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Friends at Court

CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- July 18, Sunday.—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.
 „ 19, Monday.—St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor.
 „ 20, Tuesday.—St. Jerome Emilian, Confessor.
 „ 21, Wednesday.—St. Praxedes, Virgin.
 „ 22, Thursday.—St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent.
 „ 23, Friday.—St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 24, Saturday.—Vigil of the Feast of St. James.

St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor.

St. Vincent was born in the South of France. Having been ordained priest, his heart was touched by the state of spiritual destitution in which he found the remoter country districts of France. The remedy for this appeared to him to be a series of retreats or missions, by which the people might be taught their duties to God and man, and at the same time earnestly exhorted to fulfil them. For this purpose St. Vincent instituted a congregation of priests, popularly known in English-speaking countries as Vincentians. He was also led by a spirit of ardent charity to found numerous hospitals, asylums, and orphanages, and to establish confraternities for the education of youth, the service of the sick, and the relief of the destitute. St. Vincent died in 1661, at the age of 86.

St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Apollinaris, first Bishop of Ravenna, and, according to tradition, a disciple of St. Peter, suffered martyrdom during the reign of the Emperor Valerian, in the first century.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

FORGET ME NOT

Forget Me not! 'Tis thus My Heart is pleading
 With you for whom I pain again would cheer
 Forget Me not! for, oh! this Heart once broken
 Still loves you from its prison where it mourns

Forget Me not upon the dawn of day
 Men pass Me by and leave Me all alone
 They've love enough for me, for every other
 For Me, their God, their hearts are cold as stone.

Forget Me not! for I'm ever waiting
 For friends who are My bitter woes attend
 Forget Me not! for I am ever crying
 Devoted hearts who were My woes their own

Forget not in thy trials or dark sorrow
 There is a home for thee, thy Saviour's breast;
 Be comforted, the day is ever near,
 When thou wilt there find thine eternal rest.

The Messenger.

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper, but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.

God gives us just so much of health, of wealth, of friends, as is best for us; He afflicts us only when it is for our good. Cardinal Newman.

A virtuous life may be under more burdens than a free and easy one, but it is supported by all the strength of charity and religion, and these burdens are delightful.

What the world calls heroism and sacrifice in the lives of Catholic Sisterhoods is with them simply corresponding to the grace of vocation. It is God's will manifested in their lives.

Man may work, but if he is to work with success he must work in God's way. When you wish to erect a mill, you study to erect it so that Nature herself shall work for you and drive your machinery. In morals you must follow the same method, only you are here to seek to avail yourself not of nature but of grace. You must work, but you must work to let God Himself work in and for you.

The Storyteller

UNDER THE TRUMPET VINE

It sat back from the road some distance, a little, dingy, storey and a half house, and perhaps I had passed it two dozen times or more before it even impressed itself upon my consciousness. And then it was not the house itself but a gorgeous trumpet vine which nearly covered it which attracted my attention. Rich in glorious bells of radiant color, it flung itself across the sloping roof and down the dun boards on the other side with a prodigality that clothed the little house in a dress of glowing beauty. I stopped entranced one day to look at it.

'What a beautiful vine!' I said aloud. 'I wonder why I never noticed it before.' I had been passing by every day for two weeks or more, and for the next week I found great pleasure in the picture made by the small dun house and its enveloping vine. I never saw any one about, though it was evident the house was occupied. One day, idling along on my way home, I decided to go in and see who lived there, and ask just how old such a wonderful vine could be.

The grass had lately been cut with a somewhat defective mower, as one could note by the relays of up-standing blades, like sentries posted here and there, and the scent of the newly cut grass mingled with the keen, pungent tang of burning leaves in an adjoining yard. I knocked on the front door, but there was no response, and in a few moments I took the little path around the house. I had a curious feeling as I went on that my first visit might be an intrusion, and I all but hesitated, reassuring myself then that I was only going to inquire about the vine. Surely there was no harm in doing that. And I turned the corner, to see a little old woman sitting in a rude porch outside the kitchen door peeling peaches. She looked up at my approach, and rose to greet me with an inquiring look.

'Good evening!' I said, smiling, hastily. 'I just came in a moment to ask you about your beautiful trumpet vine. I have never seen such a beauty. It is so large. It must be very old, isn't it?'

'Come in,' I'm glad to see you,' and she quickly moved a wooden chair for me, whisking off an invisible film of dust with her apron blue apron before she allowed me to sit down. 'The vine? Sure it's very old—years and years older than you are,' and she smiled the soft, irradiating smile of the true Celt.

'Did you plant it yourself?' I asked.

She glanced up at the vine where it drooped over the broken eaves of the small porch. Her eyes were that peculiar translucent bluish-grey so common to the Irish race, and lying in their depths that same look of eternal youth (though informed now with a wistfulness that went to my heart) which leads its sons and daughters safely through many a difficult path, but leaves them too often with a crushed spirit and a broken heart. She lowered her glance in a moment and spoke, with a half sigh:

'Yes, ma'am, it was myself that planted it. Himself and myself, fifty years ago, before we were married.'

'Fifty years this month.' Ah, it seems like only the other day, and many's the happy day I've spent since then, and many's the lonely one, too, with a sad shake of her head. 'The house was new then, and a mighty fine house it was for those times. We didn't have such big houses then, at least not in these parts. It was himself that built it with his own hands, and he was living in it with his mother when I came out from Ireland. He had a grand bit of ground about it, and it was himself that was well to do entirely. I was only a slip of a girl, but he took a notion to me and I to him—and so we were pledged to marry.'

'And you came here a bride fifty years ago?'

'Well, no, ma'am, I didn't. You see, his mother didn't take to me somehow. I suppose I was a fly-away young thing, with ne'er a bit o' sense at all, as she

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thought. She was a stern woman who had lost her husband and all her children but my man—Edward—and she was that wrapped up in him that she thought no one was good enough for him, much less a little harum-scarum Irish girl from beyond the seas, with a smile that had a hint of unhappy reminiscence in it. She hesitated suddenly. 'But it was the vine you wanted to know about, and here I'm gossiping away like the foolish old woman that I am——'

'Oh, please go on!' I begged. 'I am very much interested. Tell me how it came out; that is, if you don't mind,' I added hastily.

'Well, then, I don't,' she answered, with an apologetic glance. 'I do be thinking of the old times as I sit here by myself, and I do get a load on my heart with the lonesomeness; and it's a relief to talk to some one, for it isn't many in these days who care to hear the old people talk. Our day is past, ma'am,' with a resigned sigh.

I was about to ask if she lived there alone, when she went on with her reminiscence:

'It's queer, ma'am, isn't it, how things work out in this life? I took my man away from his mother in her old age, and here I am, alone and lonely, with neither chick nor child to comfort or care for me. Ah, well, sure it's good that we can't see what's before us. I mind as if it was but yesterday the day he brought me over here to plant this vine. It was but a wee bit of a slip that the lady I worked for gave me. It was within a week of our marriage, and we walked out from the town—this was quite a way in the country then, and people walked more, too, planning that his mother and I would plant the bit of vine together that we might become better acquainted. She would ask me to stay to supper, and he would walk back with me in the evening. It turned out that he hadn't told his mother yet that we were to be married so soon, intending to break the news to her in my presence. But some one else had told her, and she was angry and cross when we got there, sore hearted, as I can see now; and she wouldn't have a word to say to me. He angered himself, who was very fond of me, and they had hot words. It ended in the two of us planting the bit of vine himself and myself, right there at the corner of the house, and going on, mightily discouraged, back to town together. She came out and glowered at us as she saw her son digging. "What are you doing?" she asked, suspiciously. "Planting a little vine," he answered surly enough. "A vine," sneeringly. "You needn't think it will ever shade you or yours! I'll dig it up!" And he answered her in quick anger, not meaning it at all. "If you do, I'll never speak to you as long as I live!" I saw her face turn white, even to her lips, and she went in the house without a word and closed the door. That day a week later we were married, but he didn't take me home to his mother, as he had intended, but to a cosy enough log cabin, a mile away. He still turned the ground here and supported his mother, but they were both black in their tempers, and they never made up. As mothers do, she blamed me, and said hard things about me, and hearing them from meddling neighbors didn't make my heart any softer toward her. Sure, as I look back now I see how sad and foolish it all was, and I might have had more sense and understanding; but it's life that brings us that, isn't it, dear?'

'Yes,' I assented, soberly; 'and sometimes brings it too late.'

'True for you, ma'am. I was young and thoughtless, and himself was good to me and the children, and it never came to me how much his mother was missing him until my eldest child—a fine boy of nine—died. Edward went after her then, but found her sick in bed, down with a fever that took her off in a week. She told him how bitter the sorrow was on her for quarrelling with her only child; how lonely she had been, and how she had often longed to see him and his children, and even me. But she was that proud not to see us when we took the little one by there on purpose. It broke Edward's heart—the poor man! It was himself reproached himself many a time for all the lonesome hours that we never could make up to her.

It's a terrible thing, isn't it, that we never can make up for some things? But I tell you, ma'am, I often think, as I sit here by myself in the long summer days, and inside, in the long, lonesome winter evenings, that I am makin' up for it some way. I do be that lonesome sometimes that I think my heart would break within me—here in the same house where she spent her bitter, lonesome days.'

'Are you all alone in the world?'

A faint look of pain passed quickly over the patient old face, but her lips smiled bravely, as she said with a show of cheerfulness:

'Oh, no, ma'am; I have two daughters living, but they are far away from here. They are married and live in Colorado. They have growing sons and daughters, but I have never seen any of my grandchildren. They never came back since they left, though they often talk about it. Oh, they're good to me, she hastened to add. They're always sending me presents. You know I have this little house and enough to keep me; himself saw to that—but I do get the lonesome feeling over me to have none of my own about me. I had eight children, and now all are gone but my two youngest girls, and they are far and far away enough. Ah, well, sure it's the way of the world.'

'Wouldn't you?' I put the question diffidently—'wouldn't you go to them?'

The soft old eyes regarded me gently. 'Ah, ma'am, sure there's no place like your own small corner. Many's the happy day I spent in this little house after we came back here. Four of my children were born here, and here I raised them all. Himself went to his rest twenty-one years ago, and it's out of the same door I want to go when my time comes. Here under the vine we planted fifty years ago I do sit many an hour thinkin' of the old days when I had my children about my feet, the happiest days of a woman's life, ma'am, and a word to the wind, my heart to leave it. Sure I know it's not much to look at—barrin' the vine maybe, but it's home, and it's my own. Sometimes, ma'am, I wish they were here, but they would be coming back to see me. But sure they don't know how much I love to have them. It's no use now, they're all married, and they couldn't come, for they're all busy with their own families, and it takes a deal to keep a family, the way it is.'

'You're sure they'll surprise you one of these days,' I put in with a certainty I did not by any means feel. 'How fine it will be to see your grandchildren!'

'Yes,' with a far-away look in her eyes. 'But she never saw her grandchildren to talk to. I mean—and sometimes I do be thinkin' that maybe I--' she hesitated, and a slow tear fell on the withered cheek.

'Nonsense,' I interrupted, briskly. 'It wasn't your fault and if it was, surely you have atoned for it in all these years of loneliness! O wonderful heart, I was thinking, that had kept the memory of that early mistake so fresh in mind, and was willing to suffer now as she had, innocently enough, made another suffer so many years ago. Husband and mother stubborn both, their hearts had crumbled into dust this many a year; yet the reproach and wrong of those old days still found a resting place in this tender, sad old heart.'

At this instant a brilliant idea popped into my head, and before I could conjure up a plan to carry it out, my little woman unconsciously placed the means right in my hand. She said:

'Here's a letter I got from one of my daughters to day. And she drew a thick mislaid from her apron pocket. 'Would you mind reading it to me again? My eyesight is poor and the girls write so small I can't always make it out.'

To my surprise it was a most delightful letter, full of affection and tender inquiry. There was solicitude in every line and many a fond desire expressed to see the mother soon. The letter confirmed me in my intention, which was carried out that very night. I bade the old lady farewell soon after I finished the

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letter, assuring her that I would be glad to look in soon again.

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If tears stung my eyes as I hurried past, they helped me to sense something of the great happiness which must be filling that tender, kind old heart.
Are Maria.

THE MOTHER AND HER BOY

'Tom, let that alone!' exclaimed a mother, petulantly, to a boy seven years old, who was playing with a tassel that hung from one of the window-blinds, to the imminent danger of its destruction.

The boy did not seem to hear, but kept on fidgeting the tassel.

'Let that be, I tell you! Must I speak a hundred times? Why don't you mind at once?'

The child slowly relinquished his hold of the tassel, and commenced running his hand up and down the Venetian blind.

'There! there! Do for gracious sake let those blinds alone. Go away from the window this moment, and try and keep your hands off of things. I declare! you are the most trying child I ever saw.'

Tom left the window and threw himself at full length into the cradle, where he commenced rocking himself with a force and rapidity that made everything crack again.

'Get out of that cradle! What do you mean? The child really seems possessed! And the mother caught him by the arm and jerked him from the cradle.

Tom said nothing, but, with the most imperturbable air in the world, walked twice around the room, and then pushing a chair up before the dressing-bureau, took therefrom a bottle of hair lustral, and, pouring the palm of his little hand full of the liquid, commenced rubbing it upon his head. Twice had this operation been performed, and Tom was pulling open a drawer to get the hair-brush, when the odor of the oily compound reached the nostrils of the lad's mother, who was sitting with her back toward him. Turning quickly, she saw what was going on.

'You!' fell angrily from her lips, as she dropped the baby in the cradle. 'Isn't it too much!' she continued, as she swept across the room to where Tom was standing before the bureau-dressing glass.

'There, sir!' and the child's ear rang with the box he received. 'There, sir!' and the box was repeated. 'Haven't I told you a hundred times not to touch that hair-oil? Just see what a spot of grease you've made on the carpet! Look at your hands!'

Tom looked at his hands, and, seeing them full of oil, clapped them quickly down upon his jacket, and tried to rub them clean.

'There! stop! mercy! Now, see your new jacket that you put on this morning. Grease from top to bottom! Isn't it too bad! I am in despair!' And the mother let her hands fall by her side, and her body drop into a chair.

'It's no use to try,' she continued: 'I'll give up. Just see that jacket! it's totally ruined; and that carpet, too. Was there ever such a trying boy! Go downstairs this instant, and tell Jane to come up here.'

Tom had reason to know that his mother was not in a mood to be trifled with, so he went off briskly and

called Jane, who was directed to get some fuller's-earth and put upon the carpet where oil had been spilled.

Not at all liking the atmosphere of his mother's room, Tom, being once in the kitchen, felt no inclination to return. His first work there, after delivering his message to Jane, was to commence turning the coffee-mill.

'Tommy,' said the cook, mildly, yet firmly, 'you know I've told you that it was wrong to touch the coffee-mill. See here, on the floor, where you have scattered the coffee about, and now I must get a broom and sweep it up. If you do so, I can't let you come down here.'

The boy stood and looked at the cook seriously, while she got the broom and swept up the dirt he had made.

'It's all clean again now,' said the cook, pleasantly. 'And you won't do so any more, will you?'

'No, I won't touch the coffee-mill.' And, as Tom said this, he sidled up to the knife-box that stood upon the dresser, and made a dive into it with his hand.

'Oh, no, no, no, Tommy! that won't do, either,' said the cook. 'The knives have all been cleaned, and they are to go on the table to eat with.'

Then what can I play with, Margaret?' asked the child, as he left the dresser. 'I want something to play with.'

The cook thought a moment, and then went to a closet and brought out a little basket filled with clothes-pins. As she held them in her hand, she said:

'Tommy, if you will be careful not to break any of these, nor scatter them about, you may have them to play with. But, remember, now, that as soon as you begin to throw them around the room, I will put them up again.'

'Oh, no, I won't throw them about,' said the little fellow, with brightening eyes, as he reached out for the basket of pins.

In a little while he had a circle formed on the table, which he called his fort; and inside of this he had men, cannon, sentry-boxes, and other things that were suggested to his fancy.

'Where's Thomas?' asked his mother, about the time he had become fairly interested in his fort.

'I left him down in the kitchen,' replied Jane.

'Go down and tell him to come here instantly.'

Down went Jane.

'Come along upstairs to your mother,' said she.

'No, I won't,' replied the boy.

'Very well, mister! You can do as you like; but your mother sent for you.'

'Tell mother I am playing here so good. I'm not in any mischief. Am I, Margaret?'

'No, Tommy; but your mother has sent for you, and you had better go.'

'I don't want to.'

'Just as you like,' said Jane, indifferently, as she left the kitchen and went upstairs.

'Where's Thomas?' was the question with which she was met on returning to the chamber.

'He won't come, ma'am.'

'Go and tell him that if he doesn't come up to me instantly, I will put on his nightclothes and shut him up in the closet.'

The threat of the closet was generally uttered ten times where it was executed once; it made but little impression upon the child, who was all absorbed in his fort.

Jane returned. In a few moments afterward, the quick, angry voice of the mother was heard ringing down the stairway.

'You, Tom! come up here this instant.'

'I'm not troubling anything, mother.'

'Come up, I say!'

'Margaret says I may play with the clothes-pins. I'm only building a fort with them.'

'Do you hear me?'

'Mother!'

'Tom! if you don't come to me this instant, I'll almost skin you. Margaret! take those clothes-pins



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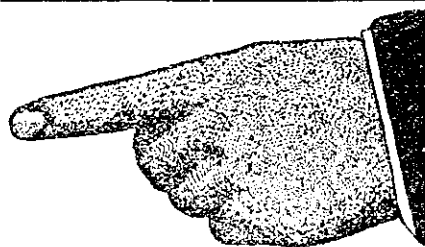


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away. Pretty playthings, indeed, for you to give a boy like him! No wonder I have to get a dozen new ones every two or three months.'

Margaret now spoke.

'Tommy, you must go up to your mother.'

She now took the clothes-pins and commenced putting them into the basket where they belonged. Her words and action had a more instant effect than all the mother's storm of passion. The boy left the kitchen in tears, and went slowly upstairs.

'Why didn't you come when I called you? Say!'

The mother seized her little boy by the arm the moment he came in reach of her, and dragged rather than led him upstairs, uttering such exclamations as these by the way:

'I never saw such a child! You might as well talk to the wind! I'm in despair! I'll give up! Humph! clothes-pins, indeed! Pretty playthings to give a child! Everything goes to rack and ruin! There!'

And, as the last word was uttered, Tommy was thrust into his mother's room with a force that nearly threw him prostrate.

'Now, take off your clothes, sir.'

'What for, mother? I haven't done anything! I didn't hurt the clothes-pins: Margaret said I might play with them.'

'D've hear? Take off your clothes, I say!'

'I didn't do anything, mother.'

'A word more, and I'll box your ears until they ring for a month. Take off them clothes, I say! I'll teach you to come when I send for you. I'll let you know whether I am to be minded or not!'

Tommy slowly disrobed himself, while his mother fretted to the point of resolution, eyed him with unrelenting aspect. The jacket and trousers were removed, and his night-clothes put on in their stead, Tommy all the while protesting tearfully that he had done nothing.

'Will you hush!' was all the satisfaction he received for his protestations.

'Now, Jane, take him upstairs to bed: he's got to lie there all the afternoon.'

It was then four, and the sun did not set until near eight o'clock. Upstairs the poor child had to go, and then his mother found some quiet. Her babe slept soundly in the cradle, undisturbed by Tommy's racket, and she enjoyed a new novel to the extent of almost entirely forgetting her lonely boy shut up in the chamber above.

'Where's Tommy?' asked a friend, who dropped in about six o'clock.

'In bed,' said the mother, with a sigh.

'What's the matter? Is he sick?'

'Oh, no, I almost wish he were.'

'What a strange wish! Why do you wish so?'

'Oh, because he is like a little angel when he is sick—as good as he can be. I had to send him to bed as a punishment for disobedience. He is a hard child to manage; I think I never saw one just like him: but, you know, obedience is everything. It is our duty to require a strict regard to this in our children.'

'Certainly. If they do not obey their parents as children, they will not obey the laws as men.'

'That is precisely the view I take; and I make it a point to require implicit obedience in my boy. This is my duty as a parent: but I find it hard work.'

'It is hard, doubtless. Still we must persevere, and in patience, possessing our souls.'

'To be patient with a boy like mine is a hard task. Sometimes I feel as if I should go wild,' said the mother.

'But, under the influence of such a feeling,' remarked the friend, 'what we say makes little or no impression. A calmly uttered word, in which there is an expression of interest in and sympathy for the child, does more than the sternest commands. This I have long since discovered. I never scold my children: scolding does no good, but harm. My oldest boy is

restless, excitable, and impulsive. If I were not to provide him with the means of employing himself, or in other ways divert him, his hands would be on everything in the house, and both he and I made unhappy.'

'But how can you interest him?'

'In various ways. Sometimes I read to him; sometimes I set him to doing things by way of assisting me. I take him out when I can, and let him go with the girls when I send them on errands. I provide him with playthings that are suited to his age. In a word, I try to keep him in my mind; and, therefore, find it not very difficult to meet his varying states. I never thrust him aside, and say I am too busy to attend to him when he comes with a request. If I cannot grant it, I try not to say "no," for that word comes too coldly upon the eager desire of an ardent-minded boy.'

'But how can you help saying "no," if the request is one you cannot grant?'

'Sometimes I ask if something else will not do as well; and sometimes I endeavor to create a new interest in his mind. There are various ways in which it may be done, that readily suggest themselves to those desirous for the good of their children. It is affection that inspires thought. The love of children always brings a quick intelligence touching their good.'

Much more was said, not needful here to repeat.

When the friend went away, Tommy's mother, whose heart convicted her of wrong to her little boy, went up to the room where she had sent him to spend four or five lonely hours as a punishment for what was, in reality, her own fault, and not his. Three hours of the weary time had already passed. She did not remember to have heard a sound from him since she drove him away with angry words. In fact, she had been too deeply interested in the new book she was reading to have heard any noise that was not of an extraordinary character.

At the door of the chamber she stood and listened for a moment. All was silent within. The mother's heart beat with a heavy motion. On entering, she found the order of the room undisturbed—not even a chair was out of place. Tommy was asleep on the bed. As his mother bent over him, she saw that tears were upon his cheeks and eyelids, and that the pillow was wet. A choking sigh struggled up from her bosom; she felt a rebuking consciousness of having wronged her child. She laid her hand upon his red cheek, but drew it back instantly; it was hot with fever. She caught up his hand; it was also in a burning glow. Alarm took the place of grief for having wronged her boy. She tried to awaken him, but he only moaned and muttered. The excitement had brought on a fever.

When the father came home and laid his hand upon the hot cheek of his sleeping boy, he uttered an exclamation of alarm, and started off instantly for a physician. All night the wretched mother watched by her sick child, unable, from fear and self-reproaches, to sleep. When the morning broke, and Thomas looked up into her face with a gleam of trusting affection, his fever was gone and his pulse was calm. The mother laid her cheek thankfully against that of her boy, and prayed to Heaven for strength to bear with him, and wisdom to guide her feet aright; and as she did so, in the silence of her over-flowing heart, the lad threw his arms around her neck, and, kissing her, said—'Mother, I do love you!'

That tears came gushing over the mother's face is no cause of wonder, nor that she returned, half wildly, the embrace and kiss of her child.

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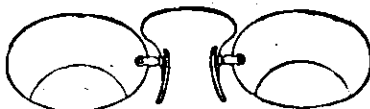
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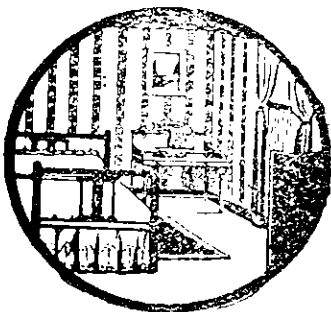
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THE CHURCH'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE SACRED SCRIPTURES.—II.

To continue our record of some of the facts which prove beyond all question that, in the period we are considering (the period just before the dazzling light of the Reformation broke in on the world), the Popes did not take very stringent measures to see that the Bible remained a closed book to the people.

Let me begin by quoting from the Anglican Dean Maitland, who in his day was recognised as a first-class historian:—"Before Luther was born, the Bible had been printed in Rome; and the printers had had the assurance to memorialise his Holiness, praying that he would help them off with some copies. It had been printed, too, at Naples, Florence, and Piacenza; and Venice alone had furnished eleven editions. No doubt we shall be within the truth if we were to say that beside the multitude of manuscript copies, not yet fallen into disuse, the press had issued fifty different editions of the whole Latin Bible, to say nothing of Psalters, New Testaments, or other parts, and yet more than twenty years after, we find a young man who had received "a very liberal education," who "had made great proficiency in his studies at Magdeburg, Eisenach and Erfurt," and who, nevertheless, did not know what a Bible was, simply because "the Bible was unknown in those days." (*Dark Ages*, p. 506.)

Let us amplify this statement a little:

(1) *Italy*. Before Luther unearthed the Bible, Venice had printed thirty-one editions of the Scriptures in Latin, and of course an Italian who could read at all was familiar with Latin. We may remark, too, that publishers were not likely to print so many editions unless they were needed.

An Italian Bible was printed at Rome and at Venice in 1471, reprinted at Venice in 1477, was edited thirteen times before Luther issued his German translation, and forty times before a Protestant version in Italian was printed. What were the Popes doing?

The first five books of the Bible were printed in Hebrew in 1482, and this was the first time the Scriptures were ever printed in Hebrew. The whole of the Old Testament was printed in Hebrew at Soncino in 1488, and again this was the first edition.

(2) *France*. The Latin Bible was edited, according to Coppinger, the Protestant historian, no less than ninety-two times at Paris and Lyons alone before Luther published his Bible.

A translation in French of the New Testament was published in 1477 at Lyons; a second translation followed, and went through several editions before 1534, and still a third translation came from Paris (1523) and Antwerp (1530).

(3) *Spain*. In the home of the Inquisition, where, we are so often assured, a layman dare not become learned, the whole Bible was translated into Spanish as early as 1405, printed at Valencia in 1478, and reprinted in 1515. A translation in Spanish of the Gospels and Epistles came out about 1513. A Cardinal, the illustrious Ximenes, had the Scriptures printed in parallel columns in Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and Chaldee (1514-1517). Again this was the first occasion on which the Bible was edited in this form. The second occasion, strangely enough, was due to Spaniards (Antwerp, 1569-1572). About a century later (1637) the first English edition of this description came out.

(4) *Other Countries*. A translation in Flemish was printed at Cologne in 1475, and rapidly passed through seven editions. Another translation in the same language of the New Testament appeared at Delft in 1524, and it, too, ran through several editions in a short time. Cracow saw an edition in Slavonic in 1478-1479, and two translations in Polish-Russian appeared in 1517 and 1525 respectively.

So far we have spoken only of the printed editions of the Bible in Latin, the ordinary language of communication, and in the vernacular. But let us not forget that for centuries monks and nuns had made it their serious business in life to multiply by transcription the whole or parts of the Scriptures. Archbishop Carr, from whom I have quoted most of these facts, thinks that there must have been some 300,000 copies of the Bible in Latin and other languages, when Luther stumbled across that forlorn copy of the Bible at Erfurt.

To conclude, Karl Pearson, a bitter opponent of the Church, writes: "The Catholic Church has quite enough to answer for . . . but in the fifteenth century it certainly did not hold back the Bible from the folk; and it gave them in the vernacular a long series of devotional works, which, for language and religious sentiment, have never been surpassed. Indeed, we are inclined to think it made a mistake in allowing the masses such ready access to the Bible. It ought to have recognised the Bible once for all as a work absolutely unintelligible without a long course of historical study; and, so far as it was supposed to be inspired, very dangerous in the hands of the ignorant" (*Academy*, Aug. 7, 1886).

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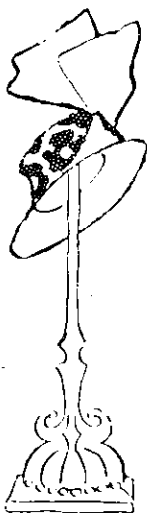
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PRESENTATIONS

RIGHT REV. MGR. WALSH, WESTPORT.

A great gathering of the parishioners of the district assembled a few evenings ago in the Victoria Theatre for the purpose of suitably expressing their pleasure at the honor lately conferred on the Right Rev. Mgr. Walsh, and of presenting him with robes as a token of their esteem (says the *Westport Times*).

Rev. Father Arkwright, who presided, briefly explained that the object of the great gathering was to honor one whom the authorities of the Church were proud to honor—their beloved rector, Monsignor Walsh. On behalf of Father Long and himself, he congratulated the Right Rev. Monsignor on the dignity bestowed on him. After having read the Brief conferring the dignity, Father Arkwright went on to refer to the many virtues of their beloved pastor. He (the rev. speaker) was quite sure the dignity was conferred on him, to use the words of the Brief, 'because of virtue, of his venerableness in age and merit' and of his 'advancing the cause of religion for nearly 50 years, with burning zeal and contempt for labor and hardship,' and that no priest had been more worthy of the honor than he. He had been most unselfish in his labors, being never known to refuse a request to advocate the cause of religion or charity, no matter how distant the place or how inconvenient the time.

Mr. J. J. Molony, in an earnest speech, congratulated the Right Rev. Monsignor on behalf of the congregation, and paid a tribute of praise to his work in Westport.

Mr. James Scanlon said that the example given by their beloved pastor was a perpetual sermon to all of his flock.

Rev. Father Long, on behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in offering congratulations, said it was gratifying to see that after a life of hard work the Monsignor was still bravely holding his own.

Other congratulatory speeches were made by Mr. Beirne (on behalf of the Catholic Federation), Mr. F. O'Gorman (Young Men's Club), Mr. J. Radford (Hibernian Society), Father Arkwright (Children of Mary), and Mr. Lempfert.

Mr. H. Pain then read the following address, after which he handed the robes to the Monsignor, amidst rounds of applause:

On behalf of the parishioners of Westport and surrounding districts, we, the undersigned members of your congregation, desire to express the sincere pleasure we feel at the honor recently conferred upon you by his Holiness the Pope. We rejoice at this signal appreciation of your long and faithful service to our Holy Church, and we join most heartily in our congratulations. We beg also to express to you on this happy occasion a deep sense of gratitude for the zeal and devotion which have ever characterised your very long association with this parish, and to assure you of the continued esteem and affection in which you are held throughout the district. As a souvenir of the bestowal of your present title, and as a small complimentary gift from your parishioners throughout the district, we ask you to accept from us the robes of your new office. We fervently pray and trust that this parish, with the history and growth of which your whole period of priesthood has been associated, will for many happy years to come have the pleasure and benefit of your direction, and that you will live long to enjoy the title and dignity with which you have been further honored, and in which your parishioners take a pardonable pride.

We assure you again of the continued dutiful affection and regard of every member of your extensive parish, and beg to subscribe ourselves—

H. Pain, C. Lempfert, J. J. Molony, J. Ahern,
J. P. O'Gorman, P. Nevin, P. Murphy,
J. P. Carmine, F. O'Gorman, G. Drew,
J. Power, H. Moran, P. Hansby, P. Hughes.

Monsignor Walsh, after a short retirement, returned to the hall wearing his robes, and received a great ovation. He expressed his thanks to the people

for presenting him with the robes and for coming in such great numbers to do him honor. He was proud to see his oldest friends represented on the platform in the person of Mr. Pain and Mr. Lempfert. Although times were hard in the early days, still it was a pleasure to work with such fine people as the pioneers of this district were. He modestly remarked that the speakers made too much of him, and were prompted by the goodness of their hearts rather than from any merit on his part. Not liking any display, he did not desire or deserve the dignity conferred on him, which had come as a great surprise. He referred to the introduction of the Sisters of Mercy as the most important work he had done in the parish. He then thanked Fathers Arkwright and Long and the various speakers on behalf of the different societies and traced the history and object of each. He also took the opportunity of thanking his Worship the Mayor for a very nice letter conveying congratulations of himself and the citizens of Westport. He always took a keen pride in his chosen district and the people, and he thanked them all from his heart for their kind congratulations. He resumed his seat amidst tremendous applause.

During the evening songs were contributed by Miss Moroney, Mr. R. Kieley, and a piano duet by Misses M. Parsons and B. Doyle.

RIGHT REV. MGR. HACKETT, PAEROA.

Last Sunday (says the *Ohiomuri Gazette*) a very large congregation was present at St. Mary's Church, when a beautiful illuminated address and purse of sovereigns were presented to Monsignor Hackett to commemorate his recent elevation to the rank of Domestic Prelate by the Pope. Mr. H. Poland, M.P., accompanied by the members of the presentation committee, read the following address, which he prefaced by a brief but touching speech:—

Very Rev. and Dear Father,—We, the parishioners of St. Mary's, Paeroa, desire to take this opportunity of expressing our hearty congratulations on the occasion of your being raised by our present Pontiff, Benedict XV., to the dignity of Domestic Prelate. We rejoice that the many years during which you have labored so zealously in the guidance of the flock committed to your care have not passed unrecognised by his Holiness, and we do not fail to recognise the honor conferred on ourselves in having our pastor raised to this dignity. We trust that by our fidelity to your spiritual guidance, and our co-operation in all works undertaken by you for the propagation of our holy faith, and the prosperity of this parish in particular, we may prove ourselves not altogether unworthy of this favor. In conclusion, we humbly pray that God may grant you a long continuance of fruitful labor in our midst.

Signed on behalf of the parishioners—Patrick Carthy (chairman), John Roach (secretary), Francis Tierney, Thomas Barrett, William Quinlivan, Francis Donnelly, John Lynch.

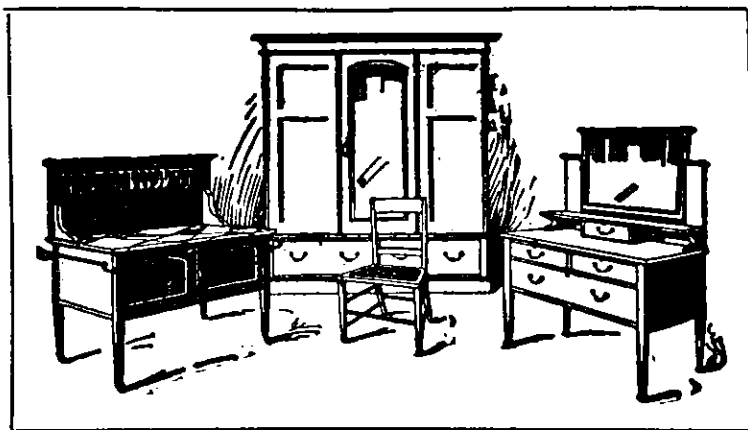
Monsignor Hackett returned thanks and stated that he felt utterly unworthy of the high honor conferred upon him by Pope Benedict XV. He begged them to accept his most grateful thanks, and to believe that his gratitude for the regard and affection in which they held him was far deeper than he could express.

During the week at St. Joseph's School another address and presentation were made by the pupils. The address was of artistic design, and was read by Miss Barbara Rochford as follows:—Very Dear Monsignor, It is with feelings of extreme pleasure that we, the pupils of St. Joseph's School, take this opportunity of offering you our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of your receiving the honored title of Domestic Prelate, and thus becoming a member of the Pope's own household. We appreciate also the honor done to ourselves and to this parish in having our pastor raised to this dignity. In conveying our congratulations we cannot but repeat the good wishes expressed to you on similar occasions during the many years you have spent in our midst, and we sincerely hope that God may spare you many more years to continue your zealous work

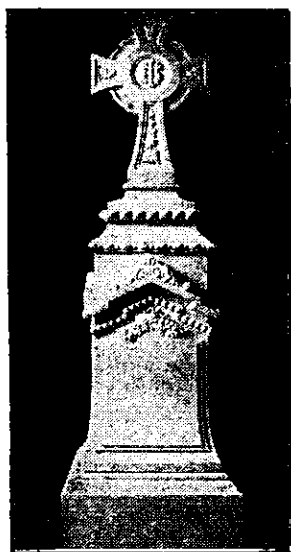
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Several songs were rendered by the pupils during the entertainment. After having warmly thanked them for their address and songs, the Monsignor granted the children a half-holiday, and the announcement was received with ringing cheers.

MR. JOHN McNAMARA, INVERCARGILL.

(From our own correspondent.)

A number of parishioners assembled in St. Joseph's Schoolroom on Tuesday evening of last week to bid farewell to Mr. J. McNamara on the eve of his departure for Christchurch, where he has taken over the old established business of Thomas Gapes and Co., glass, oil, and color merchants, of Victoria street.

The Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., presided, and, in presenting the guest of the evening on behalf of himself and parishioners with a very handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed, said that he was very sorry indeed that Mr. McNamara was leaving Invercargill, because he had probably been the most useful member of the congregation. He had those qualities which were calculated to make an ideal secretary, and he (the Dean) would miss him as a consultant in business matters connected with the Church. He was a silent worker, extremely prudent, and his advice could always be depended on. The Very Rev. Dean referred to the time when the Catholic Federation were planning out the details in connection with the first Pan-Southland gathering, and paid a tribute to the optimism of Mr. McNamara, and the useful work he had quietly performed in connection with the matter. He had shown the same calmness, prudence, business habits, and steadiness of judgment in important matters, and his place would be hard to fill. The present was a solid one, and should remain with him as a memento to the best moment of his life.

The Very Rev. Dean then handed Mr. McNamara the presentation, and with it a lady's handbag for Mrs. McNamara.

Rev. Brother Anselm said that, on behalf of the Brothers, he would like to thank Mr. McNamara for the way he had espoused the cause of their schools. He had been one of the prime movers for the betterment of the school, and the comfort of the Brothers. He had worked conscientiously and quietly, and deserved their thanks.

Messrs. Pound, Collins, Furlong, and McLaughlin also spoke, and expressed regret at the projected departure of Mr. McNamara, and wished him God speed, and many years of success and prosperity in his new enterprise.

Mr. McNamara, on rising to respond, was greeted with applause. He was visibly affected, and feelingly replied in a brief speech. He thanked the Dean for his generous tribute, and said that anything he had ever done was done without thought of fee or reward to him it had been a labor of love. He could not recognise himself as the person the speakers had been referring to, and said that the success of functions he had been connected with was due to the solidarity of the Catholic body in Invercargill. He, perhaps, had done his part, but the people had responded. He referred to the need for organisation, and pointed out that we had the necessary machinery in the Catholic Federation, which every Catholic should join. He was sorry to leave so many old associations in Invercargill, but he thought it was for the best. He thanked them all sincerely on behalf of Mrs. McNamara and himself for the valuable presents which would always serve to remind them of Invercargill.

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(From our own correspondent.)

The weekly meetings of the Catholic Young Men's Club continue to draw satisfactory attendances. The programmes submitted are varied—catering alike for those who desire a debate on a set subject, as well as for those who are socially inclined.

The half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was held on Monday of last week. The attendance was fair, and Bro. J. A. Lennon (president) presided. The report and balance sheet, as read, showed the society to be in a sound position, financially and otherwise. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing half-year:—President, Bro. J. A. Lennon; vice-president, Bro. P. Brosnahan; treasurer, Rev. Father O'Donnell; secretary, Bro. E. Brophy; warden, Bro. E. Devlin; guardian, Bro. T. Brophy; sick visitors, Bros. T. Purcell and J. A. Lennon; auditors, Bros. S. Madden and J. Hannigan.

Amongst the Infantry Reinforcements who left Ashburton for Trentham last month was Mr. Vincent Madden, second son of Mr. H. P. Madden, of this town. A member of every local Catholic society, and also an enthusiastic worker, his absence will undoubtedly prove a loss to the respective societies. Prior to his departure a social was tendered him by the local Catholic choir and Catholic Young Men's Club. Mr. J. A. Lennon occupied the chair. An apology for absence was received from Rev. Father O'Donnell. The proceedings took the form of a progressive euchre tournament and musical evening. The progressive euchre prizes were won by Miss M. Fitzgerald and Mr. E. Lennon. The musical portion of the programme was contributed to by Misses M. Quigley, T. Hicks, and Bradley, and Messrs. W. J. Cunningham, M. J. Burgess, V. Madden, and D. MacDonald. Mrs. D. Crowe played the accompaniments. During the evening the chairman (Mr. Lennon), in a feeling and characteristic speech, eulogised the guest of the evening, praising his response to the Empire's call, and expressing the hope that before long they would see him in his accustomed place at the meetings of the several Catholic bodies to which he belonged. On behalf of the members of the Catholic Young Men's Club and the Catholic choir, he asked Mr. Madden's acceptance of a gentleman's companion and pipe. Mr. Madden briefly and feelingly responded, hoping and trusting he would be with them all once again. He resumed his seat amidst loud and continuous applause. Refreshments were handed round by the ladies (under the supervision of Mrs. D. McCormick), and were much appreciated. The singing of 'Auld lang syne' terminated a pleasing function.

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SIDELIGHTS ON THE WAR

GENERAL.

The Jesuit Order has 564 of its members under arms. Thirty-five have been killed, sixty wounded, and seventeen made prisoners. Seven are missing; five have been made Chevaliers of the Legion of Honor; five have received the military medal; one the Cross of St. George (Russian); one the medal for infirmarians; and twenty-seven have been cited in the Orders of the Day.

The secretary of the Birmingham organisation which provides accommodation and assistance to Belgian refugees reports that practically every able-bodied Belgian (except those who are in military service) is now in employment. Many of them are capable artisans and are engaged in factories which are producing munitions and other war equipment. It is estimated that between 800 and 900 men are engaged in this kind of work in the Birmingham district. The bulk of the men are married, with families, and those who are bachelors and engaged in works are over the age at which they are eligible for service in the Belgian Army. Nearly every available man eligible for such duty has joined or is about to join the Belgian Army in the field.



TROOPER COLIN COWAN, DUNEDIN
(Wounded in action at the Dardanelles).

CATHOLICS AND PATRIOTISM.

The Roll of Honor at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne (says the *Catholic Herald*), numbers over 600, and many names are to be added. Several members of the congregation have given their lives, many are home from the front wounded, and many more are still in the fighting line. A Roll of Honor, comprising over 400 names of members of the congregation of St. Joseph's Church, West Hartlepool, who are serving their country in the army and navy, has been put up in the church. Already six of this number have sacrificed their lives in their country's cause.

PRIESTS IN THE FIRING LINE.

An Irish Catholic soldier convalescing at Exeter, on being asked for his opinion as to the facilities for Catholic soldiers at the front, stated that the only minister of religion he ever saw in the fighting line was a Catholic priest. This soldier was in the Battle of Mons, and continued in active service right up to the Neuve Chapelle affair, when he was wounded. He added that the same appeared to be the case in the German lines. One day a young German was shot down near a trench. He was dying, and another sol-

dier came out of the trench to minister to him. The latter proved to be a Bavarian Catholic priest, who there and then administered to the dying soldier the consolation of the Sacraments.

THE SHEER SAVAGERY OF GAS POISONING.

Mr. Perceval Landon, the *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent in Northern France, gives an account of a talk with a doctor at one of our clearing hospitals:— 'I have seen many thousands of wounded men during this war, and the wards have sometimes been filled almost from wall to wall, with desperate cases, but never in my life have I seen so terrible a sight as that of the poisoned men who were brought in the other day.' He showed me a photograph. 'You see this photograph of them, but'—he paused—'you would want a cinematograph to make you realise.' It was a simple phrase, but it flashed up before one's eyes in a second of time the awful fighting for air and life of the writhing men. Hour after hour the agony was prolonged. A rising tide of suffocation was turning their lungs into a mesh of water. After all, to drown is but a matter of four or five minutes at the most, and the actual struggle is short. Sometimes these men fought for life for fourteen hours. Even Nero is not credited with so foul a horror. Yet our men remained at their posts in the trenches, and faced out the danger till the sure hand of science touched them, and gave them an antidote which is at least as efficacious as that which was served to the terrified Germans who were ordered to commit this atrocity. It is not necessary to repeat here the chemical and medical facts which have been freely described in the English press, the grey, greenish, searching of chlorine, the physical effect upon the lungs, the constitution of antidotes or the actual means employed to diffuse the gas. But as one comes into the region of the war-line, one thanks God as one notices that every tree is faintly—if ever so faintly—bent by the prevailing wind in the enemy's direction. It was a double-edged weapon indeed that the German Emperor devised.

THE "GASSED" CANADIANS.

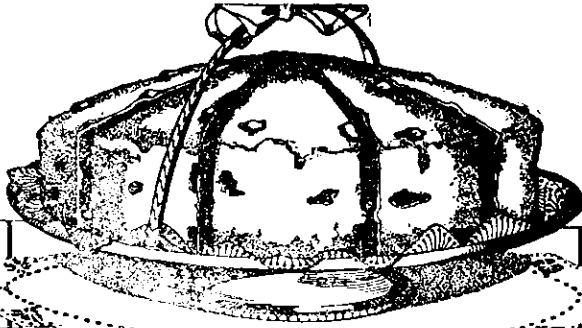
Similar testimony is borne in a message from a correspondent at the British Headquarters in France:— 'During the six months that I have been out here I have seen many thousands of wounded, but never have I seen a more hideous sight than the sufferings of the Canadians who were "gassed" at Ypres. To see all those brave fellows lying gasping in the sunshine outside the hospital, struggling with heaving chest to get their breath, was a heartrending spectacle and one which aroused feelings of the deepest resentment against those responsible for such an outrage.' In these words did the medical officer of a casualty clearing station express his opinion of the latest method of warfare adopted by the Germans. In order to demonstrate to me clearly the exact effect of the vapor on the lungs the doctor showed me the lungs which had been removed from one of the victims. The whole organ was soddened and weighed about four times its normal weight. It had all the appearance of the lungs of an old man, and in many places, as a result of the efforts of the sufferer to gain breath, the whole lung had been torn away from the surrounding tissue.

GERMAN OUTRAGES IN BELGIUM.

We gave last week (says the *London Tablet*) the general conclusions arrived at by Lord Bryce's Committee of Inquiry into the outrages committed by German troops in Belgium. The evidence on which the report is based consists of carefully sifted depositions of Belgian refugees and soldiers and of the diaries of German soldiers. Of the countless outrages on women and girls, so horrible were they, we can give no instances in these columns but we append some extracts from the report which will prove the murder of priests, the systematic firing of buildings, and massacre of the people.

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MASSACRE AT LIEGE.

Here is a description of what happened at Liege:— Entries in a German diary show that on the 19th the German soldiers gave themselves up to debauchery in the streets of Liege, and on the night of the 20th (Thursday) a massacre took place in the streets, beginning near the Cafe Carpentier, at which there is said to have been a dinner attended by Russian and other students. . . . Though the cause of the massacre is in dispute, the results are known with certainty. The Rue des Pitteurs and houses in the Place de l'Universite and the Quai des Pecheurs were systematically fired with benzine, and many inhabitants were burnt alive in their houses, their efforts to escape being prevented by rifle fire. Twenty people were shot, while trying to escape, before the eyes of one of the witnesses. The Liege Fire Brigade turned out but was not allowed to extinguish the fire. Its carts, however, were usefully employed in removing heaps of civilian corpses to the Town Hall. The fire burnt on through the night and the murders continued on the following day, the 21st. Thirty-two civilians were killed on that day in the Place de l'Universite alone.

SHOOTING AT NAMUR.

Similar barbarity was practised at Namur, which was entered on August 24. Says the report:—

The troops signalled their entry by firing on a crowd of 150 unarmed unresisting civilians, ten alone of whom escaped. A witness of good standing who was in Namur describes how the town was set on fire systematically in six different places. As the inhabitants fled from the burning houses they were shot by the German troops. Not less than 140 houses were burnt. On the 25th, the hospital at Namur was set on fire with inflammable pastilles, the pretext being that soldiers in the hospital had fired upon the Germans.

A FUNERAL PYRE.

As an instance of depraved cruelty the following may be cited:—

At Monceau-sur-Sambre, on the 21st August, a young man of eighteen was shot in his garden. His father and brother were seized in their house and shot in the courtyard of a neighboring country house. The son was shot first. The father was compelled to stand close to the feet of his son's corpse and to fix his eyes upon him while he himself was shot. The corpse of the young man shot in the garden was carried into the house and put on a bed. The next morning the Germans asked where the corpse was. When they found it was in the house, they fetched straw, packed it round the bed on which the corpse was lying and set fire to it and burnt the house down. A great many houses were burnt in Monceau.

MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS.

The murder of civilians seems to have been frequently indiscriminate. Sometimes some sort of selection was made, but too frequently neither age nor sex was spared. Here are examples of the way in which children were done to death:—

At Eppeghem the dead body of a child of two was seen pinned to the ground with a German lance.

One witness describes how she saw a Belgian boy of fifteen shot on the village green at Tamines, and a day or two later, on the same green, a little girl and her two brothers (name given) who were looking at the German soldiers, were killed before her eyes for no apparent reason. The principal massacre at Tamines took place about August 23. A witness describes how he saw the public square littered with corpses, and after a search found those of his wife and child, a little girl of seven.

A hairdresser at Ardenne was murdered in his kitchen where he was sitting with a child on each knee.

On a side road at Hofstade the corpse of a civilian was seen on his doorstep with a bayonet wound in his stomach, and by his side the dead body of a boy of five with his hands nearly severed. The corpses of a woman and boy were seen at the blacksmith's. They had been killed with the bayonet.

At Boort Meerbeek a German soldier was seen to fire three times at a little girl of five years old. Having failed to hit her, he subsequently bayoneted her. He was killed with the butt end of a rifle by a Belgian soldier who had seen him commit this murder from a distance.

Another witness saw a little girl of seven, at Dinant, one of whose legs was broken and the other injured by a bayonet.

ILL-TREATMENT AND MURDER OF PRIESTS.

Though the report contains no special division dealing with attacks on and murders of the clergy, mention of such things are scattered over its pages. We may take the following as examples:—

German soldiers had arrived on the 15th at Blegny Trembleu and seized a quantity of wine. On the 16th prisoners were taken; four, including the priest and the burgomaster, were shot. . . .

The second occasion on which large numbers of prisoners were put there was shortly after the battle of Malines, and it was then that the priest of Gelrode was brought to Aerschot church, treated abominably and finally murdered. One witness describes the scene graphically: 'The whole of the prisoners—men, women, and children—were placed in the church. Nobody was allowed to go outside the church to obey the calls of nature. The church had to be used for that purpose.



SAPPER FRANCIS GEORGE PEARSON,
DUNEDIN

(Killed in action at the Dardanelles).

We were afterwards allowed to go outside the church for this purpose, and then I saw the clergyman of Gelrode standing by the wall of the church with his hands above his head, being guarded by soldiers.' The actual details of the murder of the priest are as follows: The priest was struck several times by the soldiers on the head. He was pushed up against the wall of the church. . . . An hour after the same witness saw the priest still standing there. He was then led away by the Germans a distance of about fifty yards. There, with his face against the wall of a house, he was shot by five soldiers.

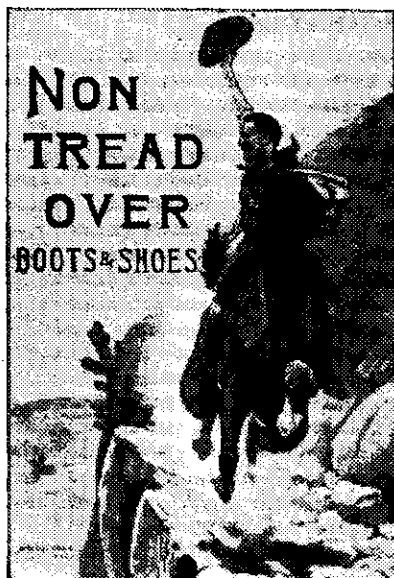
A priest was taken on the Friday morning, August 28, and placed at the head of a number of refugees from Wygmael. He was led through Louvain, abused and ill-treated, and placed with some thousands of other people in the riding school in the Rue du Manege. The glass roof broke in the night from the heat of burning buildings round. Next day the prisoners were marched through the country with an armed guard.

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A 'Tablet' Veteran

The following letter from an old subscriber who had got somewhat in arrears, and whose circumstances were not known to us at the office, speaks eloquently for itself. 'Orepuki, July 5, 1915. Dear Sir,—I am sending you £2 for the *Tablet*, hoping you will give me a clean sheet, as I don't know when I will be able to give you any more money. I am sending you my old-age pension, and doing without myself, as I don't like to stop getting the paper as I have got it for over forty years. It is not worth while to stop now, and I want to help, and I hope for better times. I remain, yours sincerely, MICHAEL REID.'

This veteran subscriber has supported the *Tablet* through all these unbroken years not because of its literary merits although during the ten or eleven years in which Dr. Cleary graced the editorial chair the paper reached an exceptionally high level in that direction—but out of simple loyalty to the faith, of which the *Tablet* is the acknowledged defender and exponent, and because he 'wanted to help.' What a fine example this humble old-age pensioner sets to those wealthy Catholics who, in some cases, are too mean to take the paper at all, and in other cases are willing to squabble and haggle for weeks as to whether they will pay—under circumstances in which it is justly due—the paltry few shillings which represent the difference between our advance and our booked rate of charges. What a contrast to the splendid type of Irish pioneers who, generous and open-handed, filled with the spirit and traditions of the Old Land, ever placed the interests of faith and fatherland before mere worldly considerations, and who, through all their ups and downs, were ready at all times to make cheerful sacrifice for every good cause. Verily, they have their reward—in the respect and admiration of all whose good opinion is worth anything, and in the assurance of a still higher recompense to come. Needless to say, our subscriber's request for consideration in the matter of accounts was met in the generous spirit it so well deserved. We are proud to number amongst our supporters men of the sterling stuff of Michael Reid.

Sir Edward Carson's Stay-at-Homes

Lovers of Gilbert and Sullivan will remember the entertaining scene in 'The Pirates of Penzance' in which the chorus of maidens warble inspiring and inspiring sentiments to the burly sergeant of police and his followers, in order to spur them on to do their duty and engage the foe. If we can trust to memory, the maidens sing somewhat thusly:

'Go, ye heroes! Go to glory!
Though you fall in combat gory,
You shall live in song and story,
Go, to immortality!'

To which the ponderous sergeant and his followers keep responding lustily:

'Yes, forward on the foe,
We go, we go!'

and at length the maidens reply cynically and disgustedly, 'Yes, but you don't go.' The situation has its parallel in the present position of the much-boomed and much-belauded force of stalwarts organised some three years ago by Sir Edward Carson to fight to the last ditch against the establishment of Home Rule. After the outbreak of the war, this body was understood to volunteer for service at the front, and Sir Edward Carson received much kudos and limelight for his patriotic and fine-spirited offer. The Ulster Division had at that time already had two years' training as volunteers; and its members were, according to Orange oratory, quite a match for the pick of his Majesty's forces. Nevertheless, they were not sent to the front.

They have now had seven or eight months' training in England, but still not one of them has seen the firing line. They are back in Ulster again, and on Saturday, May 8, were to hold a parade in Belfast. 'May 8,' says an extract from a letter of Sir James H. Stronge, Imperial Grand Master of the Orangemen, 'will be memorable for the parade in Belfast of the fine force which Ulster Unionists have contributed to the defence of the Empire, and I am sure that we shall have reason to be proud of the men themselves and of the efficiency which they have acquired.' At present this fine force, of which the Orange Grand Master is so proud, is 'defending the Empire' in comfortable quarters at Ballykinlar, Finner, and other places in Ireland.

In the meantime, the Irishmen from the South and West who quietly joined the colors at the end of last year and in large numbers since, are facing bullet and gas and shrapnel on the fields of Flanders and France. Why are the men of the Ulster Division not by their side? The only excuse that is given is a very lame and halting one. 'We are told,' (Sir James further states) 'that every unit which has been sent out has been kept up to its full strength by drafts from reserve battalions, and we are also told that our Division will not leave home until provision has been made for its maintenance by the formation of reserves 5000 or 6000 strong.' At a public meeting held in the City Hall, Belfast, on April 29, Major-General C. H. Powell gave the same explanation of the puzzle. The Ulster Division, he said, cannot be allowed to go out 'without some formation of reserves behind them to fill up gaps.' The Major-General said he was there to ask for between six thousand and seven thousand men. He confessed that he had been hoping to secure the men after the last visit of Sir Edward Carson. 'Here they were, however, at the beginning of May, and they had only got three hundred and seventy in one reserve battalion and in the other battalions hardly one.' If that is the state of affairs, and if this Division is not to move until the reserves have been made up exclusively from Ulster Volunteers, it is clear that the Carsonite brigade will be kept marking time at Ballykinlar until the end, and until the greatest war in history has been fought and won without their aid. Supposing that even 20,000 of them have joined the colors, why have matters been arranged so that all this number have been allotted to first units and not part of them to first units and part of them to reserves, thus completing an efficient force available for field service? It is not fair, of course, to blame the men of the Division; they have no say in the matter. They cannot go unless they are ordered; and if the order is given, they must go. It is impossible to escape from the conclusion that they are being kept at home for purely political reasons; and that the War Office, in collusion with Sir Edward Carson, is the party responsible. Apart from the wretched party spirit shown by the authorities and apart from the ugly look of the whole business, the action or inaction—of the War Office at this juncture is a piece of deplorably bad policy. There has now arisen a unique opportunity for healing the dissensions that have so long divided Irishmen and for bringing about a real and genuine union of hearts. 'I would appeal,' said Mr. John Redmond, in the noble declaration issued by him in September last, 'to our countrymen of a different creed, and of opposite political opinions to accept the friendship we have so consistently offered them, to allow this great war, as to which their opinions and ours are the same, and our action will also be the same, to swallow up all the small issues in the domestic government of Ireland which now divide us; that, as our soldiers are going to fight, to shed their blood, and to die at each other's side, in the same army, against the same enemy, and for the same high purpose, their union in the field may lead to a union in their home, and that their blood may be the seal that will bring all Ireland together in one nation, and in liberties equally common to all.' That is the utterance of a statesman; and if the War

Office is not utterly bankrupt of brains and vision, it will seize the golden opportunity, and render a service to the Empire the beneficent influence of which will be felt not merely in the immediate crisis, but also in the brighter days that are to come.

Registration of Catholic School's

During the past week or two, the heads of our Catholic schools, both primary and secondary, have been in receipt of circulars from the Education Department, or from the local Education Board, drawing their attention to certain changes effected by the new Education Act of last year, particularly in the direction of making provision for the registration of schools, and advising them to make application to the Director of Education, Wellington, to have the schools under their charge registered; and as some of our teachers are not very favorably circumstanced for mastering the detailed enactments of the bulky, comprehensive, and revolutionary measure which is now in force, they may be in some perplexity as to the exact bearing of the advice which has been given them, and as to the course which it is proper for them to pursue. In spite of the labyrinth of clauses and sub-clauses in which the proposals are embodied, the situation is in reality quite simple, and Catholic teachers need not hesitate to comply with the suggestion in the circulars, and to make application, in terms of the Act, to have their schools registered.

The principal section of the Act to which the circulars direct attention is Section 133; and we quote the more important clauses: "(1) Where the teachers or managers of any private school apply to the Director to have such school inspected by an inspector, the Director shall thereupon arrange for the inspection of such school to be conducted in like manner as the inspection of public schools or secondary schools, as the case may be; and a copy of the inspector's report shall be sent to the teachers or managers of the school. (3) If the senior inspector reports that such school is efficient, the Director shall forthwith cause such school to be registered as a registered primary school or a registered secondary school, as the case may be. 'Efficient' means, in respect of any private school, that the premises, staff, and equipment are suitable and efficient, and that the instruction is as efficient as in a public school or secondary school, as the case may be. (5) On the receipt at any time of a report from the senior inspector that any registered school no longer fulfils the prescribed conditions, the Director may declare that such school has ceased to be a registered primary or secondary school, and may remove its name from the list of registered schools accordingly. (6) The Director shall publish in the *Gazette*, at intervals not exceeding one year, a list of all schools for the time being registered under this section.' This means, in effect, that the new Act contemplates that practically all schools shall be registered schools; the only exception being the rare case, rare, at least, as regards primary schools, in which a school is seriously, and glaringly inefficient. In the case of those Catholic schools which are already subject to State inspection, registration will be effected merely on application to the Director of Education, and to secure this application is the purpose of the circulars which are being sent out. In respect to any Catholic school—primary or secondary, which is not yet subject to State inspection, and which the teachers desire to have registered, it will be necessary to make application to the Director of Education to have such school inspected by an inspector; and if the latter's report is satisfactory the school is forthwith registered by the Director. Registration is not absolutely compulsory on Catholic schools, but it is very nearly so. Broadly speaking, no school attendance will count for the purposes of the compulsory clauses of the Act if not at a registered school. There is, indeed, a provision—in Section 60, Clause 1, Sub-clause (b) whereby a parent may obtain a certificate of exemption for a child if he can show that 'the child is elsewhere under instruction

as regular and as efficient as in a registered school'; but the provision is evidently meant to apply to the case of individual children, and could hardly be used for the purpose of securing exemption for a whole school. Practically, then, all Catholic primary schools will find it necessary to be registered. The principle of the new Act is: All inspected schools shall be registered and all registered schools shall be inspected. The principle applies, also, to secondary schools, but there is no element of compulsion in their case; the only penalty for non-registration would be that the unregistered secondary school would not be likely to be 'approved' for scholarship purposes.

The only seeming drawback to the registration scheme is that, on paper at least, it gives the inspector a power to interfere in the matter of 'the premises, staff, and equipment' of Catholic schools which he has not had hitherto, and which, if arbitrarily exercised, might conceivably occasion trouble and inconvenience. It should be noted, however, that the inspector is called upon to certify, not that the premises, staff, and equipment are of the most complete and up-to-date character possible, but merely that they are 'suitable and efficient.' If the inspector exercises his power in a reasonable manner it is in the best interests of the Catholic body that any defects under these heads should be promptly remedied—we have absolutely no interest in maintaining other than a high standard in these matters. If, as is extremely unlikely—for the inspectors, as a body, are amongst the most reasonable and fair-minded of men—this power should at any time be exercised in a really unreasonable and arbitrary fashion, there are ways and means of ventilating the injustice, and of securing redress. In these days of free press, Catholic Federation, and ready access to Ministers, inspectors of schools are as amenable to public criticism where there is real ground for it and to departmental correction as any other body of public servants. The definite advantages accruing to Catholic schools would seem to outweigh any slight possible danger under the new arrangement. These advantages are as follow: (1) Catholic schools are now to a certain extent to be incorporated and given an officially-recognised place and status in the general education system of the country. The mere fact of registration amounts to a Government certificate that the 'premises, staff, and equipment' of these schools are 'suitable and efficient,' and that 'the instruction is as efficient as in a public school of the same grade. (2) Pupils of registered Catholic schools will now be eligible, on the same terms as pupils of the public schools, to compete for both Junior and Senior Scholarships. (3) Scholarships are now tenable at 'a (State) secondary school or its equivalent approved by the Minister.' By the mere fact of registration, every registered Catholic secondary school is declared an 'equivalent' to the State institution, and practically becomes, *ipso facto*, a school at which both Junior and Senior Scholarships may be taken out. (4) Registered Catholic schools may, on the application of their manager, receive free medical inspection of pupils on precisely the same footing as the public primary schools. These advantages still fall short of complete justice to Catholics, but at least they are an instalment.

In connection with the last-mentioned benefit, we may recall that, for some mysterious and unstated reason, the Legislative Council attempted to deprive Catholic schools of the concession of free medical inspection, and that we owe it largely to the energetic protest of Mr. G. W. Russell, member for Avon, that the right was retained. We quote from the *Hansard* report of Mr. Russell's speech on the point: 'Another amendment he desired to refer to, and which was sufficiently important to deserve attention, was that in clause 134, dealing with medical inspection. The Legislative Council had struck out the following sub-clause: '(6) The manager of any registered private primary school may apply to the Director for the medical inspection of the school and of the pupils thereof, and the Director may arrange for such inspection accordingly.' Why had

that clause been struck out? The State recognised the Roman Catholic and other private primary schools in connection with scholarships and other matters, and why should the right that had been given by this clause, allowing them to apply for the medical inspection of their children, be refused? The striking-out of the clause was unfair and improper, as it was just as necessary that there should be a medical inspection of the children in the Roman Catholic schools and other private primary schools as of the children in the State schools. The medical inspection was not intended for one exclusive class, but to raise the general health of the children of the whole country. He sincerely hoped that the Managers for the House would insist on the retention of the sub-clause, in common justice to their fellow-citizens who for conscientious reasons did not send their children to the State primary schools. This view was endorsed by Mr. Bradney, member for Auckland West. As we have indicated, the sub-clause was retained, and serves to bring the pupils of all registered schools within the scope of the concession granted to the public schools.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

July 10.

The Rev. Father Finnerty, S.M., Nelson, has been transferred to St. Anne's, Wellington South.

Bro. H. Hagger, a member of St. Patrick's Seamen's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was presented with a marble clock by the president (Bro. H. J. Tustain) on behalf of the members to mark the occasion of his marriage.

Mr. F. E. McDonald, accountant of the Mutual and Citizen's Life Insurance, and a prominent member of the Catholic Club and Hibernian Society, went into camp this morning to undergo his preliminary training as a non-commissioned officer in the Eighth Reinforcements.

A motion of thanks and appreciation was carried at the last meeting of the Hibernian Society (St. Patrick's branch) to Bro. Nugent, general secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Dublin, for his kindness to the society's visiting delegate, the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., when he visited Ireland some time ago, and the secretary was instructed to convey the same to Bro. Nugent.

Last Wednesday evening the Children of Mary, Wellington South, held a very successful social in St. Anne's Hall. There was a large attendance, and the committee, of which Miss Agnes M. Segrief was president, did everything possible to make the evening an enjoyable one. Musical items were rendered by Misses Nellie Strickland and Emily Segrief, and Messrs. Moore and Edgar Wallace. Miss Vera Scanlon acted as accompanist.

Last Sunday being Federation Sunday, Rev. Father Venning, S.M., made special appeals at all the Masses with excellent results, no less than 50 new members being enrolled. Father Venning outlined the aims and objects of the Federation, and urged all to join. The Federation, he said, had more than justified its existence by defeating, under the able leadership of his Lordship Bishop Cleary, the Bible-in-Schools League.

The Catholic Club executive committee held its usual weekly meeting, under the presidency of Mr. R. Grant, at St. Patrick's Hall on Friday last. There was a large attendance, and a quantity of business was dealt with. Messrs. H. McKeown and M. O'Kane were elected the club's representatives on St. Mary's parish committee of the Catholic Federation. The announcement that the *Magazine* would be re-issued, as from August next, was warmly welcomed by the members.

The members of St. Mary's branch (ladies') of the Hibernian Society celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of the establishment of the branch by a social gathering, which was held in the New Century Hall, Kent terrace, last Thursday evening. There was a large attendance, including the Rev. Father A. Venning, S.M. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the ladies, with Sister Maureen Griffin as secretary, deserve great credit for the success which attended their efforts.

The ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society held the half-yearly meeting at St. Patrick's Hall last Monday evening, Sister A. Sheehan presiding. The following officers were elected for the ensuing half-year:—President, Sister E. Carmody; vice-president, Sister M. Brennan; secretary, Sister K. Griffin; treasurer, and assistant secretary, Sister B. Craig; warden, Sister Tobin; guardian, Sister I. Gregory. Regret was expressed at the resignation of Sister Maureen Griffin as secretary, which she has so ably filled for some time past, and she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her services. Two new members were initiated, and there is keen competition for the medal which has been donated to the member introducing the greatest number of candidates during the year. The newly elected officers were duly installed by the retiring president (Sister A. Sheehan).

St. Aloysius' branch of the Hibernian Society held its half-yearly meeting at St. Anne's Hall last Sunday afternoon. There was a record attendance, over which the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., B.P., presided. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. T. Murphy; vice-president, Bro. J. Redican; secretary, Bro. W. H. Giles (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. J. Stratford (re-elected); warden, Bro. A. Dibley; guardian, Bro. V. Mitchell; sick visitors, Bros. T. Murphy and J. Fagan; auditors, Bros. J. L. Murphy and J. Redican; delegates to H.A.C.B. Society Council, Bros. W. H. Giles, J. Stratford, T. Murphy, and J. Fagan; delegate to Friendly Societies' Dispensary Board, Bro. J. Bradley, delegate to Catholic Federation committee, Bro. J. E. Phelan; delegates to Catholic Education Committee, Bros. J. Stratford, J. Fagan, T. Gill, and W. H. Giles. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers, especially the retiring president, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, who, notwithstanding his very many duties, filled the office for the full term of twelve months with characteristic energy and ability. The report and balance sheet disclosed very satisfactory progress. The newly-elected officers were installed by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, P.P., assisted by Bro. T. Pender, P.P.

St. Anne's Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. E. B. L. Reade, visited the Trentham Camp last Wednesday evening in motor, kindly provided by Messrs. Martin Kennedy, K.S.G., and Maurice O'Connor, for the purpose of entertaining the Catholic soldiers at the Catholic Federation hall. The hall was packed, and the choir was welcomed by the Rev. Father Daly (chaplain). The following contributed to an excellent musical programme:—'The Angelus' and 'Soldiers' chorus,' St. Anne's Choir; quartet, 'The minstrel boy,' Misses R. Segrief and N. Strickland, and Messrs. G. Foote and E. B. L. Reade. Other items were given by Misses Agnes Segrief, A.T.C.L., Marie Fix, Rose Segrief, and N. Strickland, Messrs E. Reade, G. Foote, and A. Foote. Miss Henderson acted as accompanist. The concert was greatly appreciated by the officers and men, and the choir was cheered by the men at its conclusion. The officers then entertained the choir at supper, and expressed their thanks to the performers. Mr. Reade (conductor), on behalf of the choir, briefly responded, and promised on some future occasion to provide another concert. This will practically be the last concert for some time to come in the Catholic hall, as the camp has been vacated, and four camps substituted. This is unfortunate for the Catholic Federation, which has gone to considerable trouble and expense in building a fine hall for our Catholic men.

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

WELLINGTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The following is the report of the executive committee of the Wellington Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation for the half-year ended June 30:—

During this period the committee held five meetings, and the attendance of members was as follows:—Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna 2, Rev. Father Daly 2, Mr. B. Ellis 2, Mr. J. Corry 4, Mr. H. A. Parsonage 4, Mr. R. Sievers 4, Mr. F. W. Crombie 2, Mr. R. P. Smyth 3, and the secretary 5.

In February last the Rev. Father J. H. Herring resigned on account of removal from Wellington, and and Mr. R. P. Smith was elected for the remainder of the term.

The committee desires to place on record its profound gratitude to Almighty God that his Grace Archbishop Redwood has returned once more amongst us in good health, and sincerely hopes that his Grace may be granted many years of happiness with his people.

The committee desires to express its deep sorrow at the decease of the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch, who had taken an earnest interest in the affairs of the Federation from its inception. A message to that effect was conveyed to the Vicar-General of that diocese on behalf of this council.

The committee desires to record its sincere sympathy with the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, in the long-continued and severe illness from which his Lordship is suffering, and trusts that Almighty God, in His mercy, will shortly restore the Bishop to health, and that he may be spared to his people for many years to come.

The committee learns with deep concern that the health of his Grace Archbishop O'Shea has necessitated his departure from the Dominion, and trusts that his mission in quest of renewed health and vigor may be entirely successful.

The committee desires to place on record its sincere appreciation of the dignity conferred upon the Right Rev. Monsignor McKenna, V.G., chairman of the council for the past year, and trusts that the Right Rev. Prelate will return to the Dominion with restored health, and that he may be long spared to enjoy the honor so worthily bestowed upon him.

The membership of the Federation in the archdiocese, based upon the contributions remitted to the Diocesan Council, shows a slight decrease when compared with the similar period of last year. The returns sent in represent 4855 members—including those received too late to be included in the accounts for the period, and one life member enrolled (Mrs. Cornish, Feilding)—as against 4904 for the first half of the year 1914. This may be accounted for to some extent by the departure of many of our members with the Expeditionary Forces now serving abroad, but a glance at the accounts for the period will show that branches that were last year in a sound and healthy condition have fallen away sadly. This is a matter for very grave concern to all who have the welfare of the Federation at heart, and as the financial year is by resolution of the Dominion Council, carried forward to June 30 the parish committees referred to have a full year in which to make good the deficiency in numbers. Committees are earnestly requested to give this matter their immediate and serious attention, for until the Federation has enrolled upon its books a majority of the Catholic population of the Dominion, it cannot hope to accomplish very much in their interests or to receive the consideration that would be accorded to a fully representative body.

During the past half-year, the work of the executive committee has been generally of a routine character. No great question such as that which agitated the public mind at this time last year has been before the people, and the opportunity has thus been given to consider questions in the general interests of the Federation. Some of these matters will be placed before the council

by resolutions to be found on the order paper, and it is hoped that the council will give these questions its serious consideration, and that the result of its deliberations will be beneficial to the Federation, and to the Catholic people as a whole.

At the last meeting of the council the necessity of a building at the Trentham Camp for Catholic purposes was realised, and the council voted the sum of £25 towards its erection. Subsequently, the Dominion Council authorised the erection of a commodious hall for this purpose, and called upon each diocesan council to contribute the sum of £40 towards the cost. Your committee authorised the payment of the balance required, and the whole amount was promptly paid over to the Dominion Council. The Diocesan Council has every reason to be gratified at the manner in which the money has been expended, and the building—although suitable in every other way—is now scarcely large enough to accommodate all the soldiers attending Mass, and further expenditure in this direction may be required in the near future.

The question of expenses of delegates to Diocesan Council meetings was referred to your executive by the last meeting of the council, and the matter has received considerable attention. The committee went exhaustively into the matter, and was regretfully forced to the conclusion that the revenue of the council would be unequal to the strain imposed upon it, if the proposal to refund the fares of the delegates was given effect to. A return was prepared by the secretary, which showed that the cost of bringing three delegates from each of the 29 principal committees outside a radius of 20 miles from the city, would amount to no less than £120 for each meeting; and with two meetings in the year it will easily be seen that a much larger revenue than is now the case would be required. This affords an additional reason for doing everything possible to increase the membership, as it is manifestly impossible for the council to enter into this or any similar scheme for the benefit of the Federation, while hampered by the want of funds. Your executive is of opinion that it is of vital importance that each parish committee should be directly represented at the council meetings, and trusts that the council will give this subject its earnest attention when considering the remits dealing with the question.

The necessity for a hostel for Catholic women arriving at, or employed in, the city, has long been felt, and at the last meeting of the council this question was referred to your executive for consideration. The committee, after giving the question much attention, reluctantly came to the conclusion that it would be unwise, in view of the many claims at present upon the generosity of the public, to ask for subscriptions for this purpose. Since the matter was disposed of, however, information has been received that the project would meet with sympathetic consideration from persons in a position to assist the movement, and your executive recommends that the incoming committee be requested to consider the question.

Your committee feels that this report would be incomplete without some reference to the great war in which the nations of Europe are now engaged. Many of our members are now on active service with the Expeditionary Forces, and the Catholic manhood of this Dominion has furnished its full quota of men. The committee feels honored that two of its members have been accepted for service, and feels sure that the council will join in wishing both gentlemen good health and fortune at the front and safe return to the Dominion. To the relatives of those who have given their lives for their country the committee offers its deepest sympathy. To those who have been wounded, its earnest hope is that they may soon be restored to health; and to all now engaged in this terrible conflict its sincere wish is that the war may be speedily brought to a close, and that our men may return to the Dominion in health and with the honor and glory that their brilliant achievements at the Dardanelles so richly deserve.

The committee desires to thank all the officers and members of parish committees for their services during

the period under review, and urges upon all the importance of taking advantage of every opportunity to advance the interests of the Federation. One or two earnest men or women on a parish committee can accomplish much; and the improved position of several of our branches is due almost entirely to the earnest work of an industrious and self-sacrificing secretary; and too much praise cannot be given to those who have not spared themselves for the interest we all have so much at heart.

The secretary desires to place on record his sincere appreciation of the many courtesies extended to him by the general secretary, Mr. Girling-Butcher, and his assistant, Miss Butcher.

The balance sheets shows that the total receipts for the half-year were, including a balance in hand of £62 0s 3d on January 1, £202 10s 11d, made up mainly of contributions by the parish committees. The principal of these were—St. Joseph's (Wellington), £21 4s 2d; St. Mary's (Wellington), £15 7s 6d; Blenheim, £14 9s 2d; Thorndon, £11 17s; Wanganui, £11 15s. The expenditure amounted to £119 3s, leaving a credit balance of £83 7s 11d. The principal items of expenditure were—Dominion treasurer, £51 3s 2d; Trentham building fund, £40.

CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESAN COUNCIL

(From our own correspondent.)

The second annual meeting of the Christchurch Diocesan Council of the New Zealand Catholic Federation was opened in the Catholic Clubrooms, Wiltshire Buildings, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7.

Mr. W. Hayward, jun. (president) presided. The clergy present, representing their various parishes, were: The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M. (St. Mary's, Christchurch North), Very Rev. Dean Hyland (Rangiora), Rev. Dr. Kennedy (Methven and Rakaia), Rev. Fathers O'Connor (Hawarden), Bonetto (Akaroa), Kerley, S.M. (Temuka), Graham, M.S.H. (Darfield), Bridgewood, M.S.H. (Lincoln), and Cronin (Ross). Delegates from branches present were: Messrs. J. Siegert (secretary) and M. Leonard (Waimate), J. P. Leigh (secretary) and J. D. Crowley (Timaru), R. T. Batchelor (St. Andrews), E. J. P. Wall (secretary) and A. J. Ormondy (St. Mary's, Christchurch North), S. Ryan (secretary) and J. Conlan (Rangiora), M. J. Liddy (secretary) and J. Staunton (Rakaia), M. Poff and D. McKendry (Methven), Mrs. J. Meade and Mr. W. E. Doolan (Lyttelton), Mrs. P. Burke (secretary) and Mr. J. O'Carroll (Hawarden), Miss M. C. Cassidy (Little River), Mr. J. Cunneen (secretary) and Mr. P. F. Ryan

(Lincoln), Mr. L. Courtney (secretary) and Mr. G. Getson (Addington), Mr. W. Hayward, jun., and Mr. J. R. Hayward (Cathedral), Mr. T. H. C. Williamson (proxy, Totara Flat).

Opening addresses were given by the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., and the president, after which the reports of the executive committee, the Catholic Girls' Hostel and Club, and of branches were received.

Dean Hills, in his address, made reference to the lamented death of Bishop Grimes, to the serious illness of Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, and to the death announced that morning of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Archbishop of Adelaide.

The president welcomed the delegates, especially the lady representatives of branches. He was (he said) pleased to see some who had attended all the Diocesan Council meetings, and he was also pleased to see new delegates to the present meeting. He hoped all would spend a pleasant and profitable time, and that, as the outcome of their united deliberations, much good would ensue with regard to the Catholic cause generally and of benefit to Catholic Federation.

Resolutions were passed as follows:—

That this Diocesan Council, assembled in general meeting, desires to express its sense of the great loss sustained by the diocese in the death of Bishop Grimes, and to place on record its deep appreciation of the magnificent work done by his Lordship during his lengthy episcopate.

That a letter be forwarded to his Lordship Bishop Cleary, deeply sympathising with him in his serious illness, and expressing the heartfelt wish of the Diocesan Council that he will be speedily restored to good health.

THE REPORT.

The half yearly report of the executive, presented to the meeting, was in part as follows:—During the past half-yearly period your executive have been called upon to transact a vast amount of routine and detail business, and we feel that a brief summary of the more important matters considered and dealt with will be of interest to the delegates now assembled. During the last half-year eight meetings of the executive have been held, with an average attendance of six members. Acting on the standing orders of the Dominion Executive, and the expressed wish of the delegates at the half-yearly meeting at Timaru, together with a request from one of the clergy in Westland, your executive did all that was possible in the interests of the Catholic chaplains and men in connection with the Territorial camps at Orari, Waimate, and Totara Flat (Westland). The experience thus gained, and the expenditure of so much energy resulting in so little real benefit convinced us that as these camps are so comparatively small, and so widely located, several being held at almost the same

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time, the Federation cannot hope to cope with them, and even if it could, the benefits conferred, owing to the short time the men are in camp, are not commensurate with the time and trouble entailed. There is no doubt real good and lasting work can be done among large assemblies of Catholic men, such as occur at Trentham, and we should thus, in the opinion of your executive, direct all our energies and resources there. It is with much pleasure that your executive receive periodical reports from Mr. Archey, director of the Burnham Industrial School, concerning the welfare and placing out of Catholic boys. At our request, Mr. Archey places our boys, when sent out to service, in Catholic homes, and always, as far as practicable, within easy distance of a Catholic church. Your executive accepted the Dominion Council's levy of £40 towards the cost of erecting and equipping the Catholic institute at Trentham, and in turn asked for a contribution of £1 from all branches of the Federation in this diocese towards this worthy object. As the treasurer's statement will show, many have not responded, and, although a sum of £26 has been advanced, a great proportion of this amount has been drawn from our all too slender resources. The zeal and activity of the Timaru branch has been several times in evidence in reporting upon objectionable picture films, and anti-Catholic literature, and we have rendered what assistance we could in these matters, the results of which will no doubt be disclosed by the delegates to this meeting from that branch. A very cordial reply was received from his Lordship Bishop Cleary to resolutions passed at the last half-yearly meeting, eulogising his Lordship's wonderfully successful efforts in the interests of the Catholics in this Dominion. An itinerary was framed, covering the organiser and general secretary's tour of the diocese. This was adhered to as far as possible, and the results are best known to the committees of the various parishes visited. Generally as a result of Mr. Girling-Butcher's tour, the branches of the Federation have been increased to 33, several being now located in some scattered parishes. Practically the whole of Canterbury and Westland has now been organised. Your executive take this opportunity of expressing gratitude to the priests of the diocese for the hospitality and greatly appreciated help extended to the organising secretary during his tour.

Catholic Girls' Club and Hostel.

Perhaps the most important step the Federation of this diocese has taken since the last half-yearly meeting is the opening of the Catholic Girls' Club, at 34 Cranmer square, and, as this very important work has been the innocent cause of much adverse criticism, we must claim your indulgence for a few minutes while we as shortly as possible give the history of this movement up to its present stage. The Diocesan Council executive in the early part of last year called a meeting of ladies of the Cathedral, St. Mary's, and Lyttelton parishes together, and at that meeting a committee was set up to work in conjunction with the Immigration Committee in Wellington, and to be known as the Christchurch Immigration Committee. The president of the Diocesan Council was appointed temporary chairman, and Miss Johnston secretary—a position she has filled ever since. This committee soon recognised the urgent necessity of establishing a suitable Catholic home for girls on arrival here, and also a room where they, and other Catholic girls, might meet on their free afternoons and evenings. This necessity suggested the next step, and the Immigration Committee invited several Christchurch Catholic ladies to meet them and discuss the advisability of renting a room which had been offered at a very nominal rent, and setting up a Catholic girls' club. The result was that a much larger committee was formed, some of whom accepted the financial responsibility of the venture. The first move of this committee was to approach our late Bishop, and ask his advice before starting the club. His Lordship expressed himself as very pleased with the movement, gave it his blessing, and promised a subscription. They also called on the Very Rev. Dean Hills, who also

gave his consent to the work, and a subscription towards the funds. So the movement began with the blessing and consent of the Church, and was simply a branch of the Federation activities. The room was soon after taken, and a club, where Catholic girls were made welcome, was launched, under the able presidency of Mrs. George Harper. At the annual meeting last year, the council decided, by resolution, that the funds of Federation were not available for immigration committee work, so if that branch of the Federation work was to develop, it was, in some way, to finance itself, from what source, was not stated. This decision was most illogical, as we were practically asking a committee of ladies to carry on an important branch of Federation work, and telling them at the same time, not to look to us for financial support. This resolution of the council had a very far-reaching effect, as it threw the whole financial responsibility on the shoulders of the enlarged immigration committee, and practically cut the movement off from the Federation. The position to-day is that no financial assistance is required or asked for: recognition is their only request. After occupying the clubroom for three months it was quite evident that a girls' hostel or boarding-house, in addition to the clubroom, was much needed. Suitable premises were found, and, after giving the matter much thought, three of the ladies of the committee signed a lease for one year, and thereby became financially responsible for the rent. The next and most important step was the selection of a suitable matron for the club. In connection with this matter, Miss Johnston (the secretary of the committee) was approached, and, with her sister, consented to leave their comfortable home, and move all their furniture, etc., and take charge of the Catholic Girls' Club. The Misses Johnston have means of their own, and were in no way in need of the appointment, and, in accepting the position, Miss Johnston was merely continuing the active, useful, St. Vincent de Paul life, which she has carried out in St. Mary's parish for very many years. No other consideration had any weight with her but the good of the cause, and the carrying out of this branch of the Catholic Federation work. The club was formally opened on the afternoon of April 10 (but had actually been in operation since March 19), quite a large gathering being present. The president, Mrs. Harper, made a nice little speech, and Lady Clifford, who, with Sir George Clifford, had given a very generous donation to the funds, declared the club open, and wished it success. The ladies' committee still take an active part in the policy and management of the club, and have regular meetings at which the matron furnishes full reports. In addition an advisory committee of gentlemen, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Harper, has been set up, who visit the club, examine the accounts and books. The president of the Diocesan Council has a seat on this committee to form the connecting link between the club and the Federation. The many inseparable difficulties in connection with the bringing into existence of such an institution have been overcome, and the club is now running smoothly along true Catholic lines. There is a home for the immigrants on their arrival, whether they are in a position to pay or not, and for Catholic girls out of work, and a comfortable Catholic home for girls visiting Christchurch from the country and other centres. The Rosary is recited each evening after dinner, and an edifying sight it is to see the club so well represented at the altar rails, not only on Sundays but also on week days. We say all honor to the ladies who have brought the club to its present stage in the face of many difficulties. We, as members of the Catholic Federation, owe them a deep debt of gratitude for facing what we were afraid to face—viz., the financing of a girls' Catholic club and hostel. Much more could be said on the subject, but the foregoing will suffice to define the position of the institution. We have to thank Mr. Wall (secretary of St. Mary's parish committee) for opening the books and setting them out in correct method. In the capable hands of the manageress every care will be taken that accounts will be kept in every detail on the lines laid down by that gentleman.

The following statement of accounts will show the position of the institution up to June 30:—
 Money received—Honorary members, £20 6s; donations, £38 12s 6d; club members' fees, £11; household receipts—board, etc., £70 9s 6d; social gatherings, £19 4s 6d; sundries, 8s 3d;—total, £160 0s 9d. Money expended—Furniture account, £28 7s; household expenses, £42 16s 6d; rent, salaries, £37 5s 6d; stamps and stationery, £2 17s 6d; social expenses, £7 6s; cash at bank, £41 8s 3d;—total, £160 0s 9d.

Luncheon is supplied at the cost of 6d to members, and many Catholic girls are availing themselves of the opportunity of taking their mid-day meal there, and it is pleasing to note the number of Catholics who have made use of the club's facilities during its brief existence.

Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., spoke on the excellence of the work of the hostel as revealed by the excellent report just read. Mr. J. P. Leigh (Timaru) also warmly congratulated all concerned on the inauguration of a movement, the benefits of which had been already abundantly shown.

The report of the executive committee and balance sheet, showing the number of enrolments for the six months from 16 branches to be 2028, the cash receipts from all sources £113 9s 10d, and disbursements £113 11s 1d, were unanimously adopted.

Returns were received at the meeting from eight other branches with payments totalling over £40.

The report of the Catholic Girls' Club and Hostel was also unanimously adopted, and the following resolution passed:—That this meeting places on record its appreciation of the excellent work done by the ladies' committee in establishing the Catholic Girls' Club and Hostel, and appoints the Diocesan Council Executive an advisory committee to that institution.

Satisfactory reports were given by representatives of the branches present, and by the secretary of branches not represented.

In a communication received from the secretary of the Greymouth branch, the difficulty was shown in regard to Westland being directly represented at the meetings of the Diocesan Council, owing to the great distance to be travelled, the consequent inevitable loss of time, and expense. The Rev. Father Cronin (Ross) most forcibly emphasised the point, stating that if the Federation was to progress in Westland, a separate provincial or district council only would save the situation. This view appeared to be generally shared in by the meeting, and the following resolution was adopted:—That it be a recommendation from this Diocesan Council, through its delegates, to the Dominion Council, to fully discuss the subject at the annual meeting of the latter body with a view of having Westland constituted a sub-diocesan, provincial, or district council, the financial details to be re-arranged to meet requirements.

The Very Rev. Dean Hyland (Rangiora) accepted the position of president of the Diocesan Council, and the following officers were elected:—Vice-presidents—Dr. Loughman (Timaru), Mr. W. Hayward, jun. (Christchurch), Mr. J. E. Doolan (Lyttelton); secretary, Mr. J. J. Wilson (re-elected); treasurer, Mr. M. Garty (re-elected). Mr. J. R. Hayward and Mr. E. Wall were elected members of the executive committee, which it was decided should consist of nine members, the Very Rev. Dean Hills (St. Mary's), and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. (Cathedral) being members *ex-officio*.

The conference adjourned at 12.30 p.m., the clergy and delegates being entertained at luncheon at the Excelsior Hotel as guests of the two city branches of the Federation. Resuming at 2 o'clock the consideration of a large amount of newly introduced business ensued.

Mr. J. R. Hayward spoke at considerable length on a proposal he desired to have adopted and submitted to the Dominion Council. This occasioned a spirited discussion, and on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Kennedy it was decided that inquiries be made by the executive on the scheme propounded by Mr. Hayward. The result to assume the form of a remit to be submitted to the Dominion Council by the Christchurch Diocesan Council delegates.

At half-past four afternoon-tea was served by ladies of the Cathedral branch, assisted by one from St. Mary's, and at the conclusion of the business then in hand an adjournment was made till 6.45 p.m. On re-assembling, the remits on the agenda paper received attention. The first, in slightly different form, was moved by Timaru, St. Mary's, and Addington branches, and had reference to a suggested alteration of rule 6. The discussion on the subject resolved itself into a comparison of the difficulties encountered by country branches in sparsely populated districts in keeping the parish committees up to the present numerical strength, and the facilities afforded city branches to increase that number. After Mr. J. P. Leigh (Timaru), Mr. G. Getson (Addington), Mr. E. J. P. Wall (St. Mary's), Mr. F. J. Ryan (Lincoln), Mr. S. Ryan (Rangiora), Mr. W. Hayward (Christchurch), and Mr. Crowley (Timaru) had spoken, a motion was proposed by Mr. J. R. Hayward (Christchurch), seconded by Mr. S. Ryan (Rangiora), recommending the Dominion Council to make provision for parish committees to keep up its numerical strength by filling vacancies from among the parishioners.

The next remit (Timaru) was as follows:—That it is desirable to consider the advisability of amending the constitution in order to replace the Diocesan Councils by a system of direct representation of parish committees (on a numerical strength basis) on the Dominion Council, and that the meeting of the Dominion Council be held in rotation in the four chief centres. This was spoken on by Mr. Crowley (Timaru), Mr. R. T. Batchelor (St. Andrews), Mr. J. E. Doolan (Lyttelton), and Mr. J. R. Hayward (who strongly opposed the remit). Rev. Dr. Kennedy moved, and the Rev. Father Graham, M.S.H., seconded a motion that consideration of the subject be deferred, which was carried.

Mr. E. J. P. Wall (St. Mary's) moved that provision be made in the rules making it compulsory for all members of Catholic societies or clubs to be financial members of the Federation, before being entitled to representation.

Mr. A. J. Ormandy (St. Mary's) and Mr. Getson (Addington) supported the motion. Mr. J. P. Leigh (Timaru) also supported it on the broad principle, but was opposed to exacting that every member of a society should be a financial member of the Federation. He advocated 75 per cent. as a fair proportion. Rev. Father Kerley, S.M. (Temuka), spoke only on the percentage quota, advocating that 50 per cent. only should be exacted. This he proposed as an amendment, which was seconded by Mr. J. R. Hayward. It was then adopted as part of the motion, and carried.

Mr. E. J. P. Wall moved as a remit from St. Mary's:—That rule 10 (clause (a), page 7, be amended by inserting the following words, after the words "electing body":—"excepting delegates to the Diocesan Council who may be elected not later than one month prior to a Diocesan Council meeting." This was seconded by Mr. A. J. Ormandy. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy moved, and Rev. Father Graham, M.S.H., seconded an amendment, that the remit was unnecessary. The amendment was carried.

Mr. Crowley (Timaru) moved:—That as the Minister of Education approved of scholarships being taken

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out in Catholic schools immediate steps should be taken by the Dominion Executive to insist on the privilege of junior free places being also allowed. Also that free *School Journals*, and agricultural and swimming grants be extended to Catholic schools examined by Education Board inspectors, and that a petition be prepared and presented to Parliament emphasising our rights in these matters.

This was seconded by Mr. J. P. Leigh (Timaru) and adopted.

Mr. J. P. Leigh (Timaru) moved, and the Rev. Dr. Kennedy seconded, a proposition calling the attention of the Dominion Executive to the fact that no apparent action has been taken in regard to compiling a Catholic Reader for our schools, as directed at the last half-yearly meeting of this Diocesan Council, and urge that the matter be at once attended to.

On the motion of Mr. F. J. Ryan (Lincoln), seconded by Mr. J. Cunniffe (Lincoln), it was decided to direct the attention of the Dominion Executive to the desirability of appointing an organiser for the Federation in the South Island when funds permit, the opinion being expressed that until this is done the progress of the movement will be limited.

On the motion of Mr. F. J. Ryan (Lincoln), seconded by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, and supported by Mr. J. R. Hayward, a motion was unanimously passed recognising the admirable services rendered by the *New Zealand Tablet* in advocating the rights and privileges of Catholics generally, and the editorial ability displayed in conducting the journal, and expressing the appreciation felt by this Diocesan Council at the manner in which Catholic Federation matters are kept in the fore-front.

Motions were also passed expressing appreciation of the work done by the executive committee and of the hospitality extended to the delegates to the present meeting.

The president thanked the delegates for the time and attention devoted to the business, and declared the conference closed, the meeting having occupied about ten hours.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, WELLINGTON.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's parish branch of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Patrick's Hall on June 31, under the presidency of Rev. Father A. Venning, S.M. The annual report and balance sheet, which were read and adopted, showed the financial membership to be 329, and the balance at credit £4 16s 10d. The report stated that in connection with the Bible-in-Schools Referendum Bill the committee had been successful in placing over 100 names on the electoral rolls, and had questioned the various political candidates as to their views on the matter. A careful supervision was kept on the various booksellers' shops and stalls for objectionable and anti-Catholic literature. Rev. Father Venning concisely reviewed and commented on their efforts during the year, and exhorted all present to do their utmost to enrol their fellow-parishioners in the Federation. At his request, Mr. W. F. Johnson, secretary to the Diocesan Council, addressed the meeting, and delivered a stirring appeal on its aims and objects, and showed that if all did their share what its future power would be. The delegates elected for the coming year were as follow: Messrs. Halpin, Dalton, Levett, Dee, and Madden.

INVERCARGILL.

The following is the annual report of the Invercargill branch of the Catholic Federation:—In presenting the second annual report, your committee have pleasure in recording a successful year's work. The membership reached the total of 800, which represents an increase of 176 for the year. It must be remarked, however, that there are still a number of Catholics in the parish who have not subscribed to the Federation. Its aims and objects should by this time be apparent to all, and there is no reason why every Catholic worthy of the name should not belong to the Federation. It is confidently expected that the figures for the coming year

will exceed the 1000 mark. The subscription is merely a nominal one, but the numbers tell, and it is by the subscriptions alone that the Dominion Executive is enabled to employ a permanent secretary and organiser, and to carry on its work as the central controlling body. One-sixth of the total contributions is retained by the parish committee, and a reference to the balance sheet will show that the year closes with a credit balance of £9 10s 9d. The principal work the committee were engaged in during the year was the second Pan-Southland gathering. Every detail had been attended to, and, notwithstanding the boisterous weather experienced, the numbers present exceeded that of the first gathering. This great annual exposition of our faith has come to stay, and although the climatic conditions were disappointing on the last occasion, everything went off smoothly, and we look forward to future gatherings with every confidence. We are pleased to be able to chronicle that we did our share, by petitions and in other directions, to defeat the unjust proposals of the Bible-in-Schools League. Other matters, such as the arrangements for assisting of immigrants, etc., have justified the existence of the Federation in these parts. All the members of the committee have been regular attenders at the meetings, and have thus justified the confidence reposed in them. The thanks of the committee are due to the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., for the interest he has at all times taken in the Federation, and also for the use of his room for committee meetings. The committee also desire to place on record their appreciation of the assistance given by those ladies and gentlemen who helped so considerably with the enrolment of members.

DUNEDIN DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Dunedin Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation takes place on July 28.

WEDDING BELLS

BOLGER-POWELL.

A wedding of considerable interest was celebrated by the Rev. Father Cahill in the Kaponga Catholic church on July 7, the contracting parties being Mr. James Bolger, eldest son of Mr. Martin Bolger, Hawea, and Miss Mary Powell, second daughter of Mr. G. Powell, Kapuni. The marriage ceremony was followed by a Nuptial Mass. The bride's dress was of cream champagne satin trimmed with pearls, with an overdress of crepe de chine, and the usual veil and orange blossoms. Her travelling dress was of purple face cloth, and mole hat, with purple ruche. The chief bridesmaid (Miss Hannah Powell) wore a dress of pink figured colienne, trimmed with silk lace, and white felt hat, with wings. Miss Kate Bolger, bridesmaid, wore a dress of cream duchesse satin, with violet sash and violet plush hat. The shower bouquets carried were of violets and asparagus. Mr. J. Bolger acted as best man and Mr. G. Powell as groomsman. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a dressing case; that of the bridegroom to the bride, a set of Siberian fox furs. The bridesmaids' presents were pendants of peridots and pearls. The wedding presents were numerous and costly, the cheques alone amounting to £170. The bride and bridegroom are related to most of the families in the Kaponga parish, and are deservedly popular. The guests were conveyed in numerous motor cars to the Kapuni Hall, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of. Later the happy couple left to spend their honeymoon in Christchurch and Dunedin. On Monday evening a kitchen tea was tendered to the bride at Mrs. Barleyman's residence.

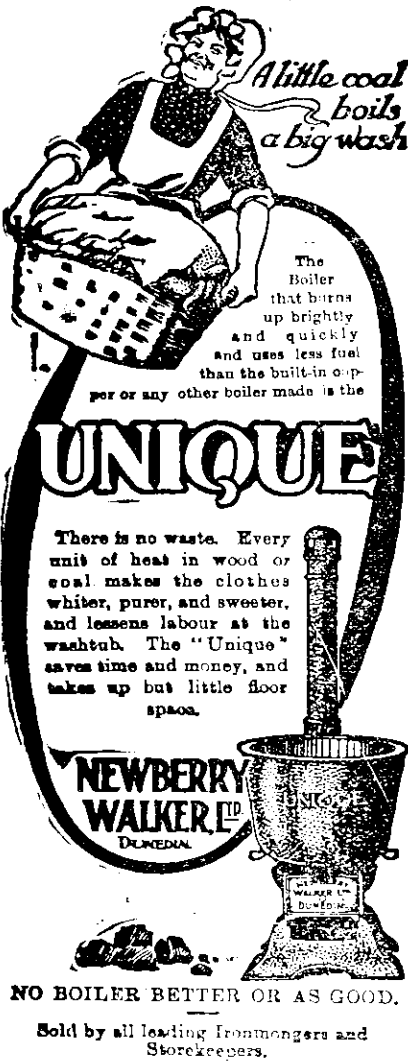
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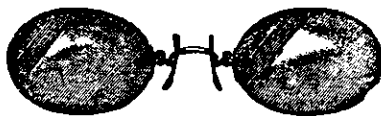
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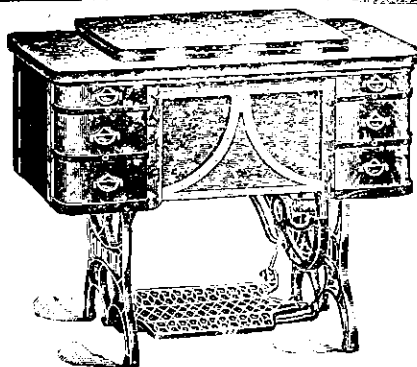
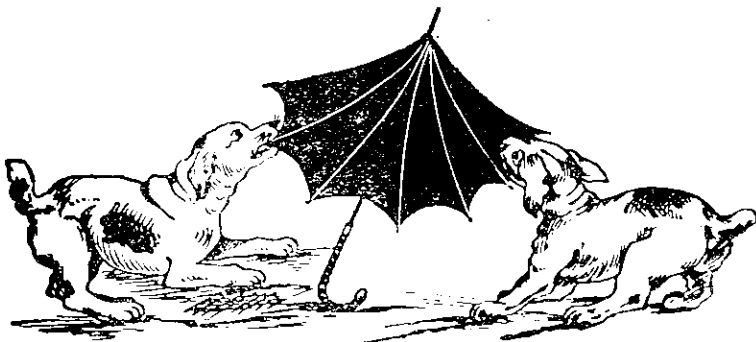
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Club last Friday evening, when the members entertained their lady friends at a social evening. The first part of the programme consisted of a euchre tournament. The lucky winners being Miss A. Martin and Mr. M. Meehan. Refreshments supplied by the ladies were then handed round. After supper a short musical programme was gone through, the following contributing items:—Songs, Misses A. and L. Magee, M. McMahon, L. Barry, and Messrs. J. R. Rowe, and C. Moriarty. The president (Mr. J. H. Rowe), on behalf of the club, thanked all for their attendance, and hoped to see them all again at another such evening in the near future. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. The thanks of the club are due to all who contributed items, to the ladies for providing refreshments, and to Miss Amy Gilligan, who acted as accompanist during the evening.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES DOHERTY, LINCOLN.

(From a correspondent.)

It is with feelings of sincere regret that I have to report the death at his residence, Lincoln, on July 1, at the age of sixty-eight years, of Mr. James Doherty, one of the oldest residents of the district. The late Mr. Doherty was born in Omagh, County Tyrone, in 1847. He arrived in New Zealand in 1874, and shortly afterwards settled in Lincoln, where he spent the remainder of his life, being in the employ of the Railway Department until three years ago, when he retired from the service. He took a keen interest in Church matters, as well as in the public affairs of the district, being chairman of the public school committee for upwards of twenty years, and a prominent figure as chairman at all public meetings in Lincoln. The deceased, who had been ill for some months, was attended in his last illness by Rev. Father Bridgewood, M.S.H., from whom he received the last rites of the Church. The funeral, which took place on July 3, was largely attended, the members of the New Headford branch of the H.A.C.B. & Co., of which deceased was an active member, being present in mourning regalia. Rev. Father Bridgewood celebrated a Requiem Mass, and also officiated at the graveside. Mr. Doherty leaves a widow, two daughters, and one son, with whom deep sympathy is felt in the loss of a good husband and kind father. R.I.P.

MR. MICHAEL FRANCIS GAFFANEY,
AROWHENUA.

The many friends of Mr. Michael Francis Gaffaney will bear with regret of his demise, which took place at his residence, Bruce St., Arowhenua, on Sunday week. About a week ago the late Mr. Gaffaney contracted a cold, which appeared trifling at the time, and called for little attention; but complications developed, and on Wednesday, when medical assistance was summoned, he was found to be suffering from pneumonia. On Saturday it became generally known that his condition was serious, and he gradually grew worse, passing away on Sunday, as previously stated. The deceased was the second son of the late Mr. Michael Gaffaney, of Arowhenua, and was one of a large family. He was of a sociable disposition, and had a very wide circle of friends. He took a keen interest in all forms of sport, and gave willing assistance to any deserving public or charitable object. His lovable traits were widely appreciated throughout South Canterbury, and he will be sincerely missed. Much sympathy, too, will be felt for the deceased's wife and four children in the sad bereavement, that has deprived them of a husband and father at his comparatively early age of 40 years. A Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated at 9.30 on Thursday morning by Rev. Father Kerley, S.M. The funeral took place immediately afterwards, and was a very large one. The members of the Hibernian Society (of which deceased was a member) marched ahead of the hearse, and six members acted as pall-bearers. The Geraldine branch was also well represented. R.I.P.

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, July 13, 1915, as follows:—Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, 19th inst. Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, 20th inst. Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, 16th inst. Oats.—The market is quiet, there being very little inquiry except for prime heavy lines for seed. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 1d; inferior and damaged, 3s 8d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—Millers are not keen to operate and consequently the market is quiet. Values nominally are as follow: Prime milling velvet, to 7s; Tuscan and red wheats, 6s 8d to 6s 10d per bushel (sacks extra). Chaff.—Consignments have been coming to hand more freely during the past week, and any lines of prime oaten sheaf meet with a good demand at quotations. Inferior, however, is not so keenly sought after. Best oaten sheaf, £7 5s to £7 10s; medium to good, £6 15s to £7 2s 6d per ton (sacks extra). Potatoes.—There is a fair demand for prime tables at quotations. Inferior samples, however, are dull of sale. Best tables, £6 10s to £7; medium to good, £5 10s to £6 5s per ton (sacks in).

Te Awamutu

(By telegraph, by our own correspondent.)

July 13.

At a meeting of the Pirongia congregation last Sunday, for the purpose of liquidating the debt of £150 on the church, much enthusiasm was displayed. Mr. Krippner was among the first with a subscription of £20. Mr. Rise soon followed with an equal amount, and in a short time the sum of £84 was subscribed. This was a very generous subscription considering the whole congregation does not exceed eighteen families, and this being their fourth subscription in less than four years, each being as generous as the present one. Rev. Father Lynch congratulated the parishioners on their liberality, which was very evident by the generous manner in which they had responded to his appeal. Mr. W. McCarthy made a very efficient secretary.

Opunake

(From our own correspondent.)

The local branch of the Hibernian Society held a meeting last Tuesday. The president (Mr. J. M. Deegan) was in the chair. Two new members were received. It was decided that some of the members go to Pungarehu to get the men in that end of the parish to join the branch. Several of the members went to Mania to attend the annual Hibernian social, which was in aid of the wounded soldiers' fund, and which proved a great success.

Winton

(From a correspondent.)

The parishioners of Winton, Centre Bush, and Dipton, have taken in hand the building of a presbytery. Mr. Ryan, of Oreti, and Mr. Jas. Tobin, in canvassing the district, have met with much encouragement in this good work, between £600 and £700 being already subscribed.

The socials held by the Catholic Federation during the winter have so far been well attended. It is proposed to hold the next on Thursday, July 29, the proceeds to go to the Sisters of Mercy. The committee expect a record attendance.

Mr. David Jenkins, of Winton, has received the sad news of the death, in action at the Dardanelles, on May 2, of his two sons—Sergeant Sydney and Private Cecil Jenkins. The former was 23, and the latter 21 years of age. Both these lads were a splendid type of the young colonial soldier. The greatest sympathy is felt for their bereaved father.

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MARRIAGES

ANNIBAL—SORENSEN.—On June 2, 1915, at St. Canice's Church, Westport, by the Rev. Father Long, Robert Heslam Annibal, eldest son of Mrs. Casey, Westport, to Eileen Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen, Westport.

BOLGER—POWELL.—At the Catholic Church, Kaponga, on Wednesday, July 7, 1915, by the Rev. Father Cahill, James, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bolger, to Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Powell.

MENTED—SULLIVAN.—On June 30, 1915, at St. Brigid's Church, Pahiatua, by the Rev. Father McKenna, Aileen Marion, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sullivan, Pahiatua, to Harold Stephen, third son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mexted, of Pahiatua.

DEATH

McCARTHY.—On July 3, 1915, at the Waimate Hospital (suddenly), Margaret McCarthy, beloved daughter of John and Catherine McCarthy, of Waimate; aged 15 years; deeply regretted. —R.I.P.

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THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1915.

QUEENSLAND AND THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION QUESTION



ONE of the favorite arguments and most confident assertions indulged in by Bible-in-schools leaders in the course of the late New Zealand campaign have been rudely knocked on the head by the result of the recent State elections in Queensland. It was urged upon the New Zealand public, it will be remembered, that Queensland furnished the conclusive example and crowning proof of the success of the New South Wales scheme of religious instruction, as advocated by our own New Zealand Bible in State Schools League. Queensland, we were told, had carefully watched the working of the scheme in New South Wales, and the reform had won its way by sheer merit into the sympathy and approval of the Queensland voters. Even at the time it was made, it was demonstrable that the statement was not in accordance with the facts: for the Bible-in-schools referendum was actually carried by only 26 per cent. of the possible voters, and this vote was secured only after a keen and carefully-organised agitation, aided by the inaction and somewhat easy-going policy of the opponents of the measure. It was further urged upon hesitant New Zealanders that the adoption of the New South Wales system would kill what is known as the Catholic agitation stone dead. In no country, it was said, in which this scheme had been established, had there been any movement in any serious quarter to secure or to accord State recognition of Catholic claims. As the League's official card delicately put it: 'This system . . . gives such satisfaction to the vast majority that the National System of Education cannot be disturbed.' The statement was manifestly intended to win over the bigots to the new movement, and no doubt it duly played its part in that direction.

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Both of these assertions have been completely falsified by the result of the Queensland elections of May last, and by the subsequent developments arising therefrom. The Government which, at the instigation of the Bible-in-Schools League, foisted the Bible-in-schools referendum proposal upon the country, met with a debacle unprecedented in the history of the dominions. That Government has literally been swept out of existence; six of the Cabinet Ministers, including the Premier and the Minister of Education, lost their seats; and only an insignificant remnant of the once powerful party have succeeded in securing the support of the electors. The Opposition (Labor) Party, which was in a minority of 24 in the previous Parliament, now numbers 50 in a House of 72; so that, with a more than 2 to 1 majority, it is absolute master of the situation. So much by way of evidence of the extent to which

the Bible-in-schools propaganda had 'won its way' into the confidence of the country; and so much, also, by way of warning to New Zealand politicians who are inclined to dally with the League's dangerous and unjust proposal. The statement that wherever the League's system was adopted the Catholic question immediately received its quietus has proved equally wide of the mark. A strong Labor Government, with the Hon. T. J. Ryan at its head, has been formed; and one of its first acts, according to our contemporary, the *Brisbane Catholic Advocate*, has been to announce its intention at an early date of authorising a referendum on the question of State aid to denominational schools.

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It is much to be regretted that the referendum should ever have been adopted in Queensland as a means of settling this question, for it is obviously and unmistakably an unsatisfactory method of dealing with a matter in which serious issues of religion and conscience are involved. Catholic claims in regard to educational recognition are just, no matter what a count of heads may say; and the Bible in Schools League's proposals, in which the rights of Catholics are violated or ignored, are so far wrong and unjust, no matter how many electors may record their votes in favor of them. Possibly the idea of the new Government in falling back upon the referendum method may be to work out a sort of poetic justice, in which the somewhat noisy and clamorous League may be hoist with its own petard. However pleasant a denouement that might be, we cannot but hope that the Government will choose rather the obviously better way: take its stand upon sound principle; and frankly declare that, as the consciences of the non-Catholic elements of the community have been met by the adoption of the Bible-in-Schools League's scheme, the consciences of the Catholic taxpayers, as a matter of simple justice, must also be met in a manner consistent with their principles. That affords the only sure and lasting solution of the difficulty; and the Government is strong enough to be able, without hesitation, to give effect to it. In this way all parties will be given the kind and measure of religious instruction which they desire; a truly national system of education will be established; and the Queensland Government will have an achievement to its credit of which it will have every reason to be proud. The Queensland situation is an extremely interesting one; and the outcome will be keenly watched by the friends of religious education throughout the length and breadth of Australasia.

Notes

Registration of Catholic Schools

We direct attention to the reference which we have elsewhere made to some important provisions of the new Education Act bearing on the registration of Catholic schools. We will be glad to answer any inquiries and to explain matters further to any of those interested who may still be not quite clear as to the position.

A Gentle Hint

We are sorry to note that one of our esteemed Australian contemporaries is developing a mild form of kleptomania. With ever increasing frequency, and half unconsciously no doubt, it 'lifts' whole articles, editorial or contributed, bodily from the columns of the *N.Z. Tablet*, without the faintest hint or whisper of acknowledgment. We are glad, of course, that *Tablet* matter should be deemed of sufficient interest to merit reproduction, and we are far from being scrupulously particular about a formal acknowledgment for every little scrap or paragraph that may be made use of. But when lengthy editorials, or articles which have been headlined as special to the *N.Z. Tablet*, are transferred, we feel called upon to suggest, in the friendliest possible way, that it would be an act of bare justice to give some indication of the source from which they are taken. We are quite sure that this gentle hint

will be sufficient, and that our contemporary will make a successful effort to overcome its little infirmity.

The Lusitania: Some Irish Victims

The *Irish National Volunteer*, after referring to the great loss sustained by the death of Father Maturin, who, as it states, was a Dublin man, proceeds to give particulars of other notable Irish victims of the Lusitania tragedy. 'Another Irish victim was Sir Hugh Lane, whose priceless services to art had enriched the Irish Capital, and whose death robs our country of a man of rare genius who has no successor. A third victim was William O'Brien Butler, a musical composer whose achievements were marked by exceptional brilliancy, and gave promise of still more fruitful results. To Ireland his splendid talents were entirely devoted. He was an Irish-Irelander in the best sense of the term.'

Flanders

The reflections which might naturally be expected to occur to those who, through the patriotism and sacrifice of others, are able to sit at home in safety and comfort are effectively crystallised in the following lines in a London paper:—

Under the lee of the little wood
I'm sitting in the sun;
What will be done in Flanders
Before the day be done?

Under my feet the springing blades
Are green as green can be;
It's the bloody clay of Flanders
That keeps them green for me.

Above, beyond the larches
The sky is very blue;
It's the smoke of hell in Flanders
That leaves the sun for you."

By nests in the blossoming elm-tree
The wise rooks rock on bough.
What blasts of hell, in Flanders,
Have the bare branches, now?

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, on Sunday from the last Mass until after Vespers, when the usual procession was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The members of the Christian Brothers' Choir offered a general Holy Communion on Sunday last for the repose of the soul of Sergeant-Major T. Laffey, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles. The Holy Sacrifice was offered for the same purpose during the week.

A progressive euchre tournament in aid of the church sue funds was held in St. Mary's Hall, Mornington, on Friday evening, when a very pleasant time was spent. The winner of the lady's prize was Miss Dougherty, and the gentleman's, Mr. McKenzie. The committee desire to thank all who contributed to the very enjoyable programme.

A large number of friends of Lieutenant P. Spiers assembled at the residence of Mr. Salmon, Cumberland street, on Thursday evening last, to bid him farewell on the eve of his departure for the training camp, prior to proceeding to the front. Among those present were the Rev. Fathers Buckley and Corcoran. The former, in an appropriate speech, congratulated Lieutenant Spiers on having volunteered, and, on behalf of his friends, presented him with a dressing-case and money-belt, at the same time wishing him a safe return to his home. Lieutenant Spiers in reply said that his aim would be to do his duty and uphold the honor of the Christian Brothers' School and those he represented. A very pleasant evening was concluded with cheers for Lieutenant Spiers, and the singing of the National Anthem.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Joseph's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, Dunedin, was held on July 6, when there was a moderate attendance. A large amount of correspondence was received, no less than fifteen letters being read and disposed of. The secretary was instructed to write to the Children of Mary, North-east Valley, and thank them for their hospitality on Sunday, June 13, in thoughtfully providing a breakfast for the Hibernians, who had received Holy Communion in the Church of the Sacred Heart. As some of the members had travelled long distances, the ladies' kindness was much appreciated. Mr. Airey, secretary of the local branch of the Catholic Federation, wrote regarding the appointment of two delegates to the Federation committee. Bros. Ahern and T. Boyle were appointed to represent the branch. Letters were received from the committees of some of the Queens of the Otago Queen Carnival for support. It was decided that the members be allowed to use their own discretion in this matter. Three candidates were proposed for membership. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. A. Ahern; vice-president, Bro. J. O'Farrell; secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor; treasurer, Bro. J. Hally; warden, Bro. J. Egan; guardian, Bro. Phil Walsh; sick visitors, Bros. T. Boyle, J. Ford, T. McQuillan, and H. Nelson; auditors, Bros. A. Graham and B. S. Connor. Past-president G. Bevis, assisted by Bro. J. Dougherty, P.P., conducted the installation ceremony in a satisfactory manner. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring president, Bro. G. Bevis, which was carried by acclamation. Bro. Bevis suitably replied. The new officers then returned thanks for their election.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES.

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

PRIVATE FRANK O'CONNOR, ASHBURTON.

Mr. Patrick O'Connor, a very old and widely known resident of Ashburton, received word during the week that his second youngest son, Mr. Frank O'Connor (previously reported wounded at the Dardanelles, and now amongst the returning New Zealanders), had received the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Private O'Connor was educated at the local Convent School, and naturally enough, while fully sympathetic with Mr. O'Connor in the fact of his son being listed with the wounded, his many old school mates, along with the teachers and present-day scholars at the convent, are proud of the fact that one of their number has been thus honored.

PRIVATE CECIL CRICHTON, DUNEDIN.

Private Cecil Crichton, who died in hospital on June 27 of dysentery, was 22 years of age. He went with the Third Reinforcements from Dunedin, and was a son of Mr. David Crichton, Pine Hill, and was highly esteemed, particularly by those who knew him best. He was born in Dunedin, educated at the Christian Brothers' School, acted as chief acolyte of St. Joseph's Cathedral altar boys for several years, and was a member of the Hibernian Society. He followed his trade as a miller before enlisting, and was a splendid stamp of a young man, being typical of the best manhood voluntarily and spontaneously contributed by this Dominion to the fighting forces of the Crown. He was a keen and sturdy cyclist. On two occasions he push-cycled from Dunedin to Oamaru and back in one day, besides on another occasion (also in one day) traversing the stiff journey of Dunedin to Balclutha and back.

Writing to his mother from 'Somewhere in Egypt' in April he said:—'Just a line to let you know I am still well. It is very hot here now, as the summer is coming on. There are very large swarms of locusts all over the place; sometimes the air is just black with them. They are doing a lot of damage to the crops. We drill from 8 a.m. till 12 noon, then we are finished

for the day. We often have route marches. On Friday we were out for one of about five miles. Coming back we came to the Church of the Holy Family. It is a beautiful church of white stone. High above the altar are statues of the Holy Family (in a recess), and there is a fine set of Stations of the Cross. On the walls there are large paintings of the Massacre of the Innocents, the warning to St. Joseph to depart, the Holy Family resting on the bank of the Nile, and the entry into Heliopolis. At the right hand side of the church are the Virgin's tree and the holy well. The tree is the one under which, it is said, our Lady rested during the flight into Egypt. Half of it has fallen and is dead, but the remainder is still healthy. I think we shall be leaving this place shortly. . . . Those of the main body and Second Reinforcements, who did not go away, are left here at the base. They are all together in one company. We have been here three weeks.'

PRIVATE JAMES TRAYNOR, WOODVILLE.

Private James Traynor, Wellington Battalion, missing since May 8, was in the 13th Platoon, D. Company, Ruahine Regiment. He was born and educated in Wyndham, and was for some years a member of the Post and Telegraph service, and had been stationed at Wyndham, Riverton, Gore, Christchurch, Queenstown, and Wellington. His father, Mr. Patrick Traynor, died in Invercargill a few weeks ago. Private Traynor was a very popular young man, and was engaged in farming pursuits at Kumeroa, near Woodville, when he enlisted. He is a single man, thirty years of age, and his mother resides in East Invercargill.

PRIVATE EDMUND WILLIAM FAHEY, ST. BATHANS.

Cable advice has been received that Private Edmund William Fahey, who was wounded at the Dardanelles, on May 2, and was invalided to England, has recovered, and is now fit for service again. Private Fahey left Dunedin with the First Reinforcements. He took part in eight days' heavy fighting before being wounded. He received a bullet in the thigh, and his clothes were riddled with shrapnel bullets. In early life Private Fahey followed the occupation of a miner, until eight years ago, when he joined the Railway service, where he was employed as a plate-layer till the outbreak of the war. He was very popular. He is the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fahey, of St. Bathans, Otago Central.

PRIVATE JOHN JOSEPH MERRICK, AUCKLAND.

Private John Joseph Merrick, of the Sacred Heart parish (writes our Auckland correspondent) died on board the troopship *en route* to the seat of war.

SERGEANT E. J. LYNAM, NAPIER.

Mr. Joseph Lynam (telegraphs our Napier correspondent) has received advice from the Defence Department that his son, Sergeant E. J. Lynam, is returning by the Willechra. This is the first intimation he has had that his son was unwell, and consequently, he does not know the nature of the injuries or of the illness. Prior to his departure for the front, Sergeant Lynam was president of the local branch of the Hibernian Society.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

TIMOTHY ENRIGHT, Cardrona. —We have looked up the terms of the Naturalization Acts of the United States from 1795 to the present time, and have found no trace of any provision requiring a would-be subject to take an oath against England. The present Act requires that an alien desiring to be naturalized must take an oath renouncing allegiance to every foreign power, including that of which he was before a subject, but no country is specially and definitely named. In 1784 the Legislature disfranchised all who would not take an oath that they had not aided the enemy (i.e. England), but presumably that is not the kind of oath you are referring to.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

July 12.

The Marist Brothers' School re-opened to-day after the holidays.

The mail to-day from Sydney brought the welcome intimation of his Lordship Bishop Cleary's continued improvement in health.

There is much feeling here over the Trentham Camp management, particularly at the information concerning the Auckland men's treatment there. Our Mayor is persistent in communicating with the Government on the subject.

The men of St. Benedict's parish in large numbers received Holy Communion at the early Mass on Sunday. Next Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place, and Monsignor Gillan, V.G., will preach at Vespers on the lessons to be learned from the war. On the following Wednesday morning, Mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict's for the repose of the souls of the soldiers who have fallen in the war.

The social, under the auspices of the Children of Mary of the Cathedral parish, held last Wednesday evening in the Royal Albert Hall, was very largely attended. A euvre tournament was held in conjunction with other forms of amusement during the evening. Two ladies' and two gentlemen's prizes were provided by donors, for which there was very keen competition. The gathering was in every respect a pronounced success. Rev. Father Cahill at the early Mass yesterday morning thanked the committee for their work. He was more pleased with the unity and enthusiasm displayed, than even the financial result.

Last week the boys of St. Columba's School broke up for their winter holidays. Before dispersing, the Rev. Father Murphy, in a few well-chosen words, congratulated the boys on their good conduct during the past half-year, and expressed the wish that they would always live up to the teachings they received from the Brothers, and so be a credit to the Church, to their pastors, and to their teachers, and thus become good members of society. He then presented the prizes to the winners of races in the public schools' sports, and also in the sports held on St. Columba's Day on the Sacred Heart College grounds. In the former Master J. Brodie, a promising young cyclist, came first in his event against all-comers, and Master J. Moynihan carried off the first prize in the one-mile walk in the latter. The Brother Director returned heartfelt thanks to Fathers Murphy and Farragher for their interest in the boys, and also for their donations towards the prizes and the feast in honor of the patron of the school.

Huntly

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

July 12.

On Sunday next at the 11 o'clock Mass, ten aspirants to the Children of Mary are to be received as members of the sodality.

Though this is a Government stronghold, feeling runs high against the Ministry on account of the alleged neglect of our young men at Trentham.

The quarterly report of the St. Vincent de Paul Society shows that many good works are being carried on in the parish, though the society has been only five months in existence. It has a membership of twenty-three, with an average weekly attendance of eighteen.

A mission will be opened at Ngaurawahia on August 8, and at Huntly on August 15, and is to be conducted by Rev. Father McArthur, Marist Missioner.

The Hibernian social, which took place last week, was an unqualified success. The members of the society desire to tender the ladies their sincere thanks for their generous assistance.

At the half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society the installation of the newly elected officers took

place. The outgoing president thanked the members of the branch for their courtesy to him during his term of office, and paid a compliment to the sincerity and scrupulousness displayed by his fellow-officers in the discharge of their individual duties. He desired to place on record his appreciation of the gratuitous services rendered to the society's monthly entertainments by Mr. and Mrs. W. Darby.

Napier

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

July 12.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society have issued their annual balance sheet, which shows the society to have firmly established itself in Napier. Since the beginning of the war they have been able to donate £50 to the various funds. They have also established a ladies' branch, with whose co-operation they have done an immense amount of good among the poor.

The distinguished Irish comedian, Allen Doone, favored Napier with a three nights' season, playing 'Barry of Ballymore,' 'Molly Bawn,' and 'The Parish Priest,' all three performances being very well attended. After the second performance the Old Boys' Football Club entertained him on the stage. He was also met by the members of the Hibernian Society, and welcomed to Napier. So successful was the Napier season that he has booked the theatre for a three nights' season next July. He was also invited to spend a holiday in Napier next Christmas, which he has accepted.

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Greymouth, July 8.

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir, I am pleased to be able to inform you, notwithstanding the many and repeated calls which have been made of late on behalf of the various patriotic and relief funds, that your appeal for funds on behalf of the unfortunate people of Catholic Poland was favorably considered at the half-yearly meeting of the above branch.

It was unanimously decided to vote the sum of £5 5s from our sports fund, and a collection which was also taken up at the meeting realised the sum of £6 15s, making a total of £12, for which sum I enclose a cheque herewith.

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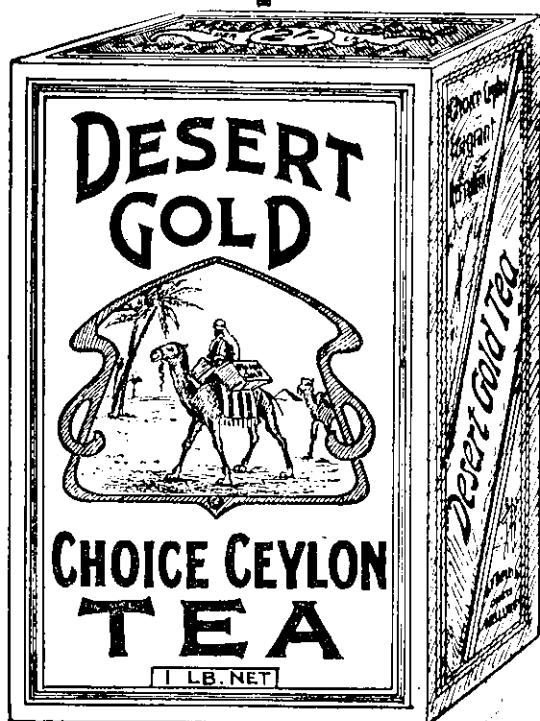
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Irish News

GENERAL.

A number of Belgian refugees, trained to coal mining, are now working at the Arigna (Co. Roscommon) Mines.

Fourteen Athlone men have been already reported as killed in action. They belonged to the Connaught Rangers and First Leinsters.

Capt. the Hon. Bertrand Joseph Russell, Royal Field Artillery, reported wounded, is the youngest son of the late Lord Russell of Killowen.

At a meeting of the Castlereagh District Council, Mr. John Fitzgibbon presiding, a resolution, expressive of the members' regret with regard to the death of Lord de Freyne and his brother at the front, was passed unanimously.

Speaking at a great recruiting meeting in Newry, at which at least six thousand people were present, Rev. Father Frank O'Hare said: 'Ireland speaks to-day with united voice, and will strike with a united arm. Her message is to every man who is free, his place is waiting in the great barricade.'

Lieutenant H. P. Shine, 1st Irish Fusiliers, reported wounded, is a son of Colonel Shine, Dungarvan. He was educated at Downside, 1905-1913, entered Sandhurst, February, 1914, and was gazetted to the Irish Fusiliers last August. His brother, Lieutenant J. D. Shine, Royal Irish, was killed in October last. An other brother, Lieutenant J. O. W. Shine, is in the Dublin Fusiliers.

In connection with the completion of the beautiful parochial church at Middleton, his Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Browne, who had been on his triennial visitation to Middleton, paid eloquent tribute to the parishioners for their extraordinary generosity in regard to the completion of the church, which, he said, was the pride and glory of the diocese. It cost, as it now stands, £33,000, and it was most gratifying to his Lordship to know that the debt was now reduced to £848, so that in a comparatively short time its consecration would take place.

THEIR GLORIOUS TRADITIONS.

A cable message states that in a letter thanking Lord Wimborne and others for participating in a non-party All-Ireland recruiting demonstration, King George paid a tribute to the splendid bravery whereby the Irish troops had maintained their glorious traditions.

A LORD JUSTICE OF APPEAL.

Mr. Justice Moloney, who has been appointed Lord Justice of Appeal in Ireland, was created a Judge of the High Court of Justice in Ireland (King's Bench Division) in 1913, and in the same year he became a Privy Counsellor of Ireland. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and won many distinctions as law student. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1887, and to the English Bar in 1900. In 1911 he was appointed his Majesty's Second Sergeant-at-Law, and subsequently Solicitor-General and Attorney-General for Ireland.

A BELGIAN COLONY.

His Excellency Lord Wimborne visited the Belgian Colony in Dunshaughlin recently. The address presented on behalf of the Belgians was read by the Rev. Father F. Ottervaere, Ghent, in French. On behalf of his compatriots Father Ottervaere said they had great honor in receiving his Excellency into their midst. He came here to encourage and to console them. If his compatriots had had to leave their Fatherland they had found a hospitable land in Ireland. Lord Wimborne (who replied in French) said he was very happy to be amongst the Belgians there in that peaceful home in Dunshaughlin and to see them so comfortable and

happy under the circumstances. The people of the world were delighted with the heroic stand made by the people of Belgium, and his Excellency was sure that the hour of final victory was fast approaching for the Allies, and when the Belgian people would be able to return to their native land and fully compensated for their losses and suffering.

BIG DUBLIN FIRE.

One of the biggest fires which have occurred in Dublin for many years broke out on the night of May 13 in Northumberland Paper Works, owned by Messrs. Armstrong and Co., Abbey street. The works were closed as usual about 6 p.m., and the hands, numbering six or seven hundred, left for home. At seven o'clock the caretaker made the round of the premises and found everything safe. Some time after a girl discovered the place on fire, and all sections of the fire brigade were immediately summoned, arriving promptly under Captain Purcell. The fire spread rapidly, and it was soon seen that the building was doomed. At one particular portion no less than 22 lines of hose were laid on, but without effect. The Abbey Theatre and other buildings in the vicinity, were threatened, but fortunately escaped. The valuable machinery, paper, etc., have been destroyed, and the damage is estimated at £45,000.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

Miss Kate Mary Sweetman, of St. Helena, Donnybrook, Dublin, who died in February last, left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £10,325. The testatrix left, besides legacies to relatives and servants: £200 to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin; £200 to the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Dublin; £200 for the benefit of the poor of the parish of Caragh; £200 to St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin; £200 to the Children's Hospital, Upper Temple street, Dublin; £200 to the Administrator of the Cathedral, Marlborough street, Dublin, for the poor; £200 to the parish priest of the parish in which she shall die, for the poor; £200 to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Kilmahon; £100 for the celebration of Masses; £100 to the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra; £200 to the Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook; £200 to the Jervis street Hospital, Dublin.

A GERMAN OFFICER'S RESIDENCE.

An interesting proposal has been made to the Home Office by the Town Clerk of Derry at the request of the Mayor. Writing to the Government authorities, the Town Clerk suggests that the residence and property at Prehen, overlooking the Foyie, near Derry, belonging to Captain Von Scheffler, an officer in the German Army, should be used by the military authorities for the reception of wounded soldiers in a convalescent condition. Prehen House has been unoccupied since the commencement of the war, the owner having left Derry on the eve of the declaration of war by Great Britain against Germany, and he is now serving with the German Army. Captain Von Scheffler is married to a relative of the late Colonel Knox, D.L., who was the former owner of Prehen. Colonel Knox willed the property to Captain Von Scheffler on certain conditions, one of which was that Captain Von Scheffler would become a British subject within a year of Colonel Knox's death. Captain Von Scheffler complied with all the conditions except this one; but when the matter came before the High Court he pleaded that, as an officer of the German Army, it was impossible for him to fulfil the condition in the time, and the High Court waived the condition, with the result that he became the absolute owner of the property. The rents from the Prehen estate are being collected by a gentleman who is under bond to account for them to the Government.

THE IRISH BRIGADE AT FERMOY.

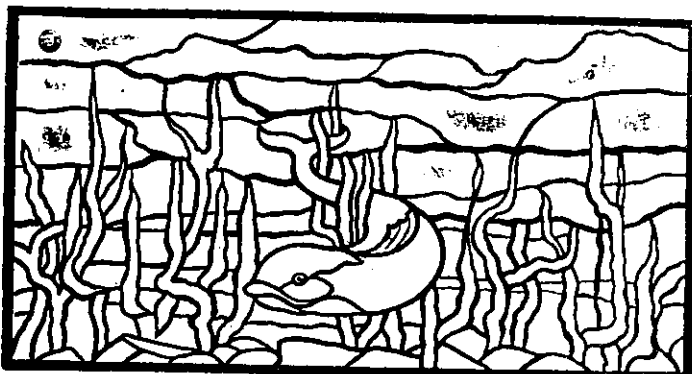
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a week passes in which extended operations over a wide area of surrounding country are not carried out, and in several of these the full strength of the Brigade has taken part. Day after day bodies of troops are out practising scouting, outpost work, night attack, trench warfare, and the other essentials of the soldier's profession. Captain W. H. K. Redmond, M.P., on being interviewed, said:—'The men are in great spirits, and the sinking of the Lusitania has blooded them up tremendously and made them more anxious than ever to get to the front and do their share in avenging the victims of that horrible act of German savagery. Some of the men had relatives on board, and this has had the effect of angering them more and more.' As to the question of recruiting, Captain Redmond said that all that might be stated on the point at present was contained in the letter of the Irish Leader. Captain Redmond's tribute to the men's conduct was couched in the most flattering terms. He referred to their high sense of discipline, their cordial relations with the townspeople, and the entire absence of any complaints either by the military authorities or by the police. The tribute was fortified by the testimony of the Rev. Father O'Callaghan, the Administrator at Fermoy, who stated that the men had given an excellent example during their stay at Fermoy. They were most faithful to their religious duties, and only during the week many of them attended a mission in the town. Their behaviour, he said, was splendid, and all the time they had lived on the best understanding with the people, by whom they were regarded with particular good will.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 12.

One of our local boys, Lieutenant P. W. G. Spiers, son of Mr. J. J. Spiers, Kurow Hotel, left for Trentham on Saturday. His friends here have presented him with muffler, Sox, belt, balaclava, etc. For the last few years Lieutenant Spiers has been in the employ of the National Bank of New Zealand, Ltd., and on leaving was presented with a handsome set of pipes and a pouch, both suitably inscribed, and also received from his fellow officers of the Defence Department, Dunedin, a very handsome eight-day wristlet watch, as a token of esteem. His fellow-boarders at the Terminus Hotel, Dunedin, presented him with a fountain pen. For the last two years he has been a lieutenant of the Coast Defence Detachment, Dunedin, and is now leaving as lieutenant in the 8th N.Z. Reinforcements. The best wishes of the community go with Lieutenant Spiers, who was an Old Boy of St. Patrick's and Waitaki Boys' High School.

The Excelsior H. met Celtic on Takaro Park, before a good crowd of spectators, and the match resulted in a draw, each side scoring a try. In the first spell Celtic had slightly the better of a straggling game, and led at half-time through the agency of Fennessy. The Blues livened up in the second spell, and Brien equalised the score, the attempt to register the major points being a failure.

Temuka

The quarterly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was held on Monday week, the president (Bro. J. Scott) presiding over a good attendance. Nominations for the various officers for the ensuing term were received. On Sunday, the quarterly Communion of members took place, and there was a large attendance. There was an increase of 24 in the membership roll during the last quarter.

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People We Hear About

Sir Timothy Coghlan, I.S.O., who recently retired from the Agent-Generalship of New South Wales in London, has been succeeded by the Hon. B. R. Wise, K.C. Sir Timothy Coghlan has accepted the Chairmanship of the War Office Trade Committee. This important appointment is honorary. He is a Catholic of Irish descent, and was at one time connected with the H.A.C.B. Society in N.S.W.

Mr. William Lennon, Queensland's Minister for Agriculture, who is a Catholic, was born in Dublin in 1849. He was for a time in the Mines Department, Victoria, and in 1874 joined the Bank of Australasia in Melbourne. When he severed his connection with the bank in 1885, he occupied the position of sub-inspector in Sydney. In 1886 he became manager of the business of Burns, Philp, and Co., in Townsville, from which he retired ten years later to start on his own account as merchant and auctioneer.

Captain and Adjutant Geo. E. Weatherhead, son of the late Anglican minister, Canon Weatherhead, Seacombe, Cheshire, who has been killed at the front, was, writes 'Ulster Scot,' a great-grandson, through his mother, of the late Matthew Steele, the kindly old Protestant of Hannahstown, near Belfast, mentioned by the late Father Lavery in his book on the diocese of Down and Connor. In the troublous times of '98 the old man allowed his Catholic neighbors to have Mass celebrated in a valley on a part of his estate, and used to warn them in case of danger by blowing a horn. He also sheltered and fed hunted priests in his hay loft.

Of the eight Royal Knights of the Garter now 'degraded' only one, the aged Emperor of Austria-Hungary, is not directly and closely related by blood or marriage to King George V. (says the *Glasgow Observer*). The German Kaiser is the King's first cousin. King William of Wurtemberg is related to the British Royal Family through his marriage with Princess Marie of Waldeck-Pyrmont, who was the sister-in-law of the late Duke of Albany. Prince Henry of Prussia is the Kaiser's brother, and is, therefore, a grandson of the late Queen Victoria. The Grand Duke of Hesse is a first cousin of King George and a brother-in-law of the Czar and of Prince Henry of Prussia.

Mr. Asquith's notable record of having been Prime Minister without a break for a longer period than any other statesman since the Reform Act, renders it of interest to mention that the two oldest members of the Government are the two Irish Ministers who sit in the House of Commons. Mr. T. W. Russell is the oldest member of the Government. He is now in his 75th year, and he has only secured the distinction of seniority in the ranks of the Ministry since the war broke out, as Lord Morley, who then resigned from the Cabinet, will be 77 years old on Christmas Eve. Next in age to Mr. Russell is Mr. Birrell, who is in his 66th year. Lord Kitchener comes third. He was 65 in June. Mr. Asquith is comparatively a junior amongst them, as he will not be 63 until September.

The venerable Cardinal of Baltimore has his name not writ in the water on the annals of history (says the *Catholic Record*). We are well within the bounds of propriety when we say that no American Churchman has rendered such services to the faith, and has exercised such compelling influence over thousands not of his creed as Cardinal Gibbons. Gentle always with the strength of a virile manhood, knowing when to speak and when to be silent, clear-visioned as to the needs of the age, and clad as with a garment with the kindness that disarms suspicion and wins hearts, he goes his way a sower of infinite seed. He may be remembered by his books; but his enduring monument is, in our opinion, his success in convincing his fellow-citizens that the Church encourages the legitimate aspirations of the age and blesses anything that can be conducive to the good of the world.

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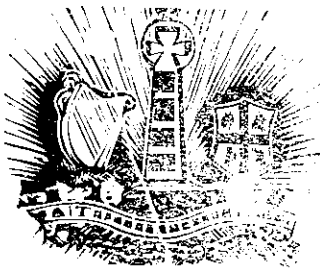
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(From our own correspondent.)

July 12.

The Sacred Heart College and other schools, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, re-open on Monday, July 19.

On last Wednesday night a euchre tournament was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, St. Asaph street, under the auspices of the newly-formed Celtic Amateur Dramatic Club. There was a good attendance. The prizes in connection with the progressive euchre were won by Miss Ryan and Mr. G. Frame. A cordial invitation to this social gathering was sent by the promoters to the delegates attending the annual Diocesan Council meeting of the Catholic Federation, but owing to the lateness of the hour at which that conference concluded its business, it was impossible for any of the delegates to be present.

In the chapel of the Convent of the Sacred Heart (Lower High Street), at the close of the retreat on last Thursday morning two novices made their profession and twelve postulants received the holy habit in the Order of Notre Dame des Missions. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., presided. The Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., preached the occasional discourse, during which he spoke of the happiness of the religious life and the good that could be done by those entering it. Members of the clergy present were Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A., Rev. Fathers Gilbert, S.M., Burger, S.M., Graham, M.S.H., Bridge-wood, M.S.H., Murphy, B.A., Long, and Seward. A number of parents and friends of the Sisters were present at the ceremony, and were subsequently entertained at the convent.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall, Barbadoes street, on last Monday evening, the president (Bro. J. Griffin) presiding over a large attendance of members. Correspondence, in regard to the insurance of members of the society with the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces, was dealt with, and sick pay and other amounts passed for payment. Notices of motion in the names of Bro. M. Grimes (secretary), and Bro. J. R. Hayden relating to the alteration of the quarterly meeting night and the local investment of the society's funds were approved of, a sub-committee being set up to deal with the matter. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Bro. J. Curry; vice-president, Bro. J. Flannelly; treasurer, Bro. W. P. Daly; secretary, Bro. M. Grimes; assistant secretary, Bro. J. P. Noonan; warden, Bro. J. Jacques; guardian, Bro. J. McSwigan; sick visitors, Bros. J. McAnulty and R. O'Brien; auditors, Bros. M. Garty and E. J. P. Wall. The newly elected officers were installed by the district deputy (Bro. R. P. O'Shaughnessy) and addressed by the Rev. Father Long (chaplain).

Methven

(From a correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Monday evening, July 5, there being a good attendance. The balance sheet, which was read and adopted, showed the branch to be in a very sound financial position. Two candidates were proposed. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Bro. J. Dowling; vice-president, Bro. J. P. McKendry; secretary, Bro. J. H. McKendry (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. T. Moreland (re-elected); warden, Bro. T. McAnulty; guardian, Bro. M. Fitzgerald; sick visitors, Bros. T. McGirr and J. McGirr. The newly-elected officers were installed by the past-president, Bro. T. Twomey. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring president (Bro. T. Twomey) was carried by acclamation.

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Lyttelton

Very Rev. Dean Hills, Adm., assisted by Rev. Father Cooney, officiated at a ceremony of reception at the convent chapel, Lyttelton, on Saturday, 10th inst. The young ladies who received the holy habit were—Miss Imelda Young, of Christchurch (in religion, Sister Mary Paschal), Miss Kate Daly, of Hokitika (in religion, Sister Mary Francis).

Lawrence

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At the 9 o'clock Mass on Friday, July 2, a large number of the children of St. Patrick's School, Lawrence, made their first Communion. Before administering Holy Communion to the children, Monsignor O'Leary explained to them the great dignity of the Sacrament which they were about to receive. He also congratulated them on the happiness they must feel in partaking for the first time of their Sacramental God. The music of the Mass was sung by the school children, accompanied by Miss Daisy Heil, as organist. After Mass, the children retired to the schoolroom, where a breakfast, arranged by the Dominican Nuns, awaited them. Rev. Father Kavanagh presided, and, in a few suitable words, congratulated the children on the honor that was thus conferred on them, in being considered worthy to partake of so great a Sacrament, and he hoped that they would regard this day as the most momentous of their lives, and be able to look back on it in after life with pride.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 10.

His Grace Archbishop Belwood arrived here on Thursday.

The Archbishop's visit has ever taken place in April, and on Thursday evening in the Lyttelton. Archbishop Belwood went off well, and the Archbishop's visit was a success, which was well received by the people. Mr. W. M. Lusk, who was in charge of the Archbishop's visit, has much credit for the success of the visit.

M.B.O.B. CLUB, AUCKLAND

The club held a successful euchre tournament at McKendry's on Monday, July 5, when there was a large attendance. After the prizes were presented to the winners, justice to a number of musical talents was done by members and friends, the accompanying being done by Mr. P. J. Clarke. On Wednesday, July 7, several members of the M.B.O.B. club gave a very enjoyable sacred concert in the church, in aid of the choir's music fund. The concert was well filled, and a good sum was received for the fund. A feature of the concert was the singing of the sacred solo, "O' my Father, I am here," by Mr. P. J. Clarke. The accompaniments were played by Mr. P. J. Clarke (organist), and Mr. P. J. Clarke (soprano of the club).

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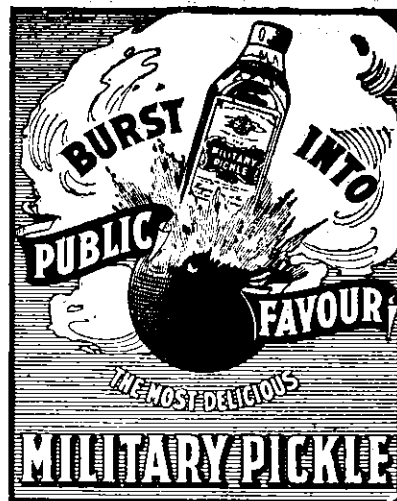
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HOW THE ANCIENTS RECORDED TIME

The indication of time has long been one of the most important factors in the history of the world. Even the primitive peoples had crude methods of telling time, usually by the sun, and one of the first implements used for the purpose was a vertical pole stuck in the ground to establish the noon mark. Representative types of early time-keeping apparatus and mechanisms from various countries are to be seen in the United States National Museum, also permanent and portable sun-dials, hour-glasses, time candles, and lamps, a large series of watches and watch movements, and clocks, including a water clock of the 17th century.

Among the sun-dials, which are perhaps the best known of the early time indicators, is a model of one used by the Montagnais Indians of Canada, consisting of a pole set vertically, the shadow of which was marked in the snow by each hunting party to indicate the time of its arrival to the Indians who followed, thus making the passage of time calculable. Other interesting specimens are brass and ivory pocket sun-dials of the 15th and 16th centuries. There is also a ring dial, which, when held vertically, permits the sun to shine through a small hole on one side of the rim and register the hour on a scale on the opposite side. Vertical and horizontal dials from many countries and latitudes, dating from the 15th to the 20th centuries, are represented.

One of the most primitive time recording devices employed by the Chinese and Japanese, was a knotted wick about two feet in length, which smouldered without breaking into flame, and indicated the passage of an hour by the time consumed in burning between two knots. King Alfred is credited with having established a system whereby twelve-inch wax candles were divided into equal distances; relatively a third of an hour being required to burn an inch. A candle of this type, but only ten inches in length, is exhibited in the museum collection.

Phillippe II. of Spain is supposed to have used an oil lamp for indicating time, the decrease in the amount of oil being shown by graduations on the glass reservoir. It was designed especially for night use; the graduations started at the top, with the mark XIII, passed down to XII, and then from I to VIII, covering the period of winter darkness. A similar lamp is in the National Museum exhibit, classified as a pewter time-indicating lamp, marked for the hours nine to six, and was collected in 1900 in Nuremburg by Dr. Samuel P. Langley, late secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Sand glasses are represented by seven specimens of various types indicating three minutes, one-quarter hour, one-half hour, and one hour, and one German set of four-hour glasses probably of the 14th century. The hour-glass is said to be the invention of Luitprand, a monk of Chartres, who, near the end of the 8th century, revived the art of glass-blowing. These instruments are still popular with many clergymen, and it is understood that one is in daily use in the British House of Commons.

Clocks operated by water power date back as far as 300 B.C. in Egypt, and although their history is somewhat vague, it is believed that the earliest ones indicated 'hours' of uneven length, while those evolved during the 17th century and later were simpler and showed even periods. Clocks of this description and of this period are known as clepsydras; one with an alarm attachment was collected for the museum by Dr. Langley in Paris. It consists of a hollow drum, partly filled with water, suspended from an oblong frame by two cords, the lower ends of which are wrapped about the shaft of the drum. When the cord is wound about the shaft, the drum is at the top of the frame, and if released would descend rapidly, unwinding the cord as it goes, were its speed not regulated by the action of the water which flows slowly through a series of seven compartments within the drum, causing a drag or counter-balance to the act of gravity. The ends of the

shaft act as indexes pointing to the hours marked on the frame.

The date of the introduction of clocks worked by weights is not definitely known. But it is supposed that they did not appear until the 13th or 14th century and that John Megestein of Cologne invented the escapement. The museum displays a number of these clocks, including a ship's clock which rings 'bells' in seagoing style.

Portable timepieces appeared shortly after 1500 as the invention of Peter Helein of Nuremburg, who employed a long ribbon steel prong to drive the mechanism of his watches.

The museum collection of watches and movements numbers several hundred, and illustrates the development of the mechanical part of the watch, making it possible to compare the work of many early watch-makers of the United States and other countries.

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Intercolonial

His Grace Archbishop Clune was recently tendered a civic reception in the Town Hall during his first visit to Albany.

The Rev. T. J. O'Mara, S.J., for some years on the teaching staff of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, has left for Ireland.

The Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly, of Victoria Park, West Australia, celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination recently, when an illuminated address was presented on behalf of his brother priests of the archdiocese. Since his ordination at All Hallows' College, Dublin, twenty-five years ago, the Dean has labored not only on the Murchison and Eastern Goldfields, but also in the Eastern agricultural districts, and in the metropolitan area.

No greater tribute of respect and admiration could have been paid to anyone, whether as a minister of religion or as a citizen, than that furnished by the celebration of the Ven. Archpriest Henneby's golden jubilee at Hobart (says the *Monitor*). There was a large congregation at the Solemn High Mass in St. Joseph's Church, when the occasional discourse was delivered by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gilleran, who, later on, presented the jubilarian with a purse of 150 sovereigns, subscribed by the priests of the archdiocese. At a social, held in the Town Hall in honor of the occasion, his Grace Archbishop Delany presided, and eulogistic speeches were made by the Mayor of Hobart and others. The Ven. Archpriest was presented, on behalf of the Catholics of Hobart, with a cheque for a substantial amount.

His Lordship Bishop Snel has now with him in the Cathedral parish of Rockhampton, the Very Rev. Father J. Rowan, Administrator, and the Rev. Fathers T. A. Simington and T. Grogan, and it is a coincidence that his Lordship and the three priests are from the same diocese, Meath, Ireland, and all four, at one time or another, attended the same seminary in Navan, in the diocese of Meath (says the correspondent of the *Catholic Press*). Five brothers of the Rowan family are priests. The Very Rev. Father Rowan's brother, Denis, is a professor in the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. The Rev. Father John Rowan is ministering at Lichfield, in the diocese of Birmingham. A third brother is the Rev. Father Michael Rowan, a member of the congregation of the African Missions. The last of the Rowan family to become a priest is Frank Rowan, whose ordination, according to a letter received by the Very Rev. Father Rowan, was arranged to take place on June 29. Two sisters of the Very Rev. Father Rowan were also religious, but both have passed to their reward.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral a few Sundays ago his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne made an appeal for funds on behalf of the proposed Catholic College in the University of Melbourne. After referring to the more prominent grounds on which the appeal rested, the Archbishop said that he wished to emphasise another ground of more general character, which was the relation of the Catholic Church, from the earliest times, to universities and university education. There were ages which were called dark by those whose minds were darkened by ignorance and prejudice, during which it was stated that no university education existed. The Catholic Church was represented as the enemy of education, and the Reformation was supposed to have spread university education throughout Europe. Gibbon would tell those people that at the close of the fifteenth century there were in Europe about 50 universities. In an article in the *Contemporary Review* written by a non-Catholic writer on medieval universities, it was stated that at the close of the fifteenth century there were 66 universities, of which Italy had 18, Germany 15, France 12, Spain and Portugal 10, England and Scotland 6. The oldest of these, Bologna, Paris, and Oxford, were founded in the twelfth century, and perhaps earlier.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

July 7.

At a meeting of the parish committee of the Catholic Federation, Mr. G. V. Graham was elected delegate to the half-yearly meeting of the Diocesan Council to be held in Wellington on July 15.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Church from the last Mass until after the evening devotions, when there was a procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Rev. Father Forrester preached an instructive sermon on St. Peter.

On Wednesday morning a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of the souls of the soldiers who have fallen at the front, especially for those from the district. The Rev. Father Forrester was celebrant, Rev. Father Doolaghty deacon, Rev. Father Cashman subdeacon, and Rev. Father McManus master of ceremonies. His Grace Archbishop Redwood, Very Rev. Dean Holley (Wanganui), and Very Rev. Dean Power (Hawera) were present. The solemn music was rendered by the Sisters of Mercy. After Mass his Grace the Archbishop delivered an address on the social and religious aspect of the war. For many years previous to the war, the Archbishop stated, France was in the hands of clique Governments, which had made every attempt to banish God from the life of the French nation. This was at once apparent by the fact that the priests were compelled by the laws of conscription to do military service, and in the present war 25,000 were in the fighting line, and were bearing themselves like heroes, and were proving that they were not what the French Government had represented them to be. They had won the confidence and respect of the entire population of France. In contrast to the previous attitude of attempting to remove religion from the social life of the nation, France to-day was inviting the co-operation and assistance of the Church in her hour of trial. The churches were full from 6 a.m. till evening in a perpetual prayer for victory. The Archbishop made special reference to the splendid work of the priests in the trenches, where, besides taking their share in the fighting, they celebrated Mass and administered the Sacraments. They were assisting in bearing the burden of France, and were ready to face danger with the best of the fighting men. The great lesson to be drawn from the war was that a moral regeneration had set in in France, a lesson that would benefit the present as well as future generations.

Dr. G. M. A. Heydon, son of Mr. Justice Heydon, of Sydney, has gone to the war as a captain of the Army Medical Corps.



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Add to this Russia's 160 millions, who, with a stroke of the pen, have been turned into tea drinkers by the Vodka prohibition—add a score of minor causes and you will see why the increase had to come.

Therefore, too, you will see that any tea giving value for the money

cannot be sold at the same price as in August last. It simply can't be done—unless, of course, the price originally charged was absolutely excessive. If a fair price and good value was formerly given, the packer is now faced with a loss on every packet.

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ROME LETTER

(From our own correspondent.)

May 15.

THE FEAST OF SS. NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS.

Notwithstanding the excitement in connection with the political situation, the Church did not omit to celebrate in the Catacomb of St. Domitilla, which lies two miles outside the walls of Rome, the Feast of SS. Nereus and Achilleus, martyred under Domitian, who had been converted to Christianity by St. Peter himself. Their feast was celebrated with much pomp and solemnity by a society of priests and laymen, who had the long dark passages lighted up on the occasion, and guards placed at points beyond which no visitor is allowed to pass lest he might get lost in the gloomy labyrinths. The niches, or loculi, in which the bodies reposed before being transferred within the city walls in the eighth century, were covered with fresh flowers; and all the preparations for High Mass were made by this zealous body. These services were already performed when the faithful arrived from Rome at the Catacomb of St. Domitilla yesterday. In this catacomb on the Via Ardeatina, Mass was celebrated in the bowels of the earth, upon the tomb in which the bodies of SS. Nereus and Achilleus lay for over 600 years. After the Gospel, a prelate read the homily pronounced on that very spot by Pope St. Gregory the Great. And after the Holy Sacrifice had been offered up, Rome's foremost archaeologist, Mamachi, gave a lecture on the glories of the feast, all it recalls, and all that every Catholic breast feels on reading of the martyrs buried in the Roman catacombs.

POPE BENEDICT XV. TO HIS OLD DIOCESE.

One of the grandest works of art produced in this century is said to be the magnificent gold monstrance which his Holiness the Pope has donated to the Cathedral of Bologna, as a token of affection for his old diocese. The monstrance is of massive gold, artistically chased, surmounted by a cross made of Oriental pearls and amethysts. The base consists of Oriental stone on which scenes of the Five Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary are represented. Like Benedict XIV., his successor Benedict XV. holds Bologna in deep affection.

THE CAUSE OF THE IRISH MARTYRS.

In the course of about three weeks we expect the Sacred Congregation of Rites to return to the Archbishop of Dublin all documents concerning the names of the 257 Irish bishops, priests, laymen, and women, mentioned in the recent Decree on the Irish martyrs. The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh will be asked to act in the name of the Holy See, and gather all further evidence that is possible to substantiate the claim to martyrdom for the faith put forward on the part of each of these holy servants of God. This is called the Apostolic Process. With such an energetic man at the helm, as is Archbishop Walsh, we may expect the entire mass of evidence to be ready for forwarding to Rome in about a year.

Time flies quickly in Rome. It seems only yesterday that I saw Father Conmy, S.J., arrive in Rome in charge of the mass of evidence that led to the publication of the recent decree authorising the introduction of the Cause to the Sacred Congregation of Rites. He was relieved by Monsignor Murphy, Rector of the Irish College, to whom, as Postulator of the Cause, Father Conmy delivered up the documents. That is ten years ago. Both are now gone to unfine graves—kindly, learned, courtly gentlemen who are not yet forgotten in Rome.

NOTE.

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Strange Potato Industries.

Towns in the Netherlands have several ways of dealing with the surplus production of potatoes. According to a recent Consular report, there are now factories for drying potatoes, with an annual output of many thousand bushels. Of these plants 350 are for the production of potato flakes, while in 86 the potatoes are dried by the hot-air process. Potato flakes can be used for feeding stock, for distilling alcohol, for making starch, and for the other purposes for which natural potatoes are used; or they can be ground and boiled to make potato flour. This flour is a yellowish-white product, rich in carbo-hydrates, and is used principally by bakers for adding to rye and wheat flour in making bread. It is claimed that the addition of potato flour gives the bread a good flavor, makes it more digestible, and keeps it fresh for a comparatively long time. It is also used to some extent in thickening soups and sauces.

Quicksilver.

The ore from which quicksilver is obtained is a brilliant red rock known as cinnabar. When of high purity it is actually vermillion in color. Cinnabar is the original source of the pigment known commercially as vermillion. It is a compound of sulphur and quicksilver, and in order to separate the latter from the sulphur the rock is roasted. Passing off in the form of a gas, the mercury is afterward condensed and flows out in a fine stream, like a continuous pencil of molten silver. Like gold and silver, mercury is occasionally found in a native or pure state. Sometimes the miner's pick penetrates a cavity that contains a cupful or more of the elusive and beautiful fluid. Miners suffer much from the poisonous effects of the quicksilver fumes. Extreme cleanliness is the best safeguard for workers in this dangerous occupation.

Silkworms.

Though the silkworm is allied to the destructive caterpillar tribe, this little creature compensates for all the mischief occasioned by the rest. It has been made of the utmost service to man; and furnishes him with a covering more beautiful than any other animal can supply. The silkworm is now very well known to be a large caterpillar, of whitish color, with twelve feet, and producing a butterfly of the moth-kind. The cone on which it spins is formed for covering it while it continues in the aurelia state; and several of these, properly wound off and united together, form those strong and beautiful threads which are woven into silk. In the warm climates, the silkworm proceeds from an egg, which has been glued by the parent moth upon proper parts of the mulberry tree, and which remains in that situation during the winter. The manner in which they are situated and fixed to the tree keeps them unaffected by the influence of the weather; so that these frosts which are severe enough to kill the tree have no power to injure the silkworm. The insect never proceeds from the egg till Nature has provided it a sufficient supply, and till the budding leaves are furnished in sufficient abundance for its support.

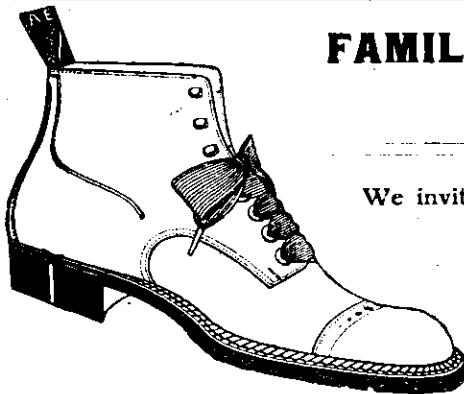
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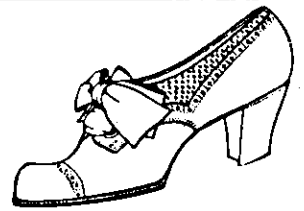
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WEDDING BELLS

MARTIN- DELANY.

The wedding of Mr. James Martin and Miss Alice Delany took place at the Catholic Church, Shannon, on Tuesday, June 22. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Cronin, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. Great interest was taken in the ceremony owing to the popularity of the young couple. The church, which was tastefully decorated, was crowded with friends, etc. The bride was exquisitely attired in white crepe de chine, with white felt hat and ostrich plumes, and carried a beautiful bouquet of freesias and maiden-hair fern. The bridesmaids (Miss Gladys Jefferies, niece of the bride, and Miss A. Lynch) wore cream costumes, with black velvet hats relieved with pink roses, and carried white and pink bouquets. The bridegroom's presents to the bridesmaids were gold lockets. The bride was given away by Mr. Moynihan. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. W. Moynihan as groomsmen. Mrs. Butler, presided at the organ, and played the 'Bridal March' from 'Lohengrin' as the bridal party entered the church, Murphy's 'Ave Maria' at the Offertory, and Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March' at the conclusion of the ceremony. The reception was held at the Club Hotel, and about forty guests sat down to the wedding breakfast. Rev. Father Cronin proposed the toast of the 'Bride and bridegroom.' Other customary toasts were also duly honored. The happy couple left by motor for Napier, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were the recipients of a large number of valuable presents.

COLLIS- GANNON.

An interesting and very pretty wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church on June 23 (says the *Mangaweka Settler*), the contracting parties being Mr. J. Collis, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Collis, and Miss Lillian Gannon, only daughter of Mr. J. W. Gannon, of Mangaweka. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Connelly, assisted by Rev. Father Dooley. The bride was given away by her father and wore a pretty gown of ivory satin, trimmed with nylon and silk lace. She also wore the usual veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies. The bridesmaids were the Misses Mona (chief), Ruby, and Rita Thompson, cousins of the bride, who wore dainty frocks of Swiss muslin and mob caps. They also wore the bridegroom's gifts, a pendant and gold brooches, respectively. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a handsome gold mounted pendant, and his to her was a neat set of grey squirrel furs. After the ceremony the guests proceeded to the Oddfellows' Hall, where the bride and bridegroom received congratulations prior to the breakfast. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Collis left by motor on their honeymoon, which is to be spent in Wellington and Napier. The bride travelled in a tailored costume of brown with pretty grey felt hat with plumes.

ANNIBAL SORENSEN.

A very interesting wedding took place at St. Canice's Church, Westport, on June 2, when Mr. Robert Heslam Annibal, eldest son of Mrs. Casey, was married to Miss Eileen Mary Sorensen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sorensen. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Long. The bride, who was given away by her father, was gowned in white paillette de soie, with cascade train, trimmed with puffs and a large bow of tulle, and a horseshoe of orange blossoms. She also wore a wreath and veil, the gift of her youngest sister. She carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums, daisies, and maiden-hair fern. The bride was attended by her cousin (Miss Radford) as maid of honor, and her two sisters (Misses Julie and Eveline Sorensen) as bridesmaids. The two first-mentioned wore shell-pink and pale blue paillette de soie with tunics of silk lace and black velvet

hats. The last mentioned wore a frock of cream San Toy, with a heliotrope sash, and streamers and hat to match. The bridegroom was supported by Messrs. Radford, Casey, and R. A. Himsett. The wedding march was played by Miss Celcie Radford. The reception and wedding breakfast were held at Warwick House, the home of the bride's aunt, where the usual toasts were duly honored. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome set of squirrel furs, and to the bridesmaids gold pendants set with pearls and rubies, and the bride's present to the bridegroom was a set of gold sleeve-links. Amongst the numerous presents received were those from the sodality of Children of Mary and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to the bride, and from the railway employees and St. Canice's Choir, of which the bridegroom is a member. The happy couple left next morning by motor for Christchurch and Dunedin on their honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was a navy-blue cloth costume, and a black velvet hat, trimmed with ostrich feather.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, PONSONBY

The Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, in the unavoidable absence of his Lordship Dr. Cleary, officiated at the ceremony of reception, which took place on Friday afternoon, July 2, at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby. The young ladies who received the white veil on the occasion were—Miss May Holbrook (Wexford), niece of Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, who received the religious name of Sister Mary Louis; Miss Madge Davis (Wexford), Sister M. Aloysius; and Miss Katherine O'Donoghue (Blenheim), Sister M. Teresa. Among the clergy present on the occasion were the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, Rev. Fathers Cahill, Kehoe, Murphy, Golden, Doyle, Dunphy, Kelly, Delach, and Farragher. A great many of the relations and friends of the candidates were also present. The convent choir rendered, in a truly devotional manner, the canticles, hymns, and psalms incidental to the ceremony. Monsignor Gillan preached a most eloquent sermon on the religious life and on the works of the Order of Mercy to which the young novices were consecrating their lives. After the ceremony Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Monsignor Gillan, assisted by Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook. The convent chapel was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the altar being adorned with lovely arm lilies. The new stained-glass windows, representing St. Catherine, the patroness of the foundress of the Order of Mercy (Catherine McAuley), and St. Cecilia, patroness of Rev. Mother M. Cecilia Maher, who was the foundress of the Order in the Auckland diocese in 1850, were much admired. They were the gift of Miss S. Lynch in memory of her parents, Daniel and Mary Lynch, and of her sister, and were the work of a local firm, Messrs. Herbert and Sons. The ceremony being concluded, the visitors adjourned to the convent, where afternoon tea was dispensed by the Sisters.

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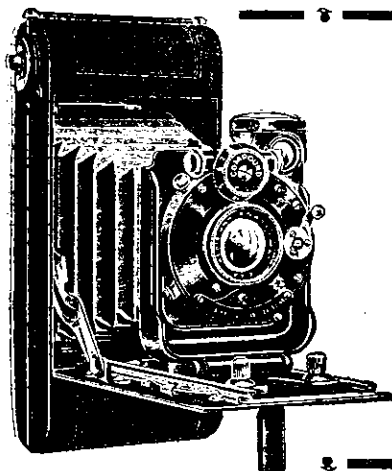
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GARDENING NOTES

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

SCIENTIFIC AND COMMON NAMES OF PLANTS.

A great many people wonder why plants have such strange botanical names, and cannot understand why they are not given simpler ones, which would be more easily remembered. Well, there is some sense in this contention from the amateur's point of view. Every botanist, no matter to what country he belongs, uses the same language to designate the various plants and the species to which they belong, and this practice simplifies matters, and facilitates the interchange of ideas among scientists of various countries. It would never do if an independent system of botany was followed in every country. Then every plant would have a name according to the choice and fancy of the different botanists, which would result in general confusion. Under the scientific system of botany every plant is known by the same name in every civilised country, so that the nurseryman or seedsman can forward his order to Spain, France, Italy, or Russia, and he will have it filled as accurately as if he had sent it to the most trustworthy firm in England. That is one advantage of plants having scientific names. They are known by these to every professional gardener all over the world. If an English gardener goes to a foreign country he is at home with the plants which he sees there, and the same is the case with any foreign gardener who comes to an English-speaking country. Putting all those things together, we must come to the conclusion that it is fit and proper that plants should bear the same scientific name in every part of the world. Of course that does not prevent plants being given local names. For instance, that favorite spring flower, the primrose, is well known by every English-speaking person, but it is not known by that name in any other country. So that if you sent to China, or Japan, or elsewhere for a primrose, they might send you an oak tree or something else. Of course, if they understood English and knew the plant, matters would be all right, but all business people are not linguists. On the other hand, if you were to send for a primula to any of those countries, you would in due course receive a primrose. No doubt, it is known to each country under its local name. So, too, in every country the flowers are called by the common names which the people have given them, but amongst professionals they are known by their botanical names. Perhaps, not one in a hundred of the rural population is acquainted with the botanical names of the most common flowers. It is, however, very necessary for gardeners, nurserymen, and seedsman, that they should be conversant with both the scientific and local names of plants. And having given reasons how necessary it is that there should be a universal system of nomenclature for plants, I will give a few examples

of these scientific terms, and their equivalents in the English language.

As I have been making use of the primula for an example, I cannot do better than to commence with it. The Latin word *primus* means the first, and as the primrose is one of the first plants to bloom in the spring, it is easy to understand how it got its name. Another common plant we meet with every day is the New Zealand flax. This is called *phormium*, from the Latin word *phormos* (a basket), as it was used by the Natives for making baskets. Another very common little flower is the forget-me-not, called by botanists *myosotis*, from *mus*, a mouse, and *otis*, an ear. It is said to have got this name from the resemblance of its leaves to the ear of a mouse. The literal translation of the Latin name is mouse ear. *Passiflora* is the name of the passion flower, from the Latin *passio* (suffering), and *flos* (flower). The name given to the geranium is *pelargonium*, from *pelargos* (a stork), as the ripe seed resembles a stork's bill. The Japanese evergreen tree, *retinospora plumosa*, has got its name from the seed being resinous—*retine* (resin) and *sporos* (seed), whilst the word *plumosa* means plume-like. So that the name of this tree in English would be the resin-seed plume tree. One of our fir trees is called *picea Nordmanniana*, which in plain English means Nordman's pitch tree. The blue gum tree is called *eucalyptus*, from *eue* (good), and *kalypto* (covering), referring to the calyx having a covering or cap which falls off when the flower expands. The common cabbage tree is named *dracena*, from *drakina*, a female dragon, for if the tree is wounded the juice emitted becomes a hard, dry gum, having the same properties as the resinous substance known as dragon's blood. The toi toi is called *arundo conspicua*, the word *arundo* being the Latin for reed.

I think what I have said and the examples I have given will show how important and necessary it is that there should be a recognised and universal system of naming plants—a system which facilitates commercial transactions between various countries, and helps to promote the exchange of ideas between botanists all over the world.

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ENGLAND

THE LATE FATHER MATURIN.

Addressing the Women's League at Hammersmith, Father Vaughan referred, in touching terms, to the loss that the Church in England had sustained by the death of Father Maturin, who, said the preacher, was the third splendid convert priest whom God had called away lately from them in the midst of glorious work. Fathers Croke Robinson, Hugh Benson, and Basil Maturin he would always regards as three heroes. Had they not sacrificed immensely much to become Catholics, and when they did enter the Church did they not all three dedicate their lives to God's service in the ministry of the priesthood? What devotion could better merit the title-deed to heroism? And was it not true to say that they had all died practically, not only in work but of work? They never shook off harness till God relieved them of it. In that fine Triple Alliance of priestly men each had his own special gifts, each had his own particular following, and each supplied a felt want in the Catholic community. Now each was sorely missed. Father Maturin was singularly gifted; his was an ardent nature, with likes and dislikes keenly felt; he was a psychologist of the human soul, and he took pleasure in sounding all its depths and shoals. He was an ardently loved Father by his spiritual children, and he loved them no less. No trouble counted with him when their interests were at stake. A character such as his suffered intensely in this rude, rough world, and he felt pretty sure, said Father Vaughan, that when the end came he was glad to go, even through the waters of terrible tribulation. They would follow him with their prayers, and would indeed pray to as well as for him. Father Vaughan, continuing, referred to Father Maturin as author, director, and preacher. To his thinking, said Father Vaughan, the Church in England had lost her three best preachers in the three noble-hearted priests of whom he had made mention. He himself keenly felt their loss because he knew what a void was made in countless hearts by their home-going.

FRANCE

THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH.

The devotion and contempt of danger shown by the French clergy, like that which Sir John French remarked in the chaplains of all denominations of the English force, will make a deep and lasting impression on the people (says the Paris correspondent of the *Catholic Times*). The relationship of priests and laymen is undergoing a great change; nor is it likely to revert to the state before the war. When newspapers speak of the 'sacred union' of all parties, and discuss the question of making a new France, we may be sure that public opinion will be shaped by the young men who have fought shoulder to shoulder in the trenches and have learned to appreciate sterling merit.

ITALY

CATHOLIC WOMEN AND THE WAR.

Practical steps are being adopted by the Union of the Catholic Women of Italy to render help to the Italian army (writes a Rome correspondent). A patriotic appeal has been issued by prominent ladies, and the following questions are put: (1) Will you follow a course of instruction as an infirmarian, so as to render assistance in case of need? (2) Can you act as secretary to supply information to families of soldiers or prisoners? (3) In what languages, besides Italian, can you render this service? (4) Can you be of use in the economic kitchens? (5) Can you render other services, such as sewing, mending clothes, copying maps, etc.? (6) Would you be willing to visit and console families, if the need presents itself? (7) Can you offer premises

for the housing of wounded and convalescent, and to serve as kitchens?

ROME

THE POPULATION.

Notwithstanding the departure of foreigners and the lack of occupation in Rome since the war commenced, the city sees her population steadily increasing (writes a Rome correspondent). The census of March, 1915, shows that the population totalled 600,087, an increase of 57,964 since the taking of the previous census. These figures make it clear that in forty-four years the population of the city has more than trebled itself. To foreign residents by the Tiber it is consoling to learn that Rome boasts of a rate of mortality which is the lowest in Italy. Even in March, the month when mortality in Rome reaches its highest pitch, the rate was only 18.38 per thousand, and this despite all we read in guide-books about malaria, different kinds of fever, and chills that are to be caught in Rome with far more facility than in any other place in the universe.

SCOTLAND

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL CENTENARY.

The celebration of the centenary of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, which takes place next year, recalls an interesting epoch in the history of modern Catholicity in Scotland. Prior to its erection, the only Catholic place of worship in the city was a school-church situated in Marshall lane. St. Andrew's was, therefore, the pioneer of the numerous churches which have in the intervening century sprung up all over Glasgow. As in the case of pioneers in general, the early days of the Cathedral were not without some adventure. In those days bigotry proclaimed itself brazenly in the open light of day and growled menacingly at the rising structure which heralded the resurrection of the Catholic faith in the West of Scotland. So strongly was this spirit of antagonism manifested that the Church had to be guarded by the Catholics at night, during the course of its erection, to prevent the rougher element of the city from pulling down its walls. The fierce bigotry of those days has died away, and instead of the few hundreds of Catholics who looked with pride on the completed monument of their faith in 1816, a population of over a quarter of a million Catholics look forward with pleasure to the celebration of its centenary next year.

UNITED STATES

THE SEE OF SAN FRANCISCO.

On May 18, the Right Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Adm. of the archdiocese of San Francisco since the death of Archbishop Riordan in December, 1914, was appointed Archbishop of that See by his Holiness Pope Benedict XV. Since his arrival in San Francisco Bishop Hanna has endeared himself to priests and people, and his elevation to the dignity of Metropolitan caused general rejoicing as it ensures the perpetuation of the best traditions of a diocese brought to a high state of efficiency under his scholarly predecessor. The new Archbishop is recognised as one of the leading theologians of the Church in America.

FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Last year the archdiocese of St. Louis contributed a total of 536,982 dollars for charities. Of this sum, there went to homes of afflicted, dependent, and orphans 184,146 dollars; hospitals, 85,000 dollars; institutions working among the poor, 47,519 dollars, and among the poor having no homes, 42,430 dollars.

THE WORK OF THE EXTENSION SOCIETY.

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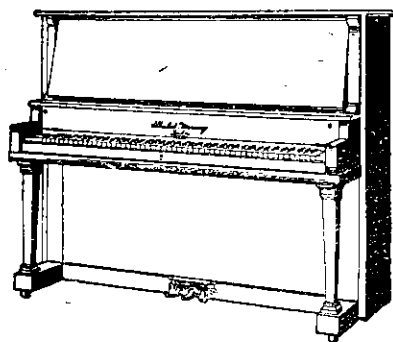
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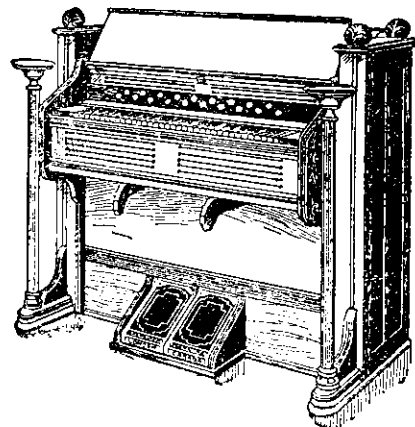
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Scotch Breakfast Rolls.

Four breakfast cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, one teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda, one teaspoonful of sugar, and a little salt. Rub well together, moisten with sweet milk, and mix into a very light dough. Roll out lightly to the thickness of an inch, and cut into three-cornered shapes. Bake in a fairly quick oven. If for tea cakes, use the same mixture, with a little butter rubbed through and passed through a fine sieve.

Spiced Rhubarb.

Pare the white ends, cut off the green leaves, and cut into one inch lengths four pounds of rhubarb. Sprinkle two pounds of sugar over it in a cooking vessel and let stand over night. In the morning drain off the syrup into the preserving bottle, add to it a cupful of vinegar and half a cupful of water. Put the kettle on the stove, adding a stick of cinnamon and each of mace, cloves, allspice, ginger, and nutmeg. Boil until the syrup thickens, then pour it, return to the stove, add the rhubarb and simmer for one hour. This keeps very well, and is a delicious relish with cold meats.

Kedgeree of Fish.

Take from one-half to three-fourths pound of cold boiled fish, or one smoked haddock; free the fish from skin and bone, and break up into small pieces. Wash and boil in plenty of water four ounces of rice; when done, drain and cool the rice. Boil also two eggs till hard, remove the shells, take out the yolks, and cut the white into small dice or shreds. Melt two round- ing tablespoonfuls of butter in a stewpan; put in the fish, rice, and hard-cooked whites of the eggs; season with salt, pepper, and nutmeg, mix well, and stir over the fire for five minutes, and keep hot. Dish up neatly in the form of a pyramid. Rub the yolks of eggs through a coarse sieve, and decorate the surface of the shape with it; garnish also with chopped parsley. Put the dish in the oven for a few minutes, and serve hot.

Renovating the Wardrobe.

Felt Hats.—Sponge the brim with ammonia till quite damp, then lay a thin cloth or old handkerchief over same, and iron with hot iron till dry. Tear off the cloth quickly, to raise the nap. Stuff the crown well with paper, and repeat process.

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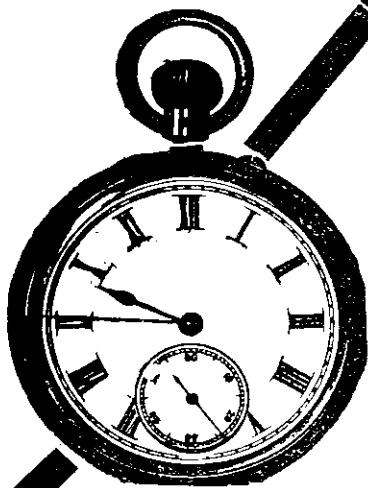
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On the Land

GENERAL.

A large area of land is to be put down in wheat in the Masterton district this year (says an exchange). Settlers generally are displaying a patriotic desire to assist those in need of food by providing as much wheat as possible.

We understand (says the *Hawke's Bay Tribune*) that the Government has made a purchase of an estate, containing about 8000 acres, in the vicinity of the Shereden Settlement for closer settlement, and that the land will probably be put on the market early in March.

At the sheep sales in Sydney, one Handdon Rig merino ram fetched 290gs, others from 240gs to 250gs, and 10 averaged £159. Drafts of Romney Marsh and Leicester flock rams and ram lambs, on behalf of New Zealand breeders, ranged from £2 2s to £4 4s. Mr. Millear, of Deniliquin Park, presented 189 rams to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund, and they fetched £1806.

At the Ruakura Farm of Instruction on the 2nd March six acres were sown down with white mustard as a green-manuring crop experiment on land which was last year devoted to cereal plot experiments, and there is no more striking experiment on the farm at the present time than this, showing the difference between the results obtained by following a barley crop as compared with an oat crop. The edges of the two plots are as much marked as if drawn with a line. The mustard following barley is from 6in. to 9in. high, while that following oats is 2ft high.

At Addington last week there was a moderate entry of fat stock. Fat cattle showed some improvement, and fat lambs sold at about previous week's rates. There was keen demand for store sheep, especially for hoggets and ewes, while fat sheep were firmer. Fat Lambs.—Prime, 18s 6d to 24s 1d; medium, 15s to 18s; light and unfinished, 13s 6d to 14s 6d. Fat Sheep.—Extra prime wethers, to 30s; prime wethers, 22s to 27s 6d; others, 18s 9d to 21s 6d; merino wethers, 10s 1d to 17s; extra prime ewes, to 33s; prime ewes, 20s to 27s 6d; medium ewes, 16s to 19s 6d; inferior ewes, 12s 5d to 16s; merino ewes, 9s to 11s 5d. Fat Cattle.—Extra steers, to £17 17s 6d; ordinary steers, £8 to £11 12s 6d; extra heifers, to £14; ordinary heifers, £6 17s 6d to £9 10s; extra cows, £11 7s 6d; ordinary cows, £5 17s 6d to £9. Price of beef per 100lb, 25s to 37s 6d and extra to 40s. Pigs.—Choppers, 5s to 90s; extra heavy baconers, to 80s; heavy ba. mers, 70s to 75s; light baconers, 55s to 67s; price per lb, 5½d; heavy porkers, 38s to 45s; light porkers, 28s to 35s; price per lb, 5½d to 6d; medium stores, 22s to 28s; small stores, 16s to 21s; weaners, 3s (for very small) to 11s 6d (for good sorts); sows in pig, 40s to 52s 6d.

At Burnside last week 206 head of fat cattle were yarded. The entry consisted mostly of medium quality bullocks, cows, and heifers, with an odd pen of good heavy-weight cattle. For prime quality beef competition was keen, and prices were from 10s to 15s per head better than at previous sale. Medium quality cattle were not in such keen demand, and sold at late rates. Quotations: Prime bullocks, £15 10s to £17; extra, to £19 2s 6d; medium bullocks, £13 to £14; others, £11 to £12 10s; prime heifers and cows, £10 10s to £12; extra, to £14 2s 6d. Fat Sheep. 4172 yarded. A good yarding, consisting mainly of medium wethers and ewes, with a few pens of really prime wethers. The freezing buyers were operating, but they only had a limited space. There was fair competition throughout the sale, prices for prime wethers being, if anything, in advance of those ruling lately. Quotations: Extra prime wethers, 32s 9d; prime wethers, 26s to 28s 6d; medium wethers, 21s to 25s; light and inferior, to 18s; extra prime ewes, 37s 3d; prime ewes, 21s to 24s 6d; medium ewes, 17s to 19s 6d. Fat Lambs.—1343 yarded. A small yarding. There was keen competition between some export buyers who had limited freezing space and graziers. Prices were considerably better than those

ruling at last sale. Quotations: Best lambs, 19s to 21s; extra, to 25s; medium, 16s 6d to 18s. Pigs.—A small yarding, in consequence of which competition was very keen, and prices showed an all-round advance compared with previous week.

THE VALUE OF GOOD-KEEPING BUTTER.

The preservative quality of butter enters very largely into the commercial value of the article when placed on the market. It is of no use for a merchant to buy, or a dairyman to make, butter unless it will keep in good condition for a reasonable length of time, providing, of course, that all due care is taken with it as regards efficient transit and storage. Butter at the end of at least ten days (says an exchange) should then be as sweet and palatable as on the day it was made. There are many causes for butter not keeping, the chief being faults in the process of manufacture. Amongst other things, the cream must be properly ripened. Most butter-makers sour the cream before churning, but many do not sour it to the correct extent, thinking that, as long as the cream has an acid flavor, it must rise.

When churning sweet or slightly acid cream it is impossible to make butter without its containing an excess of caseous matter, which proves detrimental to its keeping capacity. In such cases (where there is an excess of casein present) the butter, when freshly made, may be of good flavor, but soon goes 'off.' If the cream has been kept too long, it will probably be rancid before churning. The chief points in the manufacture are to ripen the cream to a nicety, and then churn it until small grains of butter are produced. It is then possible to wash from the butter a sufficient amount of the curdy matter, which, if not removed, decomposes, and spoils otherwise good keeping butter. A good brand of dairy salt, free from any foreign matter, is required. Good butter is often spoiled by inferior salt; also the water wants to be well worked out of it. An excess of water in butter assists the development of organisms, which bring about decomposition.

GREEN MANURING.

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And reddened the roof's brown mould;
Gliding the steam from the kettle
That hummed on the foot-worn hearth,
Throughout all the live-long evening
Its measure of drowsy mirth.

Because of the three light shadows
That frescoed that rude old room—
Because of the voices echoed,
Up 'mid the rafters' gloom—
Because of the feet on the fender,
Six restless, white little feet—
The thoughts of that dear old kitchen
Are to me so fresh and sweet.

When the first dash on the window
Told of the coming rain,
Oh! where are the fair young faces
That crowded against the pane!
While bits of firelight stealing
Their dimpled cheeks between,
Went stumbling out in the darkness,
In shreds of silver sheen.

FREDA'S FRANKNESS.

'I like genuineness above everything else,' Freda spoke with emphasis and a nod of her pretty auburn head. 'It does seem to me the one most unforgivable thing—to be trying to pass yourself off for more than you're really worth.'

'What's up now, Free?' inquired her brother Jack. 'Who's been shamming, and what made her do it, and all the rest?'

Jack simulated a look of intense interest and curiosity as he bent over his sister, his boyish face close to hers.

'Oh, nothing very special, Jack,' Freda said smilingly. 'I was talking more in general, I suppose. And yet, I was thinking particularly of one of the girls, too.'

'Naming no names,' interpolated Jack.

'Well, it's nobody you'd be interested in anyway,' Freda replied. 'She's a nice girl in ever so many ways, but she doesn't always ring true.'

Freda paused rather complacently as if she liked the phrase she had chosen.

'They live away over on the south side, and her father is a clerk in a little store there, but to hear her telling of her trips to the seashore and automobile rides you would suppose they were in affluent circumstances.'

'Ahem!' said Jack, 'and what does that word mean?'

'You know perfectly well,' said Freda with dignity. 'I suppose somebody must have taken her out for a ride some time, for she never in the world would get a chance to go in a car of her own. Now, I'd respect her twice as much if she'd just be frank and say right out what a treat it was to be taken for a ride.'

'I like frankness myself,' Jack said seriously. 'I don't know who you're talking about, but if she's trying to fool people into thinking she's worth more than she is, I don't like her any more than you do.'

'I'm nothing if not frank,' Freda said, again in that complacent voice. 'And she wears imitation lace, too! She has a new dress with some imitation Val. on it, and when one of the girls said how pretty and becoming the dress was, she just answered, "I think those little Val. edges are dainty."'

'What on earth is "Val"?' inquired Jack, but a boyish whistle sounded outside, he stopped not for enlightenment, but vaulted through the open window.

'That was Florence Simms I was talking about, mamma,' Freda turned to the sweet-faced woman who had been arranging a pile of magazines at the library table. 'I suppose I am a little hard on girls who aren't—well, just genuine—for as I said to Jack, I'm nothing if not frank and open myself.'

'Genuineness certainly is a fine quality, and something we all need to strive after,' her mother returned.

'Why, mamma, I think it comes natural to some of us to be genuine, don't you? I'm sure I've never had to cultivate it. I'm naturally frank and I simply can't make any excuses for people who aren't. It seems so unforgivable.'

It was the next afternoon that Freda busied herself wrapping up two gifts for her twin cousins' birthday.

'This certainly was a bargain,' she remarked complacently to her mother, holding up a little gold frame containing a miniature. 'It doesn't seem as if it could be as heavily plated as they said. Only seventy-nine cents, picture and all, and the girl told me that they'd been selling for a dollar and a half. Somehow I sort of distrusted that girl, but anyway, it's pretty—now.' Freda was carefully removing the tissue paper from the box that had held it and transferring it to another box.

'Why, dearie, where did you get it?' her mother asked suddenly. 'At Benedict's? You can always rely upon what they tell you there.'

'Oh, no, mamma, I found this at Leonard's, but you don't think I would let it go out in one of their boxes, do you, when Beth knows just what a cheap store that is. I just happened to have this box from Benedict's and it's such a good fit—so I thought I'd put the frame into that—and—why, mother,' Freda's coincident voice faltered, 'what makes you look like that? Isn't it all right? Very likely the frame is as good as she girl told me, and so—what harm—'

But somehow it was hard to go on.

'Why, dear child,' her mother said, 'don't you remember what we were saying only yesterday about genuineness? Even if the frame should turn out to be all they claimed it, it wouldn't be quite honest to try to make any one think you bought it at Benedict's, would it? And on the other hand, if it should prove to be as cheap in quality as it was in price, then what injustice you would be doing that fine store! In any case, dear—'

Freda's cheeks were flaming now.

'Why, of course,' she said, 'in any case it wouldn't be square by me, would it? Oh, mamma, why is it so easy to fool ourselves into thinking we are so much better than we are? Why, when I was talking about Florence yesterday I never once thought of anything like this.' And it isn't the first time I've done things like this, either.

'You haven't stopped to think,' her mother said, comfortingly. 'Now you do think it over, you wouldn't for anything be dishonest about it. It's probably that way with Florence, and we need to be pretty careful in our judgments of other people I've found.'

'Oh, mamma, you! Why, you never say anything harsh about anybody,' Freda said affectionately.

Suddenly she tore open the carefully wrapped book she had addressed to the other cousin.

'Mamma!' she exclaimed. 'Here I've done it again. This was a bargain book—it was a dollar and a-quarter, but they'd marked it "as is" and put it down to fifty cents because it's defective—worn off at this corner, you see. I wanted Martha to think I'd spent more than I did! and so I—I rubbed out the reduced price mark and left in the dollar and a-quarter. Oh, mother, what a fraud I am!'

'No, not a fraud,' mother said, 'because you are so anxious to make it right now. You didn't stop to think, but I am pretty sure, after this, you will be on your guard and not let any of those little insincerities creep in.'

'Oh, I'm sure I will,' said Freda, 'and I won't be so hard on Florence or any of the other girls that I've been feeling so superior to.'

AN OBJECT LESSON.

The Minturn family were seated at their breakfast table one beautiful spring morning when Teddy, the youngest member, exclaimed, 'We must be later than usual this morning, for here comes the post-man!'

'Run and get the letters, son,' said Mr. Minturn. 'I am expecting something important.'

Teddy ran to the door, and presently came back with the mail. By an odd coincidence, there was a letter for each member of the family.

Mr. Minturn finished his letter first, and was about to express his dissatisfaction with its contents when he glanced at the rest of the family, who were all deep in their letters. As one by one they laid them down, their mood seemed so exactly like his own that he laughed heartily.

'What's the joke?' everyone exclaimed.

'Why don't you ask instead. What's the trouble?' said Mr. Minturn. 'You all look as if you had the worst of news.'

'Let's begin with mother,' said Ethel, 'and hear what it is all about.'

Mrs. Minturn flushed a little. 'I'm ashamed to be annoyed,' she said, 'but two weeks ago I sent a printed letter to each member of our club telling her the time and place of the meeting this month, which car to take, and where to leave the car. This morning I have received my third letter accepting the invitation to the meeting, and asking me to let the writer know exactly how to get here. My circular letters are all used up, and so I shall have to take the time from a busy day to write the whole thing over again because these three ladies did not take the trouble to read their letters!'

'It is tragic,' said Blanche. 'Now, father?'

'Well,' said Mr. Minturn, 'I wrote to my partner, who is in New York, and asked him to give me the address of one of our best customers. As it was necessary for me to know immediately, I asked him to send the letter here. He replies promptly, congratulates me on the sale I expect to make, and forgets to send the letter here. He replies promptly, congratulates me on the sale I expect to make, and forgets to send the letter here. He replies promptly, congratulates me on the sale I expect to make, and forgets to send the letter here.'

'Which means,' said Teddy, 'a long distance telephone call to New York at a cost of \$5.35.'

The family laughed. 'Let the experience meeting continue,' said Mr. Minturn. 'Ethel, what is your difficulty?'

'Mine is an excited letter from Kate, saying that after weeks of waiting she has at last got the dress-maker, and that if I will buy the material and send it at once she will have the dress finished in time for the party. But,' continued Ethel, 'as she shook the envelope expectantly for the tenth time, she didn't inclose the sample.'

'Now, Blanche!' they all cried.

'Oh, it's nothing much,' said Blanche, trying to speak unconcernedly. 'Only Agnes is coming, and says to be sure and meet her, since it frightens her to try to find her way alone about the city, and she doesn't say what train she's coming on.'

The family groaned, and Mr. Minturn said, 'Now, Teddy, who has betrayed you?'

Teddy scowled, and plunged his hands into his pockets. 'Uncle Frank hopes I'll have a good time at the ball game this afternoon.'

'And forgets to inclose the tickets!' shouted the family in chorus.

'Children,' said Mr. Minturn, and his eyes were twinkling, 'let us be instructed by the faults of our friends.'

'Agreed!' said the family, as they rose from the table. *Fourth's Companion.*

ROBBIE NOT CONVINCED.

Robbie's first experience of a concert hall was at a recent mammoth entertainment in aid of a patriotic fund. The most celebrated soprano of the day was engaged in singing to the accompaniment of a famous orchestra when Robbie and family arrived.

The small boy at once became interested in the gesticulations of the conductor.

'Mother, why is that man shaking his stick at the lady?' he asked.

'Hush, dear; he is not shaking his stick at her.'

But Robbie was not convinced.

'Then what is she screaming for?'

THE CHICKENS NOT RESPONSIBLE.

Uncle Josh was comfortably lighting his pipe in the living room one evening when Aunt Maria glanced up from her knitting.

'Josh,' softly remarked the good woman, 'do you know that next Sunday will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of our wedding?'

'Ye don't say so, Maria,' responded Uncle Josh, pulling vigorously on his corn-cob pipe. 'What about it?'

'Nothing,' answered Aunt Maria, 'only I thought maybe we ought to kill them two Rhode Island Red chickens.'

'Say, Maria,' impressively demanded Uncle Josh, 'how can you blame them two Rhode Island Red chickens for what happened twenty-five years ago?'

HOLD THE CAKE.

A new Territorial, who had not quite learned his business, was on sentry duty one night when a friend brought a cake from the canteen. As he sat on the grass eating the cake the major sauntered up in undress uniform. The sentry, not recognising him, did not salute, and the major stopped and said:

'What's that you have there?'

'Cake,' said the sentry, good-naturedly. 'Have a bite.'

The major frowned. 'Do you know who I am?'

'No,' said the sentry, 'unless you're the major's groom.'

The major shook his head. 'Guess again,' he replied.

'The barber from the village.' 'Maybe there the sentry laughed. 'Maybe you're the major himself?'

'That's right. I am the major!' was the stern reply.

The sentry scrambled to his feet. 'Good gracious!' he exclaimed. 'Hold the cake, will you, while I salute.'

VERY HOT STUFF.

When Thomas placed a rosy apple by the garden gate and then secreted himself behind a hedge, he thought he had done so unobserved. But he was mistaken. An old gentleman approached him and began to lecture.

'My boy,' he said, 'do you not know that you are very wrong in placing that apple by that gate? Some poor boy might be tempted to purloin it?'

'Well,' said Thomas, 'that's just what I want him to do.'

'Why?' inquired Old Curious.

'Why?' repeated Thomas. 'Because I've hollowed out the inside and filled it with mustard.'

IT SEEMED THAT WAY.

The farmer, wearing a long face, entered the country drug store.

'I've got something wrong with my stomach,' he announced, 'and I want you to give me something for it.'

'All right,' replied the apothecary, cheerfully: 'what are your symptoms?'

'Every little while something seems to rise up and settle back, and then by and by rises up and settles back again.'

The druggist stroked his chin reflectively.

'Look here,' he said, gravely, 'you haven't gone and swallowed an elevator, have you?'

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