

from English-speaking lands. The fact must be faced that for her old militant methods of compulsion the Roman Hierarchy has substituted a much more subtle and efficacious educational propaganda. Instead of working upon the fears and superstitions of the ignorant, Roman Catholicism is making a direct appeal to the intelligence of the cultured classes. Hence, if Protestantism is to hold her ground she also must institute a change of procedure. The antiquated notions to which a conservative and largely ignorant Orangeism curiously clings must give place to a careful restatement of Protestant principles in the light of present-day facts and an altered environment. Such a statement was that recently contributed to Messrs. Dent's new paper *Everyman* on 'Scotland's Debt to Protestantism,' by Mr. Hector Macpherson, a contribution which goes to show how much of her existence as a nation Scotland owes to Protestantism, and, inferentially, the heavy debt of this Dominion to the same religious force.

It cannot be too strongly insisted upon that the Roman Catholicism of the present day is essentially Consistent, Coherent, and Convinced of the truth of the doctrines she enforces. Opposed to this in Protestant and Presbyterian pulpits and literature is an element of Chaos, Doubt, and Agnosticism. The Roman Catholic authorities say, 'I know'; the average Protestant doubtfully essays, 'I am not sure.' Hence the note of authority formerly so prominent in Protestant preaching and teaching has largely been lost. . . . A glance over the world, with its militant Socialism and its still more militant Feminism, impresses the thoughtful with the fact that the old safeguards of society are slipping away, and that civilisation is being invaded by a flood of lawlessness which calls itself by the name of Liberty. Everywhere authority is being invoked, and authority buttressed alone by a pagan modernism is failing most lamentably to respond to the call. At this critical juncture the Roman Catholic Church, with all its traditional authority behind it, makes a tremendous appeal, and many are to be found in despair, refuting themselves behind that authority. And unless Protestantism can capture and Christianise the forces of democracy and Socialism and turn the sweep of the current towards God and His Christ, there are bad days in store both for Protestantism and for Presbyterianism.

WAIMATE

NEW TOWER OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

There was a very large congregation present in St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, at Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock on Sunday, April 20. Before the Mass, which was celebrated by Very Rev. Dean Hills, the dedication and blessing of the newly-completed tower was performed by Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial). The Dean (says the *Waimate Advertiser*) ascended into the tower for this purpose. He subsequently preached at Mass. In the course of his address he referred to the subject of ecclesiastical architecture, tracing the several styles back to the early periods in England and Ireland. He said that the completion of the tower of the Waimate Church gave them a realisation of the plan prepared some years ago with the expert and talented assistance of Mr. Petre, the Dunedin architect. The parish was now provided with a very fine church, and it was only fitting that at such a time mention should be made of some of the esteemed pioneers of the Church in Waimate. Among the priests he named Father Chataigner, Father Chervier (who in the early 'sixties walked down from Christchurch to say Mass here), and then that specially beloved priest, Father John Goutenoire, who founded the parish. Among the laity he mentioned several who had left legacies to the Church, including the late Messrs Nicholas Quinn, Michael McGoverin, John O'Connor, and the well-known figure, L. Tooher. He was very pleased to have the chance of congratulating the people on their generosity. The contribution of over £200

per the collections that day, considering the approach of a big bazaar next month, was nothing short of marvellous.

At the evening devotions Dean Hills was the preacher.

To-day (Monday) the contractors for the tower commenced work on the plastering of the basement of the church as a whole—a work that had been deferred for want of funds.

Next month the peal of three bells to go inside the tower will arrive. They will be rung by boys to be trained for the purpose. Necessarily, one bell will often do duty singly, the full peal being reserved for Mass and such occasions.

The parishioners are looking forward to some day carrying out the intention of the authors of the architectural design of the church—i.e., in the direction of carving and otherwise ornamenting all the capitals and windows. Then there is still further scope for progress in the installation of stained-glass windows. The congregation already is large enough to fill the church regularly, and the members are proud of the edifice, and it is confidently predicted that they will not rest on their oars till they have made St. Patrick's a thing of beauty—a joy for ever.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

April 28.

The Hibernian Band (under Conductor Wills) gave a promenade concert at Rugby Park yesterday afternoon, and as the day was beautifully fine, a large concourse of people was present. A substantial collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the band.

At the 11 o'clock Mass yesterday, the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., gave a synopsis of the receipts and expenditure in connection with the bazaar that was held here a few weeks ago. The undertaking was a pronounced success, and the Dean expressed his thanks to all who had in any way assisted, making special mention of the various stall-holders, the Hibernian Band (who voluntarily gave their services for the fortnight), the men's committee (who had worked harmoniously and effectively), and particularly to the joint secretaries (Messrs J. McNamara and H. Searle), who had done yeoman service and had done it well. Money is still being received from outlying parts, and when the balance-sheet is completed it should show a profit of between £1500 and £2000, which is considered most satisfactory.

Mr. Jas. Mulvey, of the Telegraph Department, left Invercargill to-day for Stratford, to which place he has been transferred on promotion. During the last fortnight Mr. Mulvey has been the recipient of several presentations, notably from the Irish Athletic Society, the Southland Rugby Football Union, and the officers of the local Post and Telegraph Office. The following speech, which was made at the farewell gathering from his fellow-workers, gives a good idea of the various eulogistic references which were made at the different functions:—

Mr. Theodore King (chief postmaster) presided, and to him was entrusted the duty of making the presentation to 'Our guest' of a case of cutlery and a hot water jug. Mr. King said that he knew Mr. Mulvey first of all at Gore. That was over thirty years ago. There he was his right-hand man, and that evening, as they would all observe, he had him on his right hand again. At Gore their guest had done well, and his merit all were aware of since he joined the Invercargill office. He was a man of unblemished character. His calm and collected words, his courteous demeanour, his winning manner, his fascinating smile, and the merry twinkle of his eye were prominent traits in his personality that had won for him friends far and wide. It has been said that a good general chose good officers, and he, the speaker, was proud that in Mr. Mulvey he could not have made a better choice. Since their guest came to Invercargill his qualifications had been prominently to the front, and now his fame had travelled the length

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