we know to-day with certainty that Benedict XV., in receiving Mr. Wiegand, spoke exclusively of peace, for that is well known to be the subject of his thoughts and the object of his constant efforts, and that his affirmations about the possibility of an initiative on the part of the United States were expressed, as is plain from the very text of the conversation as given in the newspapers, in the sense that where that nation might make a move in favor of peace, it would receive the approval and the help of the Holy See." All the rest goes to show that the correspondent of the *New York Herald* thought of giving to the mind of the Pope, without their being on this account any possibility of attributing to him responsibility for each and every peace affirmation.

"So true is this that Mr. Wiegand himself recognises it, and at a certain point in his report he says expressly: 'I fully understood the words of his Holiness.'"

"We conclude, therefore, as we did yesterday, that it is vain to look for more than a few lines around the holy words of Benedict XV. and that this new manifestation of the Pope's interest in peace must only confirm the hope that the Holy Father will already present the peace to the world for his paternal world."

### HOW ROME HONORS HER AGED PRIESTS.

No city pays more honor to its aged priests than does Rome. The Vicar of Christ reserves for the occasion from his throne, and his robes, and the rank and file of the clergy, and the work and work to the clergyman of the age of a priest. This was the case yesterday at St. Peter's, as it was fifty years ago, when the Holy Father De Bisognio, Marquis of Bisognio, celebrated his Mass. When Mgr. De Bisognio, Dean of the Chapter of St. Peter's, stood at the altar, beneath the chair of the Prince of the Apostles, to offer up the Holy Sacrifice in thanksgiving for his fifty years of priesthood, a prelate stood by with an autograph letter of his Holiness the Pope congratulating him on his golden jubilee. And the archpriest of the Basilica, the Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, with the archbishops, bishops, and monsignors, who are Canons of St. Peter's, assisted at the Mass to do honor, to felicitate, and to offer gifts to the venerable Dean. Nor was the priest's life forgotten. The great chalice used at the Mass, richly chased, and adorned with precious stones and ornamented by bas-reliefs, etc., representing scenes in the lives of the saints, had been consecrated by the Holy Father, and used once in offering the Holy Sacrifice by his Holiness. This chalice Mgr. De Bisognio presented to St. Peter's after Mass, as a testimony of his gratitude for those fifty golden years, to be kept in its treasury among its priceless store.

### NOTES.

With all her old generosity, Catholic Spain has begun a movement to do her best to make up for the deficit in Peter's Pence which the war has occasioned.

Among those who were recently received in private audience by the Holy Father were the Very Rev. Fathers Monza, Cormier, and Murray, Generals of the Orders of Friars Minor, Dominicans, and Redemptorists respectively.

## Intercolonial

By the mail boat Osterley on May 11 Rev. Father Packer, C.S.S.R., arrived in this State (says the *West Australian Record*). He will be stationed for some time at the Redemptorist Monastery, North Perth. He is a native of New Zealand, whence he proceeded to Ireland to study for the priesthood some years ago.

A large meeting of the priests and Catholic laity of the archdiocese of Perth met recently at the Parochial Hall, Victoria Square, when a most satisfactory statement of the financial position of the diocese during the previous year was presented. His Grace presided at the meeting.

The condition of his Grace the Archbishop became so grave towards the end of last week (says the *Adelaide Southern Cross* of May 21) that the Coadjutor-Archbishop thought it desirable to postpone his visit to Clare and Blyth to administer Confirmation on Sunday last. His Grace's condition continued unchanged for several days, but before going to press we learned that he had had a good night, and was somewhat easier. The Right Rev. Mgr. Byrne, whose condition showed some improvement recently, also took a turn for the worse early in the week.

Members of the executive of the Catholic College committee were summoned on Friday, May 14, by a special circular to consider 'important business' which had suddenly arisen (says the *Tribune*). His Grace the Archbishop presided, and the Coadjutor-Archbishop was also present. After some preliminary business had been disposed of, his Grace the Coadjutor said:--A very generous benefactor, who does not belong to this State, and does not wish his name to have any prominence at this stage, has been visiting Melbourne, and looking over the University and our plot of ground at it. He was much interested in the enthusiasm with which this movement was taken up at our meeting on Pentecost Sunday last, and the upshot is that he has offered for the endowment of bursaries in the college the magnificent sum of £30,000, under certain conditions.

As a phrasemaker, Dr. Mannix would have been famous had he been in politics instead of the Church. 'The Duffy McNamara eviction resolution' has already been referred to. It was specially appropriate as addressed to an audience almost entirely of Irish blood. A little earlier, referring to Federal politicians who thought they were treading on neutral ground, his Grace said that the Catholics would give no quarter 'to those who were supplying munitions to the foe or trading with the enemy.' 'The time was never ripe for the Catholic question when it was brought forward, according to our opponents,' said the Coadjutor. 'As far as we can see,' continued Dr. Mannix, 'it was never likely to ripen. It is hard to ripen the Catholic question in the atmosphere of Victoria.' But the happiest phrase of all was the reference to the politicians. 'There are none so blind, it is said, as those who won't see, and there are none so deaf as those who don't want to hear. The trumpet that will call the dead to judgment wouldn't wake the politician—unless the trumpeter had his name on the electoral roll.'

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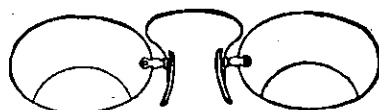
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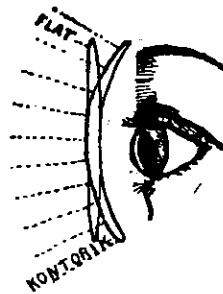
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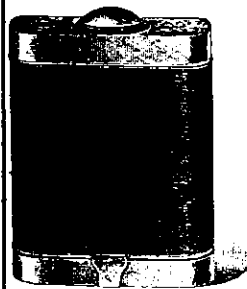
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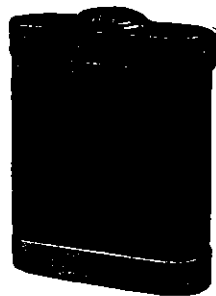
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## Domestic

(By MAUREEN.)

### The Art of Cooking Fish.

Do not wash fish too much as by so doing you lose some of the flavor. Some fish are cut open before being emptied; others have insides drawn out. Be careful not to disfigure the fish. Clean it thoroughly, and see that no blood is left on the bone. If the fish feels slimy rub it with a little salt. Scales should be scraped off with a knife, scraping from the tail upward, and the fish well rinsed afterwards. In cutting off the fins, cut from the tail upward. In taking out the eyes, if the skin over them is tough, cut first with a pair of scissors, then the eyes can be easily pulled out, or pushed out from inside. Fish that have a strong flavor should be soaked in salt water before being cooked. Thorough cleaning of fish is essential to its wholesomeness.

### Frying of Fish.

There are two kinds of frying, called respectively wet (or French) frying and dry frying. Wet frying is cooking in a large quantity of fat, sufficient to cover the articles to be fried. Clarified fat, oil, or lard may be used for the purpose. The fat must be put into a plain iron stewpan, neither tinned nor enamelled, as the great heat would destroy the lining. Success depends upon getting the fat to the right degree of heat. It must be quite still. If it bubbles it shows that it contains water, which must pass off by evaporation before the fat can reach the required heat. A blue, smoky vapor should also be seen rising from it. It should then be used at once, or drawn from the fire to prevent its burning, and making an unpleasant smell. Fish to be fried must first be coated with flour, egg, and bread crumbs, or batter. Small fish, pieces of fish, or made up fish, such as fish cakes, cutlets, etc.,

may be fried in this fat; but larger pieces, which require more cooking, must be done by the slower method—dry frying. Do not put too many pieces into the pan at one time, as they will cool the fat too much, and always bring it to the boiling point again before adding more fish. If the fat is not sufficiently hot, it will soak into the articles fried, and make them greasy instead of crisp. Either a frying basket or perforated spoon must be used for lifting out the fish. Let them fry a brown color, and always drain in kitchen paper before serving. Always dish fried things on a doily or dish paper. The fat must not be left on the fire when finished with, but should be strained through a piece of muslin into a tin basin and put aside for further use. If care is taken of it in this way it will keep for a long time, and will not be found an extravagance.

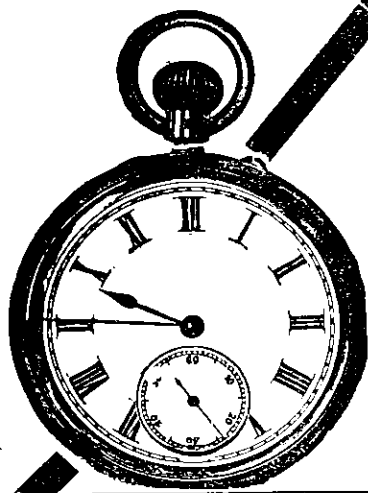
**Dry Frying of Fish.** This is suitable for larger pieces of fish, such as cod or salmon steaks, and whole haddocks, which require a longer time to cook than French frying allows. Dry frying means frying in a saute or frying pan with a small quantity of fat. The fat must be made smoking hot before the fish is placed in it, so that the outside is sealed up, and the juice and flavor retained. Brown the fish first on one side, then turn it over with a knife or fish slice, and brown on the other side. When cooked, lift out and drain on paper. Serve on a hot dish.

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## On the Land

### GENERAL.

A runholder in the Eketahuna district has just received advice from Home of the sale of his wool at 16½d.

Mr. George Charteris, of Mangatoto, has received his wool returns from London (says the *Feilding Star*). He received for hoggets and first ewes 1s 6d per lb, second fleeces 1s 5d per lb, pieces 1s 3d per lb, bellies 1s 2d per lb.

At the meeting of the representatives of local bodies to deal with the small-bird nuisance at Levin, Mr. T. W. Kirk, director of orchards, said that, placing everything on a low basis, no less than £1,400,000 damage was done per annum in the Dominion by small birds.

There is a dearth of labor for farm purposes just at present, and there is no reason why any man capable of doing manual labor should be out of employment (says the *Ashburton Guardian*). The war has taken away so many of our young men engaged as farm laborers that farmers are pleased to get men, however inexperienced.

The general yarding of all classes of stock at Addington last week was on the small side, and there was little radical change to record in the values obtained, except in fat sheep and lambs, which showed a distinct rise. Fat Lambs. Prime lambs, 17s to 21s 3d; others, 13s 3d to 16s 6d. Fat Sheep. Extra prime wethers, to 25s 6d; prime, 17s to 22s 6d; others, 14s to 16s 3d; extra prime ewes, to 25s; prime, 15s to 20s 9d; medium, 12s 4d to 15s; inferior, 10s 6d to 14s 9d. Fat Cattle. Extra steers, to £15; ordinary steers, £7 5s to £10 5s; extra heifers, to £15; ordinary heifers, £5 17s 6d to £10 10s; extra cows, to £13 2s 6d; ordinary cows, £5 10s to £8. Price of beef per 100lb, 23s to 37s 6d; extra prime, 40s. Pigs. Choppers, 5s to 11s; light baconers, 50s to 55s 6d; ordinary baconers, 60s to 68s; extra baconers, 72s to 76s. Average per lb, 5½d; porkers, 28s to 32s; heavy porkers, 34s to 40s. Average per lb, 6d; medium stores, 22s 6d to 28s 6d; small stores, 14s to 19s; weaners, 3s to 6s.

At Burnside last week there were average yardings of fat sheep and fat cattle, whilst fat lambs were in limited supply. There was a fair yarding of pigs which sold at about late rates. Fat Sheep. 2601 yarded, including several pens of good quality wethers, and well finished sheep were, if anything, a shade finer than previous week, but towards the close of the sale values were inclined to recede a little. Freezing buyers took a limited number of suitable ewes and wethers. Quotations: Prime wethers, 26s to 28s 6d; extra heavy, to 32s; medium to good wethers, 21s to 23s; light, 16s 6d to 19s; prime ewes, 20s to 22s 6d; extra heavy, to 26s 6d; medium, 15s to 17s. Fat Cattle. 103 yarded. The offering included several pens of well finished bullocks. The sale opened at about previous week's rates, but towards the finish prices were inclined to be a little easier. Quotations: Best bullocks, £14 to £15 10s; extra, to £17; medium to good, £11 10s to £13; others, £9 to £10 10s; best cows and heifers, to £11 5s; medium to good, £7 10s to £9; others, £6 to £7. Fat Lambs. 352 yarded, being a small yarding. Freezing buyers were operating, and prices for well-finished lambs were from 1s to 2s per head above those ruling at the previous sale. Quotations: Best lambs, to 21s 3d; good, 17s to 18s 6d; unfinished, 12s 6d to 14s.

### PURITY OF SEEDS.

Seeds are perhaps more variable in quality than any other goods the farmer has to purchase. The purity of seeds varies according to the manner of growth, method of harvesting, and cleaning operations. The germinating-power varies with the climate and exposure to the weather during the period of growth, especially at the time of harvesting—as well as the mode of harvesting and storing (either in the rick or after threshing). Old or dead seeds (says the *Journal of the Board of Agriculture*) are sometimes mixed with fresh seed

of the same species in order to increase profits. Seed-testing or seed-analysis reveals the presence (or absence) of weed seeds which have an enormous capacity for damage when sown broadcast over the farm in impure seeds. It has been estimated that about 16½ million pounds sterling per annum is lost by farmers in Great Britain in growing (and getting rid of) weeds, a large proportion of which are sown with agricultural seeds.

### A NEW CLOVER.

An interesting novelty in the plant-selection section of the Moutmahaki Experimental Farm is a stoloniferous red clover. This is the development of a plant discovered in the Auckland Domain by Mr. J. Beveridge, the Assistant Plant-breeding Officer at Moutmahaki. As far as can be ascertained this is the first instance which has been noted of a clover-plant extending itself by underground stolons—that is, similar to the manner in which *Poa pratensis* spreads itself—and therefore it may be regarded as an absolutely new type. At the present time the plant is being seeded in order to ascertain if it will transmit the new character from seed. Should this prove to be the case the type will be a valuable addition to the clover family. It would probably be of special value on lighter soils and in sandy country.

### INTERESTING TRIAL OF OAT VARIETIES.

Last year (says the *Journal of Agriculture*) two varieties of oats were tested at Wauka Station, Pembroke, with excellent results—Record oat and New Abundance oat. The soil is naturally deep and good, and no manure has been applied to it for at least four years. The land has been cropped for years, and previous to being seeded with the oats a pea crop had been grown. Following this crop the land was fallowed.

On the 18th March of last year two acres were sown to the Record oat, the seedling being at the rate of two bushels to the acre, some crested dogstail being sown at the same time. The crop was cut in the middle of December, and was threshed on the 28th March of this year, the yield being 102 bushels to the acre. The grain was a splendid sample. The straw was rather too heavy, being well over 6ft high.

The New Abundance oat was sown at the same time, on the 18th March, the seedling being also at the rate of two bushels to the acre, but the seed in this case was sown with Western Wolds ryegrass and clover. It was also cut in the middle of December and threshed on the 28th March. The yield was 91½ bushels to the acre. The straw made splendid chaffing, being up to a length of 6ft. In both cases the grass and clovers were somewhat choked, but at the beginning of last month were coming away well.

### CALIFORNIAN THISTLE.

It having been declared in Southland that cutting the Californian thistle is of no avail, it may be pointed out that in the North Otago district repeated experience has demonstrated that this method of eradication is entirely successful (says a writer in the *Journal of Agriculture*). Even on farms of rich volcanic land, where the thistle has been cut every year just at the flowering stage, and where it was exceptionally bad five years ago, to-day a marked improvement is noticeable. In some paddocks the vitality of the thistle is so weakened where it has not been altogether destroyed that a few hours' work is now sufficient to deal with it, whereas it formerly took several days with the mower and horses. Take the far-famed Totara Estate. Here the thistle had a very strong hold, and the land being rich it was most difficult to deal with. Now, by repeated cutting the thistle has disappeared altogether in many places, while where it still persists it is so weak that its control is now quite an insignificant matter. A large number of North Otago farmers will bear me out that cutting the thistle every year when in the flowering stage has done marvels in the way of destroying acres upon acres of the weed in their district.

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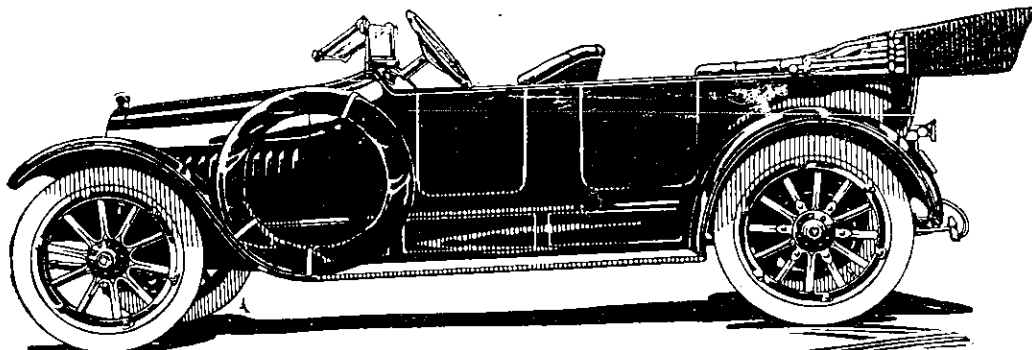
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Ah, boys! if you want to be manly men,  
To be honored in all that you do,  
Just make up your mind that ten times out of ten  
You will always be found to ring true.

And, boys, if you know how your country respects  
A genuine man, then you, too,  
Would endeavor to live a life that reflects  
God's image—and always ring true.

Ring true in your contests and games on the field,  
In your homes, with a crowd or a few;  
Though others may try their shortcomings to shield,  
Yet, boys, just remember, ring true!

## ANECDOTES OF SWEDISH ROYALTIES.

Among the royal families, it is said, the Swedish sovereigns, descendants of Jean Bernadotte, most strongly insist upon the high duty which the king owes to his rank. Noblesse oblige was taught to all the sons of Oscar I. by their father as the chief rule of their lives.

One day (says a Swedish writer) the king was driving with his son Charles when a poor boy attracted the attention of the prince.

'Let me throw a franc to that fellow, father,' he pleaded.

'You may hand him a franc; you must not throw it to him. He, too, may be a prince some day.'

Prince Charles was anxiously trained by his mother, the Princess Josephine, in the highest code of good manners. One day she found him loitering at full length on the sofa.

'That is not a becoming way of taking your ease,' she said.

The boy's eyes twinkled. 'But, mamma,' he said, 'I learned this attitude from Herr Bostroem,' his tutor.

The princess was silenced for a moment. Then she said: 'When you are as learned and good a man as Herr Bostroem you may do as he does, but not before.'

One day the sentry on duty barred the way to the prince into a courtyard which was absolutely interdicted to the royal children.

'Do you know who I am?' he demanded, in a fury.

'You are Prince Charles, but I cannot let you pass,' said the man firmly.

'Then you make sure of your twenty five, according to law!' And the boy ran to his father, demanding that the man should have twenty-five lashes, the usual punishment for insulting a member of the royal family.

'Here,' said the king, 'are as many riksdalers. Give them to him for doing his duty.'

Prince Charles carried them to the sentry. 'Here are the twenty-five, as I promised you,' he said. The soldier bowed low, but there was a twinkle in his eye and in that of the prince which showed that they both understood.

Another writer contributes a new anecdote to the recollections of the late King Oscar of Sweden. It goes back more than fifty years, to a time when Oscar,

then Crown Prince, was travelling about seeing the world.

One day he boarded a passenger steamer at Marseilles for a trip to North Africa. He was in civilian's dress and unattended. The captain, who did not know who he was, accosted him.

'It seems to me I saw you at the naval review yesterday,' he said.

'Very likely you did,' said Prince Oscar.

'And it seems to me you were wearing an admiral's uniform.'

'I rather think I was.'

'You must be a remarkable seaman to have reached that rank at your age; you can't be over twenty-five.'

'Oh, a little older than that, but I'm no seaman at all. I wear an admiral's uniform in right of my name.'

'Which is—'

'Bernadotte.'

'Ah, some relation of the old Marshal?'

'Merely his grandson. I am Prince Oscar of Sweden, brother of the king.'

'Then maybe your Highness would like to meet a cousin.'

'I shouldn't object. I know there are some, but I have never seen one yet.'

The captain stepped to the speaking tube and shouted to the engine room: 'Send up Bernadotte.'

In a minute or two a grimy stoker, naked to the waist, appeared.

'This is your cousin,' said the captain, who was an extreme republican, with a bow in which the irony was only latent.

But if the captain hoped to embarrass or annoy the Prince, he was disappointed. Oscar put out his hand. He asked him about the relationship; about other cousins near Pan, where the Marshal was born, and about his own life and work. Then he made the other Bernadotte a present worthy of a prince and took his name and address with a view to future benefits.

## THE WISDOM OF THE BEE.

The latest observer of the bees credits them with ability to judge the time of day. His studies were involuntary at the outset. He lives in a villa not far from Paris, and in summer it is the habit of his family to take their meals outdoors on a terrace.

At 7 o'clock in the morning the table was habitually set for the light French breakfast. A great dish of preserved fruit was always a feature of this meal. At noon came the 'grand déjeuner,' or luncheon, when there was no fruit. At 4 o'clock something like the English tea was served, and then again preserves made their appearance, remaining on the table for half to three-quarters of an hour.

The bees had their colony about a hundred yards from the terrace, but until last June they never gave the slightest trouble. Then the cook put a basin of cherries preserved in syrup to cool in a window near the table. There were some flowers in the window. A bee visiting these discovered the cherries and soon came back with the whole swarm to enjoy them. When they came back later and found the cherries gone they went foraging, and presently discovered the preserves on the breakfast table.

'We are lost,' said the proprietor; 'we will have to give up eating here.'

At first the bees busied over the terrace all day from dawn to dusk. Then they began to disappear in the middle of the day. They made early breakfast and afternoon tea impossible, but they were totally absent at the dinner hour. About the middle of July the family gave up using the terrace for the bee infested meals, but by way of experiment the table was set one morning as usual. Promptly at 7 a.m. the bees began to arrive, and at 10 o'clock, when the table was cleared as usual, they ceased coming. Not a trace of a bee was seen again until 4. The luncheon was eaten without the presence of a single one.

But at 4 they began to gather again. They were plainly surprised at finding no preserves—the table was not set—but in increasing numbers they kept up the search until about 5 o'clock, when they gradually took themselves off. This kept on for several days after the table ceased to be set. The bees came looking for it between 7 and 10 in the forenoon and 4 and 5 in the afternoon. In fact, however, they recognised the time, they observed it with clock-like regularity until in the course of a week or two they ceased their visits altogether, finding them unprofitable.

### THE OX AND THE MULE.

A farmer had an ox and a mule that he hitched together to a plough. One night, after several days of continuous ploughing and after the ox and mule had been stabled and provendered for the night, the ox said to the mule: 'We've been workin' pretty hard, let's play off sick to-morrow and lie here in the stalls all day.'

'You can if you want to,' returned the mule, 'but I believe I'll go to work.'

So the next morning when the farmer came out the ox played off sick. The farmer bedded him down with clean straw, gave him a bucket of oats and bran mixed, left him for the day and went forth alone with the mule to plough. All that day the ox lay in his stall, chewed his cud and nodded, slowly blinked his eyes and gently swished his tail. That night, when the mule came in, the ox asked him how they got along ploughing alone all day. 'Well,' said the mule, 'it was hard and we didn't get much done, and—' 'Did the old man have anything to say about me?' interrupted the ox. 'No,' replied the mule.

'Well, then,' went on the ox, 'I believe I'll play off again to-morrow; it was certainly fine lying here all day and resting.' 'That's up to you,' said the mule, 'but I'll go out and plough.'

So the next day the ox played off again, was bedded down with clean straw, provendered with hay, bran, and oats, and lay all day nodding, blinking, chewing his cud and gently swishing his tail.

When the mule came in at night the ox asked again how they got along without him. 'About the same as yesterday,' replied the mule coldly. 'Did the old man have anything to say about me?' again inquired the ox. 'No,' replied the mule, 'not to me, but he did have a long talk with the butcher on the way home.'

### WRITING TO MOTHER.

When a daughter leaves home, one thing she should never neglect. One thing there is with which no duty or pleasure should interfere. It is the letter to Mother.

It is not enough that she send a postal card: 'Very busy. Will write soon.' Mother's letter should be a budget of daily happenings. It should be as far as possible a reflection of every thought and action in the new surroundings.

Mother's box of letters! What a treasure-house of love! How she guards it! How she dreams over it and cries over it!

It is hard for a mother to let her daughter leave the home nest, so critical a moment it is in the latter's life. The daughter should strive to make the wrench less cruel. There are hours at home after she has gone that are happy or dismal according to whether she is faithful or careless in mother-thought.

Never delay writing the letter home. It is the call supreme. Do all that you can to please your beloved and devoted mother. None will ever be so appreciative, so sympathetic, so forgiving, so understanding. No heart will ever beat more true.

### WHAT HE WANTED.

The following story is true; the incident occurred at a village upon the Aisne.

A section of British infantry entered a French village in the evening and were going to billet for the night, so many thought it a good chance to cook a hot supper. A private had foraged round and found everything to make a good Irish stew except the potatoes. Being unable to speak French, he asked his section commander what was the French for potatoes. The section commander, being a bit of a wit and scenting some fun, replied, 'Bon soir' ('Good evening').

The private, in perfect good faith, went up to a house door and was answered by a Frenchwoman, who did not understand one word of English, and the following conversation occurred:—

Private: 'Bon soir.'

Frenchwoman: 'Bon soir, monsieur.'

Private: 'Yes, bon soir.'

Frenchwoman: 'Bon soir, monsieur.'

Private: 'Yes, yes! Some bon soirs, please.'

Thomas Atkins, seeing the look of amazement on the good Frenchwoman's face, and seeing a potato lying in the roadway, thought he had better adopt different tactics, so, picking up the potato and showing it to the woman, said: 'Here, missus, give us some of these blooming spuds!'

### THE CHAIRMAN'S PUN.

The chairman at a dinner of a cyclists' club recently closed his reply to a vote of thanks with the following outrageous pun:—

'Now, gentlemen, I will detain you no longer, since all of you will, I know, agree with me when I say that the longer the spoke the greater the tire.'

### SHE WAS ANNOYED.

He had attended his partner's wedding, and at the reception he stepped gallantly forward to pay his respects.

'I hardly feel like a stranger,' he said in his sweetest tones, addressing the bride. 'In fact, I feel as though I ought to be well acquainted with my partner's wife, since he has so often done me the honor to read me extracts from his dear Susie's letters.'

The faces of husband and the speaker were studies as the bride drew herself up and said, emphatically and distinctly, 'I beg your pardon, sir. My name is Helen.'

### THE DOG AND THE LAW.

The justice of the land as it is meted out to Iowa dogs leaves something to be desired—by the dogs. In a suit for damages resulting from the bite of a dog, the judge's decision, as quoted in the *Green Bag*, was as follows:

'That the injured girl threw sticks at the dog several months before she was bitten admits no excuse. A dog has no right to brood over his wrongs and remember in malice. The only defence available to the dog's master is the doing of the unlawful act at the time of the attack by the person injured.'

Of course, the dog who 'broods over his wrongs and remembers in malice' does not reach the standard of human perfection, but the difference between the dog as he is and the dog as the Iowa judge thinks he should be is nearly as great as that between the actual and the ideal man. Poke almost any dog with sticks, and he knows where to place a bite when the right time comes.

A Norwegian, whose knowledge of dogs was not obscured by ex cathedra notions, was sued for shooting one which he had tormented. On the trial the plaintiff's attorney suggested that it would have been better and more humane when the big bulldog came at him with mouth open and teeth set to have used the butt end of the gun and thus scared him away.

'I would have done dat,' replied the Norwegian, 'but de bulldog he not come at me dat way, and so I tenk I better use de safe end of my gun on him.'

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