

'himself a Catholic.' A very old lie, about 'indulgences being the prize in Church lotteries in South America,' is repeated on the authority of the utterly discredited Dr. Horton. Another slander that has seen much service—that relating to the condemnation of Henri Lasserre's translation of the Gospels—is also once again put into circulation. Here is the pamphlet version of the incident: 'In France fifty years ago a brilliant Roman Catholic journalist, Henri Lasserre turned his attention to the Gospels, and became full of regret that the French people did not commonly possess them in their own tongue. He cast them into radiant French, and submitted his version to the Archbishop of Paris and to the Pope. He received from both warm approbation, and the edition was issued with the imprimatur of the Archbishop on its first page. One hundred thousand copies were sold in the first year. An edition de luxe was in the press, when suddenly and without explanation the Book was put on the Index. Why? No reason was ever given. We infer that Rome fears the Book.' (The italics are ours.) Those who are acquainted with both sides of this incident know that full and adequate reason was given. It is an interesting illustration of the vitality of lies, especially of theological lies, that every one of these misstatements has at one time or other been exposed in the columns of the *N.Z. Tablet*, and some of them in the columns of the daily press—yet here they are, being ladled out, large as life, to the simple-minded Baptists of Wellington city.

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The Catholic Church, with 1900 years of history and of victorious struggle behind her, can afford to laugh at the rhetoric of pigmy pulpiteres of the kind now under notice. Like the 'little systems' which they profess, these no-Popery preachers 'have their day, and cease to be'; and the Church goes serenely on in her divine mission—fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array.

Notes

A Comparison

A Protestant Bishop (remarks the *Sacred Heart Review*) writing of Mexico, says:—Of all the American mining and smelting companies delving after gold and silver in Mexico, not one, so far as I am able to learn, has placed here an institution of any kind for the intellectual, moral, social, or spiritual betterment of the people. The Spaniards did better than that.

Mr Asquith and Home Rule

As the cables informed us, an Amendment to exclude Home Rule from the operations of the Veto Bill was defeated on Monday, April 24, by 284 to 190 votes. In the course of the debate on this proposal, Mr. Asquith gave perhaps the most explicit statement of his intentions in regard to Home Rule which he has ever yet made. In announcing that the Veto Bill was a means to an end, and that end Home Rule for Ireland, the Prime Minister said:—'I have never concealed from the country, and not only have I never concealed from the country but I have explicitly stated to the country in the clearest possible terms before the election took place, that if the electors gave us a mandate to pass this Bill we should use the machinery created by this Bill, and use it in this Parliament, for the purpose of carrying out Home Rule.' On this Mr. Balfour said that Mr. Asquith 'has never before approached the nakedness of this avowal.'

False Representation

A Socialist sheet published in Auckland has been printing a series of articles entitled 'The Catholic Church and Socialism'; and it has printed them as being 'By Father Thomas McGrady.' The plain implication was that the writer was a recognised Catholic priest, in full communion with, and of good standing in, the Catholic Church. The other day, as the outcome of an utterance by the Rev. Dean Hackett, the Socialist paper came forward with a statement of facts regarding McGrady—according to which it is alleged that he was pastor of the Catholic Church of St. Anthony's, in Bellevue, Kentucky; that he adopted and expounded Socialism as the teaching that 'embodied the ethics of Jesus'; that he was called upon to retract these views; but that, rather than do this, he 'resigned the charge and left the priesthood and the Church in which he had been reared.' In other words—accepting the Socialist paper's statements, in the meantime, as accurate—McGrady, owing to his refusal to give up preaching Socialism as being virtually identical with Christianity, was put out of the Church. Thus, on its own showing, is the Socialist

paper convicted of deliberate dishonesty. It knew the facts; yet it deliberately gave its readers the impression that the writer of the articles to which we have referred was a Catholic priest, in full communion with the Church; and it would have continued the misrepresentation had not McGrady's *bona fides* been called in question. We cannot imagine any intelligent Catholic reading the paper in question; but if it has any Catholic readers we commend to them a couplet contained in its own columns, in the issue for May 26:—

He who deceives you once,
Shame on him;
He who deceives you twice,
Shame on you!

THE CORONATION

CIRCULAR OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS OF NEW ZEALAND

It is right and proper that as loyal and grateful subjects of his Majesty King George V., the Catholics in New Zealand should heartily join their fellow-subjects throughout the Empire in duly celebrating his Coronation Day, by taking part in the public festivities and by religious services, in order to bring down the Almighty's copious blessings on the new reign and all the Empire. It is also becoming that uniformity should prevail in our celebrations throughout the four dioceses of this Ecclesiastical Province. Accordingly, we hereby request every priest in each diocese to celebrate a votive Mass of the Holy Ghost *pro re gravi* on Coronation Day for the purposes aforesaid. We also recommend that the exact hour in New Zealand corresponding to the hour of the Coronation at Westminster be ascertained, and that for at least half an hour the church bell in each locality be rung in token of joy and thanksgiving.

- * FRANCIS REDWOOD, S.M., Archbishop of Wellington.
- * H. W. CLEARY, Bishop of Auckland.
- * J. J. GRIMES, S.M., Bishop of Christchurch.
- * M. VERDON, Bishop of Dunedin.

Wellington, May 30, 1911.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

St. Joseph's Parish School and the Sacred Heart School, North-East Valley, were examined by the Education Board Inspectors on Tuesday.

St. Patrick's Young Men's Club, South Dunedin, held their weekly meeting in the schoolroom on Monday evening, when Rev. Father Delany presided over a fair attendance of members. After routine business had been transacted, musical items, which were much appreciated, were contributed by Messrs. G. Perkins, W. Layburn, W. Mulrooney, W. Tonar, J. McDonald, W. Walsh, and J. Gaffaney.

At a meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club on Wednesday evening of last week Miss Hannah Bourke, a member of the committee, was presented by her schoolmates and members of the club with a clock and writing-case. The presentation was made by Mrs. A. Stone. Miss Bourke has been appointed to the Moa Flat School. The vacancy on the committee has been filled by the election of Miss Marion Munro.

There was a Pontifical High Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost. His Lordship Bishop Verdon was celebrant, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., assistant priest, Rev. Father Morkane deacon, and Rev. Father Scanlan subdeacon. Rev. Father Coffey preached, basing his discourse on the day's Gospel. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the day, and the usual procession in the evening. The sermon at Vespers was preached by the Rev. Father Morkane.

St. Joseph's Harriers held their weekly run on Saturday from the Home at Anderson's Bay, as guests of the Little Sisters of the Poor, 16 members turning out. Messrs. P. Kelly and R. Metcalfe laid a good trail down through Tomahawk and up over the surrounding hills down to the high Portobello road, where the members indulged in a fast run home. At the conclusion of the run the members were kindly entertained by the Little Sisters.

A very pleasant ceremony took place in the Central Police Station, Dunedin, on Thursday night, when ex-Inspector O'Brien was made the recipient of a handsome presentation by the officers and members of the Dunedin Police District. There was a very large attendance of members of the force. Station-sergeant King said he was pleased to see so many present, as it showed the good feeling which existed in the force. He first knew Mr. O'Brien about thirty years ago, and during all these years he had always found him a very able, straightforward man. As

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