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## Friends at Court

### CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- July 4, Sunday.—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.  
 „ 5 Monday.—St. Anthony Zaccaria, Confessor.  
 „ 6, Tuesday.—Octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.  
 „ 7, Wednesday. SS. Cyril and Methodius, Bishops and Confessors.  
 „ 8, Thursday.—St. Elizabeth, Queen.  
 „ 9, Friday.—Of the Feria.  
 „ 10, Saturday.—The Seven Brothers, Martyrs.

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Confessor.

St. Anthony was born in 1500, at Cremona, in the north of Italy. After having labored for some time in his native city as a secular priest, he founded, in conjunction with two Milanese nobles, a congregation of monks, called Barnabites, from the Church of St. Barnabas, where they came together, like the early Christians, to live a life in common, and to devote themselves to the office of instructing the young.

The Seven Brothers, Martyrs.

The seven saints whose glorious death is commemorated to-day were sons of St. Felicitas, and suffered at Rome about the middle of the second century. They were exhorted to constancy in suffering by their heroic mother, who herself soon after received the crown of martyrdom.

### GRAINS OF GOLD.

#### PRAYER WITHOUT WORDS.

This morn my heart is full of song; and still  
 When to my lips it comes, the music dies  
 The power to sing my God to me denies.

Thy grace divine Thou gavest, Lord until  
 With every thought of Thee my pulses thrill;  
 And swift to Heaven and Thee my glad soul flies  
 On wings of love; and, 'Dearest Lord,' it cries,  
 'Let me but voice my prayer if 'tis Thy will!  
 Mayhap some other soul, who struggles here,  
 Will find in it new hope, new love for Thee—  
 Some weary soul oppressed with doubt and fear.'

But Jesus in my breast so lovingly  
 Speaks to my heart in accents low and clear,  
 'My child, to day in silence worship Me.'

Sister M. Clara, B.V.M.

Gratitude is a debt which all men owe, but few pay cheerfully.

Who cannot do what he desires must do what is within his powers.

The man who does the least talking has the fewest apologies to make.

Forget all that is past, and imagine each day you but begin. — St. Augustine.

Let the roots of your life be deep in God, and the flowers will be pleasing to men.

Do we all recognise that to quicken the wits and leave the conscience untouched is not education?

We never know how one good act of ours may cheer and encourage others, or how terrible an influence one single wrong may have.

Pain comes to us from the hand of God for our good. Great are the rewards in store for those who know its value and accept it as a mercy.

The secret of all progress lies in achieving something better than we have been able to do before, and then making that achievement a new standard, to be equalled at least, to be surpassed if it is possible.

The libellers of the Church's moral rectitude are not the learned and the sincere, nor the clear-minded, but the shallow and ignorant, the malignant, and they who invert the quality of charity that thinketh no evil and rejoiceth not in iniquity.—John Ayscough.

## The Storyteller

### THE LOST CHILD

She sat with her chin resting in her hand, gazing through the open window, seemingly into the dim distance, but in reality seeing nothing of the prospect which lay before her eyes. Her countenance bore traces of deep sorrow, and it was evidently on some grief that her thoughts were now centred, for the expression of her features was extremely sad and thoughtful. Here in this quiet London suburb, only a faint murmur reached her of the din of the great city, and there was little to disturb her reverie. Beyond the garden wall was a quiet churchyard, where a few white headstones glimmered faintly through the trees. Presently these caught her eye, and, sighing deeply, she said half aloud: 'Would to God that I knew my darling lay at rest in some sacred spot like that. Infinitely better it would be than that I should remain thus in ignorance of her fate, and daily forming one conjecture worse than another as to what it might be. Oh, my God, the anguish is almost too great for me to bear!'

Saying this she pressed her hand to her heart as if to stifle there some dreadful pain, and then burying her face in her hand, she remained for a long time in an attitude of profoundest grief.

Marion Phillips's sorrow was perhaps the greatest which any mother could be called on to endure. Her husband, who had simply idolised her, had died a few years before, leaving her with a little infant girl named Marion. On this child, who was one of the prettiest little creatures imaginable, with her flaxen hair and violet eyes, all the mother's affections soon became centred. So deep was her love for her little girl that she could scarcely bear to lose sight of her, and wherever Mrs. Phillips went, little Marion invariably accompanied her.

One bright summer's day dawned in happiness for mother and child, now a sweet prattling thing of some five years. The sun rose in unclouded splendor, and the hearts of both were in harmony with its brightness. Alas! the bright morning sun often sets in utter gloom, and ere that summer day had faded into night, Marion Phillips's happiness had suffered utter eclipse. She was childless, but not by the hand of death. Her little girl had mysteriously disappeared, and left no trace which could lead to her discovery.

That summer morning Mrs. Phillips had driven Marion to Epping Forest to join a children's excursion party there. As the child sat beside her in the trap, delightedly watching Jocko, the pony, as he trotted forward, and looking bewitchingly lovely in her pretty summer clothes, little did the poor mother think of the cloud which was to overcast her happiness ere the day should close.

They reached the leafy glades of the forest in good time. Jocko was safely stabled at an inn not too far from the neighborhood of the excursionists, and then the mother sought her own pleasure in helping to make the day as enjoyable as possible for Marion and her young companions.

Never did the hoary old trees of the forest hear such joyful laughter or see such merry games as were played by the youthful excursionists. And little Marion, though perhaps the tenderest in age, was one of the merriest of the party. All day long her pretty flower-like face was wreathed in smiles, and her tiny feet pattered about in some gleeful gambol.

Ere the day had, however, grown old, her mother's watchful eye had detected signs of weariness, and she determined to take her home long before the others had dreamt of leaving the scene of their day's pleasure. It required some persuasion to induce Marion to say 'good-bye' to her youthful friends; but Mrs. Phillips, with her mother's tact, managed somehow to accomplish the task, and she and Marion were soon driving home, with Jocko showing his best pace.

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They had not, however, driven very far, when something seemed to frighten the pony and he bolted. Mrs. Phillips was thoroughly alarmed, but she did not lose her presence of mind, and did her best to check the mad gallop of the animal. All in vain, however; her efforts to restrain seemed only to infuriate him, and his headlong career was stopped only by his coming to grief against a tree. Mrs. Phillips was flung violently to the ground, where she remained for some time in a state of unconsciousness. Fortunately she was discovered by some other trippers to the famous forest before the shades of night had fallen; but when they had restored her senses, and she had again opened her eyes on the world, it was only to find that her idolised child had disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed her. All the machinery of Scotland Yard was set in motion; every gipsy encampment in the neighborhood was exhaustively searched, and the whole country was scoured by private detectives, but no trace of little Marion could be found. The mother's heart was almost broken, and she became a sad and silent woman, careworn and prematurely aged. Her one absorbing thought when she lay down to rest was little Marion, and when she opened her eyes in the grey morning light, it was only to find her great grief, like a grim and ghastly skeleton, staring her in the face.

Marion Phillips had sat for a long time at the open window, plunged in sad thought, when the door opened, and an old Irishwoman, who had recently been engaged to do odd jobs about the house, entered the room with the object of effecting some alterations which she had been directed to make.

'I thought you was out, ma'am,' said Mrs. Cahill, as she entered, 'or it's not comin' in to disturb ye I'd be.'

'Oh, never mind me, Mrs. Cahill,' answered Marion Phillips: 'you can go on with your work; you won't disturb me in the least.'

There was a depth of sadness in the voice in which the words were spoken which attracted the attention of the good-natured old Irishwoman, and she cast a long and scrutinising glance at the speaker.

'I do hope that you're not in any trouble, ma'am,' said she, when her observation had concluded: 'but you do look as if there was something frettin' an' worryin' you to death; and aft'er all, frettin' and worryin' never yet did anywan any good or helped to mend things.'

Mrs. Cahill's remarks elicited from Marion Phillips the cause of her woe and the whole story of little Marion's disappearance.

The old Irishwoman evinced such warm sympathy and showed such intelligent interest in the case, that the desolate mother, though it cost her many a pang, related once again the history of the child's disappearance, even to its minutest details.

'I shouldn't give up hope, ma'am, if I were you,' said Mrs. Cahill, when the recital was finished. 'God is good, and His Blessed Mother. They know where everyone is, and sure maybe it's findin' your little girl you'll be wan o' these days if you'll only trust in them, an' not give up prayin'.'

'Oh! I hardly believe there is a God, and if I do pray it's more through custom than anything else,' answered Mrs. Phillips.

Mrs. Cahill listened to this speech in wide-eyed, horrified amazement. To the Irishwoman with her deep, strong, firmly-rooted faith—the heritage of centuries, the legacy bequeathed to Ireland's sons and daughters by generations of saints and martyrs—this state of mind seemed incredible.

'Sure you can't help the way you're brought up, ma'am, nor believin' what people teach you, but I've known of wonderful answers given to people's prayers that had faith in God. Sure a neighbor of my own in Ireland, that couldn't go half an inch without crutches, went to Lourdes—that's the place, you know, ma'am, where the Blessed Virgin appeared to Bernadette—and didn't she come home as lively as a cricket and able to run up the hills like a goat. It's to the Blessed Virgin you ought to pray, ma'am. She knows what it is for a mother to lose her child.'

'What would be the good of my praying to her, when I don't believe that she could do anything to help me? But as you have such strong faith, perhaps you would be good enough to pray for me instead.'

'That I will, ma'am, with a heart and a half, and if your little girl is found—'

'If my little girl is found, Mrs. Cahill, I shall become a Catholic that very instant, and believe everything that your Church teaches.'

'I'll start a novena this very day, ma'am, in honor of our Blessed Lady. Let me see: to-day is June 24, so that the novena will finish on a feast of our Blessed Lady—the Feast of the Visitation, which is on July 2; and I regard that as being very much in favor of a good answer.'

Mrs. Phillips had never heard of such a thing as a novena before, and it took a good deal of explanation on the part of Mrs. Cahill to make her understand what it was. The old Irishwoman wished her to join in it, but to this she demurred, as she said she regarded it more as a Romish superstition than anything else. This almost brought the tears to Mrs. Cahill's eyes. However, she succeeded in making her promise to perform some act of charity during the novena, as such an act, Mrs. Cahill informed her, always inclines God to listen more favorably to our prayers.

Mrs. Phillips was fortunate in having secured for herself the prayers of the poor old Irishwoman, for the latter hid within her shabby exterior the soul of a saint.

Once she had been in very easy circumstances, but her husband had died of an infectious disease, and their only child quickly followed him to the grave. Then she was thrown on her own resources, and managed to earn a livelihood by doing an occasional day's charring and any other odd jobs which came in her way. But she did not repine. She accepted her heavy cross with resignation, and even in the moment when it pressed upon her the most severely her lips were able to frame that prayer so familiar to the Irish peasant in the days of hardship and persecution: 'Welcome to the Will of God.'

For a long time Mrs. Phillips puzzled her mind as to what act of charity she should perform in order to fulfil her promise to Mrs. Cahill. Finding some difficulty in solving the problem, she resolved at last to ask her humble friend as to what she should do.

Mrs. Cahill thought for a long time before replying. She knew so many people who needed help, and such a number of deserving charities to which even the smallest sum of money would be most welcome.

As she was thinking, she happened by a lucky accident (or was it an accident?) to look out into the street, and her eyes rested on that most pathetic-looking of objects, a little London waif. The shabby clothes, the hollow cheek and hungry eye, and the utter forlornness of the little figure made a strong appeal to her heart, and, turning to Mrs. Phillips, she said:

'There's a lot o' little children in the slums and back streets near where I live that's pinin' for a breath of fresh air in this hot weather. Maybe it wouldn't be beyond your means, ma'am, to give them a day in the country. 'Twould be like a sight o' heaven to most o' them, ma'am, for they've never seen a green field in all their lives.'

Mrs. Phillips was delighted with this proposal, and she gave orders to the old Irishwoman to collect as many poor children and waifs and strays as she liked, all of whom were to be given a day's outing in the country at her expense.

In the street off the Mile End road in which Mrs. Cahill lived there was a multitude of poor children, whose only playground was the pavement. The younger among them had never been beyond the limits of this street in all their lives, whilst a rare visit to Victoria Park was the only idea of a holiday which even the oldest of them possessed.

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Oh the difference between the lot of the children of the poor and that of the rich! If the latter did but realise it, surely they would realise also that it is their duty to lessen the misery of the needy by giving to them of their own superfluity.

On the evening of the day on which Mrs. Phillips had told her of her great sorrow, Mrs. Cahill came down the street looking as if she had a very pleasing piece of intelligence to communicate to everyone. The kind-hearted old Irishwoman was personally known to all the children, for when there was distress or sickness in their homes, she was invariably a welcome visitor, and whenever they wanted a kindness from Mrs. Cahill, they were always certain of getting it if it lay within the limits of her very humble power.

'What is it, Mrs. Cahill? Have you come into a fortune?' queried one of the children, on seeing Mrs. Cahill's beaming countenance.

'And you'd be glad if I had, wouldn't you, mavourneen,' answered she.

'That we would, Mrs. Cahill; for we know it's good about it you'd be,' said a chorus of voices, for many of the children had now collected around Mrs. Cahill.

'Well, it's not the same as a fortune, but it's grand news at any rate for all of ye. My mistress that I go to work to every day is going to give ye all a grand day in the country.'

'Do you mean it, Mrs. Cahill? Is it really true?' queried several together.

On being assured that it was a reality and no delusion, there was loud clapping of hands; and a few dozen half-starved, half-clad children lay down to sleep that night with visions of bliss beyond the dreams of the petted and pampered offspring of the rich.

It was arranged that the excursion was to take place to Epping Forest on the 2nd of July, and all the children in the street in which Mrs. Cahill lived, and practically all Mrs. Cahill's juvenile acquaintances, were to be of the party. Her mistress had given orders that no expense was to be spared to make the day as enjoyable as possible for the little ones, and all the arrangements were left entirely in her hands.

On the morning of the appointed day, the brakes which were to take the party to the forest arrived punctually, and were soon filled with crowds of merry children.

As they were about to depart, an onlooker gazing at one of the brakes, remarked:

'Why, there's only thirteen in that there brake. It's a very unlucky number is thirteen. I shouldn't be surprised if there was an accident.'

Mrs. Cahill, as having charge of the arrangements, was appealed to, but not all her common sense could convince the onlookers, who were principally the fathers and mothers of the children, that there was nothing more unlucky about thirteen than about any other number.

'I'll tell you what, Mrs. Cahill,' said one of the children in the brake, 'there's a little girl always standing at the corner of the next street who sells newspapers for a livin'. I'm sure she'd like to come, if we asked her.'

'Run quickly then and fetch her,' said Mrs. Cahill.

In a few minutes the child returned, accompanied by another, ill-clad, and apparently worse fed. She had a solitary newspaper in her hand, the last of her morning's bundle, for she had always sold her papers very quickly to the passers-by, who were attracted by her sweet face and pretty ways, so utterly unlike those of a common street child.

'Here, youngster, let me have that paper,' said the father of one of the children, placing a coin in her hand, which she pocketed with much satisfaction. Evidently it meant much to her.

Then the signal for departure was given, and off went the party with happiness depicted on every countenance.

That day in the forest was like a foretaste of heaven itself to the little slum children. The mossy sward, the leafy trees, the balmy breezes, together with the unlimited supply of cakes, oranges, and other such unaccustomed luxuries, filled up their little cup of happiness to the very brim, for that day at least, and they sang and danced for very joy of heart.

The only one among them who wore a sad expression was the little news-vender. She gazed about her with a thoughtful, abstracted air, as if she were trying to remember something.

Kind-hearted Mrs. Cahill noticed her, and coming up to her, said:

'What's the matter, my dear? Why aren't you amusin' yourself like the others. Sure the kind lady that's payin' for the outin' will be here presently, and it won't do at all to let her see you lookin' sad like that.'

For answer the child burst into tears. In a moment Mrs. Cahill's arms were around her, and with many endearments she succeeded in coaxing from her the secret of her grief.

'It was in a place like this long ago that I lost my mother, and then the nasty woman found me and carried me off and dressed me in ugly clothes, and made me beg for her in the street. But she's dead now, and I earn my money by selling papers in the street,' said the child in answer to Mrs. Cahill's inquiries.

Mrs. Cahill was electrified. She had just finished her novena that very morning, and when she asked the child her name she felt certain what the answer would be.

'The woman that carried me off used to call me Chris, and would beat me if I told people that I had any other name, but long ago my own mother used to call me Marion,' said the child.

'And what was your other name, my dear,' queried Mrs. Cahill.

'I cannot remember,' answered the child.

'Was it Phillips, my dear?'

'Oh, that was it,' exclaimed the child, while her countenance was illumined as if by a flash of recollection.

'Mrs. Cahill, the lady has come and wishes to speak to you,' exclaimed several voices close to her ear, and in an instant she hurried off to her mistress.

'Well, Mrs. Cahill,' said Marion Phillips when she saw her, 'the ninth day has come and I have heard nothing. After all, I was right in thinking that your novena was mere superstition, but I hope the children will enjoy themselves all the same.'

'The ninth day has come, but it isn't over yet, ma'am. Please come and see if you ever saw a little girl that's here before.'

So saying, she led her to the little news-vender, and when Marion Phillips saw her child, for it was she, she went into an ecstasy of delight, which almost threatened her reason. The child's joy was almost equally intense, and for a long time they remained locked in each other's arms, while little Marion poured into her mother's ear the story of her life since their sad parting.

'Glory be to God and His Blessed Mother!' exclaimed Mrs. Cahill. 'It's they that can do everything.'

'It is indeed, Mrs. Cahill,' said Marion Phillips, looking up and remembering for the first time to return thanks to God for the great mercy which had just been vouchsafed her.

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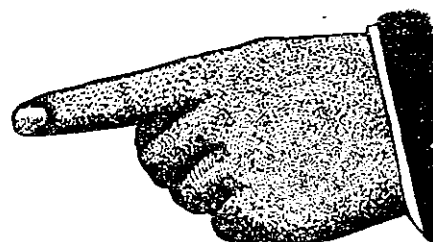
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## A MIDNIGHT ACQUAINTANCE

'I guess I'll go home by way of Blackcap, uncle,' said Peter Aldrich to the little group that was assembled in the broad doorway of the Emmons farmhouse.

'It means quite a climb,' replied Mr. Emmons. He looked up at the dark dome of the mountain that rose high above the farm.

'But a mighty short trip once you're on the way down,' said his nephew.

A chorus of feminine objections arose:

'It's dreadfully steep!' 'There's the river, father!' 'Do you think it's safe?'

'Oh, Peter's done it before,' said Mr. Emmons, easily. It's bright starlight, and the turn at the bottom's wide and plain.'

With a cheery good-night, Peter picked up the cord of his sled and started off through the snow. The road up the mountain showed its pale, curving length among the stripped trees. Mr. Emmons lived about half a mile from the summit of Blackcap, and nearly three miles from the little town in the valley, where Peter Aldrich lived with his family. The boy frequently came out to visit his cousins; once or twice in winter he had returned from the farm, not by the usual road, but by one that he had himself discovered; that is, he had climbed with his sled from the Emmons farm to the summit of Blackcap, and from there had coasted down a clear slope that brought him near the village. That was what he proposed to do now.

The road to the summit was steep: but Peter, dragging his sled, went along briskly, and soon gained the top of the mountain. The wind had swept the summit bare: Peter turned to the right, and followed the line where the snow met the foot of the granite cliffs. The axe had been ruthlessly put to the land, and the slope ran down, white and unbroken, to the valley and the river that fed the two mills of the little village.

The keen air, the mystery that even the most familiar things assume in starlight, the silence, the long, steep fall of the mountain side, with its suggestion of swift movement filled Peter with excitement. He pointed his sled towards the distant town, and stood for a moment enjoying the thrills of anticipation.

Then he threw himself flat upon the sled.

The steel-shod runners crunched crisply on the snow as the sled started. It glided forward smoothly, rocked a little as it gathered speed, and then leaped forward and sped down the slope: the air burned Peter's face and beat back his hair. The speed of his descent really frightened him for a moment.

When his eyes grew able to endure the pressure of the air without blinking, he had another shock. On two former occasions he had coasted down the mountain at this very point, but that was in the daytime: he now realised that the starlight, bright as it seemed, was not strong enough to enable him to pick out any landmark while he was going at such speed. The stumps left by the woodcutters were not visible at all; the few patches of scrub were flying shadows.

'I must be sure to turn when I get to the logging road,' he thought. 'That's just below the last big stretch of scrub. It's so flat there I can't miss it, and the turn is easy—there's plenty of room.'

But here the starlight tricked him again. There seemed to be no break in the level of the bluish-white slope that fell away before him; and the stretch of scrub had vanished. He could not judge the speed of the sled very accurately. He was almost sure that he was near the road, which lay on a broad shelf near the base of the mountain. If he was, his speed must be less than it appeared to be: yet when he lowered one foot, it struck the snow with a violence that shook him.

Peter had overlooked the fact that the drop in the temperature, following the long thaw, had made a crust on the snow. Towards the bottom particularly, the slope was like glass, and when Peter put out his foot the sled leaped and slewed like a shying horse. It took him a few moments to control the sled and prevent a 'spill,' and in those moments he must have passed the road.

At any rate, pass it he did. He felt the sled pitch suddenly, as it took the slope beyond. Yet nothing more dangerous than the river lay ahead, and he was sure that its frozen surface would support him. Suddenly the snow dropped from under him, like the brittle crust of a monstrous pie, and he tumbled pell-mell into the bowels of a great hole filled with the most pungent odor he had ever smelled.

He knew at once that he was not alone in the hole. The odor was unmistakably that of a wild beast, and, moreover, he felt a warmth that could come only from a living body. He did not try to see what was close to him; he was frankly afraid to look at it. Bent only on escaping from the rank pit, he fought his way up its crumbling side until he reached the firm crust.

On the very edge of the pit was his sled, with the forward part of its runners thrust deep into the snow. He seized it and tugged at it with awkward violence, while something black and large and silent heaved itself slowly up the side of the pit. Before Peter got his sled free, the big, uncouth shape labored out on the crust.

Peter had heard that the bears round Blackcap were seldom dangerous, but he had never met one face to face before. The size of the great brute, the fact that it was night and that they were alone together, frightened Peter. He yanked his sled into position, and threw himself upon it with a violent forward thrust.

In normal circumstances the bear would probably have been anxious to avoid an encounter, but in the long thaw it had come out of its winter's nap, lean, hungry, and irritable, and the rude shattering of its house had let the cold in upon its now sensitive body. Its irritation centred itself instantly upon the cause of its unpleasant situation. It leaped forward to overtake the moving sled, and swung its big forepaw out in a sweeping blow. Below the shelf where the bear had made its winter quarters, the pitch of the ledgy bank was almost perpendicular. During the thaw the drippings from above had run down this slope; then freezing weather had made a sheet of glacial ice, so hard that neither the sled runners nor the bear's claws could make any impression upon it. Bear and sled shot down the polished incline together, and spun out upon the frozen surface of the river, which, with a volley of sharp sounds, splintered beneath them.

Peter rose to the surface of the cold, black pool; and pawed frantically at the tinkling fragments of ice. His sled was gone, carried away by the current; but the bear was there, a burly, snorting figure, swimming round the pool in a search for some avenue of escape. Hardly knowing which to fear the more, the river or the brute, Peter began to swim round, too; when the bear paused and stretched its forepaws out upon the ice in an effort to get out of the water, Peter did the same on the opposite side of the pool.

The bear strained and puffed; Peter strained and shivered, chilled to the marrow of his bones. Once and again he got his breast on the ice, and once and again the ice snapped under him. Peter was a good swimmer, but the intense cold of the water was clutching his muscles, and he knew that unless he got out very soon he could never get out at all.

The bear had been trying the ice opposite the nearer bank. Now it turned and floundered across the pool and attacked the point that Peter had hurriedly vacated at its approach. On this side the bank was almost a hundred feet away: perhaps the animal realised the fact, for it soon became discouraged, and turned back to the other side of the pool. Back went Peter to his former position, full of bitter despair. As he grasped the ice again, he felt that his strength was going fast. He raised his voice again and again in cries for help.

Suddenly another sound rolled between the walls of the river: the grunting of the bear. The animal seemed stirred into a frenzy at hearing the human voice. It no longer tried to crawl out on the ice, but struck at it repeatedly, as if trying to break its way through to the shore. The swash it raised in the little pool was considerable, and with the steady pull of the current, tore Peter's numbed fingers from the ice. He

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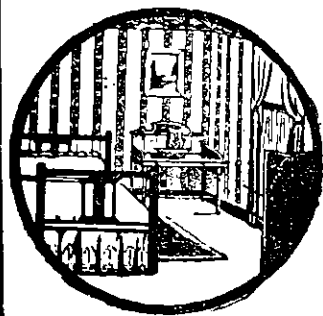


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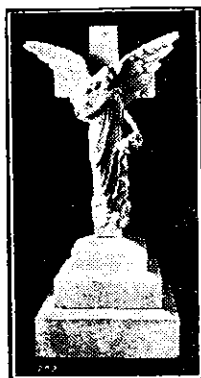
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drifted across the open stretch, and, carried by the current, brought up against the downriver side. The ice crumbled like thin glass under the pressure of his body, and at the same moment the bear turned and came directly toward him.

Peter thought that the creature meant to attack him. He struggled against the suck of the river, but it held him as if his legs were in the jaws of a trap. He cried out again despairingly. The bear threw up its head and whined as if in sympathy, but came steadily on. Somehow Peter got out of its way, and the animal thrust its chest against the thin ice and opened a little lane in it.

The deadly cold had struck so deep into Peter that he no longer felt acute pain. His limbs were so rigid that he could hardly move them. It seemed to his ebbing senses that he was enmeshed in rippling grasses that wound themselves round him with an inexorable downward pull. He thought they swayed toward his face with a thousand blurring tips, through which he could vaguely see the black shoulders of the bear rising and falling. A great distance seemed to separate him from the animal; then he realised that the bear was slowly breaking a way toward the shore.

Silently and desperately Peter fought his way down the ragged lane left by the animal until he reached the bear, and wound his fingers in its rough, wet coat. The bear growled, but Peter was afraid of nothing except the terrible cold water. His only chance was to cling to the bear. The ice in the centre of the river was much thawed, was, in fact, a mere skin, and open leads lay ahead. There was a chance that this big, lumbering creature of the wilds would find a way out.

Through stretches of eggshell ice and stretches where there was no ice at all, the bear towed Peter. The low tune of falling water was in the air. A black bulk loomed on the right: the first of the two mills above the village. The low tune came from the hundred little streams falling over the dam.

Here there was a great pool of deep, open water. The bear swam swiftly across it, straight to the dam, which it nosed a moment with loud whiffs. Then it threw one great forepaw across the logs, and with a powerful heave wrenched itself from the clutch of the river and lay panting on the framework, across which a few glinting jets purred.

It was not so easy for Peter. He was spent and numb, and the face of the dam was thick with slime; but fortunately there were gaps between the logs, and the thrust of the current aided him. At last he, too, lay across the top, exhausted, but safe. He and the bear regarded each other with eyes in which there seemed to be a sympathetic understanding. The big beast was the first to recover. It shook itself until its thick coat stood erect, looked inquisitively at Peter, and sucked the night air loudly through its nostrils. Suddenly it seemed to realise that it was near a human being, for it lumbered away along the dam.

Peter rose stiffly, and watched the bear leap ashore and disappear in the shadows of the hemlocks. 'I don't suppose I'll ever see him again,' he thought. 'Well, I'll never go hunting for him with a rifle, that's sure.'

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### THE PRISONER IN THE VATICAN.

A great number of people suppose that the expression, 'The prisoner in the Vatican,' which the Pope applies to himself, is an empty phrase, invented to gain sympathy, and that the confinement of the Pope within his palace is purely a matter of choice. Even a high-placed lecturer in the Dominion has recently been speaking (if report be true) in this strain. Let us examine the position, for the question is bound to pass out of the academic stage, when the remapping of Europe takes place at the end of the war.

In order to have a correct idea of the Pope's Temporal Power, it may be as well to give the Pope's own view of it. I quote from one of Pope Leo XIII.'s many utterances: 'The temporary sovereignty is not absolutely requisite for the existence of the Papacy, since the Popes were deprived of it during several centuries, but it is required in order that the Pontiff's independence may display itself freely, without obstacles, and be evident and apparent in the eyes of the world. It is the social form, so to say, of his guardianship, and of his manifestation. It is necessary—not to existence, but to a right existence. The Pope who is not a sovereign is necessarily a subject, because (in the social existence of a monarchy) there is no mean term between subject and sovereign. A Pope, who is a subject of a given government, is continually exposed to its influence and pressure, or at least to influences connected with political aims and interests.'

Obviously to be the subject of any given king cannot be the normal position for the head of a world-wide Church. And some of our opponents, at least, ought to be able to appreciate this attitude. Anglicans, for example, who make no claims to Catholicity, who are satisfied to have their Church confined to one race, very logically insist that the head of their Church shall be the reigning king. It would be very awkward if the highest civil authority in the country had to bow down before some ecclesiastical authority.

But is it a matter of choice or of necessity that the Pope should be 'a prisoner in the Vatican.' It is a matter of practical necessity, and that for two very good reasons:—

(a) The Pope could not very well leave his own territory (the Vatican Palace is his own) and appear openly on Italian territory, unless he went to pay an official visit to the Italian King and received a return visit from that monarch. The President of the French Republic, for example, does not run over to London for a visit, however short, without paying an official visit to the King of England. Failure to do so would be a serious breach of etiquette, and would lead easily enough to diplomatic complications. The Empress Eugenie lost her crown when the French Republic was set up. No one would expect her to accept the Republic in a friendly spirit, and the present authorities, even after these forty-five years, would not care to have her living openly in Paris. Now the case of the Pope (unjustly despoiled of Rome that once was his) and the present Italian King is much the same as these two cases. Benedict XV. could not wander round the streets of Rome without calling on King Emmanuel, and that would be equivalent to accepting the Italian domination: in other words, it would be making the head of the world wide Church a subject of an Italian king.

(b) It is quite certain that the Pope could not appear in the streets of Rome without grave danger to his life. He would no doubt be treated with the greatest veneration by devout Catholics, and with respectful consideration by men of no-religion. 'But,' writes one thoroughly acquainted with life in Rome, 'there is in the city a very large body of social democrats, anarchists, and the like, not to mention the small nondescript rabble which everywhere does its best to

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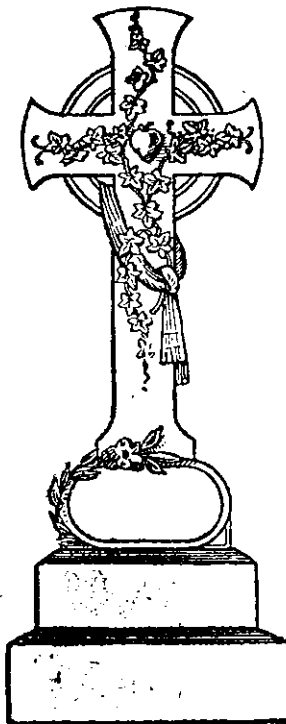
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bring discredit upon socialistic principles—a mere handful, perhaps, but largely composed of fanatics and madmen, people half hysterical from failure, poverty, vice, and an indigestion of so-called "free-thought." These would not be slow in taking advantage of the Pope's liberty, and the Italian authorities, even if they were willing, would not be able to protect the Pope's life. I say, "even if willing." Perhaps, times are changing, but when the body of a dead Pope (Pius IX.) was being transferred from its temporary resting-place in St. Peter's to the Church of St. Lawrence, the then Italian authorities took no steps to prevent a band of ruffians throwing the remains into the Tiber. If that contemptible plot was unsuccessful, no thanks is due to the Italian Government.

## IRELAND AND FRANCE

In their address to M. Poincaré, President of the French Republic, the deputation representing the Irish Parliamentary Party, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and other Irish bodies, fittingly reminded him of the historic ties that have bound the Irish, one of the branches of the Celtic race, with France, always regarded by them as the greatest of the Celtic countries (says a writer in the *Catholic Times*). Appropriately, too, was an address presented on the occasion to Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris, for in the past relations between France and Ireland, the friendliness that prevailed was due as much to the action of the Church as of the State. In days when Irishmen had to fight not only for their nationality but also for their faith, France was hospitable and helpful to them. Kindness and generosity were displayed towards Irish exiles. The Lombard College, Paris, at the instance of two Irish ecclesiastics holding positions of influence and well known at the French Court—the Rev. Dr. Maginn and the Rev. Dr. Kelly—was handed over to Irish students, and to-day the good work then inaugurated is carried on at the Irish College in the Rue des Irlandais. In 1870 the college was honored by a visit from

### A Distinguished Descendant

of an Irish soldier of fortune, Marshal McMahon, Governor of Algiers, who subsequently became a predecessor of M. Poincaré in the office of President of the Republic. During the German invasion in that year the college was used as a hospital for wounded French soldiers, and the late Father McNamara, the President, organised a relief fund on their behalf and himself conveyed seven thousand francs for that purpose to the Abbe Lacroix, the official administrator. Colleges for Irish students were also established at Bordeaux, Toulouse, Nantes, Poitiers, Douai, and Lille, and in their hour of need the Irishmen received from the French not only material assistance, but, what was not less valuable, warm sympathy. As the address to M. Poincaré says: 'France gave them a welcome worthy of her greatness, her spirit and her goodness of heart.' And Ireland can proudly feel that she was not ungrateful. Her gratitude was poured forth in the streams of blood shed by her children to uphold the flag of France. It would be a long record were all that Irish soldiers did for France fully recounted. If the name of France is associated with the most glorious victories achieved on the battlefields of Europe, it is certain that the French armies never contained a finer element for brilliant warfare than

### The Wild Geese

that a hard fate at home sent to their ranks. 'From calculations and researches that have been made at the War Office,' writes the Abbe McGeoghegan in his *History of Ireland*, it has been ascertained that from the arrival of the Irish troops in France in 1691 to 1745, the year of the battle of Fontenoy—that is in fifty-four years—'more than four hundred and fifty thousand Irishmen died in the service of France.' The Dillons, Burkes, O'Neills, O'Donnells, Maguires, McMahons,

Maginnes; and O'Reillys displayed not only personal valor but uncommon strategic skill.

Sarsfield held high command when he was mortally wounded at Landen, and in many of the chief battles of the period France felt confident of the bravery of the Irish troops supporting her cause. One of the most remarkable pages in military annals is that which tells of the defence of Cremona against the Austrians by Mahony in command of six hundred Irish, the regiments of Dillon and Burke. Villeroy, who held the town with a garrison of seven thousand men, was taken prisoner by Prince Eugene, and all hope was abandoned by the defenders, but the six hundred Irish held their ground and forced Prince Eugene to retire with the loss of two thousand men.

Catholic Ireland, so many of whose sons died for France in the past, has never ceased to take a keen interest in the affairs of the French people. In recent times she has been grieved to see that the French Government has not shown a true appreciation of religious liberty or that respect and veneration towards the Holy Father which the French authorities formerly paid him so willingly. But she notes with deep satisfaction that since the war began the French nation has been undergoing a change and resuming the old attitude towards religious belief and traditions.

## MERCY GUILD, AUCKLAND

(From a correspondent.)

One Sunday during May, while conversing on that familiar topic, 'The war,' it was remarked to one of the Sisters of Mercy that the Catholic ladies could and ought to do something 'worth while' for the hospital ship. Ever ready with their help and advice, the Sisters at once agreed to do everything in their power to forward the work, and the initial meeting was held at St. Mary's Convent on the afternoon of Saturday, May 29, when about seventy ladies, representing every parish in Auckland, met to discuss and push forward the good work. The sum of £22 was collected in the hall, and within five days, the subscriptions had amounted to £47 for the purchase of materials. The ladies quickly busied themselves, and the Sisters very kindly gave up the entire use of one of their largest rooms and of their sewing machines to a bevy of ladies who, for almost a week, worked incessantly at the convent. At the same time the Sisters of Mercy in charge of the Sacred Heart School, Ponsonby, enlisted the help of the children, with the result that a substantial parcel was added to that of the Mercy Guild. The parcels sent to the Town Hall included 500 pairs of bed-socks, 36 pairs of hand-made slippers, eye-bandages, towels (bath and glass towels), mufflers, knitted socks, and handkerchiefs.

It is to be hoped that the enthusiasm shown and the work accomplished somewhat repaid the Sisters for the inconvenience to which they were put and for the trouble taken by them. The Sisters and the ladies of the guild are to be heartily congratulated on the work done. When the equipment of the ship was completed the Mercy Guild decided to continue their efforts, and have met once each week since to supply necessities and comforts for our wounded. At the meeting on Friday, June 18, parcels of two dozen Balaclavas and one dozen Nightingales were received from the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Remuera, to whom the Sisters of Mercy and the ladies of the guild extend their sincerest thanks.

The business of the Mercy Guild is being conducted by a committee of ladies consisting of Mrs. J. J. O'Brien (president), Misses Lynch, E. Mahon, R. Yates, M. Maguire, A. Bryant (treasurer), and M. Nolan (secretary).

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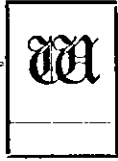
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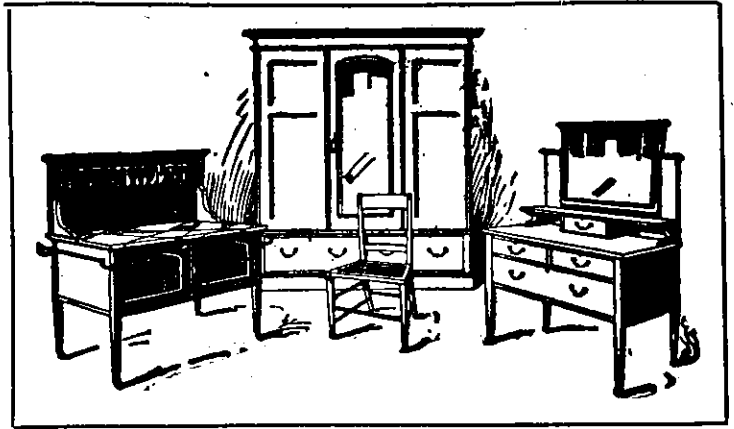
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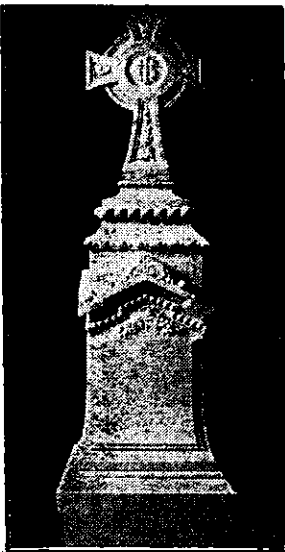
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## THE IRISH MISSION IN FRANCE

### A REMARKABLE AND IMPORTANT EVENT.

The mission of the Irish delegation to Paris in 1915 was one of the most successful on record, and it will live in history as one of the most remarkable and important events of our time (writes the special correspondent of the *Dublin Freeman's Journal*). It exhibited the union of all France, the head of the great Celtic race in welcoming the representatives of Ireland a nation, and of the Irish race throughout the world, and the union of France and Ireland in the renewal of the historic friendship which has always existed between them, and in their mutual pledges of affection and goodwill towards each other, and of sympathy and support for the cause of nationality and liberty which they in common with Great Britain, Russia, and Serbia are at present in arms to defend and to vindicate. The objects of the delegation were to present an address to the Cardinal-Archbishop of Paris, as head of the Catholic Church in France, from the A.O.H., the largest Irish Catholic benefit organisation which has ever existed, and to present an address to the President of France assuring him in the name of the Irish Parliamentary Party and of the Irish people of Ireland's sympathy and support in the present war.

#### Entertained at Luncheon.

On Friday morning, in acceptance of the kind invitation of M. Leygues, the delegates drove to the magnificent residence of that gentleman where they were entertained at luncheon. Among those present were the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, M. Franklin-Bouillon, Deputy Jean Longue, the leader of the Socialist Party in the Chamber of Deputies: M. Moutet, Socialist Deputy for Lyons; the Marquis de Chambrom, one of the leading Catholic Deputies: M. Honnorat, and M. Outrey, Deputies. M. Leygues occupies a palatial mansion on the right bank of the Seine, and the delegates were charmed with the beauty of the place which contains many treasures of art. Nothing could exceed the kindness and hospitality of Mme. Leygues and her daughter and niece. The flag of Ireland was hung on the wall at the head of the table, and the miniature flags representing Ireland and the Allies were used as table decorations. Afterwards the company were entertained by the singing of a couple of beautiful Irish songs by Mr. O'Dowda Wade, and Mr. Tom Condon, M.P., gave a magnificent rendering of 'Garryowen,' which thrilled and delighted all present. In response to the request of some of the delegates Mlle. Leygues presented them with miniature flags of the Allied nations as souvenirs. It was the delegate's first experience of what a French home was like, and they were pleased and touched beyond measure. Before leaving Paris they sent a beautiful bouquet to Mme. Leygues as a token of their appreciation.

After leaving M. Leygues, the delegates drove to the Chamber of Deputies, where they were received with every mark of honor by the officials and all concerned. They were shown over the building by MM. Franklin-Bouillon and Leygues, who explained the manner in which the proceedings were conducted, the grouping of parties, and the architectural artistic features of the place. Following this the delegates waited on the Prime Minister, M. Viviani, who received them with every mark of honor and respect, and bade them heartily welcome to France. He inquired kindly about Mr. John Redmond, M.P., and prayed that his very kind regards might be conveyed to the Irish leader. Then followed a visit to the President of the Republic, M. Poincare.

#### Visit to the Cardinal.

The delegates then drove to the Palace of the Cardinal-Archbishop of Paris, where they met with a particularly cordial reception. Amongst those present with the delegation were the veteran M. Denys Cochin, the Catholic leader, and the Marquis de Chambrom, both of whom have personal associations with Ireland and her people. The address to the Cardinal-Arch-

bishop from the A.O.H. was read by Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., the distinguished president of the A.O.H., and was presented by him and Mr. J. D. Nugent, general secretary, on behalf of the members. The address was beautifully illuminated and mounted and enclosed in a handsome casket. The Cardinal-Archbishop made a long and eloquent, even passionate, speech in reply. His references to the bonds uniting Ireland and France were touching and beautiful, but when he came to denounce German aggression and savagery, and the outrages on religion and humanity committed by Germans in Belgium and in France, his emotion was evident, and his words thrilled his audience. Nothing was more remarkable than his emphasising the union of all Frenchmen against the common enemy of their Fatherland, except the touching reference to his friend, M. Denys Cochin, whose son has recently been killed at the front. Afterwards the members of the delegation were introduced in turn to his Eminence, and were photographed with him in a group. Before leaving they all knelt down to receive his Eminence's blessing, and the scene was certainly an unforgettable one for all present. Mr. J. D. Nugent, was specially honored by his Eminence, who presented him with an autographed photograph as a memento of the occasion.

#### An Unqualified Success.

The day had been full of incident for the delegation, but Mr. T. P. O'Connor apparently knows not fatigue, and after dinner at his hotel he held a reception, at which all the leading Paris journalists were present. It was their unanimous testimony that the honors paid to the delegation were unprecedented, and that it was beyond all question an unqualified success in every way. This was borne out by one of the most eminent of the French deputies, who told the writer, with the assent of all his colleagues present, 'If you were the representatives of emperors or of kings we could not receive you with greater honor or respect, and certainly we could not treat you with the same unanimity on the part of all Frenchmen.'

On Saturday the delegates were entertained at luncheon in the Palais D'Orsay, their hosts being the French nation through all its highest and most representative delegates. There was no precedent for such an event. It was unique. Church and State were represented, all uniting in doing honor to Ireland a nation. The building is one of the largest and most beautiful in Paris, and the spacious banqueting hall was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate those present. The room was decorated with the Irish, French, British, and Allied flags, and the tables with miniature flags and flowers. The menu was specially prepared, and the menu card was a work of art. The company was very remarkable. Beside M. Bourgeois, who presided, sat to the right the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Bertie; Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P.; M. Delcasse, Foreign Minister; M. Denys Cochin, Catholic Leader, and others. To the left of the President was Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P.; then M. Viviani, the Prime Minister; Mr. J. D. Nugent, and others. The Marquis de Chambrom, Catholic Conservative, was beside Mr. Longue, the Socialist leader, and Father McMullen had on his left the Mayor of Paris, and on his right M. Poisson.

#### The Speakers and Their Speeches.

The speeches of M. Bourgeois, M. Viviani, and M. Denys Cochin evoked great enthusiasm. But interest was not less centred on the speeches of Messrs. T. P. O'Connor and Joseph Devlin, M.P. 'T.P.' spoke in French, with, if possible, even greater eloquence, ease, and charm than he speaks in English. He was listened to with breathless interest, and when he concluded his audience burst into loud and long applause. Mr. Devlin's speech was brief, and was delivered in English, but the greatest interest was manifested in it, as Mr. Devlin's reputation as an orator and a democratic leader stands very high amongst French politicians. Delivered with all the elocution and earnestness so characteristic of him, Mr. Devlin's speech thrilled the

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audience, and he sat down amidst applause, again and again renewed. Of the other speeches it need only be said that they were worthy of the occasion and of the best traditions of French oratory. One of the most notable and interesting of the speeches was delivered by the British Ambassador (Sir Francis Bertie), who is much loved and respected in Paris. He congratulated Mr. O'Connor on being the hero of the visit, and expressed his thanks on behalf of the British Government for the reception given by France to the representatives of Ireland. Irishmen will appreciate what this little incident means in the changed relations which have come to exist between Ireland and the Empire. Afterwards the delegation proceeded to

#### The Hotel de Ville.

where a reception was given by the Mayor, the Prefect of the Seine, the Chief of Police, and other high officials of the municipality of Paris, in honor of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Mayor of Clonmel, and the delegation generally. A number of speeches of welcome were delivered, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin replied in a speech very felicitously worded, and which, when translated into French by the eloquent and versatile M. Franklin-Bouillon, was loudly applauded. A very happy and eloquent little speech was delivered in English by Mr. Tom Condon, M.P., Mayor of Clonmel, who was a great favorite everywhere. The Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Mayor of Clonmel wore their civic robes and chains of office. After the speeches the members of the delegation were honored very specially by being requested to write their names in the famous 'Book of Gold' of Paris, in which are recorded all the most important events in the history of the municipality. Mr. T. P. O'Connor made another speech in French, and then the delegates were conducted over the building, which is of great magnificence, having cost a sum equal to over two million pounds English money. In the basement women and girls were employed making up pillows for the wounded at the front and in the hospitals, and men were engaged packing pipes and tobacco and cigarettes for the men in the trenches. Some members of the delegation were presented with pipes as souvenirs. Outside the Hotel de Ville an immense crowd had collected, and the delegates were cheered again and again, and greeted with cries of 'Vivent les Irlandais' and 'Vivent nos Aides,' in reply to which the delegates called for cheers for France. There was some little time to spare after leaving the Hotel de Ville, and some of the delegates took advantage of it to take a motor run round the principal places of interest. Amongst other places they visited

#### The Irish Church in Paris.

where they were warmly welcomed by the Fathers at Notre Dame. The Lord Mayor of Dublin was enthusiastically greeted by some of the clergy, the very names of Dublin and Ireland visibly affecting them with emotion. On Saturday night the delegates entertained MM. Franklin-Bouillon and Leygues to dinner at the Hotel Crillon. There was also present the Paris representative of the *Manchester Guardian*. 'T.P.' presided, and the proceedings were most interesting. Speeches were delivered by 'T.P.' now in French and then in English, and by M. Franklin-Bouillon, who is a close rival to 'T.P.' in his mastery of language and his felicity of speech and charm and simplicity of manner. Mr. Devlin delivered a speech of eloquence and power. Mr. Hugh Law, M.P., spoke eloquently in French, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin was very happy indeed in a little speech which was quite extempore. Messrs. O'Connor, Devlin, and the other speakers paid tribute to the kindness and zeal of MM. Franklin-Bouillon and Leygues, who gracefully responded. Another very happy speech was made by Father McMullen, who became a warm favorite with everybody. This wound up the series of meetings and engagements.

#### Departure from Paris.

On Sunday morning, at 7.30, the delegates attended a special Mass, celebrated by Father McMullen at the Madeleine, and shortly afterwards they left Paris by the Nord train. At the station MM. Franklin-Bouillon and Leygues, and many other deputies and

prominent people, assembled to bid them 'au revoir' and 'bon voyage,' and as the train shortly steamed out of the station, all the officials stood to the salute, and cheers were given for Ireland and for France. The journey back to Boulogne was made in good time through a beautiful and most interesting country. At Boulogne Mr. Cox, the courteous and accomplished official who represents Scotland Yard, made the matter of passports very easy for us, as did the French and English officials generally, and we made a splendid journey across the Channel to Folkestone, and thence to Victoria Station, where we arrived at about nine o'clock on Sunday night. These hurried notes were only made to string together in some connected way the series of events of which the delegation was the occasion. The importance of the delegation and its reception will grow with time. The whole thing must become a great historic memory and landmark for Ireland, for France, aye, and for Great Britain and the world. Ireland's title to nationhood can no longer be questioned. France, which was the co-liberator of America, and the first to recognise American Independence, has been the first to acclaim Ireland a self-governed nation within the British Empire. That is a great fact which cannot be altered or gainsaid. Again Catholic France and Catholic Ireland have been joined once more by a common peril and a common sorrow in bonds of affection and imperishable love. The Celtic race are prouder than ever they were because of the delegation, and these races stand for liberty, civilisation, religion, and progress in the best sense of the terms. The delegation has made these things clear to the world. That is its justification now, and will be its glory in the future.

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## CATHOLIC FEDERATION

## WAIPAWA.

The annual meeting of the members of Waipawa branch of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Patrick's Church, Waipawa, on Sunday, May 30. The president (Rev. Father Bergin) occupied the chair; there was a large attendance. The secretary presented the annual report and balance sheet, showing a membership of 235, and a credit balance of £3 8s. Both were adopted. The following were elected a parish committee:—Rev. Father Bergin, Messrs. E. H. Lee, T. Butler, S. McGreevy, sen., W. Vickers, E. J. O'Brien, and S. McGreevy, jun. Representatives of the other parts of the parish are as follows:—Waipukurau, Mr. M. Murphy; Takapau, Mr. M. O'Connor; Onga Onga, Mr. E. Coles, jun. In the annual report, these gentlemen were thanked for their generous co-operation during the past year.

In view of the departure of the parish secretary, it was moved by Mr. E. H. Lee that 'The best thanks of the Waipawa branch of the N.Z. Catholic Federation be extended to Mr. John Duggan for his enthusiastic work as secretary of the branch.' Speaking to the motion, Mr. Lee pointed out the need there was at the present time for young and energetic Catholic laymen, and he held that the full fruit of Catholic effort could not be garnered until each parishioner recognised that he or she had a personal duty in furthering the activities of the Church, both on religious and social lines. Mr. S. McGreevy bore testimony to the straightforward and earnest spirit of their departing secretary. The Rev. Father Bergin endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, and took the opportunity to wish Mr. Duggan God-speed. Whether as a practising Catholic, the sturdy champion of the Church's cause, or as a citizen, he was a man the community could ill afford to lose. On behalf of the Sisters, and convent children, and on his own behalf he thanked Mr. Duggan for many kindnesses and much generous co-operation. Priest and people deeply regretted his departure, and wished him a long and prosperous future. Father Bergin then asked Mr. Duggan to accept several small tokens of esteem.

In reply, Mr. Duggan returned thanks for the many kind words and gifts. He gave feeling expression to his appreciation of the help and assistance afforded him by his fellow Catholics of Waipawa. There was a place in the Church's social work for the layman, and he had but attempted to realise his ideal in this matter. He was touched by the kindly gift of the Sisters and convent children.

Subsequently a meeting of the committee was held, at which Mr. W. Vickers was appointed secretary, and it was decided to make a donation of £1 towards the expenses of the Catholic hall at Trentham.

## PALMERSTON NORTH.

(From a correspondent.)

A general meeting of the Catholic Federation was held on the 31st ult. Mr. T. Norris, who presided, briefly explained the object of the meeting, and said that it was necessary to elect six members to act on the parish committee of the Federation. The following members were elected: Messrs. J. Gleeson, Geo. V. Graham, M. Burke, Misses L. Low, R. Butler, and Brophy. At a subsequent meeting, held on June 14 for the purpose of appointing officers the following were elected:—President, Rev. Father McManus; vice-presidents, Rev. Father Forestall and Mr. J. Gleeson; secretary, Mr. T. W. Comerford; treasurer, Miss Low.

On Friday evening, June 18, Mr. Girling-Butcher paid a visit to Palmerston North, and addressed the members of the Federation, Mr. A. Mahon presiding. The organising secretary spoke for nearly an hour on Federation matters, and his remarks were listened to with every attention. He brought home to all the aims and objects of the Federation, and urged the various committees to increase the membership. In his concluding

remarks, he asked the Federation to remember the 'boys at the front' in their prayers. On the motion of the chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker which was suitably acknowledged. The meeting passed a vote of sympathy with Bishop Cleary in his illness, and cabled the same to his Lordship. It was decided to hold the first Sunday in July as Federation Sunday, and the committee were asked to attend each Mass and collect subscriptions. The meeting then closed with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

## AKAROA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The first annual meeting of the Akaroa branch of the Catholic Federation was held on June 8, nearly 100 persons being present. Rev. Father Bonetto presided. The annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows:—President, Rev. Father Bonetto; vice-presidents, Messrs. Felix Brocherie and B. G. Mora; treasurer, Miss Ethel Lelievre; secretary, Mr. Martin Daly; committee—Mrs. Lane, Misses G. Weir, R. Kotlowski, Mary McGuire, Messrs. E. Donnell and P. McGuire; representatives of the Altar Society, Mrs. Kotlowski and Mrs. M. J. Lelievre; Children of Mary, Misses M. Dierck and B. Walker; parish committee, Messrs. M. Kearney and E. Kotlowski. During the evening an orchestra played several pieces. Songs were sung by Mrs. Lane, Misses A. Dierck, B. Dierck, and M. Piper, and a recitation was given by Miss Nora Lelievre.

## Hokitika.

(From our own correspondent.)

June 20.

Another old pioneer, in the person of Michael McKenna, passed away at his residence last Tuesday. The late Mr. McKenna had resided on the West Coast since the early days, and had earned the respect and goodwill of all who had come into contact with him. He was a native of Ireland, and eighty years of age.—R.I.P.

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## Current Topics

### The Russian Retreat

In commenting a fortnight ago on the Russian rout in Galicia, we expressed the opinion that an army like that of Russia, which has shown such conspicuous bravery and tenacity, does not maintain an unbroken and continuous retreat unless something has occurred which makes resistance absolutely impossible; and we suggested that the 'something' in this case was a breakdown of the ammunition supply. Nothing has appeared in our cables on the point, but American files to hand definitely confirm this view. From these we learn that a member of the German Embassy at Washington openly stated that the German Government had positive information that the Russian onslaught upon Hungary had failed through lack of ammunition. The Russian supply of ammunition, he said, both for artillery and rifles, had given out and the Russian Army was virtually reduced to a mob which fled when attacked. In Russia, at least, there will be fervent prayers for success at the Dardanelles.

### Austria and Italy

From the detailed statements made by Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg in the Reichstag on May 18, it seems clear that Austria offered very substantial and far-reaching concessions to Italy in order to avoid a rupture. The proposed concessions were thus outlined by the Imperial Chancellor: First Part of the Tyrol inhabited by Italians was to be ceded to Italy. Second—The western bank of the Isonzo, in so far as the population was purely Italian, and the town of Gradisca likewise was to be ceded to Italy. Third—Trieste was to be made an imperial free city, receiving an administration which would insure the Italian character of the city and to have an Italian university. Fourth—Italian sovereignty over Avona (a seaport of Albania) and a sphere of interest belonging thereto to be recognised. Fifth—Austria-Hungary declared her political disinterestedness regarding Albania. Sixth—The national interests of Italians in Austria to be particularly respected. Seventh—Austria-Hungary to grant amnesty to political military prisoners belonging to the ceded territory. Eighth—The further wishes of Italy regarding the general question to be assured every consideration. Ninth—Austria-Hungary, after the conclusion of the agreement, to give a solemn declaration concerning the concessions. Tenth—Mixed committees for the regulation of the details of the concessions to be appointed. Eleventh—After the conclusion of the agreement Austro-Hungarian soldiers, natives of the occupied territories, shall not further participate in the war. The offers were strengthened, at least on paper, by a definite guarantee from Germany. 'I can add,' continued the Imperial Chancellor, 'that Germany, in order further to strengthen the understanding between both her allies, undertook, with the full agreement of the Vienna Cabinet, to give a full guarantee for the loyal fulfilment of these offers. Germany and Austria-Hungary herewith formed a resolution which, if it should lead to result, would, I firmly believe, find an overwhelming majority in the three nations.'

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This Reichstag deliverance, it will be noted, was made before the actual declaration of war by Italy. The offers read well on paper; and though they fell somewhat short of the actual demands made by Italy, a compromise could doubtless have been arranged without much difficulty had the territorial question been the only matter at issue. But the crux of the situation lay in the fact that, even with the guarantee of Germany thrown in, Italy had no confidence, and no real assurance, that Austria's apparently generous promises would be fulfilled. Italy therefore insisted that any cession of territory that might be agreed upon should take effect immediately; Austria, on the other hand, declared that for many reasons it would be impossible

to transfer any territory before the end of the present war. Out of that deadlock there was no way of escape; and it was natural that, in view of Germany's clearly defined attitude towards 'scraps of paper,' Italy should not feel justified in taking any chances. It is one of the gravest and most deplorable of the results of Germany's repudiation of her pledged word and solemn obligations that the whole fabric of international faith and confidence has been undermined.

### The Allies and the Balkan States

The diplomats of the Triple Entente have a heavy and difficult work on hand in the endeavor to bring the Balkan States into line, but at least the task before them is fairly clear and plain. The cause of the present deadlock—if that is not too strong a word—can be definitely traced to the breakdown of the Balkan League in 1913, and to the unjust settlement which was then imposed by the Powers; and the immediate task before the diplomats would seem to be to bring about the restoration of that alliance, and to give satisfactory guarantees for the reparation of the injustice then committed. The inauguration of the Balkan League is said to have been due to the initiative of the present far-seeing and statesmanlike Premier of Greece, M. Venizelos. In the autumn of 1911 there had been rumors of a movement in Turkey for the establishment of a Great Balkan Federation, in which Turkey was to be the leading spirit. The antagonism between Turkey and the smaller States proved too great for any advance with this project, but the latter began to lay aside their mutual jealousies, with the result that the now famous Balkan League was formed between Bulgaria, Serbia, and Greece, with the object of taking advantage of the weakness of Turkey after the Italian war, and freeing Macedonia from Turkish rule. The terms of the alliance were said to be purely defensive, that is, the three States agreed to guarantee the integrity of each other's dominions, and to take the field in common should any of the three be attacked. According to some authorities the League dated from the autumn of 1911; other statements give September 30, 1912, as the date of its formal establishment. It was clearly intended to be a permanent military and political organisation; but unfortunately, as it has turned out, it broke down in the Balkan wars of 1912-13. Of the former members of the League, the present recalcitrant is Bulgaria; and the reason for that country's discontent is well pointed out in Messrs. N. and C. R. Buxton's excellent little volume on *The War and the Balkans* (George Allen and Unwin): 'What is now the south-eastern corner of Serbia should have gone to Bulgaria as a result of the first Balkan war, and until it goes back to her Bulgaria will remain irreconcilable.'

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Messrs. Buxton find the real obstacle to any agreement in the refusal of any Balkan State to surrender an inch of territory that has once come into its hands; each is afraid of the numbers of its neighbours and sticks to every handful of population—of whatever nationality—which it can appropriate. This being the case, the only hope of a settlement, in Messrs. Buxton's opinion, lies in vigorous action by the Powers. They should formulate a scheme themselves, and present it to the Balkan States, with the guarantee that it would be carried out after the war in the event of the Allies' victory. Such a guarantee the Balkan States—even Bulgaria—would probably trust, though Bulgaria has had cause to beware of treaties. The outline of the settlement is clear enough. Bulgaria would obtain the lost Macedonia from Serbia, Kavalla from Greece, part of the Dobrudja, taken from her after the second Balkan War, from Roumania, Adrianople from Turkey. Greece would receive Smyrna, Roumania would gain Transylvania, Serbia would enter into Bosnia and much more. Each Government would be able to sweeten the proposed surrender of territory to its own people by showing what it was to gain. And the settlement, while re-creating Balkan unity, would be founded in justice, and would furnish some hope of permanent

peace to a sorely distracted region.' The authorities quoted are emphatic in their opinion that the Allies must promptly and vigorously attempt the development of some such programme as that which has been outlined. 'Whether the Powers would be completely or quickly successful if they put forward such a scheme no one can say. But it is at least clear that they ought to have a scheme and to try it, and not leave everything to chance and the venture at the Dardanelles. Our diplomacy has not so far been very successful, and it is time it came to the assistance of our arms. Difficult as the question is made by the intense mutual jealousy and suspicion of the Balkan States, it is of such immense consequence to the fortunes of the Allies that they cannot own defeat without grave discredit to themselves. A League which has existed once can surely be built up again if the causes which brought about its fall are removed.' Late cables indicate that Germany is making extraordinary efforts at Sofia, Bucharest, and Athens, and that the battle of the diplomats is being keenly and hardly fought.

### German Reserves— and their Limit

Even before the war, Mr. Hilaire Belloc was regarded as one of the three cleverest young men in London; and the war has given him a unique opportunity for displaying his wide knowledge and exceptionally versatile talents. He has taken full advantage of his chances; and has now won a place in the very foremost rank of popular writers upon the war and its final issue. His articles show common sense, sound judgment, and at least as accurate knowledge of the facts as can be found elsewhere; and they are marked by a note of reasoned optimism, which inspires and encourages without at the same time raising undue or extravagant hopes. Such a characteristic is particularly welcome at a time when the Russians are almost helplessly on the run through lack of necessary war material, when the situation in Sweden is beginning to look grave, and when we are just getting through English and American lies, our first full information regarding the unspeakable stupidity and moral backwardness with which the British War Office has managed, or rather mismanaged, the munitions department.

Mr. Belloc's latest article in *Food and Water* expounds to us the significance, or insignificance, or any merely local or incidental successes gained by the enemy; and is certainly in its main contention very reassuring. Mr. Belloc's contention is that unless the enemy can pierce the Allied line in the west, he cannot, no matter what isolated successes he achieves, hope for ultimate failure. 'No local success,' he writes, 'no receding of this salient, or recapturing of that position, no slight advance due to his last accession in numbers, can benefit the enemy at all towards his immediate and only real end, which is simply the breaking of the Allied line. If it does not break that line he has done nothing; and if his attempt to break through fails, then after it has failed he will be in a worse position to meet the final Allied offensive than he was before. Not only will he be weaker from losses, but he will know that he has now no further reserves to put in the field during the summer. Now, if we admit 800,000 as the maximum figure of men which Germany can train at any moment, it was to be expected that, in the course of the war, three principal accessions of strength would be apparent in the forces of the German Empire alone—exclusive of the aid of its allies. Then the appearance of the third of these accessions, or strength, the last effort of the enemy would have been reached and no more was to follow. In the face of the enormous losses which Germany has been suffering, this last accession of strength would not bring the enemy to anything like the superiority which he had over the Allies during the winter, but it would provide an immediate increase of strength available at this or that striking point; the effects of such a sudden reinforcement would be clear. It is evident that we are now entering this period of the third and last accession of strength to the enemy.

He is using a very considerable proportion of his new strength in Flanders and upon other points on the Western front. And that is the explanation of all the news that we have been receiving during the last few days. We may expect, first the element of surprise, then repeated attacks in close formation and losses far superior to those of the defence. The enemy cannot but play now for very high stakes, and attempt, at a great expense of men, to obtain conditions as favorable as possible upon which to conclude what he calls "an honorable peace"—that is, a draw. But by the very use of this method he will, if he fails to achieve his object, find himself in a much worse position after that failure than before, for he is going to use what he knows to be his last reserves and he has already begun to put them into the field. The measure of our success and of his failure in the next couple of weeks will be his ability or inability to get through. If he does not get through, no local advance, no capturing of a few pieces here or there, or even of positions with which recent encounters have made us familiar, can have the least effect upon the final result.'

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Mr. Belloc sums up the position in the following vivid and clinching paragraph: 'To put the matter badly, supposing the Germans were within a week in possession of the ruins of Ypres: suppose that they retook the spur of Les Eparges: suppose that these continually arriving new members took back the whole of the belt which the French have gained during the spring in Champagne: suppose they retook, one by one, the heights of the Vosges and reached the passes of those mountains, as they have already retaken the summit of the Hartmannswillerkopf: suppose all this. It would not bring the ultimate success of the enemy nearer by an inch *unless* the effect produced upon civilian opinion should give the enemy politically what he could not achieve in the field.'

### The Ammunition Question

Judging by the elaborate and extensive arrangements which are being made for the supply of arms and ammunition—and particularly the latter—the Allies are preparing for a campaign on a positively gigantic scale. Apart from the speeding up and general hustle movement which is being carried out in England by Mr. Lloyd George, the Allies have lately placed literally enormous orders in the United States. For example: A contract for delivery of five million shells to England, France, and Russia has just been signed by the American Locomotive, New York Air Brake, and Westinghouse Electric Companies. The American Locomotive Company is to supply two million five hundred thousand of the shells called for by the contract, and the New York Air Brake and Westinghouse Companies will divide the rest of the order. Each shell costs, roughly, about £2 15s; so that this single contract will call for a payment of £13,000,000. Russia, whose shortage of munitions has already cost her dear, is anxious to place immense orders for shrapnel beyond the contract just referred to. It is estimated that negotiations with American manufacturers, under way or practically closed, call for between ten and fifteen million shells. Delivery of such a huge amount of ammunition as fifteen million shells would entail the ultimate payment of something like £40,000,000 by Russia. The big American companies are either enlarging their plants or arranging sub-contracts in order to meet the demands of this death-dealing business. From Milwaukee comes the information that the Allis-Chalmers Company has closed a contract with the Bethlehem Steel Company which is now booked beyond the full capacity of its plants,—to turn out close to ten thousand shrapnel forgings every working day. The contract is to run over a prolonged period. This company is already making several thousand shells a day and new plants are being hastily installed to take advantage of contracts now being placed. The Allis-Chalmers Company shortly will have a capacity in excess of ten thousand shells a day.

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Other companies receiving orders for the supply of ammunition are extending plants so as to be in a position promptly to fulfil the business offered. The Baldwin Locomotive Company, whose plants are to be given over largely to the manufacture of war material for many months to come, has given out contracts for steel for new buildings, with the understanding that the work on these buildings may be started within ten weeks. On the other hand, instead of extending its present plants so as to be in a position readily to turn out great quantities of rifles for which it has signed a manufacturing contract, the Westinghouse Electric has exercised options on the plants of the Stevens Arms and Stevens-Duryea Companies. Senator Nathaniel Curry, President of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, has made public details concerning the distribution by his firm of sub-contracts connected with the manufacture of a large order for shells. The order amounted to £16,500,000, according to statements that have not been denied, and was placed by the Russian Government. 'There are about fifty companies in the United States,' said Senator Curry, 'and about ten companies in Canada engaged in the manufacture of different parts of shrapnel and explosive shells. These orders have been split up among companies in the Eastern and Middle Western States and throughout Eastern Canada.' As has been mentioned, the Westinghouse Company has exercised its option to purchase the Stevens Arms and Tool Company and the Stevens-Duryea Automobile Company; and in these plants one million rifles will be turned out, with the possibility that a second contract for a like amount may be placed soon.

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Apropos of the subject of America and ammunition, it is interesting to note that the trade in munitions does not appear to have been in the least degree interrupted, much less checked, by the sinking of the *Lusitania*. Exactly a week after that deplorable occurrence, the White Star Line steamship *Cymric*, 13,098 tons, left New York for Liverpool with a cargo of war materials that made her little less than a floating arsenal. The items included 4301 cases of cartridges, three cases of pistols, 1750 shells (probably shrapnel shells), 1152 empty projectiles, 10 cases of firearms, 36 cases of percussion fuse, 17,740 bars of copper, 156 coils of copper, 95 reels of copper wire, 6505 cases of sheet brass, 698 cases of brass rods, 2042 plates of spelter, and 1562 cathodes (negative poles or electrodes of galvanised batteries). There were also 140 automobile trucks, and numerous cases marked 'hardware,' though exactly how much each case contained of the articles enumerated would not be made public until some time later, after the manifest had been officially audited. The captain stated quite openly that he would take the direct course to Liverpool (the one the *Lusitania* took) and expected to pass through the war zone in about eight days, at a time when submarines are supposed to be 'blind.' Including the crew of four hundred, there were about one thousand people on board, but apparently no Americans. It is curious that the *Lusitania*, containing nearly two hundred American passengers, should have been torpedoed on the ground that she carried some ammunition amongst her cargo, and that the *Cymric*, having no American passengers, and laden almost exclusively with ammunition, should have succeeded in reaching port unharmed.

Mr. E. O'Connor, of the Catholic Book Depot, Christchurch, desires to notify patrons that having sold out his stock of *The Priest on the Battlefield*, he has ordered a fresh supply, which will arrive in a few days....

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## SIDELIGHTS ON THE WAR

### GENERAL.

The *African Missionary* states that about one hundred and forty members of the Society for African Missions, including two bishops, have been 'commandeered' for service in the war.

King Albert has conferred the Cross of the Order of Leopold on Lady Dorothea Feilding for Red Cross services which she has rendered on the battlefields in Flanders since the beginning of the war.

Among a long list of Catholic officers killed recently at the front occur the names of Major Joslin, Royal West Kents; Lieutenant Davis, East Surreys; Lieutenant Neely, of the Suffolks; and Lieutenant Archer-Shee, of the 1st South Staffords, who has been missing since last October, and is believed to have been killed at that time.

'I have been with the Army in various parts of France and Belgium since August, and not one single case of indecent conduct on the part of a Catholic soldier has come to my knowledge,' writes a British sergeant at the front, who adds: 'Men with such reputations and strong character are a national asset, and wield enormous influence by their very presence.'

Captain Gilbert Meade Gerard, of Rochsoles, Lanarkshire, an officer of the 1st Battalion H.L.I., whose name figures in one of the latest lists of officers wounded at the front, is the only son of the late General Sir Montagu Gilbert Gerard, and the nephew of the late Father Gerard, S.J. The Gerard family of Rochsoles are one of the best-known Catholic families in Scotland.



TROOPER JAMES STEPHEN NEVLON,  
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(who was wounded at the Dardanelles).

### CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN KILLED.

Rev. W. Finn, Catholic chaplain to the troops, whose death was referred to in our last issue, was a priest belonging to the diocese of Middlesbrough. Prior to his appointment as an army chaplain in November last, he was in charge of the Catholic mission at Houghton Hall, Sancton, Yorkshire, and prior to that he had acted as pastor of the Catholic mission of All Saints', Thirsk. He is believed to be the first British chaplain of any denomination who has fallen in the war.

## CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS.

The London correspondent of the Dublin *Independent* says that about 145 Catholic chaplains have so far been appointed to the British Army and Navy, this figure representing priests who are devoting their whole time to the service. In addition there are close on twenty other priests giving part time service, and beyond that there is a large number of official chaplains attending to fixed military camps and depots in various parts of the country. About 3 per cent. of the whole Catholic clergy of Great Britain are thus engaged in attending to the spiritual necessities of Catholics defending the Empire. Cardinal Bourne, it is said, needs still more, and is appealing to the bishops of the country to send in the names of suitable priests who can be spared. It is necessary that all candidates should be recommended by their own bishops.

## BELGIAN SOLDIER PRIESTS ORDAINED.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Dewachter, Auxiliary Bishop of Malines, has been on a mission to the brave Belgian troops in Flanders, and has now returned to Bishop's House, Southwark, where he has been staying since soon after the outbreak of war. His Lordship granted an interview to a representative of the *Universe*, to whom he gave many interesting particulars regarding his brief, but important, mission to the Belgian Army. It may be mentioned that before leaving for the front Bishop Dewachter completed arrangements for holding an ordination at Furnes, and he also gave Holy Orders to many of the scattered seminarists of the various dioceses of Belgium who have been former students either in France or England.

'It has afforded me great consolation to pay a visit to the Catholic soldiers fighting in the trenches,' remarked his Lordship to our representative. 'I went amongst them in the hospitals and various institutions, which I am happy to place on record are doing an immense amount of good in the direction of securing for them complete restoration to health. The devoted English and French nurses are giving themselves untiringly and generously to the nursing of the brave wounded Allied troops.'

'Your visit was chiefly concerned with the Belgian soldiers,' remarked the representative.

'Yes,' replied his Lordship. 'I went along the firing-line and into every institution where a word of hope and encouragement would be accepted by the noble wounded soldiers. Many of them were sorely wounded, but they bore their injuries with wonderful courage. I was consoled by the remarkable spirit of devotion displayed by the Catholic men. Amongst other places I visited was La Paille; it was my happiness to confer the Order of Priesthood upon twenty-five Belgian students.'

'Did you visit his Majesty the King of Belgium?' inquired our representative.

'That was one of the privileges of my brief visit,' enthusiastically remarked his Lordship. 'I had the pleasure of laying before him a full statement regarding the position of the refugees in every part of England. I was able to supply him with this because I receive detailed statements daily from every town and village in which the Belgians are now settled in this hospitable land. His Majesty was impressed by the statement I laid before him, and gave expression to the satisfaction which he felt with the steps that are taken to preserve the faith of his exiled people. He followed with interest each detail as I laid it before him, and he expressed his happiness when he learned that they were being well cared for.'

Bishop Dewachter mentioned an incident to illustrate the brutality of the German soldiers. 'I visited a Catholic institution,' he said, 'which was in charge of a community of devoted nuns who were engaged in nursing old and infirm people. A few hours later the guns of the enemy were turned on the institution, and, as a result of the bombardment, four nuns, eleven sick and infirm old men and women were killed, and twenty-two were wounded. It is all a terrible business,' commented his Lordship.

'Naturally your visit to the trenches afforded considerable gratification to the Belgian soldiers?'

'Yes, indeed,' replied his Lordship. 'To each man in the trenches I presented a medal of our Lady, which they received with much eagerness. Their first questions related to their wives or mothers or sisters now living in this country, and I am now their ambassador in distributing their messages of tender solicitude.'

Asked as to his opinion generally regarding the morale of the Belgian soldiers now engaged in this bitter struggle, his Lordship with considerable vigor exclaimed: 'They are ready to fight to the end, and they will never rest until they sweep away the enemy.'



THE LATE PRIVATE DENNIS O'DONNELL,  
Thornbury

(particulars of whose death appeared in our issue of June 24).

## GENERAL ABSOLUTION AT THE FRONT.

'I am very busy with my big parish,' says a Jesuit Father who is serving as an Army chaplain at the front.

'I am at present lodged next a big church—larger than Farn street. In the cure's house,' he writes to a friend in London.

'I have two ambulances, i.e., hospitals, belonging to my division quite close at hand.'

'My regiment, -- Brigade, are in this town, and the two other brigades are about four miles away. Though my regiment have been in and out of the trenches several times, we've not yet had a single casualty, and the hospitals mostly contain sick cases.'

'I feel as if I have been out here for months, and I've forgotten most of the events of last week already!'

The Soldiers' Mass at 11.30 on Sunday brought me a congregation of about 300-350. I prepared these men for a General Absolution, and at the *Domine non sum dignus* all received Holy Communion—though they had breakfasted—as Viaticum; for they would be in danger in the trenches that night. In the afternoon I cycled off four or five miles, and after Benediction other soldiers were given the same privilege. Some I missed, so I returned on Monday afternoon for the stragglers. On Monday morning I did a big round on my cycle to find out the regiments of the division scattered in other parts, returning for dinner with the cure at midday. After dinner, off again, and I managed to get 50 for Absolution and Holy Communion before 4 o'clock. I had to do my journey all over again after tea, as I had an appointment with a doctor, whom I received into the Church before night. Once again the bicycle is a treasure! I should have needed three or four horses to get over the ground I covered during the day.'

## THE QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS.

The Amsterdam correspondent of the *Catholic Times*, writing on May 1, says:—The Queen of the Belgians zealously continues her work of succouring the sick, the wounded, and those who are in need. The other day she visited Ypres, which is almost in ruins. It was a dreary, rainy, miserable day, in keeping with the desolate countryside the royal lady passed through. Accompanied only by a physician and an aide-de-camp, the Queen visited the hospitals and the orphanages, consoled the poor and bereft along the route, and once more proved herself worthy of the title of 'Angel of Charity' which the people have bestowed upon her. Queen Elizabeth usually carries a small camera to enable her to secure memorials of the devastations that have taken place. Wherever she goes she carries consolation and encouragement. She is often seen in hospitals and ambulance-trains. Some while ago, on leaving a hospital, she was cheered with great enthusiasm by a Belgian regiment. This occurred just after the following episode. She was standing at the bed-side of a poor ambulance man who had been wounded on the head whilst picking up a wounded man. The man being nearly unconscious, one of the doctors whispered into his ear: 'The Queen is standing at your side.' The patient slightly turned his head, joyfully smiled, and in a hardly audible voice said: 'What an honor, your Majesty, for a poor little ambulance man.'

## THE DEVOTION OF THE FRENCH CLERGY.

The Abbe Thebault, a French voluntary chaplain, has received the Cross of the Legion of Honor. He is twenty-nine years old. One could see him on all the battlefields in Belgium, on the Aisne, amongst the hills of Argonne, on his bicycle, heedless of shot and shell, bringing to the dying the consolations of religion.

The Abbe Vichy, curate at St. Paul de Montlucon, corporal stretcher-bearer in the 98th Regiment, mentioned twice in despatches, has just received the Order of St. George of Russia. One day the Abbe Vichy saved fifteen wounded men. Carrying them, one after the other, on his back from an ambulance which had been set on fire by the Germans, he put them into a place of safety in a church distant two hundred metres.

Most interesting is the account given by a seminarist of the diocese of Albi, Henri Galan, now serving as an infantry sergeant, who received on the 25th March his military medal.

'In spite of the bad weather,' he writes, 'Thursday was a grand day for me. In fact, I was at Chalons, to receive the military medal at the hands of General Joffre. It was in front of fifteen thousand men, fifteen generals, and foreign military attaches, that the cere-

mony took place. Fifty of us received decorations and medals. The Commander-in-Chief had a kind word for each one of us. "You are very young to have the military medal, sergeant," he said to me. "I am twenty-three years old, sir." "Twenty-three! Do you know that I had to wait sixty-three years before I got mine? Are you satisfied?" "I am very proud, sir." "So am I," he replied, and after this dialogue there was a hearty embrace.'

## EXAMPLES OF HEROISM.

I had occasion last week (writes the Paris correspondent of the *Catholic Times*) to mention the glorious death of a Jesuit soldier, Father Deslandes. Another Jesuit, Father d'Esmard de Jabrun, sergeant in an infantry regiment, has just received the military medal. The official report says: 'Grievously wounded on March 13, when leading his men forward, he never ceased to encourage them, and he continued to cry out: "Forward! We have reached our object. Forward!"' Another priest, the Abbe Clermont, was publicly honored by his chiefs for his devotion to his captain. When the latter fell mortally wounded, the priest went to his assistance, and was in the act of binding his wounds when a shell broke his own shoulder. 'My poor friend,' said the captain, 'you too are hurt; let us unite our sufferings to those of our Lord and offer them for the expiation of our sins.' Then, after a last prayer for his young wife and little child, the officer breathed his last. The Abbe was rescued in time, and lives to tell of his chief's heroic sacrifice. No less striking is the courage of a soldier-priest from the diocese of Albi, the Abbe Tabarly, aged twenty-nine, who, before the war, was professor in an ecclesiastical college. He was leading his men forward when he was struck; his comrades saw his gun fall from his hands; then he made a solemn sign of the Cross over himself and sank to the ground. He was found lying on his back, his arms crossed on his breast, quite dead, but with a smile upon his lips. 'He was,' said one who knew him well, 'idolised by his fellow-soldiers for his courage, his devotedness, and his kindness.' The fact is brought home to us daily that our seminaries, with their austere self-repression; our colleges, with their studious atmosphere, have, strange as it may seem, proved excellent preparatory schools for our soldier priests.

## A NUN'S WAR EXPERIENCE.

The Rev. Mother-General of the Order of Christian Doctrine has received the following letter, written on Easter Sunday, from one of her nuns, who is stationed close to the front.

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## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 26.

Rev. Father McCarthy, Marist Missioner, is at present engaged in conducting a retreat for the Sisters of Mercy.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood was welcomed back last Monday by the local clergy, who were invited to luncheon by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Adm. of the Sacred Heart parish, Thorndon.

Much excitement was caused over the Queen Carnival. Raffles, art unions, and all devices for making money were resorted to without a protest from a quarter which generally makes itself heard when the same means are used for a Catholic bazaar.

Mrs. H. Sullivan, of Roxburgh street, recently presented a set of statuary to St. Gerard's Church, Hawker street. The Very Rev. Father Reche, C.S.S.R., performed the unveiling ceremony last Sunday week, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R.

Mr. Lance Girling-Butcher, son of Mr. George Girling-Butcher, secretary and organiser of the Catholic Federation, has gone into camp as a non-commissioned officer for the Eighth Reinforcements. Mr. Girling-Butcher has another son in the Expeditionary Forces now fighting in the Dardanelles.

An entertainment in aid of the schools, Newtown, will be held in the St. Anne's Hall, Green street, on Wednesday, July 14. There will be a Swedish drill display by the school children, an attractive exhibition of magic lantern views depicting scenes in the present war zone, and a first-class musical programme.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea, whose health has not been of the best of late, left on Thursday last on a visit to San Francisco by the steamer Marama. His Grace has only been once away from the Dominion since his ordination to the priesthood, and that was to attend the Catholic Congress in Australia some years ago. His many friends wish his Grace a pleasant voyage and safe return.

The boys of the Marist School Choir made a name for themselves at the Carnival bazaar. One of the local dailies, in reporting the function referred to the choir as follows:—'The one vocal diversion was the

appearance of the Marist Brothers' School Choir, who looked very neat and clean in their white suits and pale blue ties and belts, and who sang two or three choruses very sweetly. They were also included in the programme of the competitions concert in the Concert Chamber.

Mr. F. J. Oakes will leave shortly on an extended holiday visit to Sydney, accompanied by Mrs. Oakes and Miss Ross. A few days ago Mr. and Mrs. Oakes were farewelled by the choir of St. Gerard's Church, of which Mr. Oakes was conductor, and Mrs. Oakes and Miss Ross valued members, and presented with tangible marks of esteem.

While the New Zealand Expeditionary Force was at Cairo, a competition was held for the best signaller in the New Zealand Mounted Brigade Signal Troop. The competition was conducted by officers of the New Zealand Staff Corps, each of whom took a section of the examination. It was divided into seven parts. The competition was won by Sapper R. T. McElligott, with 636 out of a possible of 700 points. Sapper McElligott, who is a Catholic, and an officer of the accountant's branch of the G.P.O., has sent to his father in Wellington (Mr. Thomas McElligott, of Hawkestone crescent), the gold medal awarded as the first prize.

### Wanganui

The Opera House was crowded on the occasion of the patriotic concert given by the pupils of the convent, under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and a substantial amount was thereby realised for the Belgian Relief Fund (says a local paper). It is doubtful if the convent pupils have ever given a better entertainment. Every item was excellently given, and everything went off with perfect smoothness. The cantata, 'The Allied Nations,' was particularly good, and at the end of the evening the large audience left the building satisfied that they had had a delightful time. The first part of the programme was of a general nature, the Garrison Band, which played the overture, also playing the accompaniments. The overture was followed by the National Anthem, after which the programme proceeded as follows:—Chorus and tableau, 'Flag of our homeland,' senior pupils of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's Schools; march, 'Red, white, and blue,' pupils of Aromoho Convent School; patriotic chorus, 'Knit, knit, knit,' junior pupils of St. Joseph's; piano solo, 'Polka de la reine,' Miss Ruby Curran, L.T.C.L.; recitation, 'The Belgian flag,' Miss Rita Foster; military march, junior pupils of Sacred Heart Convent; flag drill, 'Flags of the Allies,' senior pupils of convent; recitation, 'Plea of the Belgian children,' junior pupils of St. Joseph's School. The second part of the programme was devoted to the cantata, 'The Allied Nations,' in which the singers were accompanied by Misses R. Curran and M. Kavanagh, and an orchestra under Mr. R. O'Hara. Those taking the principal parts, in costume, were:—Russia, Misses Madge Bremer and Mavis Carn; France, Misses E. McDavitt and K. Carroll; Belgium, Misses R. Foster and D. Jeffcoate; Britannia, Miss Clare Gellatly; Herald of England, Miss M. Burr; Canada, Misses R. Cribb and J. Cameron; Africa, Misses T. McDonnell and W. O'Connell; Australia, Misses V. Emeny, F. Mullins, and E. Rhodes; Zealandia, Miss F. Emeny. The dresses worn by the pupils in the different marches made a very pretty picture. Great credit is due to the Sisters, who must have been exceedingly gratified at the splendid success which attended their efforts.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 28.

Mr. W. Quinn, a native of Christchurch, in which city he acquired his early commercial training, and who for the past five years has represented the Kaiapoi Woollen Company at Wanganui, has been appointed manager of the company's business in Wellington.

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With kindly thoughtfulness Mr. Paul Stanhope sent his Revue Company (now performing at the Opera House) to Nazareth House on last Friday afternoon to entertain the inmates, and, according to a report, it would be difficult to say who were the happier, the entertained or the entertainers.

Mr. C. Spencer Compton, who was well known in Masterton as the organist of St. Matthew's Church until the end of last year, has been appointed to the position of organist and director of the choir at the Cathedral. Mr. Compton takes up his duties about the end of July.

The constantly recurring menace of the wretched picture film was referred to at the last meeting of the City Council by Councillor J. R. Hayward. The reply of a 'Showman' was that 'all films shown in the Dominion are passed by the censor in London, and hence no fault should be found with the picture-show management for their exhibition. This, of course, resolves itself purely into a matter of taste. As showing that Councillor Hayward was on safe ground, and that his action was perfectly justified, I append some editorial remarks from last Saturday's *Star*, which certainly deserve wide circulation: "We are told by advertisements in the newspapers and suggestive posters on the walls that a film 'with a message of warning, a terrific exposure of the vice trust, exposing in a realistic manner the traffic in human souls,' is to be exhibited . . . on Thursday next. We draw the attention of his Worship the Mayor to this matter in the hope that he will take steps to prevent the minds of the community and especially our young people—from being polluted by this kind of thing. A film of this nature, if it answers the description of the advertisement, should be taken away by the police with a pair of tongs and committed to the destructor."

The usual fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on last Monday evening, Mr. J. Griffin (president) being in the chair. Sick pay and other accounts were passed for payment. One candidate was initiated and another nominated. Nominations of officers for the coming term were received. The balance sheet of the Corbett benefit entertainment committee, showing a profit of £14 4s 6d, was adopted, a vote of thanks being passed to Mr. Fanning for the excellent services he had rendered in the sale of tickets. Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of the late Corporal G. Clarkson, who was killed in action, and with Bro. Randroff on the death of his brother in the Dardanelles. The Celtic Amateur Dramatic Club, which has recently been inaugurated under the auspices of the branch, has made rapid progress during the short period since it was established, and it should do a good deal towards developing the social side of the society. A euchre party organised by the club will be held on July 7. Already several rehearsals of an Irish play, entitled 'Eily O'Connor,' which will be produced early next month, have taken place.

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## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

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On next Friday three postulants are to receive white veils at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby.

The Sacred Heart College, conducted by the Marist Brothers, opened to-day after the winter holidays.

The physical culture instructor under the Board of Education is at present instructing the children of the schools of the Grey Lynn parish, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Rev. Father Delach, S.M., Hastings, who was under treatment at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, is now convalescent, and is staying at the Bishop's House.

The Marist Brothers' senior football team drew with the leaders of the competition on last Saturday, this being the first check suffered by the College Rifles. In the other grades the Marist Brothers, particularly the fifth grade, give promise of being well up, if not victorious, in their respective competitions. The juvenile Hibernians have formed a junior team in connection with their branch.

The third anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Father McLaughlan occurred on the 23rd inst., on which date the Right Rev. Monsignor Brodie, V.G., accompanied by several of the clergy of the diocese, waited on Father McLaughlan, offered him their sincere congratulations, and tendered him a handsome cheque as a mark of their high appreciation. Rev. Father McLaughlan feelingly replied, and thanked Monsignor Brodie and his colleagues in the priesthood for their kind expressions, and practical proof of their good will.

## Huntly

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

June 28.

The convent school children were granted a fortnight's vacation on last Friday.

The next Hibernian social will be held in the Miners' Hall on Monday, July 5.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will receive Holy Communion in a body on the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, July 19.

The annual basket social, which was held at Nga-ruawahia last week, proved an unqualified success, and a substantial sum was realised. The promoters deserve great credit for the success of the entertainment.

At the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday the general Communion of the members of the H.A.C.B. Society was very largely attended. The ordinary meeting of the branch was held in the schoolroom in the evening. The president (Bro. T. Molloy) was in the chair, and a fair amount of business, including arrangements for the forthcoming social, was transacted.

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The annual church parade of the Marist Senior Cadets, the Marist School Cadets, and members of the association generally, was held at the Cathedral on last Sunday. All assembled at the Marist Brothers' School and, headed by the military sections under the command of Sergeant Major W. S. Minehan and Lieut. E. J. Amos, marched to the Cathedral for the 9.30 o'clock Mass, at which the whole number approached the Holy Table. Despite the very unpleasant weather there was a splendid muster. The Rev. Father Murphy, B.A., was celebrant, and was served at the altar by two senior cadets in uniform. At the Consecration, Bugler Harrington gave the bugle call.

The Rev. Father Murphy, basing his remarks on the text, 'Greater love no man hath than to give up his life for his friend,' delivered a brief but appropriate discourse. Twelve months ago (said the rev. preacher) he had officiated at a similar parade, but many changes had been wrought in the meantime. A considerable number of their comrades, who were then among them, had joined the Dominion army and had participated in the sanguinary struggle since going on. The lives of some had been sacrificed, others were wounded or missing. He exhorted his hearers to offer their Holy Communion for the repose of the souls of those whom death had claimed and for the Divine protection of those who had been spared. Developing his theme, Father Murphy said that to all appearances charity, as a virtue among nations, was non-existent, but among individuals engaged in the fierce conflict, thank God, it was widely manifest, numberless instances being continually shown.

At the conclusion of the Mass a return was made to the Marist Brothers' Schoolroom, where the annual breakfast was prepared by a number of lady friends, who also waited at the tables, which were beautifully laid and amply supplied.

Mr. F. Smyth (captain of the M.B.O.B.A. football section) presided. The Rev. Father Long (chaplain) and a number of invited guests and representatives of other Catholic organisations were present. An apology for unavoidable absence was received from the president of the association (Sir G. Clifford).

At the conclusion of breakfast a toast list was honored as follows: 'The Pope and King,' was proposed by the chairman. 'The clergy,' was proposed by Mr. J. R. Hayward, who paid first of all a tribute to the memory of our late Bishop. He referred to the particularly able and zealous band of priests with which this Dominion had been blessed right from the pioneer days to the present time. Our New Zealand chaplains at the front displayed valor and self-sacrifice of which we were all proud. In the Rev. Father Long, as spiritual director of the M.B.O.B. Association, we had one who took a real, live interest in the young men generally.

Rev. Father Long thanked the speaker for his remarks on the work of the clergy at home and abroad. Personally, he had a sincere interest in young men, and especially in those of the association. In promoting their spiritual welfare he was only doing his duty, and that duty was indeed a privilege. In the field of sport he, too, took a keen interest, and noted the success of the members with much satisfaction. The pursuits of the association were sound, thus tending to make the members strong in both spiritual and temporal matters.

In proposing the toast of the 'Marist Brothers,' Mr. P. Amodeo paid a tribute to the noble band of Brothers who, for so many years, had so devotedly labored for our boys and their educational and religious interests. He emphasised the excellence of the teaching and the results attained in the schools throughout the Dominion. No better primary education could be obtained. Where the Brothers taught in secondary schools, the results, too, were the highest possible.

Brother Calixtus (principal) responded. It was the fifth year, he said, that he was called upon to acknowledge a similar compliment paid to the teaching staff,

and each time he felt a greater appreciation of the sterling qualities of the scholars. The boys should make the silken thread of mutual friendship, formed in school days, into a silken rope, that would endure. They should apply the subject of that morning's sermon in the Cathedral—the virtue of charity towards each other—and never see one go under without holding out a hand to save him. Since they last met, under similar circumstances, fifty of their number had gone to the front to fight for King and country and right, and he was satisfied all would bravely do their share. The boys of the school had subscribed for and obtained a framed 'Roll of Honor,' upon which the names of all those from among their ranks, who were upholding the flag, would be inscribed.

Mr. J. J. O'Gorman, in proposing the 'M.B.O.B. Association,' referred to the pride all felt at the splendid display of that morning. The need of recognising the critical period in a boy's life was all too apparent, and for this he advocated everything possible being done on the social side. On the sporting side, he dealt with the satisfactory results attained so far this season by the several football teams.

The chairman and Mr. L. Corbett responded. The former said that a meeting was being called to form a platoon of the Citizens' Defence Force, and every man among them should enlist in it.

Mr. M. Grimes proposed 'Kindred societies,' the toast being responded to by Mr. Noonan (Society of St. Vincent de Paul), Mr. J. Griffin (H.A.C.B. Society), Mr. J. R. Hayward (Catholic Federation), and Mr. P. McNamara (Catholic Club).

Brother Calixtus proposed the 'Cathedral School Committee,' and took the opportunity of referring to the school senior cadets. This, he said, was the only exclusive corps permitted by the Defence authorities in this military district, and he urged that the privilege should be properly appreciated, and their best efforts exerted to maintain its strength, discipline, and military knowledge. It was now, he continued, selected as the signalling company for the whole of the Territorials, a distinction they should all be proud of.

Mr. P. A. O'Connell (secretary of the school committee) responded, and gave a resume of that body's operations from its inception. He then, in a neat and appropriate speech, removed the national flag from the 'Roll of Honor,' a proceeding that was fittingly greeted.

Other toasts were 'Old Boys,' proposed by Mr. W. Rodgers and responded to by Mr. H. Sloan; the 'Press,' proposed by Mr. W. Dobbs, and responded to by the *Tablet* representative; and the 'Ladies,' by Mr. J. Power, responded to by Miss Smyth.

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A cable message received in Auckland from the Rev. Dr. Ormond, Sydney, stated that his Lordship Bishop Cleary underwent an operation there on Monday. A later message was to the effect that his Lordship was progressing as satisfactorily as could be expected.

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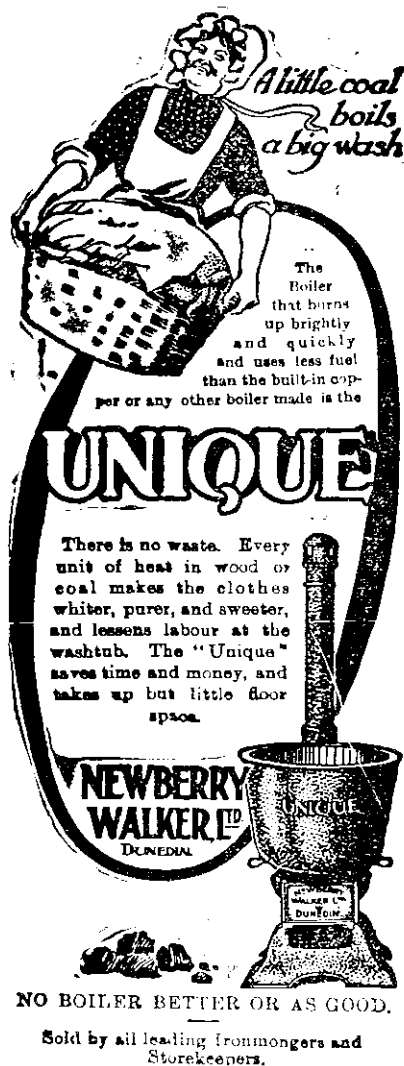
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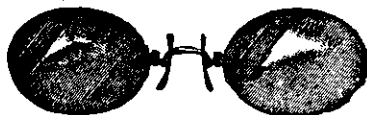
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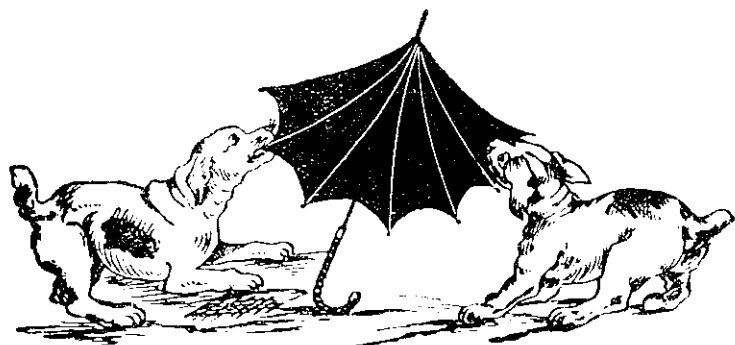
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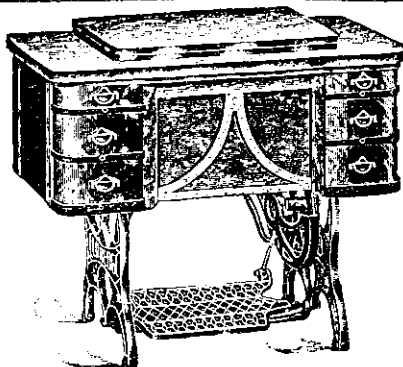
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## COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, June 29, 1915, as follows:—  
 Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, July 5. Sheepskins.—We held our fortnightly sale of sheepskins to-day and offered a full catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was keen and prices showed an advance of fully 3d per lb on last sale's rates. Quotations: Best halfbred, to 11½d; medium, 9½d to 10½d; best coarse crossbred, to 11½d; medium, 9½d to 10½d; best fine crossbred, to 11½d; medium, 10d to 10½d; best merino, 7½d to 8½d; medium, 6d to 7d; best pelts, to 9½d; medium, 7d to 8½d; inferior, 4d to 5½d; best lambskins, 10½d to 11½d; medium, 8½d to 9½d per lb. Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, July 1. Oats.—Offerings are light, and buyers are not operating to any great extent except for actual requirements, consequently the market is quiet. Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 2d; inferior and damaged, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—Millers are still holding good stocks, and are not keen to buy at present. There is a good inquiry, however, for choice samples of prime milling velvet. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 7s 1d to 7s 2d; Tuscan, 6s 9d to 6s 11d; best whole fowl wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 8d; medium, 6s to 6s 5d per bushel (sacks extra). Chaff.—There is a keen demand for both shipping and local requirements, and any samples of prime oaten sheaf meet with ready sale. Quotations: Best white oaten chaff, £7 5s to £7 10s; choice black oaten, to £7 12s 6d; good to best feed, £6 15s to £7 2s 6d per ton (sacks extra). Potatoes.—Export buyers are not keen to operate as they are uncertain owing to the Government restriction regarding exportation, and the market is quiet and prices are easier. Quotations: Best tables, nominally, £6 10s to £7; medium to good, £5 10s to £6 10s per ton (sacks in).

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report: We held our weekly sale of grain and produce on Monday, when values ruled as under: Oats.—All good to prime lines suitable for export have met with fair demand during the past week, but generally the market is quiet at about late quotations. Choice seed lots are in request, while medium qualities meet with fair sale locally. Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 2d; inferior to medium, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—In local milling circles there is very little business to report. Many of the southern-grown lines now coming on the market are barely in milling condition, and are difficult to deal with to advantage. Choice milling lots are readily disposed of, but are offering sparingly. Fowl wheat is fairly plentiful, and meets moderate demand. Prime milling velvet, 7s 1d to 7s 2d; Tuscan, etc., 6s 9d to 6s 11d; best whole fowl wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 8d; medium, 6s to 6s 5d per bushel (sacks extra). Potatoes.—The uncertainty as to the Government's action regarding the exportation of potatoes has had the effect of causing export buyers to suspend operations until they are more fully informed with regard to the terms. The market is therefore in a stagnant state at present so far as table sorts are concerned. Sound, well-picked seed have good inquiry. Best table potatoes, nominally, £6 10s to £7; others, £5 10s to £6 per ton (sacks included). Chaff.—Consignments are coming forward steadily, and all prime oaten sheaf finds ready sale at £7 5s to £7 10s; choice black oat, to £7 12s 6d; medium to good quality is also saleable at £6 10s to £7; oaten straw chaff, £3 15s to £4; wheaten, £3 10s to £3 15s per ton (bags extra).

A list of the provisional awards made in favor of New Zealand exhibits at the San Francisco Exposition has been received by the Prime Minister from Mr. E. Clifton (New Zealand Commissioner). The list includes six grand prizes, 39 medals of honor, 114 gold medals, 156 silver medals, 129 bronze medals, and 10 'honorable mentions,' making a total of no fewer than 454 awards.

## THE ROLL OF HONOR

## NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES.

The following is a further list of Catholic soldiers, members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces, who have fallen at the front, or have been wounded:—

## LANCE-CORPORAL M. KEARNEY.

Lance-Corporal M. Kearney, whose death in action is recorded, was 22 years of age. He was a native of Maree, Galway, and arrived in New Zealand about four years ago. He was employed for about three years with a survey party on the Beaumont railway, and during that time was a members of the Territorials. He was one of the first to join the first contingent for Egypt. He was the nephew of Mrs. Patrick Treacy, of Evans Flat, and of Mrs. Randall J. Montgomery. He was well liked by all with whom he came in contact, and his death will be deeply deplored by his many relatives in Tuapeka and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Both his parents are still living in Ireland. His sister, Margaret Kearney, is living at Evans Flat. From a private letter, written from Cairo, dated May 10, 1915, received in Lawrence, it appears that Lance-Corporal Kearney must have been killed within a few days of the landing of our troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

## PRIVATE JOHN HARGREAVES OWENS, ASHBURTON.

Private John Hargreaves Owens, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles, was employed on the railway at Springburn, where he was very popular. He had not been long out from England, where his father was a sergeant-major in the Imperial Army. He was one of the first to join the Expeditionary Force from here. Private Owens was 21 years of age at the time of his death.

## LANCE-CORPORAL GEORGE HENRY BISHOP.

Lance-Corporal George Henry Bishop, of the Canterbury Battalion, died of wounds received at the Dardanelles on May 30. The deceased was well known in Nelson, where he had been for some time secretary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

## TROOPER MALONE.

Trooper Terence Joseph Malone (Wellington Battalion, wounded) is the second son of Colonel W. G. Malone, who is commanding the New Zealand Infantry in the Dardanelles. Trooper Malone, with his father and three brothers (five in all), joined the colors on the outbreak of war, and are now, with the exception of the two youngest sons, who are in the training camp at Trentham, at the Dardanelles.

Old Boys of St. Patrick's College will regret to hear that the latest casualty lists from the Dardanelles contain the names of Eric Lynch and Oscar Lynch, both ex-students of the college. The former is in the hospital at Malta, and the latter at Victoria College Hospital, Alexandria. Private cable advices received, however, state that both are 'progressing splendidly.' They, with their two cousins, Kildare and William Lynch, left with the Main Expeditionary Force. They are cousins of the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm.

Patrick Sheerin, of Palmerston North, was killed in action. He was a member of the congregation of St. Mary's parish, Wellington.

Edward Leary, whose parents reside in Boulcott street, Wellington, is reported missing. He was educated at the Marist Brothers' School, Wellington.

Ernest James Murphy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Murphy, The Terrace, Wellington, died from wounds on May 27.

Leave of absence has been granted by the Wanganui Education Board to 14 teachers for illness and to eight to go to the front (says the *Manawatu Herald*). The question of the scarcity of male teachers is beginning to assume a serious aspect, and many of the schools will soon be staffed almost entirely with women assistants.

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## DEATHS

**HINDS.**—On June 21, 1915, at her residence, 'Mul-lagh,' Rakaia, after a long illness patiently borne and fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church, Margaret, relict of William Hinds, formerly of Mitcham, in her 69th year.—R.I.P.

On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

**KEARNEY.**—Killed at the Dardanelles, Lance-Corporal Martin Kearney, second son of Peter and Annie Kearney, Maree, County Galway, Ireland.—R.I.P.

**McQUILKIN.**—At Hau Hau, Westland, on June 8, 1915, John McQuilkin: aged 78 years.—R.I.P.

**MEWHINNEY.**—On June 22, 1915, at her residence, Hampden (suddenly), Annie, wife of Samuel Mewhinney: aged 73 years; deeply regretted.—R.I.P. Interred in Southern Catholic Cemetery.

**OWENS.**—On May 8, 1915 (killed in action at the Dardanelles), John, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Owens, of London, and late of the Railways staff, Springburn.—R.I.P.

He did his duty.

## MARRIAGE

**PROVOST-DOWLING.**—On June 2, 1915, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, by the Rev. Dean Holley, Eileen Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dowling, Aramoho, to Eugene John, eldest son of the late Mr. John Provost, Wanganui.

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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, JULY 1, 1915.

## THE POPE AND THE BELLIGERENTS



O those familiar with the ways of the Vatican it hardly needed the official assurance of the *Osservatore Romano* to bring home to them that the reported Papal interview with a representative of the Paris journal, *La Liberté*, contained 'various inexactitudes.' If the Holy Father desired to make a formal and considered pronouncement upon such matters as the British blockade or the sinking of the Lusitania, he has his own recognised and proper channels for doing so; and he is not in the least likely to select as his medium the casual representative of a non-Catholic French paper. The only aspect of the incident that is really matter for surprise is the

fact—for, apparently, it is a fact—that, after the unpleasant experience of the Karl von Wiegand 'interview,' any audience, even of the most informal and private character, should have been granted to any newspaper representative whatever. Quite possibly the Karl von Wiegand precedent was used as a lever. In that case, Mr. Wiegand had waited patiently for six months without success; but at length, armed with an ever-increasing number of introductions, he was, like the importunate widow, finally heard on account of his much asking. Doubtless the representative of *La Liberté* would urge that as a pro-German journalist had been received, it was only an act of bare justice that a similar recognition should be accorded to the other side. In the matter of private audiences of this kind, the Holy Father is necessarily very largely in the hands of his Secretary of State; and Cardinal Gasparri is new to the position. When he has had a little more experience of the ways and wiles of the journalistic world, he will take measures to protect the Holy Father against these idle and mischievous newspaper incursions.

The London *Times* welcomes the official repudiation of the reported terms of this interview, and the secular press generally have been very fair and temperate in their comments on the situation. At the same time they hardly conceal the fact that they would be very glad indeed to have the influence of the Papacy upon their side in the present crisis; and to those who remember the past, their scrupulous anxiety that the Pope shall be kept to a strictly correct attitude on the subject of the war is not without its entertaining side. For in the piping times of peace, these same papers, and the Powers which they represent, either deliberately ignored or openly flouted the Pope, so far as the question of according him the slightest status or recognition in international affairs was concerned. If there is one international gathering in the world at which the Pope might fairly expect to be given an honored place, a Peace Conference is such a gathering. Yet when the Hague Peace Conferences were inaugurated in 1899, the Holy Father was flatly refused representation. In making arrangements for the Conference, the Czar sent a cordial invitation to Leo XIII. to take part, and the invitation was warmly accepted. Italy, however, declined to agree to Papal representation; and the Papal representatives were eventually voted out. Italy led the opposition to their admission; and two of the Powers which aided and abetted her in her short-sighted policy were Great Britain and France. The suggestion that the Pope should be present, or be represented, was scouted by the London press, the *Daily News* declaring that 'the idea of inviting the Pope, who is an entirely spiritual personage, to the Conference was novel and irrational.' This attitude, moreover, is still, apparently, the recognised policy of the Powers; and so eminent an authority as Dr. E. J. Dillon declares that it is practically certain that the Pope will not be accorded recognition at the next Peace Conference, on the ground that international questions are the sole affair of the nations concerned. Not only so, but the Powers we have named have for years—until only a few months ago—studiously abstained from recognising the Pope as a factor in international affairs. For years past neither Great Britain nor France has been represented at the Vatican. At the eleventh hour of the present crisis Great Britain bestirred herself, and a few months ago sent Sir Henry Howard, who in the short time given to him has done excellent work for the Allies. France is still unrepresented. In this respect, at least, the Kaiser has shown more worldly wisdom, and a better sense of the fitness of things. In the great Labor Congress held at Berlin during the pontificate of Leo XIII., the German Emperor, though then an ally of the Italian Kingdom, did not hesitate to summon the representative of the Pope to the gathering. The Bishop of Brussels, who was nominated as the Papal representative, attended the sittings of the Congress, and by universal consent did his work very well. At the present time, the Teutons are very fully and adequately represented at the Vatican. Germany as an

Empire has no diplomatist at Rome; but Austria, Prussia, and Bavaria have sent resourceful Ministers who rank very high in the diplomatic world. There is a pointed lesson in all this for the Powers concerned. They should show a little more respect for the Papacy in times of peace, if they expect their position to be properly understood and recognised in times of emergency and stress.

The London *Spectator*, in its desire to secure from the Pope a pronouncement on a particular side in the present issue, has endeavoured to call to its aid the doctrine of Papal Infallibility; but the attempt was so clearly shown to be untenable that it has been practically abandoned by the *Spectator* itself. The *Spectator's* contention was that as the Pope is held to be infallible when speaking *ex cathedra* on questions of faith and morals, he might at least be called upon to pronounce judgment on the moral issues involved in certain specific acts committed by Germany. The contention was admirably met by the Rev. Stephen Eyre Jarvis, rector of St. Marie's, Rugby, who in a letter to the London weekly gave the following concise and lucid explanation of the Catholic doctrine on the subject: 'It simply means that when the Bishop of Rome, who is the Visible Head on earth of the Church of Christ, teaches *ex cathedra*—that is, in his official capacity as supreme pastor and doctor of the Church he teaches the whole Church that certain doctrines concerning faith or morals are contained in the deposit of faith received from Christ by the Church—he is infallibly guided by the Holy Ghost, and therefore his teaching must be accepted by the whole Church as infallible. Now from this it will appear that the function of infallibility limits itself to teaching what are the doctrines concerning faith and morals contained in revelation. It has nothing to do with the question *de facto* whether anyone in his conduct has violated the moral law of Christianity. In order that the Holy Father may pass even a fallible judgment on the morality of the conduct of those responsible for the war he must be in possession of a full knowledge of the facts. And he must acquire this knowledge in the usual way, for it has nothing to do with his infallibility. And therefore, as he may not be in possession of all the facts, the Holy Father wisely contents himself with a general denunciation of all acts of injustice on the part of the belligerents on whichever side committed, but taking no sides in the war.' That, as it happens, is precisely what the Holy Father has done, and in perfectly unequivocal terms. In an Allocution delivered on January 22 of the present year, his Holiness said: 'If we have not been able to hasten the end of this dreadful scourge, we have at least been able to alleviate its deplorable consequences. We have done all in our power up till now, and we shall not fail to use our efforts in the future as long as it may be necessary. To do more to-day is not within the compass of our Apostolic charge. To proclaim that *for no reason is it allowed to violate justice* is assuredly a duty which belongs to the Sovereign Pontiff . . . and that we proclaim without waste of words, denouncing all injustice on whatever side it has been committed. But it would be neither proper nor useful to entangle the Pontifical authority in the disputes between the belligerents. It is abundantly clear to every thinking man that, in this frightful conflict, the Holy See, whilst unceasingly watching it with the closest attention, must preserve the most absolute neutrality.' It only remains to add that the *Spectator* recognised Father Jarvis's statement as an able and telling presentment of the Catholic position; and the attempt to drag the doctrine of Infallibility into the question has now been frankly and sensibly abandoned.

On Saturday afternoon in the presence of a considerable number of people, the statue of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon was unveiled in the Parliamentary Grounds by his Excellency the Governor (Lord Liverpool). The National Anthem and 'The garland of flowers' were played by the band, and speeches eulogistic of the late Prime Minister were delivered by the Mayor (Mr. J. P. Luke), his Excellency, the Prime Minister, and Sir Joseph Ward.

## Notes

### Lusitania Sailors: A Priest's Tribute

Speaking at a mission in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury, Conn., just after the news of the sinking of the *Lusitania* reached America, the Rev. Patrick J. Casey, S.J., made the following interesting statement regarding the stokers of that ill-fated vessel: 'I heard confessions from those poor stokers on the *Lusitania* whenever the boat arrived from one of its voyages to New York and a better class of Catholic men I have never met. Those poor fellows working down at the bottom of the liner, and it's mighty hard work, too, told me they never have the time to displease God nor do they fall off the water waggon, because there is no liquor in their quarters even if they were tempted. They came to confession to me every time before sailing and often declared that inwardly they were happy because they were working towards a great end, preparing to meet their God.'

### The German Way

A striking illustration of the thoroughness of German organisation and of the care with which the authorities watch over the smallest details in which a saving can be effected in the resources of the nation is furnished in a series of orders which has just been issued by the Berlin municipality to its employees regarding the necessity of economy in writing materials. Beginning with writing paper, the order says: 'The instruction already given that in petty cash notes and suchlike communications which can be put on a single page only half-sheets of paper are to be used is still often disregarded. The cases, however, in which a half, or even a quarter sheet of paper will suffice can be considerably increased, for example, notices of meetings. Of course, for taking notes, making calculations, and so on, only scraps of paper are to be used.'

Next come pencils, regarding which the order reads: 'In future, however, pencil holders are to be given out for holding short stumps, in which way the life of pencils can be considerably prolonged.' Regarding envelopes, the order says: 'Envelopes, if carefully opened, can be used again and again. In suitable cases also they can be turned inside out and the paper used again. Sealing wax is only to be used on communications for outside addresses.' Care is also enjoined with respect to ink, which is to be properly protected against dust and evaporation. Inkpots are always to be covered over after use, even if only with a sheet of thick paper. Special attention is given to steel pens, which the municipality declares should be made to last at least a week. This is one direction, at least, in which German methods are worthy of admiration—and imitation.

### For the Belgian Home-Going

A particularly happy and charming suggestion, with an essentially feminine touch, has found expression in the London *Spectator* from the pen of a lady contributor, Mrs. Wedgwood. This lady suggests, in brief, that as far as possible Belgian refugees should be set to making things of use when their home-going comes along! 'If we are not merely to rebuild houses, but also to rebuild a nation, I would urge that, in addition to any communal scheme, we should supply each refugee family of the industrial and laboring classes with material to make for themselves—in accordance with their own ideas, not ours—a little store of household properties, against the day of return; with such things, for instance, as linen for sheets, tablecloths, towels, etc., and tick for the flock-stuffed mattress covers. Let even the children dress their dolls for the home-coming. In working for the future, belief in it will revive. Further, each family should be provided with a private box and key for storing what they make. These should be kept in a convenient place in each locality, and their

owners, and they alone, should have regular access to them. The sole duty of the superintendent would be to see that the articles stored in each case balanced the quantity of material supplied, and that they were duly registered. These boxes would be handed over to their owners on the day they return to Belgium, and, if funds suffice, to the contents of each might then be added the primary tools of the breadwinner's trade, and a few simple utensils, such as saucepan, coffee-pot, etc. These "dower-chests" would mean more to the possessor than any grant of supplies from the State, and would remain a personal relic of English friendship when the Great War shall have become a tale of history.' It is perhaps a little early in the day to be getting ready for the happy return that we all hope is coming: but it cannot be doubted that the thought that they are preparing for the little home that is to be would be calculated to put heart into many a homeless Belgian to-day.

#### Mr. H. Belloc on Ammunition

Like all other careful and competent observers of the war situation, Mr. Hilaire Belloc, both in lectures and in articles, has long been insisting on the necessity of ammunition without end. When shall we solve the problem of the trenches in the western theatre? Mr. Belloc answers that the problem will be solved when, and only when, we have sufficient ammunition for our heavy guns. In a recent lecture he gave some interesting particulars regarding the manufacture of these much desired shells. 'How are we going to give the guns enough shells? Remember that it takes more hours to finish the shell of a big gun than it takes seconds to fire it. In the north I came across a manufacturer of 5in. shells. He had hundreds of men working for him. Yet the whole of their output would have been fired away by the French batteries at Perthes on a front of twelve miles in less than a morning. Round the shell of a 5in. gun is a copper band weighing about 1½lb. The amount of copper shot away in shells between Souain and Beauséjour by the heavy artillery came to 460 tons. Let me put it another way. If all our industrial effort were turned to nothing but the production of shells there would then not be enough to feed the heavy artillery properly. There are only two things required to make the provision of ammunition sufficient. The first is that the politician shall understand it is essential that we shall have shells for our heavy artillery in adequate quantity; the second is that all interests concerned in the manufacture of shells must be made to appreciate that shells must be turned out as quickly as possible, for everything depends upon it. The delay all comes from people preferring their personal interests to the immediate and crying need of the army in France. Far more than recruits at this moment; far more than the call for such and such drastic measures against the enemy by reprisals, at last more than anything else that counts, is ammunition for the heavy guns.'

#### DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Rev. Father Skinner, of Waiuku, diocese of Auckland, is at present on a visit to Dunedin.

Mrs. Jackson and a number of other Catholic ladies intend to assist at the street collection on Saturday for our wounded soldiers. They will have a stand at the corner of Princes and Rattray streets for the sale of goods. Donations for the stand will be gratefully received at St. Joseph's Hall from 7 to 9 o'clock on Friday evening, and on Saturday at the stand.

The last issue of the *New Zealand Gazette* (says the writer of 'Territorial Notes' in the *Evening Star*) notifies the transfer from the unattached list to the 4th Otago Regiment of Captain T. Hussey and Lieutenant J. B. Callan. Captain Hussey, who has passed his examination for the rank of major, is posted as officer

commanding D Company, and Lieutenant Callan, who holds a captain's certificate, will have charge of B Company. Both these appointments are a decided gain for the 4th Regiment.

On Tuesday evening, June 15, the members of the Otago Lodge of Druids were invited to a euchre tournament by the members of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B. Society. A large number of Druids responded to the invitation, the Hibernians being also well represented. When the tournament was finished, it was found that the Hibernians proved the victors by a few games. After refreshments the president (Bro. G. Bevis) welcomed the visitors, and expressed the hope that the Druids would be more successful on the next occasion. Bro. Gordon (Arch Druid), on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Hibernians for their hospitality, and said that although defeated they were not disheartened, and would do their best to win the next time. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present the vice-president (Bro. J. T. Carr), who is leaving with the Expeditionary Forces, with a gold Celtic cross as a token of the members' appreciation of his services to the branch. The president (Bro. G. Bevis) made the presentation, and conveyed to Bro. Carr the good wishes of the members, and expressed the hope that he would come back safe and sound, and would live long to wear it. He also mentioned that Bro. Carr was the tenth member of the branch who had joined the Expeditionary Forces. Bro. Carr, who was taken by surprise, said he did not expect any such gift, and thanked the members for their kindness in remembering him, saying that as far as he was concerned he would do his best to uphold the honor of the branch like the rest of its members who had left before him. All present then sang 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' and the singing of 'Auld lang syne' brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

#### RETURN OF HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD

##### IMPRESSIONS OF THE FRENCH ARMY.

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

His Grace Archbishop Redwood arrived by the Mairai from San Francisco on Sunday week, and was met by Archbishop O'Shea, Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., and several of the local clergy. His Grace was in France at the outbreak of the great European war, and was much impressed by what he saw when the Army was being mobilised. The generals, officers, and men with whom his Grace came into contact all exhibited a spirit and quiet determination more British than French, every man being resolved to do his duty. 'I said to myself,' commented his Grace, 'these men mean to conquer.' The officers all declared they had a good army, and, though not quite prepared, they were nevertheless going to give the Germans more than the latter would bargain for or expect. The soldiers on their part expressed the utmost confidence in their officers and the conviction that France was going to win this time. It was a wonderful spirit, pervading the whole army, the idea of defeat not entering into the calculations.

##### Visits to Spain and Italy.

Finding it impossible to change his money in France at that period, Archbishop Redwood crossed the border into Spain, and spent two or three months there traversing the country from north to south and visiting all the principal cities. Afterwards he travelled from Barcelona by steamer to Genoa, and on to Milan and Rome. His business detained him eighty days in Italy, and throughout his stay there was scarcely a fine day—certainly not three fine days together. When the river Tiber rose 50 feet, his Grace was in Rome, and also felt the terrific earthquake which wrought such desolation at Avezzano in January. Great statues were knocked down by the 'quake in the ancient city, but

fortunately it ceased before doing worse damage. To those who were near him at the time, his Grace remarked that something terrible was happening in some other part of Italy, and every hour brought news which confirmed his fears. No fewer than fifteen thousand of the injured were sent to Rome.

During his absence, he said, he had the privilege of an audience with his Holiness the Pope, some time before last Christmas. They spoke about New Zealand in its various aspects, and his Holiness was most interested in what was said.

#### Altered Plans.

The sad intelligence of the death of Bishop Grimes reached his Grace at Genoa just as he was about to depart from Italy, and he immediately telegraphed his sympathy to the head of the Order at Lyons. The German methods of warfare, which by this time had been shown to include the torpedoing of passenger boats, altered his Grace's intention of visiting England, where he had no special business. He took passage from Genoa to New York direct, landed there in Holy Week, and spent over a month in the States. In that brief period real extremes of weather were experienced. Easter Sunday was an awful day. A blizzard descended upon New York, the streets were covered with two feet of snow in a few hours, and the fall was driven by a furious gale. When in Washington a fortnight later, his Grace saw little signs of spring, and in Chicago later in the month the temperature reached 'ninety in the shade,' this being the hottest April day ever known. Strangely enough May was a cold month.

#### Destruction of the Lusitania.

Questioned as to how the Americans viewed the war, the Archbishop stated unhesitatingly that they were entirely for the Allies. Public opinion and newspaper opinion were absolutely in our favor. This applied to the whole population, excepting a few Germans. The destruction of the Lusitania had opened the eyes of the Americans, who now believed the stories of the atrocities committed by the Germans, and they (the Americans) were prepared to back up the stiff Note sent to Germany. The submarine outrages, said his Grace, while not piracy, because ordered by a State, constituted something even worse than piracy. The crime had been correctly designated by the Irish verdict of 'Wilful Murder' at the Lusitania inquest.

His Grace preached at the Sacred Heart Basilica on Sunday evening, and delivered a brief but interesting address. They were all occupied with one great thought, his Grace said, the thought of the great war, and with the question whether militarism, despotism, and barbarism are to triumph over civilisation. It was a great struggle, and the nations engaged in it were in deep earnest, and he was glad to see that New Zealand and Australia had made a great name for themselves already. Their bravery, their heroic courage, had been celebrated in the press of Europe. I am glad to tell you that the great nation of the United States, with the exception of a few pro-Germans, is entirely and strongly and emphatically with the Allies. He was in France at the beginning of the war, at Bayonne, not far from the Spanish frontier, and saw something of the mobilisation of the great French Army. He was very much impressed by what he saw and heard, and by the spirit which officers and men displayed—a spirit of calm determination. Then there was the spirit of religion, like a wave of Divine grace, permeating the French people. The people filled the churches morning, noon, and night. The previous Government had thought that it would degrade the priesthood by compelling them to serve in the army, but the result had been to exalt them. There were about 25,000 priests in the French Army, a great many of them serving in the ranks. A great many had already been decorated for their bravery, and they would find that when the war was over the influence of the priesthood would be enormous. It was a great struggle, but victory would be on the side of the right and of true civilisation.

His Grace, who is now in his seventy-seventh year, and the fiftieth of his priesthood, is in the best of health, and although he was in Europe when the war broke out, he met with no experiences which could be regarded as unpleasant.

## CATHOLIC FEDERATION

### DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

The Dominion Executive met last Wednesday evening at St. Patrick's Hall (writes our Wellington correspondent). Mr. J. J. L. Burke presided, and there were present Messrs. Reichel, Fouhy, Walsh, Ellis, Johnson, Hoskins, and the secretary. A deputation from a business firm on a matter of interest to the Federation attended, and after an explanation by the deputation of the proposals made, and a discussion thereon by the executive, it was decided to refer the matter to the Dominion Council for discussion. The organiser reported the result of his tour of the Hawke's Bay district, which was regarded as most satisfactory. A letter was read from the Christchurch Diocesan Council expressing satisfaction at the progress of the Federation in that diocese as a result of the organiser's visit. A letter from the president of the N.S.W. Federation, requesting information to enable him to compile a history of the Catholic Federation, was left in the hands of the chairman and secretary to deal with.

### TIMARU.

#### (From a correspondent.)

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Timaru parish committee of the Catholic Federation was held on Sunday afternoon, June 27, in the parish hall, Dr. J. R. Loughman presiding over a fair attendance. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Very Rev. Dean Tubman; vice-presidents, Dr. J. R. Loughman and Mr. M. J. O'Brien; treasurer, Mr. T. Cronin; secretary, Mr. J. P. Leigh; all re-elected. The agenda paper for the annual meeting of the diocesan council was freely discussed, and the committee appointed Messrs. J. B. Crowley and J. P. Leigh as their delegates.

### DUNEDIN.

The annual meeting of the Dunedin branch of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday evening. Very Rev. Father Coffey, A.M., presided, and there was a good attendance. It was reported that the branch was making satisfactory progress. After the transaction of routine business, the election of a committee was proceeded with, and resulted in the retiring members Mesdames E. J. O'Neill, J. B. Callan, jun., Miss Meenan, Messrs. J. B. Callan, jun., J. A. Brown, and J. Hally being re-elected. When the suburban portions of the parish, and the various societies entitled to representation have appointed their delegates, a meeting will be held to elect officers, and arrange for the current year's operations.

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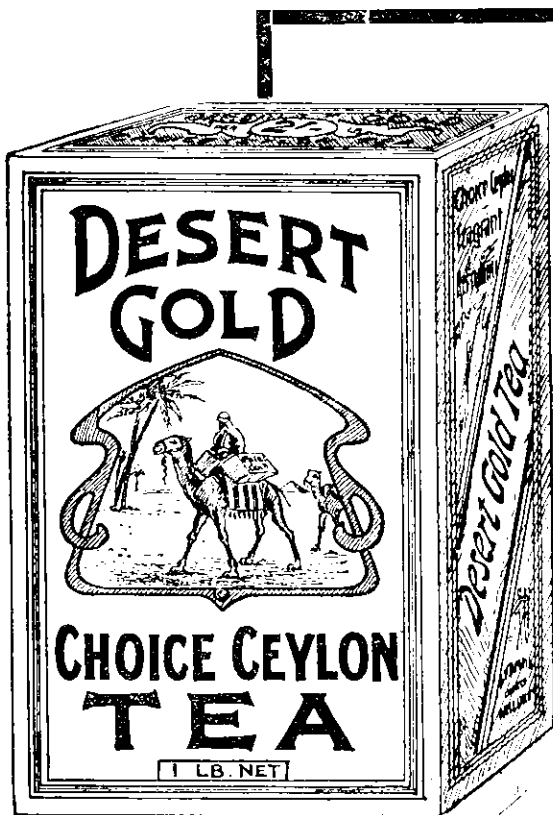
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## Irish News

### GENERAL.

Mr. James P. O'Sullivan, of Athlone, who is married to the sister of Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., has enlisted as a private in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

The frontier town of Newry, the great citadel of Nationalism in the North, may well be proud of its record in the war. A roll of honor recently presented to the chairman of the Urban Council, Mr. H. J. McConville, J.P., contains 867 names of men who are fighting in the Army and Navy for the rights of small nations.

The visit of the Irish deputation to Cardinal Amette (says the Paris correspondent of the *Morning Post*) made it possible for the Catholics of France and Ireland to show to the world that, despite German misrepresentation, the Catholics of both countries are working with all their energy for the cause of the Allies, and that Ireland regards the war as one of justice and national right.

### MR. REDMOND AND TERMS OF PEACE.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor has an article in some of the leading New York papers in which he quotes a number of opinions on the question of peace terms which he has gathered from representative men. Amongst these Mr. John Redmond writes as follows:—'I hope we shall have no talk of peace so long as there is a single German soldier left on the soil of Belgium, France, or Alsace-Lorraine.'

### BURIED IN QUEENSTOWN.

The funeral of 92 victims of the Lusitania tragedy took place in Queenstown. The dead had all been collected in four mortuaries before daylight. Around those who had not been identified had been placed every relic, every possible thing that might aid in an identification, and in addition all had been carefully photographed. At ten o'clock at St. Coleman's Cathedral, Bishop Browne of Cloyne celebrated a Solemn Requiem Mass in the presence of Admiral Coke, representing the Admiralty; General Hill, representing the Army, and official representatives of the cities and towns of the district. The bodies were interred in the Sailors' Cemetery outside the town. Services at the grave were conducted by Bishop Browne.

### IRELAND'S AGRICULTURAL INCOME.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Council of Agriculture in Dublin, Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., in analysing the figures of the census of production available, pointed out that for the first time, the estimated agricultural income of Ireland was £56,309,000, of which £25,614,000, or 45 per cent., was received in respect of butter, milk, eggs, poultry, and pigs. This represented the income which farmers derived from what was termed breakfast table commodities, and more than half of them were consumed in Ireland. The estimated value of butter, eggs, poultry, live pigs, bacon, and hams exported from Ireland was £12,280,000 in 1910 and £13,900,000 in 1914. He held, however, that the surplus for export, after providing for home consumption, should be doubled. This could be done by providing twelve cows, thirteen pigs, and 237 poultry to the hundred acres of productive land, the stock being no better or worse than they had now. At present they had only nine cows, eight pigs, and 148 poultry to the hundred acres.

### CATHOLICS AND IRISH JUDGESHIP.

In connection with the death of Lord Justice Moriarty by which the Irish Bench has suffered a severe loss—the fact has been brought out that from the time at which he joined the Bar in Ireland until the Liberal Government came into office in 1906, though over forty judges were appointed to the High

Court Bench, barely five of them were Catholics. The *Freeman's Journal* considers it somewhat of a creditable contrast that of ten judicial vacancies which have been filled since 1906 five have been given to Catholics. So it is (remarks the *Catholic Times*), but it leaves it still manifest that full justice is not done to the Catholics in Catholic Ireland. Doubtless the present Government desire to do it, but it is hard to break through long-standing traditions, and it is a well-known tradition in Ireland that all the best posts under the Government should be reserved for members of the Protestant minority. Of course it was necessary to find some sort of an excuse when objections were raised to this policy. The common excuse was that Catholics who were competent to fill the vacant positions could not be found. In the case of vacancies on the Bench, however, the pretext was ridiculous, because there has been no lack of able Catholics at the Irish Bar. It is to be hoped that the Government will follow the course upon which it has entered until complete justice is done.

### LORD JUSTICE MORIARTY DEAD.

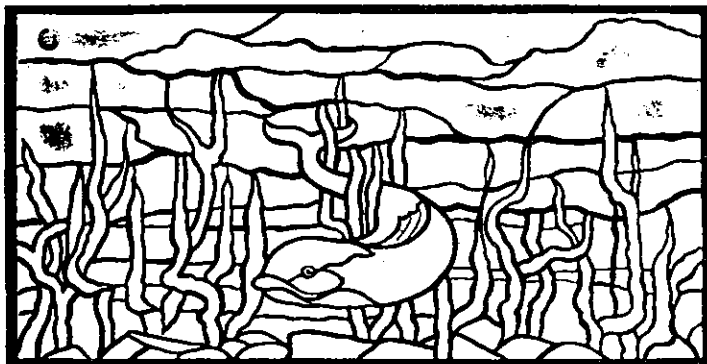
After a lingering illness watched with alternating hopes and fears by innumerable friends in Ireland, Lord Justice Moriarty passed away at Birmingham on Sunday, May 2. Some time ago he was seized with an illness while in England, and underwent an operation. The late Judge was called to the Bar in 1877. From that date until the Liberal Government came into office in 1906, though more than forty judges were appointed to the High Court Bench, only five were Catholics. Mr. Moriarty took silk in 1904, and from then his advance was rapid and his career brilliant. He appeared in all the Irish *causes célèbres* of the last decade, including that of Bishop v. Dulap and Ussher v. Ussher, in which he delivered a masterly argument, accepted by a strong Court, in which he traced the marriage law of these countries from the earliest times, and with wonderful research examined a series of early marriage rituals in the light of the English common law and medieval and modern Church legislation. In the result he demonstrated that, while the English modern marriage laws corresponded with those of the Catholic Church, the marriage law of Ireland, in certain respects, remains in the same condition as it was left by the canon law and the common law before the Reformation. In 1908 Mr. Moriarty became Chief Serjeant-at-law. By the retirement of Lord O'Brien in 1914 a judicial vacancy was created, and Lord Justice Cherry having been promoted to his place, Mr. Moriarty, who had become Solicitor-General the year before, and a little later Attorney-General, was promoted to his place. Socially the late Judge was the most popular lawyer who appeared at the Irish Bar or sat on the Irish Bench for many years.

### A STRONG PROTEST.

Preaching after Confirmation in the Cathedral, Ennis, on Sunday, May 2, Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, said that the evils arising from excessive drinking had been gradually but very substantially diminished. But zealot or zealous as his Lordship was for total abstinence amongst the young and middle aged of our people, he said he had read with dismay and bewilderment of the new taxes which the English Government now proposed to lay on Irish beer and spirits. Destructive legislation of that kind, suddenly dislocating the economic conditions of a whole nation, was not the way to make a people sober and prosperous. The immediate result of these new taxes, if they came into force, would be to practically destroy the one big manufacturing industry which the English legislation of the past had left us in three-fourths of Ireland. Irish beer and spirits were known all over the world for their excellent quality. The trade in them reached far beyond the British Isles. The Irish interests depending on the trade were enormous and widespread. But now all these interests were to be extinguished by one 'grand gesture' of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. And for what reason or purpose? Was it to eradicate or remedy any Irish abuse? No,

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but to make up for the want of patriotism in a section of the English people. It was the old story over again. Ireland was to be sacrificed, her trade to be crushed under the heavy wheel of English interests.

#### A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

Nothing could better illustrate the marvellously beneficial results of the magnificent work done for Ireland by the Irish Party than a letter published in the *Chicago Citizen* by Father James Corbett, P.P., Partry, Ballinrobe, and which had been addressed to a friend in New Orleans. This friend has been for years sending Father Corbett a remittance at Christmas to help some poor persons to have a cheerful time on the occasion of the great Christian festival. Father Corbett recalls how he used to dread a Christmas—the poverty was so great, the means of alleviating it relatively so small. But what a change to-day! 'Here I am now,' writes Father Corbett, 'and looking all over this extensive parish, I do not know a single family that had a bad Christmas for the want of an American dollar. It is a glorious change, and may the Lord be praised that I have lived to see it, and am sure it will delight the hearts of both of you to hear of it. Outside the providence of God the great secret of it all was the sweeping away of landlordism.' What a convincing testimony to the wonderful transformation wrought through the instrumentality of the Irish Party.

#### WAR TAX PROPOSALS.

In the course of his speech in the House of Commons, opposing the extra tax on beer and spirits, as outlined in the Budget, Mr. John Redmond said he had received communications not merely from the licensed trade, from brewers and distillers, but from every conceivable public body in Ireland—from County Councils, District Councils, Chambers of Commerce, and public bodies everywhere. Some of the strongest protests received came from teetotalers, and only that day the Catholic Bishop of Killaloe, Dr. Fogarty, in a speech reported in the Dublin papers, spoke of the dismay and bewilderment with which he read the proposals of the Chancellor; and he added that, jealous as he was for the total abstinence cause, that was not the way to make people sober; and he was afraid it was the old story of crushing Ireland's trade under the wheel of English interests. That was the kind of feeling these proposals were arousing in Ireland amongst all classes and kinds of men. As he had said, so far as the Bill was concerned, he and his friends were willing to give the most complete powers to right hon. gentlemen; but so far as the taxes were concerned, they contended that they were absolutely ineffective as a remedy, and that they differentiated unjustly against Ireland.

In Ireland, as the right hon. gentleman was aware, they had very little of the manufacture of the munitions at all; but he would be the first to admit that the workmen in Belfast were doing their work well. There was no excessive drinking there, and no necessity whatever to impose any penalty upon them. The same thing applied so far as the transport trade was concerned in the City of Dublin and elsewhere. The same thing also applied in Arklow, where they were manufacturing explosives. If these places were left out, and admittedly there was no case, there was no spot in the whole of Ireland where they were making munitions of war at all; and to tell him that the Government could go to the Irish people down in Tipperary or Limerick, or any where else where they were flocking to the recruiting sergeant and filling up the requirements, and say to them: 'We admit you are doing your duty; we admit that you are temperate; we admit that there is no excesses in drinking, and that you are not standing in the way of the output of the munitions of war; but there are a few men in the Clyde and elsewhere who are doing it; therefore, you must be punished'—to say that that was either just or wise, or that it was a reasonable and patriotic thing to do, passed his comprehension. Ireland to-day, and from the day war was declared, had done, and was doing, her duty in sobriety, hard work, recruiting, and in gallantry on the field.

## People We Hear About

The Empress Eugenie celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday on May 5. Since 1882 her chief home has been at Farnborough, Hants.

The name of Second-Lieutenant Harold Marion Crawford is on the list of officers who fell in action. He was a son of the late Marion Crawford, the novelist, and went to England from Sorrento, Italy, at the outbreak of the war. He was commissioned in the Irish Guards. His father was a convert to the Church as is also his aunt, Mrs. Hugh Fraser.

Notwithstanding his nearly three score years, Lord Denbigh is accompanying the Hon. Artillery Company to the Dardanelles. As a young man he joined the Royal Artillery, and was in the Egyptian campaign of 1882. He has been in command of the H.A.C. since 1893, and is also a colonel of the Territorial Forces and A.D.C. to King George. He has always been a favorite at Court, and for eight years acted as Lord-in-Waiting to Queen Victoria and King Edward. His daughter, Lady Dorothy Feilding, has made herself famous by her devotion to the wounded in Belgium, and his eldest son and heir, Viscount Feilding, is at the front with the Coldstream Guards, and has been mentioned in recent dispatches.

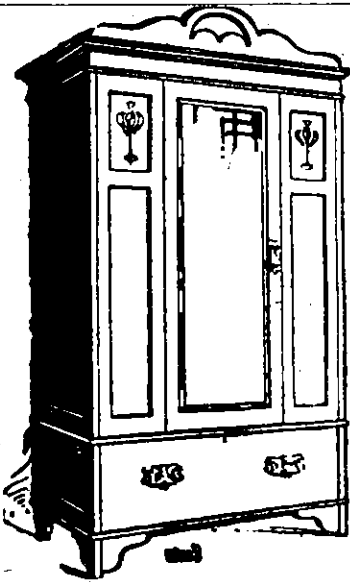
Speaking at the Bank of New Zealand meeting the other day, Mr. Martin Kennedy, K.S.G., mentioned that this year he completed his 'majority' as a director of the bank. 'On 26th September next,' said Mr. Kennedy, 'it will be twenty-one years since I was first elected to the position, and during the whole of the intervening time you have maintained me uninterruptedly in office, always re-electing me unopposed. I confess that when I look back over those years, and contrast the position of the bank to-day with that in which it unfortunately stood twenty-one years ago, I feel a pardonable pride in the change that has been effected. The march of time is fast carrying me on to the point at which I must of necessity retire from some of my directorships, but the bond that has been forged by my twenty-one years' association with this institution is a strong one, and while I continue to be honored with the confidence of my fellow shareholders, I shall endeavor to hold my services at their disposal as long as I feel myself capable of discharging satisfactorily the trust which they commit to my keeping.'

Mr. Charles Napier Hemy, R.A., whose pictures at the Royal Academy exhibition this year have attracted much attention, was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in 1841, being the son of Henri Hemy, a musician of note, who was a convert to Catholicity. He was educated at Newcastle Grammar School and at Ushaw. Having tried a religious vocation with the Dominican Order at Lyons, Mr. Hemy, at the age of 22, discovered that he had not a vocation and returned to the world, where he took up art. Two years later his first work was exhibited at the Royal Academy. Then he went to Antwerp to study, and finally to London, where he settled for a time. That fine picture of his, 'The Pilchards,' was acquired by the Chantrey Bequest in 1898, and again in 1901 another of his pictures was bought for the nation. In the year of the purchase of 'The Pilchards' he became an Associate of the Royal Academy, and five years ago he was made a full Royal Academician. His marriage took place in 1880 to a daughter of W. G. Freeman, who was a convert from the ranks of the Anglican clergy. Mr. Hemy has two sons, both of whom he has given to the Church, and his two daughters are also in religion. Therefore, none of his family has followed in the artist's footsteps. What he himself wished to be, when a young man, his children have become.

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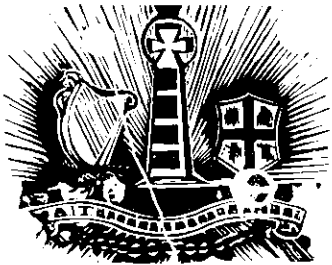
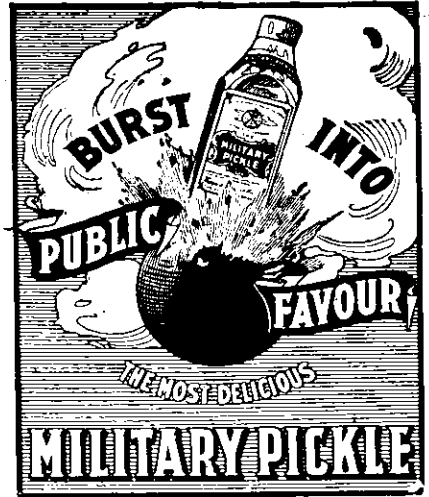
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## WEDDING BELLS

### REDWOOD—MULLAN.

A very quiet wedding was solemnised at St. Patrick's Church, Palmerston North, when Mr. Jesse Redwood, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Redwood, of Palmerston North, and cousin of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, was married to Miss Bessie Mullan, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mullan, of Pitt street, Palmerston North. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Forrester, who celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride was given away by her father, and she wore a dress of white crepe-de-chine, trimmed with Brussels lace, the usual veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss Kathleen Mullan, sister of the bride, who wore a frock of vieux rose crystalline, a large black velvet hat, with plumes of vieux rose to match. Mr. Ignatius Whittaker, of Wellington, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold wristlet watch, and to the bridesmaids a gold brooch set with pearls. After the wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents, the happy couple left for the north, where the honeymoon was spent.

### WILLIAMS—HISTEN.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, on June 16, when Miss Nora Cecilia Histen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Histen, 'Riverside,' Clondeboy, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. John Richard Williams, second son of Mr. R. Williams, Temuka. The Rev. Father Kerley celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a gown of paillette silk with deep silk insertion, pearl trimmings, and military collar. The skirt was daintily trimmed with true-lovers' knots. Her veil was daintily arranged in mob cap effect with sprays of orange blossoms, and she carried a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums and maiden-hair fern. Miss Julia Histen (sister of the bride), who acted as bridesmaid, was attired in a frock of white silk with beautiful silk facings, military effect, white purple velvet belt, and purple velvet hat with white plume. She carried a bouquet of pale pink chrysanthemums and fern. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. T. Knight as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a set of black fox furs, and to the bridesmaid a handsome gold bangle. After the ceremony a number of guests were entertained at breakfast, at which the usual toasts were honored. Several telegrams of congratulation were received. The presents were numerous and costly, including many cheques. The happy couple left by motor *en route* for the North Island, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride wore a purple costume and hat to match, with large white ostrich plume.

### PROVOST—DOWLING.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Wanganui, on June 2, when Miss Eileen Mary Dowling, eldest daughter of Mr. Dowling, was married to Mr. Eugene John Provost, eldest son of the late Mr. Provost. The Very Rev. Dean Holley officiated and also celebrated the Nuptial Mass, assisted by Rev. Fathers Mahoney, Moloney, and Vibaud. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a white silk gown with long train and shadow lace overskirt: her veil was arranged in mob cap style with sprays of orange blossoms. She also carried a beautiful shower bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss Norah Dowling, who wore a dainty dress of white ninon over white silk and mob cap. Mr. J. Le Bere officiated as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a set of squirrel furs and to the bridesmaid a gold bangle. The presents were numerous and costly, including a very handsome silver dish from the employees of H. I. Jones and Sons, a beautiful solid oak and silver biscuit barrel from the employees of Mr. W. Luxford and Co., and a silver cake dish from the Aramoho Church Choir, the presentation being made by Mr. W. M. Luxford, who referred in eulogistic terms to the good work done by the bride and bridegroom. As the happy couple left the church the 'Wedding March' was played by Mrs. T. Lloyd. The breakfast was held at

the residence of the bride's parents. The customary toasts were duly honored, the toast of the bride and bridegroom being proposed by Dean Holley. The happy couple left by the mid-day train for Wellington and Napier, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue tailored costume, and cherry-colored velvet hat trimmed with fur and berries.

## Thames

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 24.

The half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last evening in St. Francis' Schoolroom, there being a record attendance. The balance sheet, which was read and adopted, showed the branch to be in a very sound financial position. The total membership now stands at 45. One candidate was proposed. The following were elected to hold office for the ensuing term: President, Bro. D. Coakley; vice-president, Bro. W. T. Spelman; secretary, Bro. C. H. Coakley (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. J. Connolly; warden, Bro. T. Corbett; guardian, Bro. F. McClair; sick visitors, Bros. E. Kenny and W. T. Spelman.

Through the activity of the Thames branch of the Catholic Federation a matter of great importance has been brought to a successful issue. About fourteen children, living at Hikutaia and surrounding district, were unable to attend the Thames Convent School, as they could not obtain free passes on the railway, because Thames is not the 'nearest' convent school, Paeroa being some miles closer. Representations were made to the Minister of Education, through the member for this district, when it was pointed out that though Paeroa is the 'nearest' school, it is not the most convenient. The train does not arrive at Paeroa until about 11 a.m., and leaves at 3.27 p.m., consequently the children lose three hours daily. The train to and from Thames would enable the children to put in the full school hours. The matter has been favorably considered by the Minister, and passes to the Thames Convent School have been granted.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. MARGARET HINDS, RAKAIA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The parish of Rakaia has sustained an irreparable loss by the death on Monday, June 21, of Mrs. Margaret Hinds, relict of the late William Hinds, formerly of Mitcham, but of late years a resident of Rakaia. The deceased lady was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1846, and came to New Zealand in 1868, settling in the Rakaia district in 1873. She was esteemed throughout the whole district for her sterling piety, and her spirit of true charity which always prompted her to help the poor generously, and to oblige any neighbor in need. When the parish of Rakaia was established, she generously offered her home as a place of residence for the parish priest (Rev. Dr. Kennedy), and thus the whole parish was placed under a debt of gratitude to her. The late Bishop of the diocese, all missionaries and visiting priests were her guests at different times, and experienced at her hands exquisite hospitality. The Sisters of Mercy, since their advent to the parish, had likewise been the recipients of many kindnesses from her. Deceased was attended in her last illness by Rev. Dr. Kennedy, and she passed peacefully away on Monday night, June 21. She leaves one son and seven daughters to mourn their loss. Mr. William Hinds, Mrs. M. Dolan, Mrs. J. O'Connell, and the Misses Sarah, Jane, Mary, Bella, and Nora Hinds. For these and for her sole surviving brother, Mr. Thos. Morland, J.P., a prominent resident of Rakaia and a most generous benefactor to the Church, the greatest sympathy is felt. Her husband predeceased her by eighteen years. A large concourse assembled on Thursday morning, Feast of St. John the Baptist, at 10 a.m., at the Mass celebrated for the repose of her soul. Before the last Absolution, Rev. Dr. Kennedy feelingly referred to the deceased, her noble life, her great generosity to the Church and to himself personally. The cortege then proceeded to the local cemetery, where the interment took place.—R.I.P.

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## IRISH LOYALTY.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—With satisfaction and pride I read your merited castigation of the *Christchurch Press*, and then congratulated our community in their possession of a champion like the old *Tablet*. The cause of the hubbub in the editorial sanctum in the City of the Plains was the objection raised by the Irish Parliamentary Party to the appointment of Mr. J. H. Campbell to the position of Irish Lord Chancellor. Sir Edward Carson's appointment, the *London Daily Chronicle* termed 'a deplorable scandal,' but Mr. Campbell's suggested appointment merited severer condemnation - it was 'a deplorable outrage.'

To the former appointment the Irish Party, so far as the cable news goes, made no objection, but the limit was reached when it was sought to impose Mr. Campbell upon the Irish people in such a high and important office as the Lord Chancellorship. His ability, energy, and eloquence are unquestionable, and these qualifications, when put to the uses to which the member for Dublin University generally applied them, made him at once objectionable to the majority of his countrymen both inside and outside of Parliament. When a pane of glass was broken in the window of a house in an obscure village in Ireland, a policeman's helmet knocked off, a hayrick burned, a cattle drive carried out, an agent booled at, a process server barred - in fact, when any of the countless items in the atany of 'offences' against the law in Ireland, whether real or imaginary, occurred, Mr. J. H. Campbell, like a Southsland, pounced upon it. Under his dexterous hand they were catalogued, and presented a formidable array. From public platforms in Great Britain, and in the House of Commons, these vile charges were delivered with eloquence and forensic skill. Clever lawyer that Mr. Campbell is, he invariably dealt in generalities, rendering himself immune from that nemesis which has now happily overtaken him. His mission in life appeared to be to brand the people of Ireland as lineal descendants of Cain, and worthy imitators of the more modern Bill Sykes; in other words, to verify the opinion, so elegantly expressed by his former political chief, Lord Salisbury, who described the Irish people as a nation of 'hottentots.' In the House of Commons on one occasion Mr. Campbell was particularly offensive to the people of Ireland, and quoted largely from his prepared statistics. On Mr. Campbell resuming his seat, one of the Irish members stood up, and said: 'Mr. Speaker, what has fallen from the Right Hon. Member for Dublin University just now concerning the Irish people, together with his fondness for such statistics, will be discounted in this country, and by this House, when I inform them that this persistent calumniator of Ireland and the Irish people is the son of an Irish policeman.' On another occasion in the House of Commons, his hatred of his countrymen brought about, at the hands of his own constituents, a humiliation at once severe as well as merited. It was when the last Home Rule Bill was in Committee of the House. Eager for its mutilation, Mr. Campbell moved that 'Trinity College shall be excluded from the operations of the Better Government of Ireland Bill.' Mr. Asquith with reluctance accepted the amendment, while Mr. John Redmond, with evident emotional regret, concurred with the Prime Minister. Mr. Campbell had inserted the dagger, and the Tories roared with delight. When the news reached Trinity College, the then Provost and his professorial colleagues, Unionists though they were, declined to be divorced from the Irish Parliament, and at once directed their indefatigable, though blind partisan member, to withdraw his amendment, which, to the discomfiture of his friends and the delight of his political adversaries, he was compelled to do. This, then, is the gentleman to whom the Irish Party objected when it was sought

to impose him upon Ireland as its Lord Chancellor. To have permitted the appointment would have been a dereliction of duty by the Irish Party, and an outrage on the feelings of those whom that party represents. Like many other Irishmen of days that are gone, Mr. Campbell preferred the plaudits and good opinions of those who would rule Ireland, not according to Irish ideals, but according to the ideals of the dukes and the lords. Mr. Campbell, like those foolish Irishmen of old, will assuredly learn, as they did, that no greater recompense can be bestowed upon a public man than to know that he lives and survives in the great, generous hearts of his people. - I am, etc.,

M. J. SHEAHAN.

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## Hunterville

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very pleasant evening was spent when the Catholics of Hunterville met to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Powell, who were leaving to take up their residence in New Plymouth. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Rev. Father Dooley, the chair was filled by Mr. Hurley, who, in a neat speech, expressed the deep regret that was felt by the congregation at the departure from among them of Mr. and Mrs. Powell. He said they had always been zealous workers for the Church, for years they had given hospitality to the priest, and on all occasions they were the first and most willing workers in the parish. Their absence would leave a gap that could not easily be filled. Before their departure the Catholics wished to give them some little token of their appreciation, and he asked Mrs. Powell to accept a silver teapot, and Mr. Powell, a case of pipes, with the fervent wish of one and all that they would have a prosperous career in their new sphere. Mr. Powell suitably replied, expressing his gratitude for the kindness shown Mrs. Powell and himself. Musical items were contributed by Mesdames Powell, Gray, and McMurtrie, Miss Gray, Messrs. Powell and Hurley. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of 'Auld lang syne,' after which three hearty cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

## Akaroa

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Tuesday evening, June 8, after the annual meeting of the Akaroa branch of the Catholic Federation a presentation was made to the Rev. Father Bonetto, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Messrs. Felix and Lucien Brocherie, B. G. Mora, P. McGuire, and E. Kutowski, Mrs. M. J. Lelievre, Mrs. Kotlowski, Misses M. Dierck, E. Lelievre, and G. Weir occupied seats on the platform. Mr. Martin Daly, on behalf of the Catholics of the district, presented Rev. Father Bonetto with a purse of sovereigns. In making the presentation he said that the Catholics of Akaroa had, during the past seven and a-half years, learned to appreciate the services of their pastor, and they all wished that he would be spared for many more years' work amongst them.

Rev. Father Bonetto who, on rising to reply, was received with prolonged applause, thanked the people of Akaroa for their gift. He said that he did not know how they had found out that it was his silver jubilee, as he had taken great care not to let anyone know. He then mentioned what had been done in the parish during the last few years.

On Tuesday afternoon the Sisters of Mercy, Akaroa, presented Father Bonetto with a silver afternoon tea service. The Children of St. Patrick's School presented an address and a silver cake dish. The Rev. Father Bonetto suitably replied.

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**GARDENING NOTES.**(By **MR. J. JOYCE**, Landscape Gardener, Christchurch.)**CUTTING FLOWERS.**

Just look at the beautiful bouquet of flowers which that young lady has picked in the garden. They are the choicest blooms she can find. She does this two or three times in the week. The flowers are for the adorning of the drawing-room, in the decoration of which she displays good judgment and exquisite taste. No doubt the flowers are very suitable and appropriate for decorative purposes, but one wonders if the young lady has given a passing thought, as she goes from bed to bed selecting all the choicest blooms, to the sad havoc she is playing on the future of those beautiful seedlings which those choice flowers were expected to produce. It must be borne in mind that from the seeds of the choicest flowers are grown the best plants, and no doubt the best and choicest plants will always have the most perfect blooms. Hence the care and forethought which should be exercised in the proper selection of flowers for the table. Some of the best and choicest of the flowers should be always preserved for a supply of seed to furnish a good display for the next season. Indiscriminate cutting of flowers, without a thought for the future, means an inferior supply of seed for the next year's display. You will never find a gardener, who understands his work, cutting away the best of his flowers for decorative purposes. No; he will jealously guard those precious favorites and watch them carefully until they mature their seed, which will be carefully preserved and laid by until the sowing season arrives. Care should also be exercised in selecting the proper blooms to cut. Sometimes a bloom looks very tempting, but as there are a number of fine buds on the same stalk the cutting of it would mean sacrificing several prospective flowers for the sake of one. Flowers fit to cut, and having few or no buds close to them on the same stalk, should invariably be selected. By a little judicious care in cutting many plants will be induced to flower much later on in the season.

Gardeners are very fond of their flowers, and it is very discouraging and disheartening for one of them, on arriving at his work in the morning, to find that his favorite flowers, which he had watched and tended with jealous care, had disappeared. But, the young ladies of the household never gave his feeling a thought. This is an everyday experience. I have known experienced gardeners give up good positions owing to their choicest flowers being cut indiscriminately. Gardeners like to

make a good display, and they ought to be encouraged as much as possible by their employers.

**THE VARIOUS PARTS OF A FLOWER.**

Now we will pull one of those flowers to pieces, and have a look at its different parts. The flower is the part of a plant destined to perpetuate its species by means of seed, and the different sections of the flower we are going to study have all their different parts allotted by nature for the development of the seed. First we see a little bud growing out of the plant. This is the starting of the flower. It is called the calyx, and out of this the flower grows. When this calyx or bud bursts, the outside parts are called the sepals. The blossom or corolla then expands into what are designated the petals, and are usually colored. The male organs, or stamens, have little knobs at the ends, which are filled with pollen. Those stamens stand around the centre of the flower. The tips of the stamens are the anthers in which the pollen is contained. When the pollen is ripe, the anthers burst and scatter their contents. In the midst of those stamens in the centre of the flower stands the female organ, which botanists designate the pistil. Some flowers have many, and some only one. The lower part is the ovary, where the embryo seed is contained. The middle part, leading from the seed vessel, is named the style, the top of which is the stigma. This receives the pollen from the anthers, and conveys it through the style, to the seed vessel, or ovary, where the embryo seed gets fertilised. The following are the different parts of the flower with the botanical names in parentheses:—Flower cup (calyx), blossom (corolla), blossom leaves (petals), male organs (stamens), male stalks (filaments), tips of the male organs (anthers), powder (pollen), female organs (pistils), seed vessel (ovary), pillars (styles), tops of pillars (stigma), scale (scale or lower leaves).

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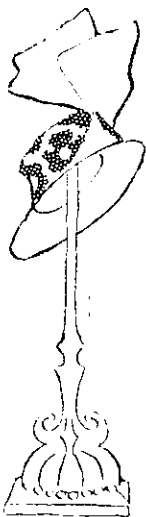
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## THE TURKS IN EUROPE

In 1453 Mohammed II. appeared before Constantinople with a motley army of Jews, Greeks, Romans, Poles, Huns, and Germans, as well as his own Mussulmen. After fifty-five days of siege the city was taken by assault, its last Christian Emperor, Constantine, buried in its ruins, fighting bravely, and the Turks gave it over to pillage. Every atrocity was practised, though Mohammed did not permit fire, and there is no estimating the destruction to human life, or the loss of priceless works of art. Saint Sophia was converted into a Mohammedan mosque, the Cross was trampled under foot—the Crescent reigned (says *Benitzer's Magazine*).

In 1571 was fought the terrific battle of Lepanto, between the fleets of Venice, Spain, and the Papal States, which comprised the Holy League, and the Ottoman fleet. The Mohammedans had attempted to wrest the island of Cyprus from Venice and the allies assembled to give battle. The allies had two hundred galleys under the command of Don Juan of Austria, and a hundred other vessels, and the Turkish fleet was of about the same number. The struggle was a terrible one, the Turks fighting desperately, but the Christians were not less determined for victory, and the sanguinary conflict ended in the complete victory of the allies. About 3000 Christians and over 30,000 Turks were killed. Not the least beautiful fruit of the victory was that more than 12,000 Christian galley-slaves were liberated from their filthy prisons in the holds of Turkish ships, where, chained to the rowers' benches, they had been forced under the lash to row to what their captors scoldingly assured them would be the death of themselves and their Christian friends. This victory is said by historians to have forever broken the naval power of the Turks in the Mediterranean. Another struggle occurred between Cross and Crescent when the "unspeakable Turk" pushed his land forces to the very gates of Vienna. Here he besieged the city, such fierce assaults being hurled against the gates of the city by the Turkish soldiers under the Grand Vizier, Kara Mustapha, that it seemed only a question of hours before the Turks must gain admittance. Above the zone of conflict, however, arose the Star of Sobieski, the Christian warrior who had saved Poland from Swede and Russian. Sobieski was without doubt the greatest general of his time, and was, moreover, the idol of his soldiers.

On the morning of September 12, 1683, Sobieski, who had left his Kingdom of Poland to aid the very sovereign who had refused to regard him as a brother king, though chosen unanimously by the Poles as their ruler, heard Mass devoutly, and then appeared before his forces, to which he made a stirring address. The contest, he told them, was not alone for Vienna, but for all Christendom: it was not only for an earthly sovereign but for the King of kings, since in saving the city from the Mohammedans they were hindering their progress over civilised Europe and saving the land for Christ. His stirring words were received with loud acclaim by the soldiery, who cried, "Christ forever! Death to the Unbeliever! Sobieski to the rescue!" These sounds, reaching even to the magnificent field tent of the Turkish commander, did not reassure him of the outcome of the conflict, and the hussars of Poland made instantly such a terrific charge that the army of the Pasha was swept backward in a confused melee. The Turks tried to withstand the shock, but all in vain: they were swept from the field, a disorderly retreat followed, and Sobieski was victor, capturing artillery, baggage, and tremendous booty.

The people of Vienna went wild with joy, hailing their deliverer with shouts, and carrying him to the cathedral, where a Mass of thanksgiving was held, the *Te Deum* chanted, and a sermon preached on the text, "There was a man sent from God whose name was John." This battle of Vienna marks an epoch, since it stopped the encroachments of the Moslem in Europe, and blighted his power.

When our hope breaks, let our patience hold.

## ROME LETTER

(From our own correspondent.)

May 1.

### THE PAGES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Not even St. Peter's itself, an edifice so accustomed to glorious sights, has witnessed for a considerable time a more touching scene than that which took place last evening, when 3000 pages of the Blessed Sacrament were permitted to descend to the Vatican grottoes to pray at the tomb of Pius X. Every parish in the Eternal City sent its group of pages to swell the pilgrimage, each group being headed by its pastor; for this was the first great manifestation of the children of Rome to the memory of the saintly Pontiff who loved to gather them round him on the day of their First Communion. It was with no small trouble the clergymen in charge of the boys and girls could get them down the narrow stairways in good order, while gendarmes kept back by force the crowd of elders who would follow the little ones. Once in the grotto, a scene of deep love and piety followed. The 3000 pages kneeling among the tombs of Popes, Emperors, Kings, and Cardinals, fervently recited the Rosary for the soul of the venerable Pontiff.

### THE NEW BREVIARY.

Whether or not the information is too late, it is worth giving. Within a month or so a publishing house in Dublin will have 10,000 copies of the Breviary prepared by experts on sale at a figure that is stated to be little more than half the usual price. One of its advantages will be that there will be little or no turning over. It is to be a pocket edition.

### DECREE ON BISHOPS' COATS-OF-ARMS.

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation has issued the following decree: "By the Apostolic Constitution 'Militantis Ecclesie,' issued on the 19th December, 1911, the Sovereign Pontiff, Innocent X., ordained that: 'All the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, for the sake of unity and equality in the Order, shall direct the removal from their seals and escutcheons, commonly called coats-of-arms, of crowns, signs, and all designs of a secular character, except those which they use on the family shield as belonging to the integrity and essence of the same, and shall abstain in future from their use.' With a view to the same uniformity of practice in the case of Bishops, our Most Holy Lord Pope Benedict XV. considered it opportune to extend the law mentioned above to them. Wherefore his Holiness ordered that this Consistorial decree be issued, by virtue of which Patriarchs, Archbishops, and Bishops, whether residential or titular, are forbidden to add to their seals, decorations, or coats-of-arms, titles of nobility, crowns, or other secular signs or marks that go to show nobility of family or race, and the prohibition likewise applies in the issuing of decrees, unless there happens to be question of the Knightly Order of St. John of Jerusalem or of that of the Most Holy Sepulchre. All things to be contrary notwithstanding."

Given at Rome, from the Secretariate of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 15th day of January, 1915.

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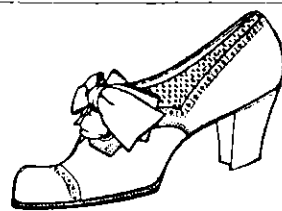
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## BISHOP BRINDLE, D.S.O.

It has been officially announced that the Right Rev. Dr. Robert Brindle, D.S.O., who has been Bishop of Nottingham since 1901, has taken steps to effect his resignation (says the *Universe*). Dr. Brindle is seventy-eight years of age, and his advanced years and dictates of health are the cause of his wish to be relieved of his responsibilities.

Since his ordination at the English College, Lisbon, in 1862, the aged prelate's experience in war service is unique in the annals of Army chaplains. After serving in the diocese of Plymouth, he commenced his military work in 1874, and from 1876 to 1881 was in Nova Scotia. A year later he accompanied Lord (then General) Kitchener's Sudan Expedition, and was present at the two engagements of Kasassin, at the battles of El-Teb and Tamai in 1884, and under fire during the campaigns of Suakin, the Nile, and Ginnéas. He marched with the Royal Irish Regiment across the Bayuda Desert to Metemneh, and was an eye-witness of the action of 1886, which for the time being broke the Dervish power in the neighborhood of Wady Halfa and drove them back to Dongola. During the Nile campaign Father Brindle, as he then was, pulled stroke in the boat of the Royal Irish that gained Lord Wolseley's award of £100 for the quickest time from Wady Halfa to Korti. At the conclusion of this campaign he was again in Aldershot and Colchester, where for many years he acted as spiritual director to the Catholic troops. In 1896 he again joined Lord Kitchener in the Sudan, and served through the Dongola Expedition. A terrible time was experienced during the long wait of that year at Sarras with cholera and the terrific heat, but Dr. Brindle kept up the spirits of the men with his inexhaustible energy and good humor, and was in fact the most popular man in the camp. During the campaign under notice the Sirdar gave Dr. Brindle the command of a gunboat carrying a detachment of the South Staffordshire Regiment.

His services in this expedition secured him the decoration of the Third Medjidie, and for his conduct on the field at Athara in 1898 he was made a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, the first Army chaplain to obtain the distinction. Twice promoted for courage and coolness under fire, he is also the first Catholic chaplain to receive a pension for distinguished and meritorious service. For the 1882 campaign he also received the British war medal for Egypt with three clasps, and the Khedival Bronze Star, and for the later war was awarded the Egyptian war medal with three clasps, i.e., Hadra, Athara, and Khartoum.

He finally severed his connection with the Army in 1899, and on March 12 of that year was consecrated by Cardinal Satolli in Rome as Bishop of Hermopolis, and acted as an auxiliary Bishop to the late Cardinal Vaughan.

He was appointed to the See of Nottingham on the resignation of the late Archbishop Bagshawe on December 6, 1901, being solemnly enthroned in the Cathedral on January 2, 1902.

An interesting event took place in 1906, when he received Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain into the fold, for which he was awarded the Order and Cross of Isabel the Catholic by the King of Spain. He received the congratulations of the late Pope on attaining the golden jubilee of his priesthood on December 27, 1912, and on January 15, 1913, was publicly presented with a series of addresses and a cheque for £1350 subscribed by the faithful of the diocese on the same happy event.

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## Intercolonial

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Mr. Denis Downes, who was farewelled the other day by the staff of Messrs. Beale and Co., at Newcastle, is one of a family of nine (says the *Freeman's Journal*) who have all joined the religious life. Mr. Downes is now following their glorious example.

The Very Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, late of St. Stanislaus' College, who recently left to take up the presidency of the Vincentian College, Dublin (says the *Freeman's Journal*), has cabled his acceptance of the position of Rector of St. John's College, within the Sydney University, rendered vacant by the death of Monsignor O'Brien.

On Sunday, May 30, the Right Rev. Mgr. Beechiner, of Launceston, celebrated the 52nd anniversary of his ordination as a priest, and received many tokens of the love and esteem of his own people and of the good wishes of all sections of the community. The golden jubilee of Ven. Archpriest Hennebry was celebrated in Hobart on June 16.

The Rev. Patrick White, P.S.M., who has been appointed rector of the Church of San Silvestro in Rome, was for many years well and favorably known in Western Australia as a member of the Pious Society of Missions, who devoted himself to missionary work among the aboriginals of the North-West, and was subsequently appointed pastor of the Bayswater-Maylands parish. He left Maylands nearly six years ago and proceeded to Rome.

When Rev. Father Wientjes arrived here some months ago (says the *Brisbane Age*) he was on his way to the land of his birth. Owing to the situation in Europe he postponed his trip, and acted as *locum tenens* for Father Breen, of Kangaroo Point, whose health had broken down. Whilst there, Father Wientjes had endeared himself to the parishioners, and had done much to help on the Hibernian Society. The members of the local branch recognised his efforts, and tendered him a farewell social, at which the district officers attended. Several speakers referred in very eulogistic terms to Father Wientjes' work in the district, and the branch members presented him with a gold cross. A few evenings later the parishioners farewelled Father Wientjes at a meeting which was presided over by his Grace Archbishop Duhig. Father Wientjes was highly praised for his zeal by many speakers, and especially by Archbishop Duhig, and wished a pleasant voyage to the Netherlands.

Speaking of those at the front who would be grateful for our prayers (writes the Sale correspondent of the *Melbourne Advertiser*), the Bishop on June 6 mentioned a letter he had received from a distinguished convert whom he had prepared for reception into the Church a few years ago. That convert, Colonel Legge, is now on his way to the Dardanelles to take supreme command of the Australian troops. The letter was in part as follows:—'I am to be food for powder again, after fearing I should be out of it, and so am just writing you a line because you were the cause of my being received into the Catholic Church, in which I hope to die. It is only through this that one really feels it does not matter when death comes. There are many Catholics on the ship, but no priest, so we had devotions together to-day (Sunday), read the Epistle and Gospel, and said the Rosary and Litany. I am going to get some hymns typed, so that we may have singing, too. My departure was very hurried—only 28 hours' notice—but I was only too glad to start at once. Lots of us must give our lives before the work is finished, and I know that you will spare a prayer for your devoted son in the Church.'

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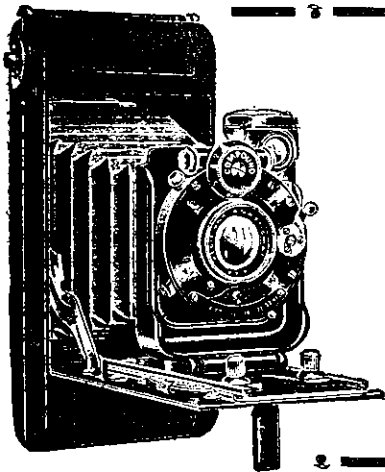
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## CITIZENS' FAREWELL TO CHIEF-DETECTIVE HERBERT

Chief-Detective Herbert, who for twelve years has been the head of the plain-clothes branch of the Dunedin police, received striking testimony before leaving this city that in his long tenure of that important and sometimes difficult office he had succeeded not only in earning the respect of the whole community, but also in gaining the friendship of the large number of citizens with whom he came into personal touch. A number of them found in the occasion of Mr. Herbert's transfer to Christchurch an opportunity for giving him some tangible expression of their affectionate esteem, and the movement was so heartily responded to that the meeting of farewell, held in Mr. D. Larnach's offices, was attended by a large number of representative citizens, and the token of goodwill presented for Mrs. Herbert's acceptance assumed the handsome form of a silver chain purse containing a cheque for a large sum. There was an attendance of some 50 citizens, fully representative of the commercial and professional life of the town. The chairman (Councillor White), in the course of his remarks, said he had admired Chief-Detective Herbert, because they recognised that he had always acted in a straight and fair manner in his official capacity, and, further, because he was a man of ability and standing in his department. He was one who never 'beat about the bush' in what he had to say, and that was the kind of man whom everybody had to admire—the straightforward man, who always had the courage of his opinion. To himself and Mrs. Herbert the speaker wished many long years of happiness; and he thought that it was very fitting to mention there that the Otago Women's Patriotic Association, which had been working so strenuously in the interests of the patriotic funds, have had one of the keenest and hardest workers in Mrs. Herbert, who, from the inauguration of that association, had never missed a day in assisting to make articles for the Belgians and for the brave boys who were so far away fighting for those whom they had left behind them. On behalf of the subscribers he had much pleasure in handing over to Mr. Herbert, for Mrs. Herbert, a silver purse containing a substantial cheque. The purse will remind Mrs. Herbert of many pleasant days spent in Dunedin, and the cheque, no doubt, she would make good use of. Eulogistic speeches were also made by the Mayor of Dunedin, Mr. J. H. Walker, and Mr. H. Mitchell.

Chief-Detective Herbert, said in reply that he would be hypocritical if he said he was not flattered by the reception accorded him, and he could not credit that he had merited all the kind things said of him and done for him. He was very much obliged to them all, and would convey their sentiments to Mrs. Herbert, who, he was sure, would appreciate them even more than he did, if that were possible. It was naturally very pleasant for him to know that the Bench and Bar and the citizens had formed so flattering an opinion of him, and, in fact, it was almost worth while leaving Dunedin to get such a send-off. He had here a great number of most sincere friends, of a calibre that any man would be proud to have.

Mrs. Herbert was also presented during the week with a purse bag by the members of the Otago Women's Patriotic Association as a token of their esteem.

### Hamilton

(From our own correspondent.)

June 17.

The members of St. Mary's Ladies' Club have been fully occupied in working for the wounded soldiers—a very deserving object. In this way the club is proving its usefulness, and is a valuable addition to the other societies of the parish. It is making considerable progress, and it is expected the membership will in the near future reach one hundred.

## Science Siftings

By 'VOLT.'

### Wood in Aeroplanes.

Many persons are wondering these days what material is being used in the construction of aeroplanes of the warring European nations. Constant flying, service which continues day after day, has caused a belief that metal has supplanted wood to a considerable extent. As a matter of fact, the flying machines are made, with the exception of the engine and landing wheels, entirely of wood. The propellers of the aeroplane are, in most instances, made of numerous layers of selected ash, which in addition to being strong and light, will not split under vibration or shock. Built-up layers of spruce, with mahogany centres, are also in use. Spruce is used in the construction of the frame, because of its markedly straight grain and freedom from hidden defects.

### The Danger of Celluloid.

It is well known that celluloid is highly inflammable and on various occasions has caused loss of life and property. The chemical process of its combustion has been studied by Doctor Panzer, of Vienna, and the results of his experiments show a way of dealing with a celluloid blaze. This substance does not ignite spontaneously; but it was found that after extinguishing the flames of a piece of burning celluloid decomposition would still go on, and would continue even in a vessel filled with carbolic acid or steam. This shows that atmospheric oxygen is not necessary for decomposition; that a fire caused by celluloid can only with difficulty be put out with water, and that ordinary chemical fire extinguishers are useless. The flameless combustion starts at a temperature of but little over 212 degrees Fahrenheit, so that the decomposition may be started by a flame some distance away. The white vapors resulting from the combustion form an explosive mixture with air. To extinguish a celluloid blaze in a building is a most difficult task, if not impossible.

### Sources of Colors.

The ingenuity of the makers of pigments for the use of artists has been drawn upon so heavily (says a writer in *Harper's Weekly*) that the manufacturers have been obliged to employ for the purpose all manner of animal, vegetable, and mineral substances. Even the mummies of ancient Egypt have been utilised by the color makers. The corpse of the old Egyptian was preserved in the finest bitumen, and the remains thus treated in the centuries gone present on being unwrapped to-day an appearance quite like that of light-colored leather. Now it has been found that when the bitumen and the leather-like remains are ground down by machinery there may be obtained therefrom a beautiful brown pigment especially prized by artists who paint portraits. This pigment is particularly effective in depicting certain shades of brown hair. Among the other colors obtained from strange sources may be mentioned Prussian blue. This is made by fusing the hoofs of horses with impure potassium carbonate. Sepia is the dark fluid discharged by the cuttlefish to render the water opaque for its own concealment when attacked by its enemies. The cochineal insect furnishes crimson and purple, lake and carmine, while ultramarine blue is obtained from the precious metal known as lapis lazuli. Raw sienna is natural earth from Sienna, and when burned becomes burnt sienna. Gambooge is the yellow sap of a tree that grows in Siam.

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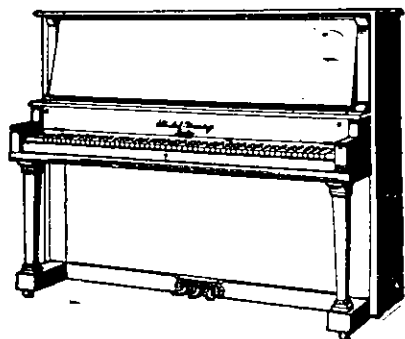
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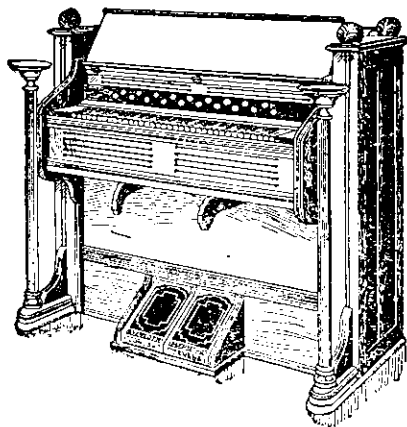
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# The Catholic World

## ENGLAND

### CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

The Very Rev. Joseph Peter Bannin, P.S.M., rector of the Italian Church, Hatton Garden, chairman of the Catholic Association, and a native of Dublin, who died in January last, aged sixty-three years, left estate of the gross value of £4264, of which the net personality has been sworn at £3020. Probate of his will has been granted to the Rev. Michael Carmody, of Hastings, and Mr. Charles Vincent Whitgreave, solicitor. The testator left his leasehold property, Clerkenwell, upon trust for his sister, Catherine Bannin for life, and he directed the payment to her of an allowance in the discretion of his trustees, but not exceeding £78 per annum. He left £1000 to the Superior Council of St. Vincent de Paul, and the residue of his property to the trustees for the time being of the Italian Church, Hatton Garden, London, for the poor and the service of God.

### THE DUTY OF CATHOLICS.

The Bishop of Northampton (Right Rev. Dr. Keating) delivered recently an address on 'The War and Christianity' at a Solemn Requiem Mass for the victims of the war, in St. Gregory's Church, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. In his address he said that the mother country, that had sheltered and protected them and had always taught them that obedience to her laws was the best guarantee of liberty and progress, was calling them. But they had never expected to be summoned to her side to defend her very life. Yet that was the position to-day, and the call imposed a strict obligation upon every citizen. The dictates of the Christian conscience endorsed and elevated and reinforced with fresh motives that which their national feeling prompted them to do. A shirker who professed the Christian religion was infinitely more base than a shirker who professed none. He did not see any sign that the voluntary system was unequal to the strain laid upon it; but it was no less obligatory in conscience than the system of conscription. It was, perhaps, more stringent because it did not mean that they were free to give or withhold their service. It meant universal recognition of a universal duty to dedicate all that they had and all that they were to the country's service.

## ROME

### THE HOLY FATHER AND LOUVAIN.

The Holy Father has ordered that duplicates of publications arriving at the Vatican Library, and also a copy of everything printed there, be sent to the Uni-

versity of Louvain to assist in reconstructing that library. His Holiness has also promised further assistance.

### DEPUTATION FROM SALERNO.

On April 22 his Holiness received in the Consistorial Hall a large deputation from the archdiocese of Salerno, which had come to thank the Holy Father for having given them a new pastor in the person of Mgr. Grasso. An address was read by Mgr. Capone, Canon of the Metropolitan Church of Salerno, to which the Pope made a very graceful reply, appropriately recalling that the consecration of the new Archbishop had been performed during the second week after Easter, the Sunday of which, being the Feast of the Good Shepherd, coincided with the title they might give to Mgr. Grasso, and that they were to be a docile flock, following him to pastures fruitful in virtue and zeal. His Holiness then gave the Apostolic Benediction, and going around the hall gave his hand to be kissed by each one present.

## UNITED STATES

### A TRIPLE BEREAVEMENT.

During the first week in May (says the *Catholic Bulletin*) the Church in the United States suffered a triple bereavement in the deaths of the distinguished prelates who presided over the Sees of Buffalo, Covington, and Salt Lake. The East, the South, and the West, are in mourning for Bishop Colton, Bishop Maes, and Bishop Scanlan, respectively. Two of them—Bishop Maes and Bishop Scanlan—had entered the forty-seventh year of the priesthood, the former had passed the thirtieth milestone in his episcopal career, and the latter the twenty-seventh. Both were missionary bishops who helped to lay or extend the foundation of the Church in the States of Kentucky and Utah. Bishop Scanlan was born in County Tipperary in 1843, and educated at Thurles and All Hallows College, where he was ordained in 1868. For a time he was assistant at St. Patrick's Church, San Francisco. He came to Salt Lake in 1873, where he erected a small church for the few Catholics of that locality. He travelled over the State as a missionary for many years and when the diocese of Salt Lake was erected into a separate jurisdiction, he was appointed its first bishop, and consecrated in 1887. He erected the beautiful Cathedral of St. Mary Magdalen which was dedicated a few years ago, and also All Hallows College for the education of boys, placing it in charge of the Marist Fathers.

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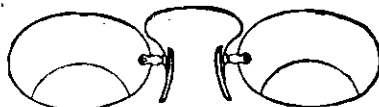
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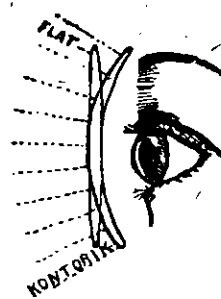
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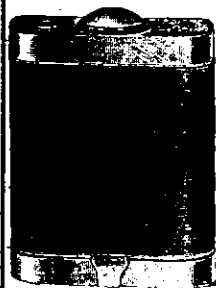
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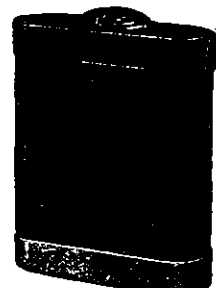
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## Domestic

(By MAUREEN.)

### Meat Roll.

One pound beef steak,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb bacon or ham,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb bread-crumbs, salt and pepper to taste, nutmeg if liked, two eggs. Put the meat through a mincer and mix well with breadcrumbs, salt, and pepper. Beat the eggs well, and mix with other ingredients. Make into the shape of a sausage; roll tightly in a well-floured cloth. Put in boiling water and boil three hours. Leave it to get cold in the water it was cooked in, as this preserves the flavor. Serve cold and covered with brown bread-crumbs. This is excellent as a supper and breakfast dish and for picnics; etc, also for sandwiches.

### To Keep a Cake Fresh.

If cake is to be preserved for any length of time, put it into a tin box, but if one is not conveniently to hand an ordinary pasteboard box or any closed receptacle will do. Place with it a large slice of fresh bread; laying it on top or close beside the cake, and in twenty-four hours the bread will be found quite hard, while the cake will be perfectly fresh. If the cake is to be kept still longer, renew the bread each day.

### Orange Sponge Cake.

Three eggs, one and a-third tablespoonsful sugar, one-half cupful salt, one tablespoonful lemon juice, one-half cupful cold water, one teaspoonful orange flavoring, one and a-half cupfuls flour. Beat the egg yolks until light and lemon-colored. They should become quite stiff. Add the sugar gradually, then the lemon juice and salt. Beat the whites slightly and add one-half of them to the yolk mixture. Beat again, then add the water and fold in the flour measured after once sifting. Then fold in the remainder of the egg whites, stiffly beaten. Turn into a loaf pan and bake in a moderate

oven for about thirty minutes. Turn upside down in the pan to cool. Remove from the pan and cover with a thin layer of icing. Arrange sections of orange in rows across the cake, so that when cut each piece will have a piece of orange upon it.

### Making Food Attractive.

Some people imagine that there is no particular advantage in making a diet attractive beyond the mere gratification of appetite, but physiologists think differently, for scientific research has shown that appetising diets actually stimulate the action of digestion. Variety in food is a great diet aid in cooking appetising meals, and also serves to ensure a supply of all the chemical ingredients needed.

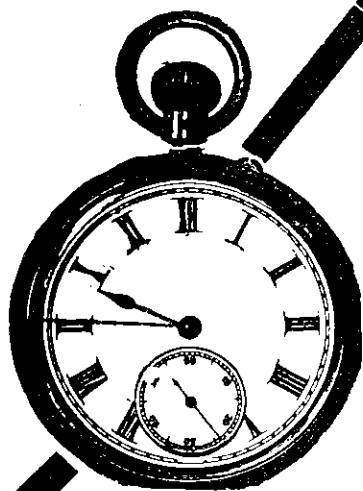
### The Value of a Hot Foot-Bath.

There is nothing like a hot foot-bath to tranquillise the nervous system after a siege of prolonged study, literary labor, or other intellectual activity at night. The bath should be taken for about ten or twelve minutes, before going to bed, and the water should be as hot as can be borne. Let the water come well over the ankles. It will cause the blood vessels in the feet to fill and afford almost instant comfort and soothing effect, as it withdraws blood pressure from the over-stimulated brain. This induces relaxation and eases the mental tension, quieting the nervous system, so that sleep is promoted. Keep the water up to the highest temperature which it can be borne for at least ten minutes, by adding hot water as the temperature of the foot-bath becomes lower.

### Household Hint

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# On the Land

## GENERAL.

In the course of an interview at Eketahuna, Mr. J. G. Harkness stated (says the *Pahiatua Herald*) that the total output of cheese from New Zealand to the United Kingdom last season was 36,000 tons—a record for the country. He anticipated that with anything like fair climatic conditions there should be an advance of about 30 per cent. on this during the coming season.

A good whitewash for outdoor use (says an exchange) is made in the following way:—Put into a water-tight barrel  $\frac{1}{4}$  bushel of lime. Slake by pouring boiling water over it, enough to cover five inches deep, stirring until thoroughly slaked. When it is slaked, add 1lb sulphate of zinc and 1lb common salt dissolved in water. The above wash may be made cream color by adding a little yellow ochre.

The Prime Minister stated last week that in the Lands Department difficulty was being experienced in getting the survey work in connection with land settlement schemes pushed on because so many surveyors had gone to the war. 'We have to be careful,' said Mr. Massey, 'while we are anxious that every officer who feels inclined to go to fight should get the opportunity, that the business of the country is carried on and interfered with as little as possible.'

It is interesting to note that up to the year 1820 a prejudice existed against the potato. According to evidence given before the Committee on Agriculture, the cultivation of the crop was injurious to the country. It was called the lazy root. Cobbett maintained that it engendered slovenly and beastly habits, first because it could be lifted straight out of the earth without requiring any implement besides hands; secondly, because it made people careless in cooking; thirdly, because, being innutritious, it took the place of more invigorating foods.

The role of phosphate of lime in the cultivation and improvement of grass lands is the most important. Without phosphoric acid the most valuable herbage—the clovers—will not flourish, and in consequence no nitrogen will be accumulated for the benefit of the succeeding crops. Therefore it is incontestable that phosphate may be supplied, and the question only remains in what form—superphosphate or basic slag. We (*Farm, Field, and Fireside*) think experience has shown that where the soil is humus or peaty in character or deficient in lime, the employment of basic slag is sufficiently indicated; in other cases, the use of superphosphate is to be recommended.

The Government Statistician returns the actual average wheat yield for the Dominion at 28.94 bushels per acre. If this is worked out on an estimate of 189,567 acres in crop, it gives a total yield of only 5,486,068 bushels, as against 6,169,760 shown by threshing returns up to the middle of May. Unless the complete threshing returns have shown a larger area in wheat than that estimated at, it is difficult to see how the average of 28.94 bushels per acre has been arrived at. More complete information is required to show the actual position. The estimated average of 39.77 bushels of oats per acre gives a total yield of well on to 10,250,000 bushels, which is 2,500,000 bushels short of the estimated requirement.

At Addington last week there were large entries of fat sheep and fat lambs, a fuller yarding of store sheep, and a rather smaller entry of fat cattle. There was a good attendance. Fat lambs were rather easier owing to a large proportion of unfinished sorts. Fat sheep were firm, and fat cattle were a little easier. Fat Lambs.—Prime lambs, 17s 6d to 22s 1d; medium, 14s to 17s; light and unfinished, 11s 6d to 13s 6d. Fat Sheep.—Extra prime wethers, to 30s 3d; prime wethers, 20s to 25s; others, 16s to 19s 6d; merino wethers, 12s 6d to 23s 4d; extra prime ewes, to 25s 9d; prime ewes, 17s 6d to 24s 6d; medium ewes, 14s 6d to 17s; inferior ewes, 8s 2d to 14s; merino ewes, 8s 3d to 9s 6d. Fat Cattle.

—Extra steers, to £15 5s; ordinary steers, £7 15s to £10; extra heifers, to £11; ordinary heifers, £5 to £8; extra cows, to £10 7s 6d; ordinary cows, £4 15s to £8. Price of beef per 100lb, 22s to 37s; extra, to 39s. Pigs.—Choppers, 45s to 135s; extra heavy baconers, 76s to 80s; heavy baconers, 60s to 72s; light baconers, 50s to 57s 6d—price per lb, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 6d; heavy porkers, 40s to 45s; light porkers, 30s to 38s—price per lb, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 6d; medium stores, 18s to 24s; smaller, 12s to 17s; weaners, 2s 6d to 5s.

At Burnside last week prices for fat cattle were firmer than at previous sale, whilst fat sheep of good quality maintained previous week's rates. Fat Cattle.—184 head yarded, the majority of which consisted of only medium quality. Prices for prime bullocks were much firmer than those of last week, while medium and inferior sorts sold at advanced rates. Cows and heifers also sold at an advance of 15s per head. Quotations: Best bullocks, £14 to £16; medium, £12 to £13; inferior, £9 10s to £10 10s; best cows and heifers, £11 to £12 10s; medium, £8 10s to £9 10s; inferior, £6 to £7. Fat Sheep.—2890 yarded, the majority of which consisted of ewes of medium and inferior quality. Prices at the commencement of the sale were not so good as those of last week, but as the sale progressed competition was more keen, and prices at the finish of the sale were equal to those ruling last week. Quotations: Best wethers, 28s to 30s 6d; prime, 22s to 23s; medium, 19s 6d to 21s; inferior, 16s to 17s; extra ewes, to 26s 6d; medium, 17s to 18s; inferior, 11s to 12s. Fat Lambs.—1200 yarded, a number of which were unfinished. The space allotted this week to the different freezing buyers was very limited, the result being that before many pens were sold the buyers had filled their requirements. Towards the end of the sale lambs were unsaleable at other than store prices. Quotations: Extra lambs, 21s 9d; good, 15s to 18s; medium, 12s to 14s. Pigs.—Prices for good baconers were firmer. Porkers were the same as previous week, while slips and stores were firmer. Quotations: Baconers, 70s; porkers, 45s to 50s; light baconers, 38s to 42s; stores, 19s to 22s; slips, 14s to 17s; suckers, 7s to 9s.

## MILDEW IN WHEAT.

Investigations into the causes of the disease and the resulting poor crop have shown in many cases that the chief factor may be attributed to the too exclusive applications of quickly acting nitrogenous fertilisers, stimulating the growth of the leaf, but producing small and wrinkled grain.

Up to the present time no remedy has been discovered which has proved satisfactory in practice, but it is possible to mitigate the attack by selecting a variety of wheat not subject to the disease, and by the adoption of a judicious system of cultivation.

The late varieties should be avoided, as they are most liable to attack, as from the month of July the spores of the disease are most prevalent.

The kind of manures applied to the crop also seems to exercise a considerable influence. The application of nitrate of soda without mineral plant food renders the crop particularly susceptible, and the grower who, on a soil impoverished in phosphate and potash, attempts to force a big crop with nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia, must not be surprised if nature resents such unfair treatment, and inflicts punishment in the form of disease by weakening the stamina of the plant so that the plant is badly laid by harvest time.

It must be accepted as a rational principle that a nitrogenous manure should be supplemented by dressings of phosphate of lime, and usually potash if the best results are to be obtained.

An experiment was made to contrast the result produced by an exclusive dressing of nitrogen in the form of nitrate of soda against a complete manure. The complete manure plot yielded a good crop of heavy grain, while on the other plot the grain was so badly diseased and poor that it was only fit for feeding purposes.—*Farm, Field, and Fireside*.

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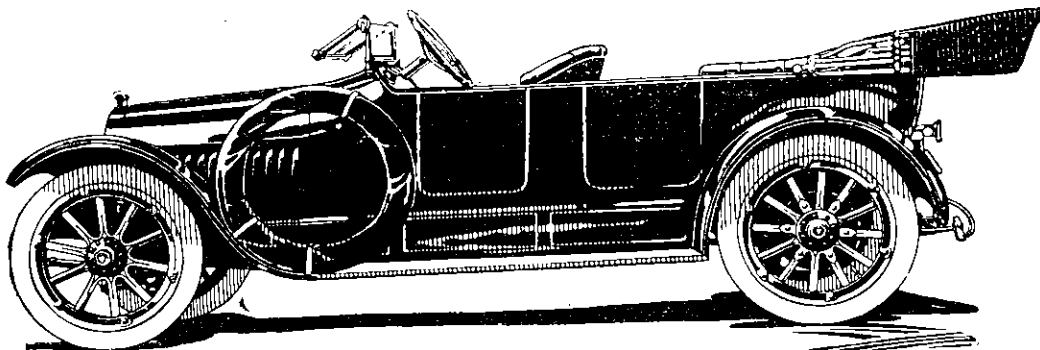
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The children cluster to hear a tale  
Of that time so long ago.

'Life is a stocking,' grandma says,  
'And yours is just begun;  
But I am knitting the toe of mine,  
And my work is almost done.'

'With merry hearts we begin to knit,  
And the ribbing is almost play;  
Some are gay-colored, and some are white,  
And some are ashen grey.'

'But most are made of many a hue,  
With many a stitch set wrong.  
And many a row be sadly ripped  
Ere the whole be fair and strong.'

'There are long plain spaces without a break  
That in youth is hard to bear,  
And many a weary tear is dropped  
As we fashion the heel with care.'

'But the saddest, happiest time is that  
We court, and yet would shun,  
When our Heavenly Father breaks the thread  
And says that our work is done.'

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The children come to say 'Good-night,'  
With tears in their bright young eyes,  
While in Grandma's lap with broken thread,  
The finished stocking lies.

## MARJORIE'S VICTORY.

'Uncle Howard,' asked Marjorie, looking up from the book she was reading, 'what is a coincidence?'

'Let me see,' replied Uncle Howard, trying to think how to make a simple definition. 'When two things happen at the same time that have nothing to do with each other, but seem to have a great deal to do with each other, we call it a coincidence.'

Seeing that Marjorie still looked puzzled, he started to explain further, when a telephone message called him away. As he took down his hat in the hall, however, he paused long enough to say, 'I'll look out for a first-rate coincidence to show you, Marjorie, and then you'll understand better.'

The next day happened to be Friday, and because there was no one to drive Marjorie to school, and because she was not able to walk so far, she was obliged to remain at home.

Mamma and Uncle Howard were very sorry, and they all thought of the two shining gold pieces in Marjorie's bank that meant two whole years without an absence, and of the third coat was to have joined them so soon; for Great-Aunt Morton, who lived in the big house on the hill, had laughingly told Marjorie the very first day she went to school that she should have a five-dollar gold piece at the end of each year that she was neither absent nor tardy.

But the gold-piece was as nothing compared with the broken record, and Marjorie sobbed aloud for a few minutes; then, like the brave little girl that she was, she dried her tears, got out her paint-box, and began coloring up some sunbonnet babies for the other children.

When she went to school on Monday morning everybody was talking about the fire that had occurred the day before, and to her relief, nobody said anything to her about her absence. She said to herself that she just could not have stood it, if anybody had.

Two weeks later the monthly report-cards were

given out. Marjorie received hers with a sad heart, as she thought of the broken record. She did not even open the envelope until Gertrude Harris had turned off on her own street and she was alone.

But as she glanced over the card, something within her gave a great leap. Could she believe her own eyes? There were no marks in the absence column! The teacher must have made a mistake.

Mamma and Uncle Howard looked the card over, and said they were glad Marjorie had gone from 'G' to 'G plus' in her reading, but neither of them thought of the omission.

Then came a great temptation to Marjorie. If she should say nothing about the mistake, the record would remain as it was, and the teacher and pupils would forget by next year, and Great-Aunt Morton need never know. So the report-card was returned to the teacher without anything being said.

All the next week Marjorie struggled with the temptation. She seemed unlike herself.

Friday came again, the last day of school. Marjorie could stand it no longer. Summoning all her courage, she came back into the schoolroom at recess, after the others were all out, and sobbed out her story to her teacher.

'So you thought I made a mistake, did you?' asked the teacher. 'I'm so glad you told me, because I can assure you that you are the one who has made the mistake. That day was a very cold one, you remember, and something broke about the furnace early in the morning, so we couldn't have school that day. We sent word to all whom we could reach easily, and dismissed the others as soon as they came. You live so far away we could not notify you. I'm sorry this has troubled you so much; you should have told your mother or me sooner.'

Marjorie ran-round to Great-Aunt Morton's after school with her report-card, and then fairly flew home to tell her story to mamma and Uncle Howard.

'That's what I call the happiest kind of a coincidence,' said Uncle Howard, as he heard the five-dollar piece rattle down with its mates. 'Now you know the meaning of the word.'

'I call it a great victory,' said mamma, thinking of something quite different. But Marjorie understood both.

## THE DILATORY CORRESPONDENT.

A story was recently told by an American author residing in London. At an evening gathering of a company of bright men, the conversation turned upon neglect to answer letters promptly, when he related his experience.

The literary man received one morning a letter from an intimate friend in America, announcing briefly the sudden death of his wife, to whom he was devotedly attached. The letter was read with deep sympathy, and was put aside in a pigeon-hole of the author's desk, to be answered by the first trans-Atlantic mail.

Like other men who earn their living by their pens, this author disliked private correspondence, and had formed the habit of holding letters for some time before answering them.

The letter of the heart-broken husband was not one that could be easily answered. The next ocean mail did not have the author's reply. He waited another week and tried to begin a letter, but was interrupted by a caller. A fortnight afterward he reproached himself for his heartless procrastination, and made a fresh start; but the opening sentences did not suit him, and he tore up the sheet.

A month passed, and the letter was still unanswered. He thought of his friend very often, but he could not force himself to write the usual expressions of condolence and sympathy. Six months went by, and the letter was still at the bottom of the file.

At last he was overwhelmed with a feeling of shame for having treated his friend with such coldness and indifference. He answered the letter. He filled five or six sheets with tender reminiscences of the

American friend's wife, and with sympathetic expressions of friendly feeling. The letter was stamped, sealed, and sent off by post.

What was his horror and amazement when the next morning's mail brought him a second letter from the same American friend! He looked at the envelope with a vacant stare for a moment, and then hurriedly broke the seal. It announced the widower's engagement with a young lady to whose beauty and intellectual graces he bore full tribute.

The author was dismayed. If the second letter had only come a day earlier, the first would never have been answered. As it was, the happy man in America would receive the letter of condolence when he was in the mood for congratulations and good wishes.

'Well,' said the author, in conclusion, 'the incident worked a reform in my habits as a correspondent. I answered that letter at once, and from that time I have not allowed my correspondence to fall into arrears.'

#### HAD TO PAY.

The chairman of a certain great railway company recently chided a ticket-examiner who went by him without looking at his pass.

'No matter if you do know who I am,' said he, in reply to the examiner's excuse. 'I am entitled to a free ride only when I am travelling with that pass. You don't know whether I have it or not.'

The man, a little nettled, then demanded to see the pass.

'That's right!' exclaimed the worthy chairman: 'here—why—where—well, I declare! I must have left it at the office.'

'Then you'll have to pay your fare,' said the examiner, firmly.

And he did.

#### TIPS—AND TIPS.

An American spending his vacation in Scotland had an opportunity to play golf every day on a world-famous links. Moreover, he had assigned to him an exceptionally fine caddie, who had frequently carried the bags of the best golfers in Scotland.

'Donald, my man, I expect to get some good tips from you while I am here,' said the American, while making the first round of the course.

'And I expect,' returned the thrifty Donald, 'the like frae you.'

#### A NEAT REPLY.

In *My Varied Life*, Mr. F. C. Phillips tells an amusing story of the English judge, the late Sir George Honyman, who wrote a wretched hand. On one occasion Sir George sent a note to a friend among the lawyers seated at the barristers' table.

Not being able to make head or tail of it, the friend scribbled something absolutely undecipherable upon a half sheet of notepaper and passed it up to the judge.

Sir George looked somewhat annoyed when he glanced at it, and when the Court rose he spoke to his friend, and said: 'What do you mean by this? I asked you to come and dine with me to-night.'

'Yes,' said the barrister, 'and I replied that I should be extremely glad to do so.'

#### EASILY EXPLAINED.

Buffon, the great naturalist, one day entertained a company of distinguished savants at dinner, at the conclusion of which they all went into the garden. It was a very hot summer's day. In the centre of the grounds there stood on a pedestal a large glass globe, which one of the guests happened to touch with his hand, when he found, to his astonishment, that it was warmer on the shady side than on the side turned to-

wards the sun. He communicated his discovery to the other guests, who at once proceeded to verify the statement. What could be the cause? An animated discussion ensued, in the course of which every imaginable law of physics was made to account for the strange paradox.

At length the scientists agreed that it must be owing to the laws of reflection, repulsion, or exhalation, or some other law of physics with a long name. The host was, however, not quite convinced, and, calling his gardener, he said to him:

'Pray tell us why the globe is warmer on the shady side than on the side turned to the sun.'

The man replied:

'Because just now I turned it round for fear of its cracking with the great heat.'

#### HATFUL OF PEARLS.

The wit of Jenny Lind was as charming in its way as her voice.

On the occasion of her second rehearsal at the Paris Opera House, Lablache, the famous singer, was entranced with her voice. Hurrying up to her he said, enthusiastically:

'Give me your hand, mademoiselle! Every note in your voice is a pearl!'

'Give me your hat,' replied Jenny Lind, with a playful smile.

Lablache handed the hat to her. Putting it to her mouth, she gave one of her matchless trills and bird-like snatches of song.

'Here,' she said, smiling at the delighted Lablache, as she returned his property, 'is a hatful of pearls for you, monsieur.'

#### CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

One morning a well-known woman of Chicago while shopping thoughtlessly picked up an umbrella belonging to another woman and started to walk off with it. The owner stopped her, and the absent-minded one, with many apologies, returned the umbrella.

This little incident served to remind her that a number of umbrellas were needed in her family, so she bought two for her daughters and one for herself. As it was the holiday season, she took the articles with her, instead of ordering their delivery.

As she entered a car, armed with the three umbrellas, she chanced to observe that exactly opposite her sat the very woman with whom she had the unfortunate experience but a short while before.

The second woman stared at the three umbrellas very hard for several minutes. Then, with a significant smile, she leaned across the aisle and said in an icy tone, 'I see you've had a successful hour.'

#### OFFICIAL CHARGE.

A stranger got off a tram car in Chicago, and, accosting a newsboy, asked him to direct him to the nearest bank.

'This way,' said the 'newsie,' and, turning the corner, pointed to a sky-scraper just across the street.

'Thank you, and what do I owe you?' said the gentleman, pulling two cents out of his pocket.

'A quarter, please.'

'A quarter! Isn't that pretty high for directing a man to the bank?'

'You'll find, sir,' said the youngster, 'that bank directors are paid high in Chicago.'

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