

competition was started between members of the club as to whether Napoleon or Wellington was the greater general. During the evening the Rev. Father Delany gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on 'Sir Thomas More.' Mr. Bevis, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Father Delany, said he felt sure that all those present had learnt a great deal about one of the greatest men in the history of the Catholic Church.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

J.T.M., Milton.—Thanks for leaflet. We are in communication with Levin.

N.DE.P., Dunedin.—There is a small book entitled *The Roman Index of Forbidden Books*, by Francis S. Betten, S.J., published by B. Herder, St. Louis, Mo., U.S.A., in 1912, which explains all about the Index, and gives a list on pretty much the lines that you want. Write to Mr. O'Connor, Barbadoes street, Christchurch, Whitaker Bros., Wellington, or any other Catholic bookseller, and they will obtain it for you. If you have any difficulty in procuring it, write to us again. There is also a complete Index published by the same firm, price 9s; but you will probably find the smaller one quite sufficient. The price is not marked in our copy of the latter, but it would only be 1s or 2s.

J.D., Makahu.—(1) On January 1, 1901, the value of the real property taxed as belonging to Congregations in France was 463,715,146 francs (between £18,000,000 and £19,000,000). In this was included all the property devoted by the Religious to benevolent and educational purposes. There are no authoritative figures available for the value of State property, but the annual revenue of the country is £140,000,000, and the total wealth will be at least seven or eight times that amount. (2) No definite date can be assigned for the change. All that can be said with certainty is that it dates from the days of the Apostles. This we learn from Acts xx., 7: 'Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread'; and from 1 Cor. xvi., 2: 'Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store,' etc. As your argument was with a Protestant, we have quoted the Protestant version of the Scriptures.

THE HOME RULE BILL

REJECTED BY THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The House of Lords rejected the Home Rule Bill by 302 to 64. Lord Morley said that the Government had been asked during the debate what it would do in the event of violent disorder in Belfast, but he declined to say what it would do in a purely hypothetical contingency.

In the course of the debate Lord Curzon said the Opposition wanted an election because it wanted to avert civil war.

Lord Morley, in winding up the debate, was repeatedly pressed by the Opposition to say whether the troops would be ordered to fire on loyalists. He refused to answer, but said he was confident that in the difficulty of a dangerous crisis the authorities would do all the public duty imposed on them for the maintenance of order. He contended that a referendum or a dissolution before the Bill was passed would be a far greater blow to Parliamentary authority than anything in the Parliament Act. He was sure that when the Irish Party had a Parliament of its own it would show the same statesmanlike spirit as it had shown hitherto and make it a success.

Lord Loreburn again appealed for a comprehensive settlement by consent, consultation, and goodwill. If the effort failed there would then be time for a general election.

Speaking at Birkenhead, Mr. John Dillon said that the majority in Ireland would not submit to insult and tyranny from a fraction of the Ulster people. They had won their victory by constitutional means, and they did not import arms, nor abuse the King, nor threaten to shoot soldiers.

At Ballymena, Sir E. Carson, K.C., M.P., was asked whether in the event of a general election favoring Home Rule Ulster would accept it. In reply he said he would enter into no bargain. He denied the right of any Parliament before or after twenty elections to deprive Ulstermen of the position they had inherited.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

Very Rev. Dean Tubman was confined to his room by a severe indisposition for some time last week. He is now, however, practically convalescent.

A representative meeting was held in the Borough Council Chambers on Wednesday afternoon last to take steps to fittingly recognise Mrs. Mangos' help to musical culture in Timaru during the past twenty years. His Worship the Mayor presided. Mr. Nevill Smith, in a few appropriate words, stated the object of the gathering. It was unanimously decided to tender Mrs. Mangos a complimentary concert at an early date, and a strong and enthusiastic committee was formed to carry out the project.

On Wednesday night the Catholic Hall, Brown street, was filled to the doors to hear a debate between the Catholic Young Men's Club and the Timaru Debating Society. The question to be decided was—'Is the settlement of international disputes by arbitration practicable?' Very Rev. Dean Tubman opened the proceedings, and called upon Mr. M. J. Doyle, who led for the Catholic Club. He was ably supported by Messrs. J. M. Dunne and T. Quinn. Mr. Patterson led for the other society, his supporters being Messrs. Jones and Koller. The speakers were given attentive hearings, and after the leaders had replied, Mr. W. D. Campbell, M.A., who acted as judge, pronounced in favor of the Catholic Club, both as regards the subject of the debate and oratorical effect. This evening the Catholic Club will be entertained by the Temuka Catholic Club at Temuka.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

July 20.

On Sunday last there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the 11 o'clock Mass until after the evening devotions.

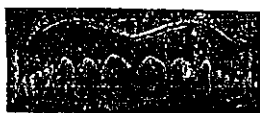
The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Children of Mary Confraternity approached the Holy Table in a body at the 7.30 o'clock Mass to-day.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was held after the evening devotions to-day. There was a fair attendance, and the president (Bro. F. J. Oakley) addressed the members.

On last Monday, at the close of the usual business of the Catholic Federation, the gentlemen gave a return social to the ladies. The programme consisted of progressive euchre, at the close of which light refreshments were handed round.

The efforts of the collectors under the new card system, inaugurated for the purpose of assisting in the liquidation of the parish debt, have exceeded expectations, the sum of £55 being handed in. This is largely attributable to the ladies of the Federation assisting the men in collecting.

The proceeds of the sacred concert in the Opera House on Sunday night last by the Williamson Company, in aid of the widow and orphans of the late Mr. T. Gleeson, amounted to the respectable sum of £54 which, together with funds in hand from the social under the auspices of the H.A.C.B. Society and other donations, brings the fund to £80. At a meeting of the committee on last Tuesday, Messrs. W. Devine and M. J. Kennedy were appointed trustees with power to disburse the funds in the best way possible.



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