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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

August 3, Sunday.—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

4, Monday.—St. Dominic, Confessor.5, Tuesday.—Dedication of the Church of our Lady of Snows.
6, Wednesday. The Transfiguration of our

Lord.

7, Thursday.—St. Cajetan, Confessor. 8, Friday.—St. Cyriacus and Companions, Martyrs.

9, Saturday.—St. Emygdius, Bishop Martyr.

St. Dominic, Confessor.

St. Dominic, a Spaniard of noble birth, was remarkable from childhood for a tender love of the poor, and a filial devotion to the Blessed Virgin. After his ordination to the priesthood, these two characteristics became still more marked. To his veneration for the Blessed Virgin is attributed the institution of the Holy Rosary, which was such a powerful factor in the conversion of the Albigensian herotics, and which has ever since remained a favorite devotion of Catholics. Dominic died in 1221, having some years previously founded the well-known Order of monks called after him, Dominicans.

Dedication of the Church of our Lady of Snows.

The Church of our Lady of Snows, or, as it is more frequently called, St. Mary Major, is one of the four great basilicas of Rome, and the largest and most celebrated of the many churches in that city which are dedicated to the Mother of God. Built in the fourth century, under Pope Liberius, it was rebuilt on a magnificent scale in the following century. The title of 'Our Lady of Snows' has reference to a tradition connected with the building of the church.

St. Emygdius, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Emygdius, a native of Rhenish Prussia, was consecrated Bishop of Ascalon by Pope Marcellus. After a saintly life, memorable for the miracles which God wrought through his instrumentality, he was martyred during the persecution of Diocletian.

GRAINS OF GOLD

THE HOLY HOUR.

One hour with Theo in sileut adoration, To taste the sweetness of Thy holy place; To bow my soul, in peace or desolation, Before the pity of Thy Sacred Face; The world shut out, from sin and turmoil free-Only one little hour, my God, with Thee!

One hour with Thee-one short and precious hour, Snatched from the rush and clamor of the day; O gracious gift of love, O welcome shower Of tranquil joy, that melts my soul away; Making all things outside of Thee to seem A vain illusion, an unhappy dream!

-Sacred Heart Review.

We must stir a stagnant pool before it will reveal its depths. Many hearts have become stagnant through want of being stirred.

Let us ask of Mary to obtain for us from the Holy Ghost the gift of Divine love, for then all the crosses of this life will seem sweet to us.

The most unlovable people, though they are often well-intentioned people, are those who are perpetually engaged in the ideal task of setting others right.

Daily resolutions to fulfil at all cost every duty demanded by God is the lesson we must learn if we would overcome our corrupt nature and reform our livos.

'STAND FAST IN THE FAITH'

(A Weekly Instruction specially written for the N.Z. Tablet by 'GHIMEL'.)

FREQUENT AND DAILY COMMUNION.-I.

In his first Encyclical Pius X. declared that the chief aim of his Pontificate would be 'to restore all things in Christ.' As part of this plan of restoration the Pope soon made known to the Catholic world his burning desire that the apostolic practice of receiving Holy Communion at every Mass should be revived among the faithful. He said that Holy Communion is the very soul of religion, the source of all grace, and the support of virtue, and guided by the assistance of the Holy Ghost, always granted to the head of the Church, he provided new machinery for making frequent, nay daily, Communion practicable and easier. His wishes and directions are embodied in the decree Sancta Tridentina Synodus, published through the Sacred Congregation of the Council on December 20, 1905. Our object is to set forth and explain this decree of such far-reaching importance.

The historical position briefly is this. In accordance with the wish, if not the express command of our Lord, Christians during Apostolic days received Holy Communion as often as they assisted at 'the breaking of bread,' and that, as we learn from the Acts of the Apostles, took place daily. From that time down to about the and of the sixty. about the end of the sixth century frequent and even daily Communion was highly recommended by almost every great spiritual writer and bishop, and frequent, if not daily, Communion was common among the faithful, especially at times of persecution and of special fervor. During the early Middle Ages—roughly from the seventh to the eleventh century—the teaching of authority was on the same lines as before, but it cannot be said that the old custom was much observed. A great improvement, however, took place in the following centuries. Unfortunately the heretical Jansenists of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries infected large numbers of the faithful with a wrong spirit of piety, especially in this matter of Communion. The result was that, despite repeated condemnations of these errors, daily Communion on the part of lay people ceased and frequent Communion became less common. This state of affairs continued down to our own days, though it should be noted that many great spiritual directors at different periods but especially in more recent times favored daily Communion. On the one hand, then, 'even theologians of good repute were of opinion that only in rare cases and with many precautions could daily Communion be allowed'; while on the other hand there were not wanting men of learning and picty who, relying on the teaching of the Fathers, maintained that there was no precept requiring more perfect dispositions for daily Communion than were required for monthly or weekly Communion; while on the other hand the good resulting from daily Communion is far greater than in the case of monthly or weekly Communion.' Pius X. determined to settle this long-standing controversy as to the necessary dispositions for frequent and daily Communion, and after the whole matter had been fully examined by the theologians and Cardinals of the Sacred Congregation of the Council he issued the decree to which reference has been made.

The first part of the decree lays down the doctrinal premisses which go to show the eminent desirableness of daily Communion. It runs as follows:

The Council of Trent, having in view the unspeakable treasures of grace which are offered to the faithful who receive the Most Holy Eucharist, makes the following declaration: "The Holy Synod would desire that at every Mass the faithful who are present should communicate not only spiritually, by way of internal affection, but sacramentally by the actual reception of the Eucharist" (Sess. 22, ch. 6), which words declare plainly enough the wish of the Church, that all Christians should be daily nourished by this

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'Moreover, the desire of Jesus Christ and of the Church that all the faithful should daily approach the sacred banquet is directed chiefly to this end, that the faithful, being united to God by means of the Sacrament, may thence derive strength to resist their sensual passions, to cleanse themselves from the stains of daily faults, and to avoid those graver sins to which human frailty is liable; so that its primary purpose is not that the honor and reverence due to our Lord may be safeguarded, or that the Sacrament may serve as a reward of virtue bestowed on the recipients. Hence the holy Council of Trent calls the Eucharist, "the antidote whereby we are delivered from daily faults and preserved from deadly sins' (Sess. 13, ch. 2).

The Storyteller

OUT OF THE DESERT

Mrs. Graham awoke from a pleasant slumber, looked once around her, closed her eyes and shuddered. All her pretty life had been passed amid scenes of beauty, where roses bloomed always, and the sun shone, and merry voices prattled like brooks in the wildwood. Her eyes had avoided the unlovely things of life; her feet had tripped on velvet; many servants had smoothed the roughness out of life, and a wealthy husband had travelled about the earth for scenes and climates suited to the delicate body and amiable whims of the woman he loved. Her beautiful children loved her; her friends were legion, youth still abode with her; and yet Fate had suddenly whisked them all away from her feeble hands, and had landed her in the desert of Arizona, the only place where for a time death might be held at bay, the wise medical men declared.

In the dry climate of the desert there was a chance that her broken health might mend. Every other place refused to receive her except to die, and Lily Graham with all the strength of her spoiled nature was determined to cheat death. Never would she have set foot in this desolate place but for the persistent declaration of the specialist that the Arizona desert around Tucsou held her one chance of safety. She was failing so fast then that a week's delay might deprive her even of that chance. She must depart within the hour, with all speed; and, for a wonder, she caught from his tone, her husband's distress, and other signs, the necessity for quick submission. Everything was abandoned in the flight. Her bright world faded in a night, as if it had never been; and the desert, simple, gray, infinite, and terrible, swallowed her like a monster.

No pen could follow the changes of feeling and thought in such a mind after such a disaster, and give them proper expression. From the palace she had stepped to the sanatorium, from the company of princes to that of the maimed and the disfigured. There had been no time to engage a house and servants, the hotels would not receive such a patient, so there was nothing left but the general institution for the time being. As it would be only for a brief stay, she even urged upon her husband the fitness of the place, and sent him

back home to look after the children. In utter despair, in black despondency, she felt that nothing worse could happen to her, alone and solitary. She was almost at the bottom of the abyss. The experience was something like death itself, which deprives us of everything. Being a pious woman in a frivolous way-that is, she had never thought anything about it, simply following the usual forms,—she prayed a little for speedy deliverance from her situation.

Her one strength was the certainty that the Arizona air would cure her, with some criticism for the doctors who were unable to recommend a more respectable place than a desert. She looked at it the first day with contempt, and never looked again intentionally. Her chief duty was to breathe the healing air; so she breathed and read, and ate and drank mechanically. Once in a while she wondered why such things could happen, why her life had vanished, what was the meaning of the life around her. But there were no answers to such speculations. Sleep soothed her with forgetfulness, and at every waking she shuddered at the thought of what was out there beyond her. It was the desert. Occasionally Sister Thomassina shut out that view, as she did on this occasion. Mrs. Graham did not like her special attendant, who was inclined to conversation; and liked to chirrup to her patients. Mrs. Graham dis-liked chirruping, unless ordered by herself from an exclusive chirruper. Sister Thomassina had used her skill on all sorts of people, and had probably just come from cheering up a dying person. What a terrible thought! So she closed her eyes again, to shut out the desert and the thought together.

Sister Thomassina had just discussed Mrs Graham's case with the medical man, and had decided that some-thing must be done to lift her out of the darkness in which the poor creature lived.

'Even if I have to quarrel with her; and that would be almost a sin, she is so beautiful, so gentle, and yet so hopeless,' the Sister observed to her superior.

'I can suggest a better way than that,' said the

superior. 'She has been here a full week,-all the time you need to spoil a patient. Just leave her for a day to Sister Clare, and she will wake up to the situation.

'I don't think she would notice the change. Certainly she would make no complaint about it. No: she is of the kind that will die without saying a word, so horrified is she at the calamity which has happened to

The superior made a gesture of despair and went her way. All patients had their whims, and methods of dealing with whims were a useless discussion.

Sister Thomassina looked down on the sleeping

Mrs. Graham, rearranged her covering, and said sooth-

ingly:

You should not be so timid about looking at the bitter. Easy enough to find the bitter in the sweet; not so easy to do the other, and yet it's there. I found it so, and many others besides. Some think the sweetness which comes out of bitterness is the best.'

Mrs. Graham opened her eyes with something like scorn in their blue depths, but she smiled at the Sister's persistence.

'One must find a philosophy to suit circumstances,' she said. 'When all is darkness, the last match becomes priceless. I am not afraid to look at the desert, but 1 am not attracted. Like my life, there is nothing in

'Happy for you, indeed,' said the Sister, 'if your life has as much in it as the desert. If you can give as much to man as this gray plain gives every day your life may well be called happy and rich.'

A trifle provoked, Mrs. Graham sat up on her couch and looked out over the dry expanse, glistening under the afternoon sun. Miles away rose a noble range of mountains, majestic as giant kings of the hoary past turned to stone. They seemed to be seated there like watchers of the desert. On the plain between were visible the roofs and spires of a little city, and a road ran out of it toward the sanatorium-a road which crossed a stream, and had a border of trees large enough to defy the whirling dust of the deserts. Bits of green dotted the gray waste. Close at hand was the

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convent garden, in which grew cactus and things without other beauty than their color. Even that was dimmed by the envious sand.

I have heard that the Esquimaux love the icy North,' said Mrs. Graham, 'and will live nowhere else. But I have seen Italy and the mountains of Greece; and a desert is nothing more than a desert, after all.

'Yet see what courage and faith and hope and love have made out of it,' replied the Sister. 'What must it have been before the town came, and the railroad, and this retreat! With their coming, the poor Indians of the district became farmers and gave up their wild life. Here the sick find health, a longer life, and many other blessings. The good work is going on all the time. You see only the sand and the big mountains, and turn your eyes from the jewels which they conceal.

'I suppose so,' said the lady, indifferently. But she smiled as she lay back to sleep again; and Sister Thomassina went away with the satisfaction of having

turned her thoughts into a healthier channel.

Mrs. Graham understood very well what was meant. She really must take some interest in the life around her, dull as it looked; and show herself a sociable being, in her own behalf. One needs the stimulus of human companionship. It would be dreadful to mingle with the patients, to see the work of caring for them, to encounter the human riffraff of the vicinity; but, after all, one must really learn to find the sweet in the bitter. She had really been nursing a bad temper, spoiling her own sunny disposition, even delaying her recovery, her return to life and beauty and home and children. Sho must do better, and, become not merely courageous but cheerful.

The little world of the sanatorium was in a state of mild surprise the next few days by the frequent appearance of the lady and her amiability. She came and went simply, and chatted pleasantly with her nearest neighbor, as if the general conditions were the most natural in the world. Encountering the Rev. Mother in the skimpy garden, she complimented her on the heauty of the situation. Mother Fidelia was a tall, spare woman, whose years sat lightly on her, and who

looked as if she might are forever in just this fashion.

'The old Bishop who chose the spot,' said she in answer to the compilment, 'lived in this little palace.

We use it now for a sterehouse.

Mrs. Graham looked at the adobe shack which had sheltered a Bishop for years, and became confused.

'It is difficult to connect a Bishop with such a little

'One would never have known him to be a Bishop,' the superior went on. 'He mended his own clothes and made his own shoes, besides doing his own carpentering, painting, and so on. He was a desert Bishop. He built the hospital here. We added the convent and the We added the convent and the sanatorium, and we are very proud of them.

'You have good reason to be, although I have seen finer institutions,' said Mrs. Graham. 'But a rose in the desert is more wonderful and beautiful than the

rose in the king's garden.'

'Just so, my dear! Come inside and see how the place is managed.'

Although she shrank from intimacy with the hospital details, shuddering at the mere hint of what she might see, the lady followed the nun into the kitchen region and was properly guided through its intricacies. As it was partly underground, built in the old-fashioned way, the Sisters worked in semi-darkness; but no fault, could be found with the cheerfulness of the workers, the neatness and order, the sweet odors of the place.

And I must introduce to you the good genius of the institution, said Mother Fidelia, - the Sister who arranges the meal trays for all our patients. Antonia, Mrs. Graham. Without her skill and tasto we should all be in a bad way indeed.

'I have been in the business long enough to have learned something,' Sister Antonia said modestly. 'Twenty years every day have I worked here, and not even a headache in all that time, thank God!

'And your work looks so pretty!' Mrs. Graham said. 'I laughed the first day at seeing so many pretty things on one tray, and nothing seemed crowded.'

'She knows by instinct every trick of appetite in every patient, said Mother Fidelia. 'There is nothing

like practice to develop good qualities.'
When they came into the open again, and were standing on the verandal, Mrs. Graham was still wondering over the daily task of Sister Antonia.

'Twenty years in this desert,' said she half to herself, 'and twenty years in that little cave, and twenty years of fitting out trays of food for the whim-

sical sick—'
'And not even a headache in all that time, thank God!' the superior interposed. 'Pardon me for interrupting you with Sister Antonia's phrase, but it means for her not only good health, but a love for her work and her place in life, which you can not understand.'

Mrs. Graham sat down to think of things rather foreign to her habit. Twenty years at one task, in one place, in this desert. And a nature as cheerful and active as a summer garden. No trace of grief, bitterness, or regret. While she herself, after a life of ease. luxury, elegance, pleasure, travel, and a thousand other things, grovelled in despair. Her past gave her no consolation; her present offered her only pain and despair her possessions were a useless burden. This desert alone, which she had ridiculed and despised, had the power to help her. She looked at it steadily as one looks into the face of a homely friend and benefactor, whose kind heart has just revealed itself in the homely face. The sun was setting, and her moist eyes could see the amethystine mist which filled the air finer in tint than the misty green of an Eastern spring, inexpresaibly touching and beautiful.

'Isn't it beautiful?' remarked a voice close by. She nodded in silence to a young fellow, plump and handsome, who was standing there, smiling in sympathy with her own mood.

It is the first time that I have seen it.'

'I must have been here a full month before I discovered the strange beauty of the desert,' he re-'Coming from old Virginia, the place looked like what some one called it—the land God forgot. But now that it has given me life, I find more beauty in it than in the green fields of the East.'
'Life is surely a great gift,' she said; 'and its giver

should be deeply loved. You are going back to Virginia?

'No; I shall remain here, where life is certain. am young; but I know as well as an old man that life without health is unbearable, in Virginia or elsewhere. So I remain.'

He went off down the road to the town, whistling, his sombrero tilted gaily on his jaunty head, his step as gay as a dancer's. Truly the desert gives life, as Sister Thomassina had said; and even wisdom in addi-

tion, for this young man was wise.

Deep thoughts stirred in her bosom, too deep, indeed, for her trifling nature, but full of benefit. Day by day her nature deepened into strength. Sweet it had always been, but trifling and pettish and thoughtless. Somehow, that far infinite of sand and the grim sentinel mountain provoked in her thoughts of the stern realities of life. She began to realise that people are laboring, suffering, dying throughout the great desert of the world; they had to be helped, nursed, consoled, strengthened; and Sister Thomassina and Mother Fidelia and Sister Clare and their companions were doing the work which she had always avoided even in thought. Like the pagan, she had insisted that there should be no pain, no shadow, no therns in life, only the joy and the sunshine and the roses,—a fool's dream, which would not have mattered but that it had wrought injustice to others and miscry to herself.

Resolutely she set out to see every part of the hospital, and to hear the details of its everyday life, the struggle of its foundation. Mother Fidelia had all these things in her heart and mind, and told them to the woman, about to awake in this pretty creature, without mincing matters. It was a hard story, but full of sweetness. This strong woman had not only wrung success from the desert (which was comparatively easy), but she had interested the unfeeling world, which leaves its foolish disciples to die alone when their health and money are gone. In that struggle she had acquired the

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fibre of the soldier and the merchant, without losing the tenderness of the woman and the sweetness of the faith. Calm and solid as the mountains in the distance, she watched, not over the desert, but over deserted, desolate, lonely humankind.

'One must look close and deep to see things,' the poor lady sighed to herself, as all her past folly rose up before her. 'I thought these people commonplace, and they are pure gold. I thought this desert horrible, and

it is more lovely than the Riviena.

She was looking at it one morning at dawn, toward the west, while yet the sun was hidden. A heavy dew had fallen during the night and washed the hills and the plain clean of the dust. The moisture dropped from the cactus plants and sparkled in the foliage of the trees. The hills to the west had lost their grey tones, and looked like olive-green velvet, soft, sweet, inviting, peaceful—a pathway to the sky. What depth of color! Dressing hastily, she ran out to see the vast plain toward the east, which now lay before her as delicately colored as the eye of a painter could desire. It was ravishing. And everywhere a solemn peace and silence, as tense as if the scene were awaiting the voice of an archangel. No murmur of the wind, no rushing of waters, no sound of human life, hardly the note of a bird, breathed in the ear; and yet so eloquent the silver sky, the tinted plain, the majestic face of the mountains, that one expected suddenly a solemn burst of harmony as from a cathedral choir.

'We are both breaking the rules, I think,' said a voice near; 'but I just had to come out and see.'

'You have been up some time, Sister Lucia; have

you not?'
'The poor boy in the county ward had a bad spell, and I said the prayers for him. But he is better. He will live a little longer like myself."

Mrs. Graham shuddered, and yet smiled on the

little nun who talked so lightly about death.

Have you no hope at all, Sister?'

'None whatever, although I look fairly well and can get around better than most. The doctor told me as soon as I arrived that the desert would do nothing for me. I am only waiting to die.'

'And the boy in the county ward?' the lady

ventured.

'He may live a week. Such a happy fellow, so resigned, and so utterly alone!'

'I would like to see him.'

'Let us go down after breakfast. He will be so glad; for he likes visitors.'

Mrs. Graham felt that it was the last straw, but she followed Sister Lucia into the county ward bravely, after learning that here the poor were housed at the charge of the county, that there really was no room for them, but Mother Fidelia had accepted them in charity, lest they die in the road, and that they were quite happy to get decent shelter and care. The patients were mostly half-breeds and Mexicans, poorest of the poor, ruder than the stones on the hill; and among them sat the white boy, smiling even with the death-dow on his white face, comfortable and joyous as a college youth in his room. He had good manners and thanked the ladies for their visit.

'I am so sorry for you,' Mrs. Graham said. 'Sister tells me that you are quite alone in the world.

'The very last of the family, m'am; and we were a big family, and all died young. I'm glad that they're gone. They're safe anyway, and I don't have to worry about any one but myself. And I'm happy and content. Once I thought I'd have to die in the road. It feels so good to have a bed and a roof and care, and people around you, and things to eat, and visitors, that I can die just happy. I'm not worrying about what I haven't got. I'm just hugging all the good things I have.'

'It is good to die among friends,' said Sister Lucia.

'So good that I don't mind when I go.'

Then he demanded of Mrs. Graham, in a boyish way, the story of her travels, of the wonderful places which she had seen, and listened in rapture to her account of an audience with the Pope; and when she described how she had held the hand of the Pontiff and kissed his beautiful ring, the lad reached out his hand shyly, saying:
May 1 touch the hand which touched his?

She took the cold, wasted, delicate hand in her two and held it a little while, without a thought of contamination. While they were chatting, the cheery Virginian boy came in, and later the superior herself and then Sister Thomassina, each with a kind word for the simple-hearted sufferer and for one another. Mrs. Graham held back her sobs. They had all come from the ends of the earth, strangers. She was rich and these were poor; she had been the idler, and these were the workers; her path had been among the roses, and theirs among the thorns, when it should have been otherwise; and misfortune and love had assembled them about the deathbed of a poor boy, to learn the great lessons of God. Strong lights indeed rose up out of this desert to guide its children.

After having looked straight into the face of Death, Mrs. Graham found herself wonderfully strengthened; and out of the bitterness of her lot she had tasted a sweetness hitherto unknown,—the sweetness of strength. She knew now, with the poet,

how sublime a thing it is To suffer and be strong.

And all at once the hospital became a delight to her, and the desert a great charm. She interested herself in the details of hospital life, and made the acquaintance of the inmates, travelling along the main road of suffering, and down its many bypaths, greeting death at odd intervals with a sigh and a smile and a prayer. Her sweet nature, her great beauty, made her a favorite. Her courage was not surpassed by the Sisters, and her resignation rose to that point which carned the respectful tribute of Sister Thomassina.

'Our life is nothing more than a desert,' said the

Sister; 'and it is a grave mistake to try to make it a paradise. We can live in the desert; beautify it a little, perhaps; but we must keep our eyes on heaven, where we belong. Now, you found in the foolish paradise of the world the terrible desert, sickness; but here in the desert of Arizona vou found the paradise of the soul and the paradise of health,—for I think you are going to get well. But you surely were a stubborn creature

at the beginning.

'I shall always be grateful to the desert,' said Mrs. Graham.—The Rev. John Talbot Smith in the Ave Maria.

THE HOME RULE ISSUE

AN IMPERIALIST'S SUGGESTION

The following is the fourth-and, so far, the most interesting and important of a series of letters entitled 'Irish Unionists and the Home Rule Bill' contributed to the Irish Times by 'An Ulster Imperialist.'

Having completed this outline sketch of the chief reasons which seem to be responsible for the failure of Unionism to excite the old enthusiasm of English electors against Home Rule, and also for the growth of a considerable body of Irish Unionists who recognise that, sooner or later, Home Rule of some sort is bound to come, I will pass on to a very short discussion of the situation as it actually is at present, and as it

In the old days Unionist bulwarks against Home Rule were many and powerful. A violent anti-Irish sentiment in England, a vivid recollection of the 'bad' times during the land war, a secession of Liberals as soon as a Liberal Government touched the question, the impregnable citadel of the House of Lords-such were some of the Unionist defences. One by one these have disappeared, until now, in 1913, the only hope of defeating the present Bill is that, by some fluke, the Government may have to go to the country

On Some Other Issue

before it is enforced. Irish Unionism hangs by a single hair, where it used to be supported by a dozen hawsers of steel. That single hair is the English Conservative

Ken. Mayo

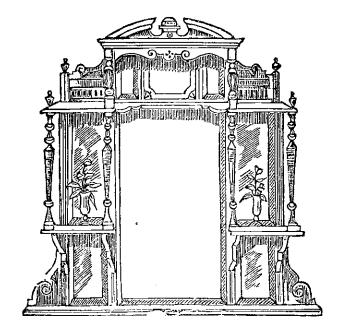
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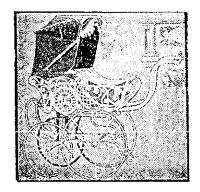
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Party. It has become a very risky support to rely on. Three times within seven years English Conservatives have publicly shown themselves to be within measurable distance of throwing their Irish followers over. I refer, of course (1) to the incidents that occurred in 1905, when Sir Antony MacDonnell was appointed by Mr. Balfour, with the evident intention of devising some sweeping changes in the system of Irish government; (2) to the reception accorded by the English Unionist papers to the 'Pacificus' letters just before the last General Election in 1910; and (3) to the recent manoeuvring about the 'referendum' and the 'Food Taxes.' The House of Lords' veto is gone, there has been no Liberal split, and the anti-Irish agitation has totally failed to effect its purpose among the English voters.

The Government at this present time of writing appears to be stronger than it has been for a long time past, and the Unionist Party seems to be in an almost more hopeless condition than they were in 1906.

And, suppose Mr. Asquith passes the Bill, and then goes to the country during the interval between that event and the first Irish elections? Does anyone really hope now that England is capable of being influenced by the anti-Home Rule arguments? Why, even in 1895, it was a fluke of the rarest kind that saved the Unionist party, for the majority of the electors (1,823,809) were in favor of Mr. Gladstone's policy, although the minority (1,785,372) secured 282 seats out of 484 contested! It is not likely that this fluke will occur again in a similar connection.

Most Irish Unionists seems to be, like Mr. Micawber, waiting for something to turn up. Even if something should eventually turn up to defeat the Bill, it is high time that moderate people in this country should be thinking over their line of action in case their hopes should be in vain. There are not many alternatives. One is the 'Provisional Government' plan for Ulster. Those who believe in the possibility of setting up this opera bouffe arrangement will naturally not trouble about any other alternative. It is, in any case, not much

Consolation to Unionists in the Rest of Ireland to imagine an Irish Parliament without Ulstermen in it. The second is to lie low, and allow the present Bill, unamended, to be passed without any attempt to improve it. The third is, as soon as it becomes evident that the choice lies between the Bill as it stands and the Bill amended, for an organised expression of moderate opinion to be made by as large a body of Irish Unionists as possible. As everybody knows, there are plenty of Irishmen, even among those who signed the 'Covenant,' who are Unionist in their opinious, but who, if Home Rule comes, are willing to do their best to make the new arrangements work. It is the plain duty of all such men, once they realise that the Bill is going to pass, to help in making it a better Bill than it is.

But under the Parliament Act a Bill once stereotyped in the Commons cannot be altered, except by consent of all parties, if it is to be sent up over the heads of the Lords after its third passage through the Commons.

It is not reasonable to expect the men I have referred to to amend the Bill constructively now. It must go forward substantially in its present form during its next stages. It has been rejected by the Lords: it will pass the Commons again during the next session. If by that time nothing has turned up to remove the anxieties of Irish Unionists, a petition should be sent to the House of Lords saying that those who signed it had steadily opposed the Bill, but, recognising that their opposition had failed to defeat it, they preferred it to pass amended rather than, under the provisions of the Parliament Aet, unamended. In short, the House of Lords should be asked, on behalf of moderate Irish Unionists who will have to live in the country under the new arrangements, to how to the inevitable, amend the Bill, and pass it. There is no sort of doubt that any reasonable amendment submitted in this spirit would be accepted by the Government and by the Nationalists.

The above suggestion, if it be possible to carry it out, would have the merit at lowest of affording an honorable escape from what threatens to become an impossible position for Irish Unionists. Also, it would get the question settled at an earlier date, and would thus remove the uncertainty and unsettlement which is holding so many things back just now in this country.

There is only one remaining alternative, and it is one which we would owe to the 'goodwill' of the Government if it ever became practicable, and not to

Good Generalship on the Part of Irish Unionists.

It is this: The Government may very likely, as already suggested, go to the country during the interval beween the passing of the present Bill and the first Irish As one of your correspondents acutely prophesicd the other day, this interval would be utilised by the Irish Party for an outburst of loyalist speeches and demonstrations. In this atmosphere, what sort of chance do Irish Unionists think they would have of reviving the British elector's fear of Home Rule on the grounds of Nationalist disloyalty? Six months ago, no doubt, the Government might have been defeated at a General Election by reason of the Insurance Act. Now that benefits have begun to accrue, this no longer applies, and I find very few people who really believe that an election in the near future would dismiss the Government. Suppose, then, they returned to office in the circumstances outlined? They might choose to present Irish Unionists with one last opportunity for constructive statesmanship by offering to consider the result of a conference of all parties before enforcing the Act in case the conference disagreed. In the last resort, I hope and believe that some such means might be found for getting Home Rule through by consent. But is it good tactics, to put it no higher, for Irich Unionists, once they realise that Home Rule is certain to come, to say nothing, and to hope the Government will, of their charity, give them this or that chance of showing that they really have

The Welfare of the Country at Heart? I append, as a mere suggestion for criticism, three points which seem to me to require immediate consideration:—

(1) Finance.—It is next door to impossible that the financial scheme of the Bill should prove workable in practice. Attention might very well be directed to a simple and ingenious plan proposed some months before the Bill was introduced—namely, that the Imperial contribution to Irish finance, which has been made necessary by recent British legislation, should be a fixed sum, not to be increased or reduced, and that this sum should be made payable by instalments, beginning with a sum little in excess of the present deficit, say, £2,000,000 the first year, and automatically decreasing by, say, £100,000 every subsequent year until the whole had been paid. In this or some similar way we might make the task of the Irish Treasury a more possible one.

(2) Land Purchase.—The amount of this fixed sum would, of course, depend upon the retention or delegation of the Land Purchase Acts. It would help to make things easier for many Irish Unionists if they felt sure the Land Purchase Acts were going to be completed by the Imperial Parliament, and without delay in the general sense of the 1903 Act. This is the one 'Government subsidy' that ought, for every reason, financial, political, and moral, to be paid off and completed with the very minimum of delay. We have Mr. Birrell's promise, but we would like to see his Bill.

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(3) Method of Election to Lower House.—Proportional representation for the Irish Lower House should be insisted upon. It is precisely during the first three or four years that opportunities for minorities to secure representation will be most required, and the scheme now embodied in the Bill is one which effectually kills minorities, except in the nine multimember constituencies where proportional representation has been adopted.

Conclusion.

You will have noticed that I have made no mention of Irish Unionist objections to Home Rule. . I

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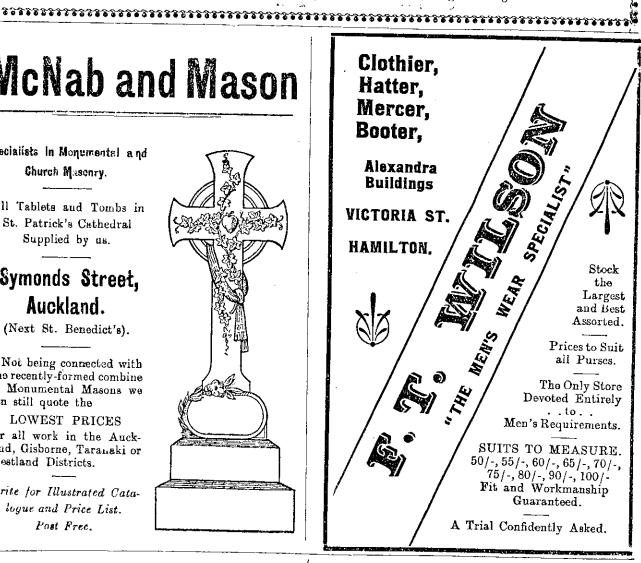
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have deliberately left them out, because I do not believe that anything that we can now say on this side of the Channel is going to have any effect upon the fortunes of the Bill. Its passage will be secured or will fail according to developments in England upon subjects wholly irrelevant to Home Rule or to Irish opinions, Unionist or Nationalist. To this general statement there are two partial exceptions. I dealt with one of them just now, when I showed how Irish Unionists who were willing, even at the last moment, to make the best of a bad job, could influence the Bill for good. The other exception is an argument which I observe you use pretty frequently to abolish persons who wish the Bill to be amended with Unionist assistance. You seem to believe that the central fact in the whole situation is the civil war which is going to break out in Ulster, and which is gong to make Home Rule impossible. Well, sir, I live in Ulster, and

I Don't Believe in the Civil War.

Is Ulster, then, not in earnest in her opposition to Home Rule? Of course, she is in earnest in opposing what she fears will be a reign of terror. If you believe that the proposed Irish Parliament would commence oppressing Protestant and destroying Ulster industries, then you naturally prepare for a rebellion. Irish Parliament were fool enough to give any genuine cause of complaint to Ulster, then civil war would really be within sight. My view is that these fears are imaginary, and that when Ulster finds herself jogging along under Home Rule as peaceably as she ever did under the Union (perhaps more so), then the rifles will be made into firewood and the swords into peastakes. It is perfectly true that Ulster would be a very serious proposition indeed, if there were a prospect of her fears being realised. But, before the occasion for any rebellion could arise, the Bill must first have been passed. Therefore, even if you should be afraid of the situation in Ulster, it is necessary to prepare for the intervening period, during which it will still be possible to secure valuable amendments. critical moment will come, not when you expect Ulster to be in revolt—i.e., after the Bill is passed—but when we come to see that the only choice lies between the Bill as it stands and the Bill amended. If things If things should continue to move along the lines they now appear to be on, the genuineness of Irish Unionist patriotism will soon be put to a very severe test. If they refuse to help in improving the Bill, they will be guilty of doing definite injury to the prospects of good government in Ireland during the period of re-adjustment to the new conditions.

When will a move become necessary? will, I believe, come before long—probably between May and July. I have written in the hope that some of those who read may think over the problem quietly before the moment for action arrives.

FOOTPRINTS OF THE CELT IN MALTA

I never felt more proud of my Irish blood and of my Cathelic faith than on the day I first landed in Malta. If I did, it must have been the day after (writes a correspondent of the New York Freeman's Journal, who attended the Eucharistic Congress). Union Jack floated from every fortressed hilltop. Several British battleships lay at anchor in the harbor awaiting orders for Constantinople: and, as our boat hove to, an officer in English buttons came aboard and asked each passenger as we passed in line before him in the cabin: 'Are you a British subject?' The queswas glad to be able to answer, 'No, I am an American citizen.' It was well into the night when we had passed this inquisition, and told the cabman to drive us to the Hospice of the Blue Nuns. This was some two or three miles distant. The cab passed along ramparts and beneath forts skirting the inner quarantine harbor until it emerged on the farther side and began the climb of Sliema Hill, the highest point on the North-east coast.

Church and School of St. Patrick.

On the way to Sliema that night we passed large institution, newly built and surmounted by the symbol of man's redemption. Looking out of the cab window I read in large letters high above the entrance, 'Church and School of St. Patrick.' Truly, I said, if the flag of England has encircled the globe, there is something else more dear to me that has followed it into every corner, and dogged its footsteps with a holy vengeance. Owing to the late hour we put up at a hotel adjoining the Sisters' hospice, and next day moved into the quarters provided for us by the good

The Mother Superior is an Australian born Irish parents, two other Sisters are English, and the remainder are all from the Emerald Isle. On the very first day I visited the seamen's ward, where I found an old Irish sailor with his rosary on the stand beside his bed. He was a John White from County Wexford, and if there was any part of the world that he had not been in during his forty-five years of seafaring I did not succeed in finding it out. There was an Englishman and a Swede in the same ward.

In answer to some question I put in regard to religion, John said: 'Oh Father, I can always hold my own with them when they come to talk of religion. I always keep that with me,' and he pointed to a little book on the table. 'When the officers and all are around and we talk about religion, I always say to them, where are the good men that ever left the Catholic Church and became Protestants? We get the best of your men. Look at Cardinals Manning and Newman; and then I say to them, did you ever know or did you ever read of any Catholic wanting to be a Protestant or sending for a Protestant minister when he was going to die?

One of Nature's Noblemen.

John was one of Nature's noblemen, and, indeed, he may have been descended from some noble chief of a gallant Wexford clan. He showed it in every act, and was as different from the other seamen in the ward as day from night. I dropped in one morning to see him when he was preparing to leave for his home in Wexford, and he said: 'Oh Father, I have decent people to go to. I come of good stock. I drank good milk.

As I left him, I thought of Dean Swift's saying that he could discern the descendants of the old Irish nobility in the laborers who worked on the Dublin quays. And, after all, may there not be much in that old Irish pride of race and pedigree? 'I came of good stock,' said John, 'I drank good milk.' Who will deny that it matters much whether men have drunk the milk of mothers whose blood has coursed down the centuries through the channels of chastity.

These Blue Nuns, who do nursing also in the home, are properly known in religion as the 'Little Company of Mary.' Their hospital building at Malta, just completed last year, is the gift of a New Englander named Clapp, who married a Maltese lady at Washing ton, became a Catholic, spent his last days at Malta and left his money to erect a hospital where these Irish virgins of Christ dress the wounds of British seamen.

Next door to the hospice, and occupying a beautiful plot of five or six acres, is the convent school of the Mesdames du Sacre Coeur. Including the day scholars they have a school of three hundred pupils, and the Rev. Mother Superior is a Madame Stewart, hailing from Armagh, the primatial city Patrick.

When I had settled down in my room after making the acquaintance of the good nuns and after my interview with John, I found that thought was still haunting me which had warmed my Irish blood on the night previous. It has often been expressed by lips no less eloquent than those of Webster. It is that if England has carried her drumbeats and martial airs around the world, Ireland has followed with the faith of St. Patrick, and raised the Cross of Christ wherever the Union Jack has been planted. With this thought I inquired for St. Patrick's school, and soon found myself looking up at the statue of Ireland's Apostle that guards its

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De Ratione Pictatis; De Ratione Studiorum in Sacris Seminariis. By A. M. Micheletti. Pp. 176 and 326.

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De Vita Spirituali. Pp. 656.

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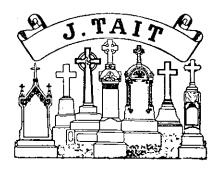
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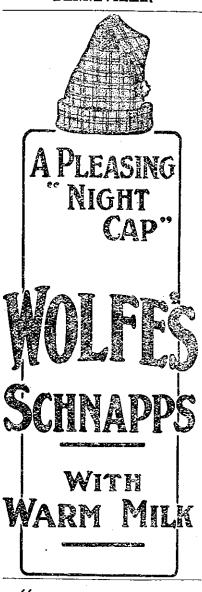
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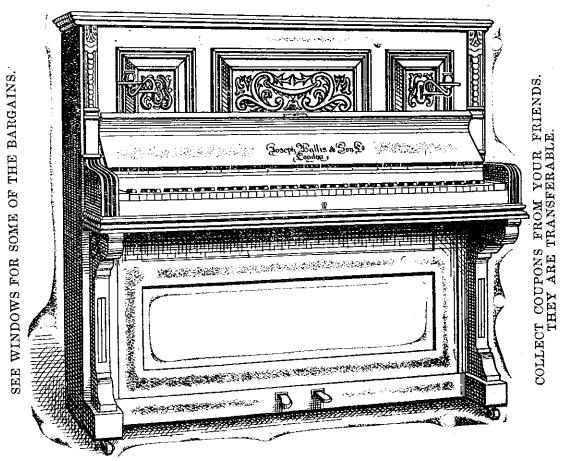
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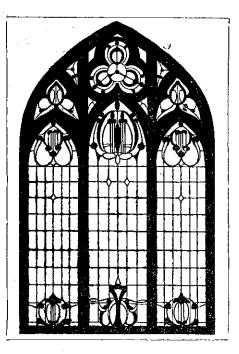
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Current Topics

The Lesson of the By-Election

At the second ballot in the Grey by-election, held last Thursday, Mr. Michel, who headed the poll at the first ballot, was defeated, and Mr. Webb was returned by the substantial majority of 635 votes. The significance of this second ballou is so obvious that it is hardly necessary to point it out; and it only remains to hope that politicians and political parties will take the lesson to heart. When the supporters of a political candidate adopt, as part of their election methods, not only personal vilification of the Catholic candidate but also deliberate appeal to bigotry and sectarian bitterness, it is time for Catholic voters to hit and hit hard. This the Catholic voters of Grey have done; and, as we have said, we hope the lesson will not be lost on those whom it most concerns. Catholics and Catholic candidates ask for nothing but fair play and the much talked of 'square deal'; and the individual or the party which gives them that can count with confidence on getting the same in return. As to Mr. Michel, it will take him all he knows to live down the 'bad blood' and ill impression left by this most unpleasant and embittered contest.

An American Lie Factory

Some short time ago we made some comments in these columns on an American no-Popery gutter journal, called the Menace; and we have read from time to time in our American Catholic contemporaries some fairly vigorous denunciations of the publication. But all that either we or they have said on the subject is a mere 'circumstance' to the way in which the Menace production is lashed by some of its Protestant contemporaries at its own doors. Here is a sample from the January issue of the Iconoclast, a non-Catholic paper published at Chicago, Ill. It deserves to go on record if only as a specimen of powerful invectiveand invective that is all the more powerful, because it is employed on the side of truin and justice. write,' says the editor, 'there lies before me a great pile of Walker's paper—The Menace-recking with slime, slander, and fatschood. They are filled with lies about priests, lies about Homes of the Good Shepherd, lies about the Knights of Columbus, lies about nuns, lies about the "Little Sisters of the Poor," lies about Bishops, lies about Archbishops, Cardinals, and Popes, lies about Catholics in general and Catholic politicians in particular. Big lies, little lics, foolish lies, insane lies-lies livid with malice-lies beslimed by ignorance —lies shameful and shameless—lies black, blue, green and speckled-rotten lies—bare-faced lies—single, double and triple-jointed lies- lies distorted and twisted lies—old and new—adulterated and unadulterated lies—lies born of hate, prejudice and bigotry—domestic and imported lies-lies borrowed, stolen, invented and created by the genius of mendacity, together with every other species of damnable lies ever known on earth or in hell, and all employed by Walker for the purpose of deceiving honest Protestants and making them hate their Catholic neighbors and friends!'

Freemasons and the Army

Some short time ago the Belgian Government issued a regulation definitely forbidding the officers of the army to belong to the Masonic organisation. reasons advanced for this much-called for action were the sufficiently obvious ones that in Europe the Masonic Lodges are active political clubs, and as such are no place for officers of the army; and that they are, moreover, secret oath-bound organisations, working, in Continental monarchical countries, against the existing constitution and social institutions which the army is sworn to defend. An officer joining them takes an oath, therefore, which not only may come into open conflict with his military eath, but which is entirely opposed to the whole aim and spirit of that eath. Amongst the official Masonic documents quoted in the Chamber of Deputies in justification of the Government's action by the Belgian Minister of War was a

significant one which recommended a strict observance of secrecy as necessary from the military point of view, and illustrated this necessity by a reference to the late revolution in Portugal, which took the outside world completely by surprise but which had been confidently expected by the initiated who had been fully informed of its preparation in the Portuguese Lodges. It closed with these ominous words: 'On the day when our unhappy country shall be delivered from tyranny that opppresses it, shall we also have the satisfaction of saying to ourselves that Belgian Masonry has been the chief artisan of the liberation of the nation?' If Belgian Masonry is sworn to conceal the ptots against the Throne and Government which the army is bound to defend, it is obvious that the soldier-Mason is left with no alternative but to be either an oath-breaker or a traitor. Under such circumstances it is clear that the Lodge is no place for soldiers, much less for army officers.

It is an agreeable surprise to find that the same truth is beginning to dawn upon the authorities even in lodge-invested Laly. Speaking recently before the Italian Senate, the Italian War Minister, General Spingardi, made the following unexpected declaration: I am convinced that it is not only desirable, but that it is a matter of duty, that no member of the military service should belong to a secret association; and I wish that this public manifestation of my views shall be taken as a warning by all who have doubts on the subject.' These words, we are told, 'were received with foud applause, which was renewed when Admiral Cattolica, the Minister of Marine, expressed the same views on behalf of the Navy.' Still more remarkable and significant was the way in which these Ministerial declarations were endorsed and emphasised by the Italian press. Referring to these two utterances, the Rome correspondent of the London Times says: 'Secret associa ions, notably Freemasonry, have played a very important part in Italy in the past; the Freemasons are still to-day believed to exercise a widespread influence in public life; that they should be publicly banned, without a single voice being raised in their defence, would show that their day of usefulness is recognised as ended, and that the confidence of the great mass of the public in its institutions, in the Throne, in the Army and Navy, in religion, has been strongly renewed. The statements of the two Ministers have only been emphasized by the Italian press, which warns officers against entering the ranks of Freemasons, and calls upon those who are already members of the association to leave it at once.' If only France would learn the same lesson, a new and brighter chapter in her history would be

Archbishop Carr on the Bible Lessons Scheme

Of the writings and utterances of his Grace Archbishop Carr it may truthfully be said, as was said of the classic writer of old, that he touches nothing which he does not adorn; and most conspicuously is this the case in regard to his Grace's pronouncements on the subject of education. His latest utterance on the question is a fresh illustration in point. On Sunday, July 13, a new wing of the Christian Brothers' College at North Melbourne was blossed and opened by the Archbishop; and in the address delivered by him on the occasion his Grace contrived to pack into quite a modest compass a very fine vindication of the Catholic Church's opposition to the ill-considered, unjust, one-sided, and, as the speaker called it, 'hybrid system of mixed religious instruction' now advocated by the Bible in State Schools Leagues. At the outset his Grace brushed aside the pretence that the Bible lessons to be administered by the teacher are, or can be, really unsectarian and undogmatic in character. 'By way of excuse,' he said, 'for this backsliding (of the clergy), we are told that the religion which State school teachers will be asked to teach will be unsectarian and undogmatic religion. This palpable evasion is set aside by the words of Mr. Balfour, when introducing the Education Bill of 1902. "Do not," he said, "let us frame our system so as to produce the fantastic illusion that there is such a thing as undogmatic religion."

But his Grace was able to correct and refute a still more inexcusable and culpable misrepresentation. In Victoria, as elsewhere, the advocates of the 'Aussystem show themselves amazingly unscrupulous in their methods of propaganda. In New Zealand, Canon Garland has tried to make it appear that the late Cardinal Moran practically approved of the New South Wales system, and that the Catholic priests of that State freely and fully avail themselves of the opportunity which it affords of giving religious instruction in the public schools. In Queensland—and in New Zealand also-the Bible League executive circulated the absolutely false statement that the Catholics of Tasmania were reconciled to the system and accepted it as 'a happy solution' of the education difficulty. In South Australia, when the intended campaign is inaugurated there, some Truthful James of the movement will doubtless solemnly assure the public that the League proposals have the warm approval of Bishop In Victoria the name invoked is that of Cardinal Gibbons, who has been repeatedly quoted by the Bible League as having approved in America of a system of mixed religious instruction precisely similar to that advocated by the League. On this point Archbishop Carr was able to furnish first-hand and absolutely conclusive evidence in the shape of a letter from the Cardinal himself, from which his Grace quoted in the course of his address. We reproduce the letter in

Baltimore, March 19, 1912. 'My Dear Archbishop,—Your letter of February 11 inst. is just received. I beg to say in reply to your question that there is no system of mixed religious instruction in our common or public schools. The Protestant ministers have at various times endeavored to introduce some system of religious instruction, but their efforts have not been successful. Our constitution forbids all interference with the religious beliefs of the people. No system, of course, of religious training could be devised which would be satisfactory to infidel, Jew, Protestant, and Catholic. Hence the ministers have always failed in their efforts to introduce religion into the schools. We are opposed to the introduction because the tone of such religious teaching would generally be anti-Catholic. In regard to the book which is referred to in your clipping, I beg to say that it was compilation of narratives, mostly biographical, selected from the Bible. It was intended for pious reading, and the Bishops who recommended it had not, I think, the intention of recommending its use in the public schools.—Believe me, dear Archbishop, your faithful friend in J.C.,

' J. CARD. GIBBONS.

'Most Rev. Dr. Carr, 'Archbishop of Melbourne.'

This shows quite clearly that Cardinal Gibbons has never shown any favor to such a system as that suggested by the Bible in State Schools League; and as the misrepresentation is quite likely to find its way into New Zealand we have thought it just as well to lot our readers know exactly how matters stood.

The Y.M.C.A. Again

A recently appointed travelling secretary of the Y.M.C.A. is at present carrying on a campaign for increasing the membership of the institution in New Zealand; and in his tour of the South Island is disbroadcast a leaflet which declares that amongst the new members recently enrolled in a North Island township are included 'eight Roman Catholics.' We are making inquiries as to the truth of this statement, and as to the circumstances attending the —if it took place—of the alleged In the meantime it seems desirable enrolment — if that we should once again sound a note of warning to parish priests and to our Catholic young men as to the absolutely sectarian and Protestant character of this organisation. We have no desire to disparage the institution, which is doubtless capable of doing much good amongst the sections of young men for whom it is intended. But it should be clearly understood that the Y.M.C.A. is a strictly Protestant and sectarian

We have before us an official and organisation. authoritative copy of the rules of the association obtained from the secretary of the Dunedin branch. It is perfectly true that, according to these, nominal membership—enticling to use of gymnasium, baths, etc.— is open to 'any man of good moral character.' Such members, however, unless they comply with the limitation nereafter to be mentioned, are excluded from all office, and have neither vote nor voice of any sort in the carrying on of the institution. The real membership—the membership which extends beyond the pool table and the shower bath, and which involves, as all true membership does, participation in the working of the institution—is strictly limited, and limited on a sectarian basis. Section 3 of rule 2 reads thus:—'(3) Men who are members in full communion of evangelical churches, who are 18 years of age and upwards may become governing members of this association. Only governing members have the right to vote and hold office.' The definition of 'evangelical churches,' as given by the association itself in the Form of Constitution adopted at the Portland Convention (United States) in 1869 is as follows: 'We hold those churches to be evangelical which, maintaining the Holy Scriptures to be the only infallible rule of faith and practice, do believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (the only begotten of the Father, King of kings and Lord of lords in Whom dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and Who was made sin for us, though knowing no sin, bearing our sins in His Own body on the tree) as the only name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved from everlasting punishment and unto life eternal.' From this it is clear that Catholics, High Church Anglicans, Jews, Unitarians, etc., are excluded en bloc from representation on the active membership of the institution. Not only so, but even nominal members of the Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Baptist, and other 'evangelical' bodies, who may attend and contribute to the support of their respective churches but who are not 'in full communion' with them, are also absolutely debarred from vote or voice in the management of the association.

We have before us ample evidence that the Y.M.C.A. is not only Protestant in its constitution, but is at times offensively anti-Catholic in its propaganda. Twenty-third Street Men, according to its official description, is a four-page paper 'published occasionally at 215 West Twenty-third street, New York, by the Twenty-third Street Branch, Y.M.C.A.' It circulates, we are told, among the 3615 members of this local branch and among thousands of other members in New York City and clsewhere. Under the title Quotations from the Writings of Authorities on South America,' the issue for November, 1909, of this representative publication contained the following: 'Millions in Brazil look upon the Virgin Mary as their Saviour. To them Christ is practically numbered among the Saints.' Then came the following statement: 'The Superstition and Idolatry' of these millions in Brazil are hard for a North American to undertsand. They are hinted at by an inscription which I copied from the pedestal of a Statue of Christ on the Cross in Santiago, which translated read as follows: "By permission of the Archbishop of Santiago, an indulgence of eighty days which may be applied to the dead, will be granted to anyone who will say an Ave Maria, or the Creed before the Statue of the Crucified Christ." Who will say that Protestant schools and churches are not needed in such a Country, where the highest ecclesiastical authority grants indulgences to any dead scoundrel whose friends will say a "Hail Mary" before a stene image of Mary's Son.' With such evidence before us, supplied by the organisation itself, it is not necessary for us to point out that the Y.M.C.A. is no place for Catholic boys who wish to retain their selfrespect by not seeking admission to a society which excludes Catholics from its executive offices, and which even goes out of its way to ridicule and insult their

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DEAN FITCHETT AND THE CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

The following letter from his Lordship Bishop Cleary appeared in the Otago Daily Times of July 23:-

Sir,—After ten months of Catholic and Protestant denunciation of the League's Irish proselytising conscience clause, Dean Fitchett now alleges that the

League has "adopted no conscience clause.

The League declares its conscience clause to be "the keystone" of its proposals. It had a working choice between a "positive" conscience clause and the "negative" or Irish proselytising conscience clause. It chose the latter. (1) The "positive" conscience clause admits to Government "religious instruction" and "general religious teaching" only those children whose parents, in some "positive" way (oral or written) request it. (a) This "positive" conscience clause is nor part of the "Australian" system demanded by the League. (b) There is not a hint of it in the League's official literature, or (c) in the hundreds of League officials' pronouncements in my possession. Wo therefore dismiss it.

'2. The only other practical alternative is the "negative" conscience clause. It requires all children to attend Government "religious instruction" and "general religious teaching" unless specially exempt; and it allows "exemption" or "withdrawal" therefrom only to children who come armed with objections or protests by their parents against it. This (with an This (with an aggravation mentioned hereunder) is the "Australian" and League conscience clause. As often shown by me, it was devised and used by astute Irish proselytisers for

proselytising purposes.

'1. (a) In its membership card the League officially demands the conscience clause under "the system of religious instruction in State schools prevailing in Australia." That is the "negative" or Irish proselytising conscience clause. (b) This clause, and this alone, is referred to over twenty times in the League's official pamphles, Opinions of Experts on the Working of the Australian System, (b) twenty times in seven other official publications of the League, and (d) in hundreds of pronouncements by the League organiser and other League officials. I am prepared to give detailed quota-

tions on demand.

'2. Two League publications state that the conscience clause under the "Australian" system gives to parents "liberty" and "complete control" in the matter of religious instruction in the public schools. This is

mere illusory inference.

(a) Let us take the Government "religious instruction," as it is styled in law and is in fact. Under the League's "Australian" system the Government (not the parent) determines the type of Government "religious instruction" and Government " instruction " and Government "general religious teaching," by Government officials, as part of the Government programme, in Government schools, at the public expense. (b) As shown in a previous letter, this State "religious instruction" was devised to suit Bible-in-"religious instruction" was devised to suit Biote-in-Schools parents only. No provision is made for Government "religious instruction" at public cost, suited to Jewish, Unitarian, Catholic, Adventist, Lutheran, Baptist, and other conscientiously objecting parents. They have, herein, no "liberty," no "control," much less "complete control." They must either accept the League's Endowed State Religion, or go without any "religious instruction," or give it themselves at their own cost. They have likewise no "liberty" or "control" in regard to paying for Government "religious instrucin regard to paying for Government "religious instruc-tion," which they cannot in conscience accept. They must pay for it. (c) With only one saving clause (mentioned hereunder) the Government requires all children to attend the Government "religious instruc-tion." (d) The only "liberty" the Government allows dissenting parents is the liberty to "withdraw" their children—after protest. But the exercise of even this paltry "liberty" is hampered by two shameful and humiliating conditions: the objection or protest is valuehumiliating conditions: the objection or protest is valueless unless the dissenting parent goes to the trouble of formally setting it down in writing, and seeing that it reaches the right official quarter. Otherwise, his children are, by law, proselytised into at least external conformity with the Sectarian Established State School

Religion. Heartless as the Irish proselytisers were, they did not demand from dissenters WRITTEN protests against such legalised proselytism. Even in the midst or a smallpox scare, our Government does not thus treat

objectors to vaccination.

'3. Worse still: Under the "Australian" system demanded by the League the children of parents who fail to object in writing are required to attend Government "religious instruction" and "general religious teaching" under the following shameful circumstances: (a) In no case does the Government ask the sanction of parents. (b) Yet loyal, instructed Catholics necessarily object to such Government "religious instruction" on oft-specified grounds of religious faith and ecclesiastical discipline; numerous Protestants and others also object thereto on grounds of conscience; and failing cogent, positive evidence to the contrary, parents must be presumed not to desire for their children "religious teaching" at variance with the doctrine and discipline of their own faiths. (c) The Government, nevertheless, acts upon the following flagrantly untrue assumption: That parents, by failing to protest IN WRITING against Government 'religious instruction,' THEREBY DEMAND that 'religious instruction' for their shildren (of The November 2) for their children (cf. The Year Book for Australia, 1903, p. 508). (d) In flagrant violation of rights of conscience Government thus forces dissenting families either to set up domestic vigilance committees or to surrender the souls of their children to legalised proselytism to the State Religion.

'4. But, as shown in my Dunedin lecture, (a) parental protests are no real safeguard for objectors children; (b) the terms of the League's conscience clause are clearly meant to "capture for sectarian purposes' six oft-specified classes of dissident children; (c) official, League, and other Protestant, testimony was quoted to show that it has been used in Ireland, Otago, and Australia to proselytise dissident children from loyalty to the faith of their Baptism into at least outward conformity with the Established State School Religion; and (d) I can abundantly show that this, substantially, is a standing League argument for extending that system to New Zealand. He who demands the manus of this State the means of this State proselytism effectively demands State proselytism also. The presumption against the League hereon can be set aside only by it frankly abandoning its "negative" or Irish proselytising conscience

Let the League now morally justify-if it can-(1) Government "religious teaching"; (2) its tricky conscience clause, with its statutory untruth; (3) its proposed forcing of teachers to violate their conscience and, thereby, the moral law; and (4) the deciding of questions of religion and conscience, as Pontius Pilate did, by a count of heads, not by God's moral law. The worthy Dean assumes that the League executive would not, consciously or unconsciously, advocate proposals at variance with the moral law-and that, therefore, the League's proposals are morally right. Topsy-turvy logic! As a demonstrated fact, the League does make several oft-stated proposals; and, according to Anglican, Presbyterian, and general Christian principles specifically quoted by me, these proposals are contrary to the moral law. The League denominations are condemned out of their own mouths. Even so gifted a League leader as Dean Fitchett dares not face these practical moral issues.—I am, etc.,

' * HENRY W. CLEARY, D.D., 'Bishop of Auckland.

'July 18.'

A Melbourne message states that Sir J. G. Ward, when interviewed, said a more sympathetic feeling was growing up between the Old Country and the oversea dominions. The visits to England of men of high official position had helped largely to effect this. great objection in Scotland over the rapid depopulation of the country, which was now worse in this respect than Ireland was some years ago. A movement was afoot in England and Scotland to better the lot of the agricultural workers, with the idea of inducing them to remain where they were.



Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

July 26.

A very pleasant and successful euchro party took place at St. Patrick's Hall on last Wednesday evening on behalf of the funds of the St. Mary's Christian Doctrine Society.

It has been definitely decided that the consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea, S.M., as Coadjutor-Archbishop of Wellington, will take place on Sunday, August 17, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Hill street. Very Rev. Father Ryan, S.J., of Melbourne, will preach the consecration sermon.

Miss Cecilia Dwyer, a distinguished pupil of St. Mary's Convent in the Trinty College of Music examinations for 1912, has gained the special gold medal presented by Mrs. T. G. Macarthy. Miss Dwyer achieved the distinction of Associate Pianist of Trinity College, and received her medal from his Excellency Lord Liverpool at a function which was presided over by the Hon. R. A. Loughnan.

Sister G. O'Flaherty, B.P., presided over last Monday's meeting of the ladies' branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, when there was a good attendance of members. Regret was expressed at the departure of Bro. J. W. Callaghan, senior trustee for the branch, for Napier. Bro. Callaghan had taken a keen interest in the branch, and his departure will cause a vacancy that will be hard to fill.

The concert and social in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul School, Northland, held in the Sydney Street Schoolroom last evening, proved very successful. The attendance, which included the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., Adm., numbered upward of 200 persons. were contributed by the Basilica Choir, Mrs. Blythe, and the Misses Henderson and McSherry, and Messrs Twohill, H. N. Fletcher, Newton, and R. Sievers. A very enjoyable evening concluded shortly after midnight.

At the school committee elections recently three Catholics managed to secure seats on the Berhampore committee. This evidently did not meet with the approval of certain individuals who managed to upset the election on trivial grounds. A second meeting was called for last Monday evening, when the large school was barely sufficient to accommodate the crowd that attended. It is estimated that some 500 persons attended with the result that the five Catholics who were nominated were badly beaten. It is a significant fact that at the first election the 35 Catholics who were present were able to command a majority, whilst at the second, with an attendance of 56, they were outnumbered by over 5 to 1. This speaks for itself, and comment is unnecessary.

A meeting of the Catholic Immigration Committee was held at St. Mary's Presbytory on Thursday, July 24. Nine members were present, the chair being occupied by the president (Mr. Girling-Butcher). A letter was read from Mrs. Reichel urging the necessity for a determined demand for the privilege afforded the C.I.C. by the Immigration Department. The sub-committee set up to inquire for Catholics willing to assist in housing immigrants gave an excellent report of their successful efforts, but the C.I.C. realise more and more the necessity of a hostel of their own. Two vessels, the Arawa and the Ruahine, have been met since the last meeting, but under very great difficulties. Owing to the quarantine regulations they had to be awaited at the wharf, thereby giving little scope for the work of the C.I.C.

The quarterly meeting of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was held at the presbytery, Patterson street, on Sunday, July 20. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea presided, and the Rev. Father Hurley and 35 members were present, including Bro. Haggar from Christchurch. The vice-president (Brc. Ellis), on behalf of the society, welcomed the

president (Bro. M. Kennedy, K.S.G.) on his return from Europe, and expressed the hope that Bro. Kennedy would see his way clear to continue in office. Bro. Ellis also announced that arrangements had been made by which the society would be represented at the Juvenile Court, and would see that sa isfactory arrangements were made for the care of all Catholic children committed by the court. He reported that the formation of the Particular Council of Wanganui, which now embraced all the conferences within the deanery of Wanganui. Bro. Ellis referred to the approaching departure of Bro. J. W. Callaghan (president of the Sacred Heart conference, Thorndon), and expressed the best wishes of the brothers for his future welfare. Reports were read from the following conferences—Paimerston North, Napier, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Levin, St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, St. Anne's, Immaculate Conception, Thorndon, Petone, Hawera, Aramoho, Otaki, and Masterton.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea made a few congratulatory remarks on the success of the work reported, and especially on the formation of a Particular Council at Wanganui. He promised every assistance to the Society in his travels through the archdiocese.

Bro. Kennedy thanked the members for their hearty welcome, and congratulated the society on the progress made during his absence. Owing to his advancing years he found he could no longer give the office of president the amount of work it required, and he had decided therefore to resign the position.

The resignation was accepted with regret, and Bro.

B. Ellis was appointed as his successor.

The meeting expressed the hope that arrangements would be made for the exchange of reports between the Wellington and the Wanganui Councils. Owing to the amount of business the paper which was to have been read by Bro. Rae was postponed until the next meeting.

A POPULAR HIBERNIAN HONORED.

(From our own correspondent.)

The great esteem in which Mr. J. W. Callaghan is held by the Hibernians of Wellington was evidenced by the large attendance of the members of the male and female branches of the City of Wellington and the liutt at the Wellington Hall, Boulcott street, last Thursday evening, to bid him and Mrs. Callaghan farewell. Mr. Callaghan is leaving for Napier to become business and traffic manager of the tramways in that town. Bro. P.D. Hoskins presided, and there were also present his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), the Rev. Fathers Walsh (Lower Hut), and McMenamin (Petone), and Mr. Geo. Girling-Butcher (chairman of the Dominion Executive of the New Zealand Catholic Federation). Letters of apology were received from Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Fathers Hickson and Herring (2), Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald, and others.

The chairman explained the object of the gathering

and welcomed his Grace and the clergy.

His Grace, on rising to speak, was enthusiastically received. He said he desired to express his appreciation of the great services rendered to the Catholic cause by Mr. Callaghan, especially in regard to the interests of the Hibernian Society. He had been associated with Mr. Callaghan in various matters for some years, and he could speak with a good knowledge of his earnestness and devotedness in all matters connected with the He regretted exceedingly Mr. Callaghan's departure from the city, and congratulated him on receiving such an important appointment, and was indeed most thankful that whilst he was leaving Wellington he would still be within the archdiocese, and that he would continue the good work in Napier. conclusion, he wished Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan every success, and trusted that his future advancement would bring him back to Wellington to labor amongst them

Bro. Callaghan was then the recipient of several presentations, the first being a handsome sideboard, presented by Bro. J. A. Sullivan (president of St. Patrick's branch). Bro. Sullivan said that Bro. Callaghan's connection with the branch had extended

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over fifteen years, and members were aware of the great work which he had done for the branch during that period and for Catholicity in general. He regretted exceedingly Bro. Callaghan's departure, and assured him of the appreciation which the members had for him and of their best wishes for his future success. Hodgins, on behalf of the Hutt branch, presented Bro. Callaghan with a case of pipes. Bro. Hodgins said that it was through Bro. Callaghan's efforts that the Hutt branch was formed, and as the officer that performed the opening ceremony and had watched its welfare ever since, he wished on behalf of the members to express their appreciation and their best wishes for his future success. Bro. J. A. Humphrey, on behalf of the Sacred Heart branch, Thorndon, presented Bro. Callaghan with a solid silver cut-glass epergne. Bro. Callaghan filled the office of secretary of that branch, and also performed the opening ceremony. For St. Aloysius' branch Bro. John Fagan handed Mr. Callaghan a silver teapot and handbag for Mrs. Callaghan. This branch also owed its formation to the efforts of Bro. Callaghan. Sister Gertrude O'Flaherty, president of the ladies' branch (St. Mary'), presented him with two Morris chairs, and in doing so paid a high tribute to his great work for Hibernianism and also to Mrs. Callaghan for her sacrifice of her husband's time for the furthering of the cause of Catholicity.

Mr. Callaghan, in responding, was greeted most enthusiastically. Words, he said, failed to adequately express his feelings. He desired, on behalf of Mrs. Callaghan and himself, to thank the branches for their handsome gifts. Too much, he said, had been said about the work which he accomplished, but nothing could be done unless branches were well officered, and during his sojourn of fifteen years in Wellington that had been the case. He exhorted them to continue the good work, and make the Hibernian Society a power for good. He regretted exceedingly his departure.

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Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan were heartily cheered. The remainder of the evening was spent socially, the following contributing items:—Misses Jansen, Una Simon, Griffin, Lyons, Gregory, Curtice, A. Sullivan, and Messrs. C. McErlean, J. A. Sullivan, Thos. P. and M. McCarthy, Craig, Bradley, and Jules Simon. The arrangements of the evening were carried out by Miss G. O'Flaherty, of the ladies' branch, and she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by acclamation.

Petone

(From our own correspondent.)

July 26.

Rev. Father McMenamin is busy getting his minstrel troupe ready for the entertainment in aid of the bazaar funds.

On Thursday afternoon last the pupils of the Convent School entertained Rev. Father McMenamin and presented him with a small gift in honor of his birthday.

The second of the card tournaments was held in the schoolroom last Wednesday night, and resulted in an easy win for the Hibernians, the scores being— Hibernians, 20 games; Druids, 5 games. Supper was then handed round. During the evening several of the members contributed songs and recitations, which helped to make the gathering a great success.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

The next social by the Aramoho St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in St. Joseph's Schoolroom on August 7. The proceeds will be devoted to the reduction of the debt on the school.

A new Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will shortly be established here. It will embrace five conferences—Palmerston, Foxton, Hawera, Aramoho, and Wanganui. At last Monday night's meeting it was unanimously decided to nominate Mr. O'Meara as president.

A social will be held in the Fire Brigade Hall, Wanganui, on August 13, the proceeds of which will go towards the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The members of the Aramoho branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society paid a visit to the Jubilee Home a few evenings ago, and gave a very enjoyable programme of musical and elecutionary items. At the conclusion of a very pleasant evening the visitors were entertained at supper by Mr and Mrs. Allen.

New Plymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

July 25.

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The marriage took place on July 10 of Miss N. Sheehy, postmistress at Mokau, and daughter of Mr. J. Sheehy, of Okau, and Mr W. H. Grenfell, who has been stationed at Awakino for the past eighteen months as postmaster. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church, New Plymouth, Very Rev. Dean McKenna officiating. Subsequently a reception was held at Messrs May and Arrowsmith's tea rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Grenfell left by the afternoon train for the bridal tour, prior to settling in their new home at Gisborne, to which place Arr. Grenfell has been transferred. Prior to her marriage Miss Sheehy was tendered a complimentary social

On July 18 a concert was given in the Rolland Hall in aid of the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. By special request, the Rev. Mother and Sisters of the Mission allowed their pupils to give a second performance of their recent dramatic and musical entertainment. The programme was added to on this occasion. Miss Elsie Bennett made her debut as a vocalist, and pleased the audience very much with her song, 'The melody of life.' In response to an encore she sang 'A bowl of roses.' A pianoforte solo, 'Snowdrops' (Chopin) was given by Miss Ila Henderson, her playing being very much admired. An amusing comedy, 'The little pickle,' was acted by the boys with great credit. Several violin selections, all of a high order of merit, were greatly appreciated. On conclusion Mr W. T. Jennings thanked the Sisters on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their generous help so willingly given.

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(From our own correspondent.)

July 28.

A social is being arranged by the Children of Mary and the Ladies of Charity, to be given in the Oddfellows' Hall on the evening of August 6 to help in furnishing their stall at the carnival in aid of the Cathedral fund.

The Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A. (Rector of St. Bede's College), and Rev. Father Hoare, S.M. (of St. Mary's, Christchurch North), arrived back on Thursday last by the Sydney steamer after a tour of the South Sea Islands. They had to undergo the ordeal of vaccination more than once, but otherwise they had an enjoyable time. Among their fellow-passengers from Sydney were the Rev. Fathers Gleeson and Cleary, C.SS.R., who were coming to Wellington

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The fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall on Monday evening, Bro. H. A. Sloan, B.P., presiding. Thirteen members were reported on the sick list, and a sum of £19 13s 4d was passed for payment. The business paper for the half-yearly district meeting to be held in Auckland on August 27 was considered, and instructions given to delegates. The report of the triennial district meeting was received, and discussion held over till next meeting. The balance sheet for the quarter, showing the branch funds to amount to £2620 7s 1d, was read and adopted

A general meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Circumscription of the Particular Council of Christchurch, and in connection with the patronal feast of the society, was held on last Monday evening. There was a representative attendance, although the weather was most inclement. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., and Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., were present, and both in appreciative and encouraging terms spoke from personal knowledge of the excellent work in which the city conferences had been of late engaged. A communication from the society in Glasgow on the immigration question was considered, and referred to the Catholic Federation. Most satisfactory reports were received from the various conferences and the confraternities of Ladies of Charity, which revealed a large amount of successful spiritual and temporal effort on the part of members.

Mr. Gill, who recently examined the secondary department of the Sacred Heart High School, Christchurch, conducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, reports as follows:—'The school consists of a primary and a secondary department of 95 and 41 pupils respectively. Two courses of instruction have been arranged: -(a) A general course which reaches the standard of attainments of the Civil Service junior examinations in two years, and Matriculation in three or four years, and (b) a commercial course which aims at affording a suitable introduction to business life for girls who intend to take up office work. The methods of teaching which came under my notice were marked by thoroughness, thoughtfulness, and zeal, and the pupils' work was characterised by industry, application, and neatness. The efforts of the teachers elicited the co-operation of the girls. The programme in English has been judiciously selected, and the girls were interested in their work. The order, attention, and conduct of the girls were exceedingly good. They not only obeyed the orders given but seemed anxious to anticipate the wishes of their teachers. Refinement in word and action was an outstanding feature of their behaviour.'

RECEPTION TO REV. FATHER HOARE, S.M.

The Alexandra Hall was well filled on last Friday evening, when Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., the popular and energetic assistant priest of St. Mary's, Christ-church North, was welcomed home at a complimentary conversazione, after a six weeks' tour of the Islands and Australia. Among the clergy present were the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A., Rev. Fathers Cooney and Dignan,

S.M. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Father Bowden, S.M. An enjoyable musical programme was contributed to by the Very Rev. Dean Hills, Rev. Father Dignan, S.M., Mesdames Cherry and Kiver, Miss Clifford, Messrs MacDonald and C. Goggin; Mr. F. Rowe recited. Recalls were the order of the evening, the vocal items by Dean Hills especially meeting with an enthusiastic reception. At an interval Mr. W. Hayward, jun., on behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary's, presented an address to Father Hoare. In doing so Mr. Hayward eulogised the excellent services of Father Hoare in St. Mary's parish, and expressed the delight of all at his safe return home.

Amid prolonged applause, Father Hoare expressed his gratitude to all for their kindly thoughtfulness in arranging so warm a welcome in his honor. He thanked Dean Hills in an especial manner for making possible the holiday, he (the speaker) had recently enjoyed. Holidays or pleasure trips were not, he added, looked for as a practice by priests, but there came a time in the experience of them all when such an interval in their lives was a benefit to a priest physically, as well as spiritually.

The address, a particularly chaste and artistic production in scroll form, was engrossed and illuminated by the Sisters of Mercy of St. Mary's Convent, Colombo street. Mrs. Mead and Mrs. Cronin played the accom-

paniments during the evening, and the duties of secretary were discharged by Mr. C. Delany.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

July 28

A meeting of ladies was held at St. Benedict's Hall yesterday afternoon in connection with St. Benedict's bazaar. Rev. Father Forde and the ladies of the parish are working hard, and their efforts should prove successful.

Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie on yesterday appealed at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, on behalf of the fund for the erection of the new orphanage, and met with much success. Monsignor Brodie has set himself to raise this money (£10,000), and though the task is a heavy one, he will succeed. Our people should rally round him, and make his task as light as possible.

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A successful 'At home' was held by the Catholics of Remuera at St. Benedict's Hall last Wednesday evening. A number of prominent residents of the district acted as hosts and hostesses, and the Rev. Fathers Doyle and Kirranc were present. The attendance numbered 400, and, as a result, the sum of £50 will be added to the Remuera church building fund. During the evening those present spent the time pleaantly in music and cards. The hosts and hostesses were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. T. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. T. Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Pilling, Mr. and Mrs. W. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Dignan, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Wenzl Schollum, Mrs. Jenkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Harvey, Mesdames O'Connor, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrett.

At the first annual meeting of the members of the Celtic Society, held last Wednesday night in the Trades Hall, the president (Mr. Hall Skelton) said the work for the past twelve months had proved most satisfactory. The receipts were nearly £200, and after all disbursements there was a credit balance of £6. During the year lectures had been given under the auspices of the club, dinners held, and a hurling club established. It was now proposed to procure rooms for the society and furnish them. Already books to the value of £50 had been donated for a reading-room, as well as various portraits and pictures. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Hall Skelton; vice-presidents—Messrs. T. Long, T. D. Gilfedder, and Kev. R. J. Hall; hon. secretary, Mr. A. J. Woolley; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. P. Carroll; hon. treasurer, Mr. P. J. Nerheny; executive committee—Rev. Father O'Donerty, Messrs. B. McLaughlin, E. Miskell, T. Foley, J. Lyone, W. F. Jones, J. McGowan, C. Reynolds, and M. J. Sheahan.

PRESENTATION TO MR. P. J. NERHENY, AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

There was a large gathering at the Town Hall last Tuesday evening, the occasion being a public meeting to do honor to Mr. P. J. Nerheny, in recognition of his services to the city in public positions. Mr. J. Trevethick presided, and a number of leading citizens occupied seats upon the platform. Apologies for their absence were received from his Lordship Dr. Cleary, the Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C., and others. Among those present were Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, and Rev. Fathers Ormond, O'Malley, O'Doherty, and the Marist Brothers.

The chairman said that the meeting had been called at the request of those who desired to see Mr. Nerheny's services to the city of Auckland fittingly recognised. The number present that evening indicated in what great esteem Mr. Nerheny was really held. The man they were honoring that evening was one who as a citizen had been actuated by the very highest ideals and a spirit of self-sacrifice. A man's true worth was really measured by the standard of his usefulness and the influence that he was able to exercise for good. Mr. Nerheny, it might almost be said, was a man who did good by steal h, and blushed to find it fame.

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Mr. J. J. O'Brien, in the course of his remarks, said Mr. Nerheny richly deserved a public recognition from the citizens of Auckland for the services he had rendered the city. Speaking personally, he could say he had frequently had business dealings with Mr. Nerheny, and had always found him straightforward, honest, and high-minded. He was, moreover, a generous man, whose advice and purse were always open when the occasion arose. Mr. Nerheny was a man of strong convictions and great force of character; a man of ripe and sound judgment, possessed of tireless energy, with a capacity for getting through work which very few men could excel. They might not always see eye to eye with him on public questions, but they would unanimously agree that whatever he did he was actuated by the loftiest motives.

Dr. Florence Keller, who was received with loud applause, said she thought it could be truly said that service was the fruit of love, and there was no doubt that the man they were honoring was giving his services for love of his city. Meetings such as these, in fact, should be held more often in honor of men who were truly doing valuable work for town and townsmen. When she was elected to the Hospital Board she was told that she would find a valuable friend in Mr. Norheny. She was also told 'to keep a sharp eye out' for the same gentleman.' She had kept the sharp eye on their friend, and it had not taken her long to discover his real worth. He was never slow to unsheath his lance whenever a question of right or wrong arose. Dr. Keller concluded by relating several cases of great personal and financial assistance which Mr. Nerheny had given to people with whom she had afterwards come into touch professionally.

The Deputy-Mayor (Mr. John Court) said he would yield to no one in the respect and esteem in which Mr. Nerheny was held. They knew the circumstances which had led to this gathering. A meeting had been held in the Chamber of Commerce, at which it had been decided to make a presentation to Mr. Nerheny. Perhaps the greatest compliment which could be paid to their guest was the fact that no canvassing was done. Subscriptions were purely voluntary, and the response had been so ready that the committee found that not only could the idea of a presentation to Mr. Nerheny be carried out, but it would also be possible to make presentations to both Mr. Nerheny's daughters. In addition, a resident, who did not desire his name to be known, had asked that a travelling rug should be presented to Mr. Nerheny on his behalf. Mr. Court paid a fine tribute to Mr. Nerheny's work on the City Council, and then made the presentation of a gold watch and chain and embossed address to Mr. Nerheny, and also a gold bangle for each of Mr. Nerheny's daughters.

Mr. T. W. Leys, in supporting previous speakers, said he was sure that the presentation to Mr. Nerheny would be a source of strength and encouragement to him in his public life. He agreed with Dr. Keller that the citizens were too often inclined to accept as a matter of course the services of public men. Anyone who knew anything of the working of civic machinery must realise the sacrifice entailed of both time and money by members of public bodies. Mr. Nerheny was one of those men who worked without thought of reward, and that fact heightened the public appreciation of his services. He was a man who desired a fair field and no favor, who could take hard knocks as well as give them, and who could always be depended upon to make a good fight for the principles he held dear. That was the type of man one liked to honor.

Mr. H. Rhodes, secretary of the United Friendly Societies' Association, said that for those who took part in Friendly Society work, it had to be a labor of love, and Mr. Nerheny, notwithstanding his numerous public duties, always managed to give up one or two nights per week for Friendly Society work when required. The Auckland Society was in a better position than any other society in New Zealand, and this fact was in no small measure due to Mr. Nerheny's services.

Mr. Long referred to Mr. Nerheny's connection with the trades union movement of this city. He was one who had never hesitated to help the weak. It was at a critical period in the history of the Tailoresses' Union that Mr. Nerheny had consented to come forward and accept the presidency of that union, and it was in no small measure due to his untiring efforts that the union was now on a most excellent footing.

Speaking as a member of the Sailors' Home Council, Mr. E. Phipps said that for 19 years Mr. Nerheny had been a worker on the committee of the home, and the assistance he had given was simply incalculable.

Mr. Nerheny, in acknowledging the honor bestowed upon him, said the presentation was one of which any man in New Zealand might feel justly proud. He took the presentation as a tribute of esteem, which he very deeply appreciated. He ventured to hope that no act of his, in private or public life, would ever render him unworthy of it. No man could receive a greater honor than to be the recipient of the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He thought he could claim that it was where he was best known that he was best respected. Mr. Leys had spoken of him as a typical Irishman. Well, he was proud of it. He had left his native land at the age of ten, but he had always retained his love for his country, and that love was, perhaps, the real reason of his ideal to always do by his fellow citizens as he would have them do by him. Nerheny thanked those who had spoken so kindly of him, and in acknowledging Mr. Court's remarks, said he hoped in due course to see that gentleman conclude an honorable public career with a term in the highest position the city had to bestow-the Mayoralty. Nerhony concluded by saying that in public life he realised he could never do more than attempt to live up to the motto-

> 'For the cause that lacks assistance, For the wrong that needs resistance, For the future in the distance, And the good that we can do.'

During the evening songs were given by Mrs. J. Hansen and Mr. J. H. Egan, and a cornet solo by Mr. G. Sinton. The gathering concluded with cheers for Mr. Nerheny, the Misses Nerheny, and the Deputy-Major.

The first prize in the Royal Agricultural Society's (England) milking-machine trial was awarded to the 'Omega,' a Swedish machine; and the second prize to the 'Vaccar,' an English-owned milker. The 'Omega' works on the vacuum system, the milk being conveyed from the teats to the pail through stiff, transparent tubes. A milk pail is suspended from the cow by a girth,

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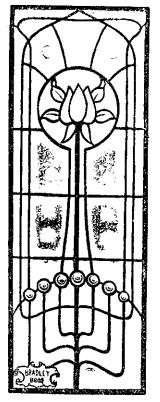
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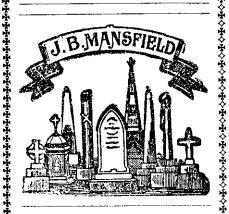
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Commercial

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., report:-

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce on Monday.

Oats.—Prime milling Gartons are in good demand, and sparrowbills of the same grade are saleable at quotations. Shippers are in the market for A and B grades, but require consignments to be well up to sample. Lower grades are in fair demand locally. Prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat -Velvet and velvet ear meet with good inquiry, the latter being at present most favored. Prime Tuscan is in rather better demand, and of this class a fair quantity has been sold during the past week. Fowl wheat is plentiful, and meets moderate demand. Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; Tuscan, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium to good, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is well supplied. prime lots are readily placed, and these only at a reduction on late values. Best table, £3 5s to £3 10s; choice, to £3 12s 6d. Medium quality meets slow sale at £2 10s to £3 per ton (bags included).

WOOL

Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, July 29, as follows:—

Rabbitskins.--We offered an exceptionally large catalogue at yesterday's sale, the majority of the skins being winter bucks and does. Competition was very keen, and we topped the market with 401d for a line of prime winter does. Prices all through were very firm at late rates. Quotations: Prime winter does, to 401d; good winter does, 31d to 38d; prime winter bucks, to $28\frac{3}{4}d$; good do, to $25\frac{1}{4}d$; incoming winters, to $20\frac{1}{2}d$; best autumns, to 19d; early autumns, to 17dd; summers, to 14dd; springs, to 12d; small, to 9dd; best racks, to 13dd; light racks, to 12dd; best silver greys, to 47d; winter blacks, to 40½d; autumn blacks, to 28d; fawns, to $23\frac{1}{4}$ d; hareskins, to 21d per lb. Catskins, $7\frac{1}{2}$ d to 13d each; opossum skins, 3s 6d to 7s 6d each. Horse hair, to 19d per lb.

Sheepskins.—Owing to the drop in the London market, competition was very slack and prices showed a heavy decline all through. The half-bred skins suffered most, the drop in some instances being fully Id per lb. Quotations: Half-bred, to $8\frac{1}{2}d$; fine cross-bred, to $8\frac{1}{2}d$; coarse crossbred, to $7\frac{\pi}{8}d$; medium to good, 6d to 7d; best dead halfbred, $6\frac{3}{4}$ d to $7\frac{1}{4}$ d; crossbred, $5\frac{1}{2}$ d to $6\frac{1}{2}$ d; medium, $3\frac{1}{2}$ d to 4d; best merino, $7\frac{1}{2}$ d to $8\frac{1}{4}$ d; medium to good, $5\frac{1}{2}$ d to $6\frac{3}{4}$ d; lambskins, to $7\frac{2}{3}$ d.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.) July 28.

Before the business was proceeded with at the meeting of the Borough Council on Friday night the Mayor said it was only right that the Council should take notice of the death of ex-Councillor Cagney, who had passed away since the last meeting. Mr. Cagney had taken an active part in public affairs, and it was only right that they should place on record the good service he had rendered while a member of the Council. He moved that the Council express its regret at the death of Mr. Cagney, and its sympathy with the family in their bereavement. The motion was carried.

At the theory examination held in June last under the auspices of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, Rita Falconer (a pupil of the Dominican Nuns) was a successful candidate in the rudiments division, gaining 93 marks.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

A social gathering in aid of the funds of the city stall at the torthcoming bazaar will be held in St. Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening.

The Irish comedy-drama, 'A Bit o' Blarney,' will be produced in His Majesty's Theatre on the evenings of August 20 and 21, in aid of the St. Vincent de l'aul stall at the Christian Brothers' School bazaar.

Ladies and gentlemen willing to take part in the spectacular display at the forthcoming bazaar are requested to meet Miss Hamann at St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening.

A most successful social gathering, with the object of helping to liquidate the debt on the Catholic Church, Kaikorai, was held in the Wakari Hall on Friday evening. There was a very large attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

On Monday evening St. Joseph's Men's Club held a debate as to whether New Zealand youths were given too much to sport, to which the members of the Ladies' Club had been invited. There was a good attendance. The lady speakers did remarkably well. The affirmative side were declared the winners.

The arrangements for the grand bazaar in aid of the building fund of the Christian Brothers' new school. are well advanced, whilst the stallholders and their assistants are displaying commendable zeal in making and providing goods for their stalls. Everything points to this fair being the most successful yet held in Dun-The many friends of the Christian Brothers, not alone in the city, but throughout the South Island, recognise the necessity of providing a new school, and those who have been favored with books of tickets from the various stallholders are earnestly requested to dispose of them without delay, and return blocks, accompanied by cash, to the senders. The tickets for the art union, which are being distributed this week, will admit to the bazaar. As several valuable prizes are offered, it is hoped the tickets will meet with a ready sale.

Methven

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The weather in this district is, in the opinion of the oldest residents, the best experienced for many years. The winter season was in many respects a real spring time, and the fine weather gave the farmers every opportunity to attend to their religious duties. Mass is celebrated here every second Sunday, whilst on the evenings of Sundays on which there is no Mass there are devotions, consisting of Rosary, sermon, and Benediction. The attendance at the Sunday Masses is such as would do credit to any parish, the church being always so crowded, that it is necessary to have two Masses in order to accommodate the congregation.

The annual meeting of the parishioners took place a fortnight ago. The report of the first year's work was very satisfactory, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy congratulated his people on the work done during the year. The members of the church committee elected for the ensuing year are: Messrs. Denis McKendry (vice-chairman), T. Dowling, T. Twomey, H. Cullen, J. Cullen, D. McKendry, H. Kennedy, J. Poff, J. Buckley, J. Dolan, P. McMenamin. Mr. Val Cullen was elected secretary and church collector.

The school, under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, which opened in February of this year, is well attended in spite of the distances at which most of the children live. On July 24 the school closed for the mid-winter holidays.

A very successful social, in aid of the church funds, was held last month. The ladies of the parish were untiring in their efforts, and succeeded in making a

most enjoyable evening for every one.

A Catholic Truth Society library has just been established in the parish, and young and old avail themselves of the beautiful literature provided for them, while many also are subscribers to the Tablet and the Australian Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

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ITEMS OF SPORT

FOOTBALL.

The inter-island match was played on Lancaster Park, Christchurch, on Saturday afternoon in the presence of well over 6,000 spectators. The game resulted in a win for the South Island by 25 points (two goals from tries, four tries, and a penalty goal) to nil.

The weather was cold and showery for football in Anckland on Saturday, and the grounds were heavy. Marist Brothers beat Ponsonby by 9 points to 6, City beat College Rifles by 3 points to nil, and University beat Parnell by 8 points to 3. Ponsonby and Marist Brothers are now level for the championship. for the championship.

The following are the results of the Association football matches in Dunedin on Saturday:—Mornington A (3 goals) beat Kaitangata (1 goal), Mornington B (1 goal) beat Northern A (nil), Roslyn-Wakari (3 goals) beat High School Old Boys (2 goals), Christian Brothers (4 goals) beat Ravensbourne (1 goal). For the first spell play was very even, and it ended without either side scoring. The second spell was opened with a good deal of life, and the first score was secured by Tarieton. Raveusbourne scored a goal soon after, and thus equalised matters. From that out the Greens had the best of the play. Northern B defeated Maori Hill by 4 goals to nil. Owing to the wet state of the grounds all the junior matches were postponed.

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of the Rugby football matches in Dunedin on Saturday, the Zingari-Richmond v. University attracted most attention, and, notwithstanding the unpropitious weather, attracted a large number of spectators. The result was 18 points by Zingari-Richmond to nil by University. Kaikorai defeated Port Chalmers by 14 points to nil, Southern defeated Alhambra by 6 points to nil, whilst Dunedin and Pirates drew, the scores being 3 points each.

Since the committee of the Dunedin Schools' Soccer Association made known its intention of sending a representative team of A Grade boys to Wellington, and another team, selected from B and C Grades, to Invercargill, keen contests have taken place between the various school teams in Dunedin. The Christian Brothers' School has easily gone, for, notwithstanding that it is the only school which has a team in each of the three grades, it is leading in A and B Grades, and runner-up in C Grade. The A Grade boys have put up a remarkable record. In nine matches they have scored 62 goals, while none have been registered against them.

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The Marist Brothers' senior Rugby team, by its splendid victory over Ponsonby last Saturday (wires our Auckland correspondent), has come level with that team in champion-ship honours. Should both of these teams win their respective matches next Saturday, they will then play off for the championship. The Marist Brothers' team has won the Fourth Grade Championship under the Auckland Rugby Union. The boys of the Marist Brothers' School, Vermont street, are veritable heroes. So far they have played nine matches, have won eight, and drew one. Their line has not been crossed this season, the only score against them being one penalty goal. They compete under the public schools' Rugby Union. The Wellington public schools' Rugby Union should make a note of this.

HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

OPENING OF A BRANCH AT MOSGIEL

The inauguration of a Branch of the Hibernian Society The inauguration of a Branch of the Hibernian Society in Mosgiel took place on Sunday, when several members of St. Joseph's Branch (Dunedin) were present, including the District Deputy (Bro. J. J. Marlow), Bros. Bevis (V.P.), John Doherty, P.P. J. Carr, Boyle, Ahern, Ford, and F. J. Doolan. In addition to those intending to join the new Branch, there were present Rev. Father Liston and several members of the congregation.

After Father Liston had read the opening prayers. Bro. Marlow delivered the formal opening address, showing the objects of the Society, and then read the authority for opening the new Branch. This over, the new members were elected and initiated.

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Twenty-two full benefit and three honorary members were enrolled. Several members of the congregation have signified their intention of joining in the immediate future. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. J. P. Walls; Vice-President, Bro. A. F. Quelch; secretary, Bro. R. Gilligan; treasurer, Bro. James Dafy; Warden, Bro. Wm. Hawke; Guardian, Bro. A. Hawke; sick visitors, Bros. A. Maike and John McGettigan; auditors, Bros. Wm. Knott and J. R. Walls.

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Bro. Marlow, in congratulating the new Branch on its successful and promising opening, referred to the fact that a number of those just initiated were students of Holy Cross College. He had always recognised the splendid support accorded the Society by the priests. These students would grow up with the Society, and by so doing were sowing the seed for the Society's good throughout New Zealand wherever their lot might be cast.

Bro. Bevis endorsed the remarks of Bro. Marlow, and quoted some figures to show the rapid strides made by the Society in recent years.

Bros. Walls, Quelch, and Gilligan returned thanks for their election to office, and acknowledged the kindness of the members of St. Joseph's Branch in coming to Mosgiel to open the new Branch with such ceremony. They also thanked Father Liston for the interest he had displayed in the formation of the Branch.

Rev. Father Liston said he was grateful to all the young men who had responded so readily to the call for membership. It was particularly gratifying to see some members of other Lodges leaving them to join the new Branch. That showed an excellent Catholic spirit. He was very much indebted to the members of St. Joseph's Branch for coming out to open the new Branch. The closing prayers were read by Father Liston.

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When afternoon tea had been served, the visitors and others present attended Benediction in the College chapel, and so ended an interesting and instructive afternoon—one that marks another step in the progress of the Mosgiel parish.

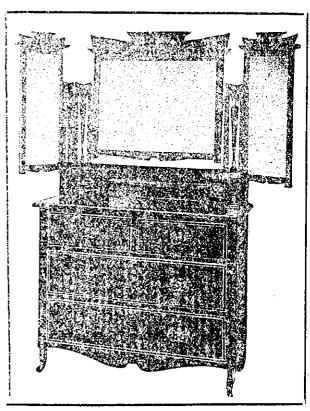
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William Malcolm Hilles, beloved husband of Agnes Mary Hilles; aged 57 years.—R.I.P.

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LEO XIII., P.M. Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

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April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII. Pope.



THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1913.

THE NEW ZEALAND PRESS ON THE CARSON ATTITUDE



HOSE who know 'Ulster' have always been well aware that 'Ulster' had at bottom no argument against Home Rule except the appeal to bigotry and sectarianism. That appeal is, in fact, the first and last defence of 'Ulster'; and that this is so has been made overwhelmingly evident by the recent irreconcilable attitude and crassly

unreasonable utterances of 'Ulster's' leader, Sir Edward Carson. Since the first rejection of the Home Rule Bill by the Peers, the attitude of the Government and of the Irish Party has been most conciliatory. But it has evoked no response from the 'Ulsterettes.' Instead of an effort to make the Government have been met with an unbending non possumus, and the threat of civil war. Asked at a recent public meeting whether, in the event of an appeal to the people resulting in favor of Ireland being given Home Rule, he would cease his agitation, Sir E. Carson replied in the negative, and declared that neither one nor twenty Parliaments would have the right to force Ulster to submit. 'Ulster,' therefore—by which, of course, we mean always the section of it represented by Sir E. Carson-means either to rule Ireland or to ruin the Empire. It will be loyal and constitutional so long as the Crown and the Constitution are its humble servants, but no longer. It defies Parliament, defies England and the Empire, to extend to Ireland the benefits of the British Constitution in the shape of Home Rule. If 'Ulster' could make that position good, there would be an end to constitutional government, and our Parliamentary institutions would be a humbug and a farce. Sir Edward Carson has, in a word, taken up an impossible position, and one which shows that his whole opposition to Irish self-government is based, not on reasonable political or constitutional arguments, but on a 'humiliating appeal to religious intolerance.'

That is not our view only, but the view of representative New Zealand dailies. We have pleasure in quoting, in this connection, two city journals, of recognised standing, one in the south and the other in the extreme north of the Dominion. The Dunedin Evening Star of July 21, writing under the title 'The Carson Campaign, remarks: 'We have expressed the opinion more than once that the root cause of the opposition to the Home Rule Bill by a section (certainly a large and influential one) of Ulster Protestants is religious, not political. This opinion, which is based upon the admissions of the opponents of the Bill as well as on the too apparent development of the question, receives further confirmation from the cable messages we publish to-day. Asked at a public meeting whether, in the event of an appeal to the people resulting in favor of

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Ireland being given Home Rule, he would cease his agitation, Sir Edward Carson declined to bind himself. On the contrary, he went on to say that neither one nor twenty Parliaments would have the right to force Ulster out of the Union. We think this admission fairly gives away the whole anti-Home Rule agitation. Ulster is not being driven out of the Union. Under local Home Rule she will be as much in the Union as she is to-day; in fact, more so, for the rest of Ulster and the other three provinces will then be upon their trial, and therefore on guard to see that no legitimate complaint of tampering with the Union shall stand. Nothing but the supremest bigotry and the most determined obduracy not to have Home Rule at any price can be urged in support of Sir E. Carson's accusation. Under the Home Rule Bill of the Asquith Government the supreme power and authority of the Imperial Parliament remain unaffected. Such public services as Land Purchase, Insurance, Old Age Pensions, Con-stabulary, Post and Telegraph, Post Office Savings Bank, and the collection of taxes other than Duties and Excise, are expressly reserved for and by the Imperial Parliament. Nor can the local Palriament repeal the Act that calls it into being; neither can it affect nor whittle away the right of appeal to the Privy Council, while, in addition, there are special provisions for the absolute preservation of religious equality, to say nothing about the Veto of the Lord Lieutenant and the representation of Ireland at Westminster by 42 members. "Forced out of the Union!" cries Sir Edward Carson; "no, we will obey no mandate from any Parliament." Surely there never has been a more humiliating appeal on behalf of religious intolerance than that which Sir Edward is now making to the Empire at large.'

To the like effect, and with equal emphasis, writes the Auckland Star of July 22. Its leaderette on the subject is somewhat lengthy, but so much to the point that we ask our readers' indulgence to reproduce it in Writing under the caption 'Ulster's 'Rights' and dealing with this same utterance of Sir Edward Carson, the Auckland paper says: 'Any possible doubt as to the true character of the Unionist agitation against Home Rule will surely be dispelled by Sir Edward Carson's latest pronouncement on the question. According to Ulster's enthusiastic champion, the anti-Nationalist party now entirely denies the right of Parliament or the people to decide this question of self-government for Ireland. This must be rather disconcerting for Lord Lansdowne and the Unionist party in the Upper House, who have just formally based their rejection of the Home Rule Bill on the plea that it has not been submitted to the people, and have challenged the Liberals to ask the nation for its verdict, and abide by its decision. But, happily, it is not our business to reconcile such curious inconsistencies, and we are chiefly concerned just now with the truly monstrous character of the doctrine that Sir Edward Carson is promulgating. It is surely a new constitutional principle, that any given fraction of the United Kingdom may, whenever it pleases, repudiate the authority of Parliament and Crown, and decide for itself how it is to be governed. Is the West Riding of Yorkshire or the Isle of Wight, or the Lake district constitutionally competent in Sir Edward Carson's opinion to settle such matters for itself? And if not, why should three counties out of the whole of Ulster be permitted to dictate to the rest of the Irish nation and to England what policy is best adapted to the needs of Ireland, the United Kingdom, and the Empire?'

'Merely to assert such a proposition is to reduce any political controversy to a farce. But Sir Edward Carson goes further than this. He maintains that neither Parliament nor Government, even after twenty elections, could deprive Ulster of its alleged "rights." For a distinguished lawyer this is surely the most extraordinary interpretation of "rights" ever put into words. Juristically and constitutionally speaking, rights are defined by laws, and laws emanate from the Parliament and the Crown. What right has Ulster or any other part of the United Kingdom to any privilege

except what is conferred on it by law? As to natural rights, so far as Ulster is concerned, the less said about them the better. For the Protestants of Ulster are aliens in race and religion from the great majority of the inhabitants of Ireland; they were planted there by conquest, their supremacy while it lasted was established and maintained by force. The temporary predominance of Ulster involved the absolute sacrifice of the national racial and hereditary rights of the main body of the Irish people, and Sir Edward Carson would do well to keep clear of historical reminiscences altogether.'

But quite apart from the ridiculous character of these pretensions, it is simply outrageous that the anti-Nationalists should call upon England, in the name of justice, to listen to Ulster alone, and turn a deaf ear to the rest of the Irish nation. On what ground, moral, equitable, or legal, should the protests of a small fraction of the Irish people outweigh the united demand of the rest of the Irish nation pleading for the right to manage their own affairs? And the unanimity of the rest of Ireland, as Mr. Dillon aptly reminds us, has been secured not by intimidation and sedition and the threat of war, but by a spontaneous outburst of patriotic and national feeling. Surely whatever argument can be urged on behalf of Ulster's right to control her own destinies, applies with tenfold force to the Irish nation, of which the Ulster Protestants form but a relatively small part. However, it is a good sign for the Nationalists that their enemies are now hopelessly at variance, and that Sir Edward Carson, not content with flatly repudiating the one standard of appeal which the Unionists have agreed to accept, is now propounding doctrines that imply the rejection not only of all the claims of patriotism and loyalty, but of the fundamental principles of constitutional government and political liberty, based upon Parliamentary Government.

Our recent visitors from the Irish Party will doubtless remember well their great meetings and enthusiastic reception in Auckland and Dunedin; and they at least, amongst our Home readers, will be interested to note the accuracy with which the 'Ulster' business is 'sized up,' and the vigor with which it is reprobated, in the self-governing dominions beyond the seas.

Notes

The Grey By-Election

Several correspondents have sent us communications descriptive of 'the battle for Grey,' telling us with some detail how the fight was fought and won. We thank our correspondents for their communications, which will be carefully pigeon-holed for use if occasion should call for it; but we have said elsewhere in this issue all that we think, for the present, needs to be said on the subject. It is a bad thing to start sectarian bigotry; it is an almost equally bad thing to perpetuate it. The lesson of the election is perfectly obvious; and we may fairly conclude that it has been driven home when we find an influential daily, which supported the Reform candidate, lamenting the tactics employed as 'suicidal and deplorable.' If such tactics are again employed, they will be once again just as strenuously resented; and that is the one fact now which needs to be impressed and remembered. It is clear that feeling over the recent contest had been wrought to a painfully high pitch, and we can quite understand the very natural desire of the participants to 'fight the battle over again'; but we think they may well rest content with the substantial and triumphant success with which they have attained their end.

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Yes, the canal is our letter of reference; Look at Culebra and glance at Gatun; What can we do for you—got any preference, Wireless to Saturn or bridge to the moon?

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CATHOLIC FEDERATION

MEETING OF THE DOMINION COUNCIL

(By telegraph, from our Wellington correspondent.)
Wellington, July 28.

The first meeting of the Dominion Executive commenced at 2 p.m. on Sunday. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea, Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. (Dunedin), Rev. Fathers Edge (Auckland) and Barra were present, also the following lay delegates:—Messrs. B. McLaughtin and E. R. Casey (Auckland), J. R. Hayward (Christchurch), C. A. Shiel and D. L. Poppelwell (Dunedin), J. W. Callaghan and G. Girling-Butcher (Wellington), and the members of the provisional Executive. Mr. Girling-Butcher, who was voted to the chair, welcomed the delegates. Apologies were received from his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Very Rev. Deans Holley and

Hyland, and Very Rev. Chancellor Price.

The first business was the reading of the report of the provisional Executive and the presentation of the balance sheet. The report showed that there are 35 branches in the Wellington archdiocese, with a membership of 7000, 22 branches in Auekland with a membership of 4000. The Christehurch and Dunedin figures were not available, but with 16 branches in Christchurch, and 12 branches in Dunedin, the membership of these two dioceses should be approximately 5600 making a Dominion total of 16,600. The report 5600, making a Dominion total of 16,600. The report gave particulars of the work of the provisional Executive in connection with immigration. Correspondence was still going on in connection with the application of the Executive for a subsidy similar to that granted by the Government to the Girls' Friendly Society and the Y.W.C.A. The Government granted a concession to Catholic representatives to visit immigrant ships by the Health Officer's tender, and will notify representa-tives selected of the time of arrival of each vessel, and the time the launch leaves the wharf. In connection with education, the question of scholarships and the attitude of certain boards towards Catholic secondary schools was met by a special resolution being published. Another matter recommended for future action was the supply of the school Journal and other requisites by the Education Department free to Catholic schools. At present Catholics have to pay for these, whereas they are supplied free to State schools. In connection with the Bible-in-Schools movement the provisional Executive has had a great deal of work to cope with, especially in regard to the petitions. A plan of action for the future is recommended. Matters of other Catholic interests were mentioned and recommended for discussion.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea briefly addressed the delegates. It had been his one great desire (he said) to see such a meeting where matters affecting the Catholics of New Zealand could be discussed. There were many important matters mentioned in the report and order paper. He wished the Federation God's blessing.

The principal business discussed was the constitution. Many important amendments were made, the principal being the composition of a new body to be known as the Dominion Council, to take the place of the Dominion Executive. The Dominion Council would consist of the Archbishop and Bishops with the elected delegates, three from each diocese. The Dominion Executive would be composed of members of the Dominion Council resident in Wellington, with seven other Wellington members. It would act for the Dominion Council, when that body was not in session, in all matters except the alteration of the constitution. Diocesan councils were reconstituted, and will now consist of the bishop and parish priests, and two lay representatives from each parish committee. The Dominion Council will meet half-yearly in Wellington, in February and August.

Mr. G. Girling-Butcher (Wellington) was elected president, Messrs B. McLaughlin (Auckland), J. R. Hayward (Christchurch), and D. L. Poppelwell (Otago) vice-presidents, Rev. Father Hurley (Wellington) treasurer. The appointment of a paid secretary was left to the Dominion Executive. The election of members of the Dominion Executive resulted as follows:—Messrs. T. J. McCosker, P. D. Hoskins, A. H. Casey, F. K. Reeves, D. S. Columb, J. E. Ward, and M.

O'Kane.

It was decided to request the diocesan councils to enlist the aid of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Catholic Immigration Sub-committee in caring for Catholic immigrants. It was decided that no member of the Federation, or any other person whatsoever, shall have any authority to bind the Federation, or any body thereunder, without direct authority in writing from the Federation, or such body respectively; nor shall the Federation, or any body thereunder, be in any way responsible for any act, matter, or thing, purporting to be done on its behalf, unless such authority shall have previously been given in writing; no body under the Federation shall have any power to act on behalf of or bind the Federation, or any other body, unless specially authorised in writing so to do by the Dominion Council, or Executive, or such lesser body re-The subscription for life-members was spectively. fixed at fixed at three guineas; for members, over sixteen years of age, at one shilling per three annum; and for those under sixteen years at sixpence yearly, such reduced rate for children not to come into force until next year. The rule dealing with politics explained that the Federation is not a political party organisation, and does not seek to touch politics except where politics touch religion, or where the civil rights and liberties of Catholics are affected. Six representatives of the general body of parishioners to join the parish committee to be in future elected at a meeting called for the purpose, instead of being nominated by the parish priest. The annual meeting of the members in each parish and local district to be held in the first week in June. The diocesan councils' annual meeting is to be held in the first week in July, and the Dominion Council's annual meeting in August. was recommended to the diocesan councils to set up a Catholic literature committee to submit lists of books suitable for public libraries, and efforts should be made through the parish committees to requisition for such books at all local public libraries, also to protest against the circulation through libraries of unsuitable and objectionable literature. The Dominion Conneil recommended the Executive to suitably recognise the valuable services of Mr. P. D. Hoskins as provisional secretary. It also carried a resolution re-



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cording its appreciation of the excellent work which was done by the provisional Executive.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded meeting. The Dominion Council, which had been in the meeting. session for eleven hours altogether, concluded on Mon-

[A full report of the proceedings will appear in

our next issue. ED. N.Z.T.

AUCKLAND DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

(From our own correspondent.)

A meeting of the Auckland Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Benedict's Catholic Clubrooms, on July 19 and 20. There were present, his Lordship the Bishop's representative (Rev. Father Edge), and the following delegates—Messrs. P. J. Nerheny and J. Grace (St. Patrick's), E. R. Casey and J. O'Hara (St. Benedict's), G. Little and A. (Surrey Hills), D. Flynn and Jas. Shanaghan (Ponsonby), P. J. Walsh and W. Wright (Devonport), D. J. Murphy and H. Skinner (Parnell), J. Duggan and W. Wright (Remuera), M. Kelly and G. D. Sexton (Ellerslie), E. J. Drumm and G. Thomas (Panmure), B. McLaughlin (Onehunga), J. C. Dromgool (proxy for Pukekohe), M. Black and H. McGuire (Tuakau), J. Lafferty (Hamilton), M. O'Brien and F. J. Kay (Te Awamutu), Cotter and Jones (Te Kuiti), M. McCrane (Taumarunui), A. G. Snelgar and J. Crosby (Paeroa and Waihi), J. P. Mullins and M. Mahoney (proxics for Gisborne).

The president (Mr. J. J. Furlang), in his opening remarks, welcomed the delegates, and expressed pleasure at the number of parishes that were represented. When delegates travelled such distances, as did many of those present, it showed that they desired to take an active part in Federation matters, which augured well for the success of the movement. Apologies for absence were received from his Lordship Dr. Cleary, Mr. M. J. Sheahan, and Mr. Jas. Foy (Thames), owing to

indisposition.

cutive.

The secretary placed before the meeting correspondence from various parishes in the diocese, which showed that the Federation was making steady pro-

The chairman said that the principal business of the meeting was the consideration of the draft constitution, submitted by the provisional Dominion Exe-

It was moved by Mr. F. G. J. Temm—'That the first paragraph under "Explanation of Objects," be altered to read: "The Federation is an organisation for the purpose of advancing the religious, civil, and social interests of Catholics throughout New Zealand, by every legitimate means," and that paragraph 2 be It was pointed out, that in view of the official interpretation given upon paragraph 2 by the provisional Dominion Executive with reference to the Federation's attitude towards politics—viz., members of the Federation must refrain from taking any active part in politics while an active member of the Federation, and that no member of any public body be permitted to speak at any Federation meeting, etc., it was in the best interests of the Federation to have this paragraph deleted. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLaughlin (Onchunga), and was supported by Rev. Father Edge and Messrs Casey, Lafferty, Nerheny, O'Brien, and Snelgar.

The motion was carried.

With regard to Rule 6, clause (a), Mr. Temm moved that the following words be added-'provided always, that the parish priest may leave to the general body of parishioners the election of the six representatives aforesaid.' Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion, which was carried.

In connection with Rule 10, Mr. E. R. Casey moved, and Mr. A. Toye seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously-' With the object of securing uniformity of administration throughout the Dominion, this council recommends the Dominion Executive to amend Rule 10 to provide that annual meetings of parishioners be held in January of each year to receive reports and balance sheet and for election of That the annual meeting of diocesan councils be held during February and the annual meeting of the Dominion Executive be held during the Easter holidays in each year.'

Among other amendments decided upon, was that the diocesan councils and Dominion Executive should include the Bishops of the respective dioceses or their

duly appointed representatives.

Several alterations to the rules were passed for submission to the executive, amongst which was that the presidency of the parish committees to be optional for either the parish priest or a layman. It was moved by Mr. Lafferty, seconded by Mr. Snelgar, and carried — That the Dominion Executive consider the advisability of electing trustees for the Federation.

Upon the question of the expenses of delegates being brought up, Mr. Lafferty moved and Mr. Black seconded— That the expenses of delegates to the Do-

minion Executive be paid.' Carried.

It was decided that the delegates be instructed to bring before the notice of the Dominion Executive the urgent need for committees to be formed for the purpose of meeting all Catholic immigrants arriving in the Dominion, and assisting these people as much as possible.

As several parish committees had written to the council stating that they had enrolled as many members as it was possible for them to do, and having done this they were unable to find any other business to do, they asked the council to give them a lead, so with this object in view, the officers of the council made arrangements for the Rev. Father Edge, to deliver a lecture on Federation matters at the close of other business.

In response to this request, the Rev. Father Edge delivered a very interesting, instructive, and educational address to the delegates assembled which was much appreciated. The Rev. Father clearly showed that there was plenty of work for every parish committee, and, in dealing with the aims and objects of the Federation, showed how each unit in the Federation could take an active part in obtaining a consolidated Catholic opinion on social and civil questions affecting Catholic interests, etc., etc.

The conference passed a very hearty vote of thanks

to Father Edge for his able address.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the president (Mr. Furlong), for the able manner in which he conducted proceedings, and to the secretary (Mr. Temm), for the manner in which he has carried out his duties.

The following motion was also carried—'That the delegates of the Auckland Diocesan Council to the Dominion Executive be instructed to vote on the constitution and rules, in accordance with the various resolutions carried at the meeting of the Auckland Diocesan Council, held on July 19 and 20, 1913, and that on all other matters which may be brought up, discretionary power be given to them under the direction of the senior delegate '

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

SUTTON.—The ship Queen of India from Liverpool, with 37 passengers, passed the Customs at Port Chalmers on July 14, 1864.

R.S.V.P.—To answer the whole nine questions would obviously make an unreasonable demand upon our space. We will refer to the questions next week.

RITA.—Allen Doone's real name is Edward Doone Allen. Miss Keely's name is Rita Keely. Her father was an Irishman, her mother an American. She was born at Memphis, Tennesse, U.S.A. Doone was born of Irish parents at Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, Ireland, where he left when a child for the United States.

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Irish News

GENERAL.

Mr. P. J. Meehan, son of the lately deceased member for the Leix Division of Queen's County, was returned unopposed as M.P. for that constituency.

Many police barracks have been done away with recently throughout the country. The latest to be closed is one which was established at Crossdoney, Co. Cavan, in 1867.

Sir Michael Francis O'Dwyer, whose name is contained in the Indian honors list, is an old student of the Jesuit College, Tullabeg, and also of the Royal University of Ireland, where he had a brilliant career.

His Honor Judge Green, on being presented with white gloves at Drogheda Quarter Sessions, warmly congratulated the people of the ancient borough on the excellent state of things which prevails in the district.

Judge Todd, K.C., addressing the Grand Jury at the Crown Sessions for the Derry division of the Co. Derry on June 7, congratulated them upon the comparative absence of crime from that part of the country.

Returning thanks for the white gloves presented to him at Donegal Quarter Sessions, Judge Cooke said such presentations were becoming an almost regular occurrence in Donegal, a fact which reflected great credit on such a large district.

Innishowen, as is well known, is one of the most Catholic areas in Ireland. Its Board of Guardians has only one Protestant member, Mr. John Scott, whose colleagues have shown their 'intolerance' by re-electing him lately vice-chairman of the board.

The Urban Council of Carrick-on-Suir have decided to present an illuminated address to the nuns of the Presentation Convent of the town on the occasion of the centenary of the foundation of the Order in the district, an event which takes place in a few weeks.

Lord Clanricarde, who is resisting the compulsory acquisition of 45,000 acres of his land in Ireland by the Congested Districts Board, has had judgment given in his favor in the Irish Chancery Division, the procedure adopted by the board being held to be irregular. The Master of the Rolls stated, however, that his decision would not interfere with the board in proceeding legally to acquire the estates.

It has now become known that the rifles shipped to Ireland lately to create a Unionist scare against the second reading of the Home Rule Bill were long ago 'spotted' by the English police in London. From London the arms were transferred to Birmingham, and then again to Manchester prior to shipment to Ireland. At every stage the transport of the goods was so carried out as to suggest that discovery and publicity were not merely desired, but also rendered unavoidable.

CATHOLIC TOLERATION IN DONEGAL.

Mr. Irvine, the only Protestant member of the Dunfanaghy Board of Guardians, was re-elected chairman at the last annual meeting of that body. Mr. Daniel Call, J.P., who proposed his re-election, said the fact that they had elected him to the chair for nine years in succession did not speak badly for them, and furnished an answer to those who prated about 'Catholic intolerance,' and made a habit of slandering their fellow-countrymen. Mr. Irvine, in returning thanks, said if he wanted to talk of toleration he could go back for forty years, during which he had lived amongst Catholics when none of his own religion were within many miles of him. It was then that he felt the toleration of his Catholic neighbors. Even though he was competing with them in business, he got more than his share of anything that was going.

THE EVILS OF PERNICIOUS LITERATURE.

An imposing public demonstration on Sunday, June 8, under the auspices of the Dublin Vigilance Committee, was the culmination of the steady uphill work which has been carried on in Dublin against the dissemination of evil publications during the past 18 months. From every standpoint it was one of the finest and most orderly processions which has ever been seen in the Irish capital. The contingents included large numbers of members of the city sodalities and confratornities, the C.Y.M.S., the A.O.H., Catholic Boys' Brigade, etc. A mass meeting was held in the Mansion House at the close of the procession, and the spacious Round Room could only accommodate a small proportion of the vast assembly-necessitating the holding of an overflow meeting. There was a very large number of the secular and regular clergy of the city at each meeting. The secretary read a number of letters strongly supporting the crusade in favor of clean literature. Letters were received from his Eminence the Cardinal Primate, from the archbishops, from ten bishops, from the four M.P.'s for Dublin city, and from representative Catholic laymen. A resolution pledging all present not to buy or read any publication of an immoral character or to purchase anything in any place where evil publications are sold was carried amidst great enthusiasm. The following cablegram was sentto his Holiness the Pope by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin: — Mass meeting of Catholic citizens of Dublin, assembled in Mansion House to denounce the circulation of immoral publications, send respectful expression of filial devotion to your Holiness, and hearty congratulations on recent recovery.'

A PROTEST BY A UNIONIST.

In the Daily Telegraph of June 10 Sir Mark Sykes protests against that paper's special correspondent's remarks in an article entitled 'The Mind of Ulster.' In his letter he points out that no Catholic citizen of the British Empire (no matter what his politics) can well remain silent in the face of the statement that the Catholic clergy in Ireland exercise a monstrous despotism over the people, and that the priesthood is a tyrant over the body and soul of the nation. The history of Ireland for the last two hundred years is a sufficient refutation of such cruel libels on the fair fame of a noble and devoted body of men. If the Irish clergy have faults, they are so near akin to virtues, that no man need be ashamed of them.

ANCIENT IRISH MUSIC.

The Irish Literary Society was founded in 1892, and so is celebrating its majority. Mr. W. B. Yeats presided at a meeting at University College, Dublin, recently. Mr. T. W. Rolleston read a paper on 'Irish Thought and Irish Art for Twenty-one Years,' members of the Abbey Theatre Company gave recitations, and Mr. Alfred Perceval Graves read a paper on 'Ireland's Share in the Folk-song Revival.' He claimed that, especially in the sixth century, when the national instrument was the harp of from thirty to sixty strings, the old songs were set to music and committed to manuscript. St. Columba recorded that the monks sang canticles in four parts. Ireland was at that time full of music, and its war-pipes were the prototype of the modern bagpipes. Irish music was heard during the Crusades; Dante spoke enthusiastically of it; and it could be claimed that Ireland was the school of music for Scotland and a large part of Wales. Its characteristics were gaicty, illustrated by the jig, and solemnity and mournfulness, as shown by the crooning of the laments and the lullabies.

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION.

His Eminence Cardinal Logue presided at a great public meeting held in Drogheda on Sunday, June 8, for the furtherance of the cause of temperance in that part of the diocese of Armagh. Previous to the public meeting a remarkable demonstration of imposing dimensions took place through the principal streets of the historic town, which had been decorated for the occasion. In the course of an inspiring temperance address Cardinal Logue, referring to the remarkable progress of the cause throughout Ireland, said that if this movement went on as it had for years past, the day was not far distant when the Irish people would be marked out,

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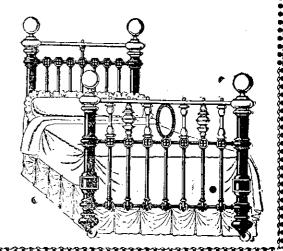
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A DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The diamond jubilee of Right Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, P.P., V.G., Castleisland, was celebrated on June 3 with befitting solemnity, and the ceremonies in connection with the event were very largely attended. Right Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop or Kerry, presided at High Mass, with which the celebrations commenced in Castleisland parish church. Subsequently Monsignor O'Leary was the recipient of numerous congratulations. Addresses were presented to him from the people of the three combined parishes, extolling his good work in providing a beautiful spire for the Castleisland church, and building a new convent and schools, and in always taking the deepest interest in the welfare of the people, spiritually and materially. Addresses were read from the national teachers, male and female, and from the members of the Sacred Heart Association, to each of which Monsignor O'Leary replied in suitable terms.

ANTI-CATHOLIC PREJUDICE.

During the hearing, in Dublin, of the evidence in the action of McCullough and others v. the North West of Ireland Printing and Publishing Company, which resulted, on June 5, in the disagreement of the jury, three noteworthy facts became clear: (1) That people who signed the 'Ulster Covenant' did so without the slightest intention of ever fighting in arms against the concession of Home Rule; (2) that anti-Catholic pre-judice was the main cause of their signing the document; (3) that there is no ground whatever for the existence of this prejudice. The action was brought by Mr. Joseph McCullough, Mr. Joseph Porter, and Mr. Robert Rowland on the ground that they had been libelled by the Frontier Sentinel, in an article criticising their conduct in signing the 'Covenant.' Mr. Mc-Cullough stated in the witness-box that he did not mean to fight, and did not believe that rebellion was intended, that he signed the Covenant because he thought the Catholics would persecute the Protestants under Home Rule; and that he is at present employed as a teacher in a technical school presided over by a Catholic prelate. Mr. Porter and Mr. Rowland also admitted that they had no sympathy with the talk about fighting, and said that though they had signed the 'Covenant,' which asserted that Home Rule would be subversive of their religious freedom, they had been treated kindly by their Catholic neighbors. Mr. Rowland was unanimously co-opted as a Poor Law Guardian in 1911 by a body the vast majority of whose members were Catholics and Nationalists. Manifestly, Sir Edward Carson relies on bigotry which has no basis in

AMERICA AND HOME RULE.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the Scottish-American millionaire, who is a champion of the cause of international peace, was interviewed by a Daily Chronicle representative on his arrival in London. We quote from the interview: 'Has the feeling of Irish Americans against this country died down?' our representative asked. 'It survives only in the minds of a very few old men,' was the reply, 'men embittered by the remembrance of days that have now happily passed. I am bound to confess that they were not without cause for that feeling, for Great Britain was not treating Ireland with that liberality she is now doing. Now, since she has shown her determination to give Ireland a measure of Home Rule which is satisfactory to the vast majority of the Irish people, almost all the Irishmen of the United States are favorable to a good understanding between the two countries.'

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Cardinal Bourne was among the guests invited by the Primo Minister to the official dinner given in London in celebration of the King's Birthday.

Rev. E. A. Kirby, pastor of St. Rose's Church, O. (says the *Cutholic Columbian*), will leave shortly on a trip abroad. Dr. Kirby goes first to Ireland, where he will meet his three brothers; all three are priests. Two of them had left home to serve in England and Australia before Dr. Kirby was born, and he will see them now for the first time in his life. His father is still living. Together the father and four sons will travel through Europe, going finally to Rome, where the father will have the unusual honor of presenting four sons, all in the service of the Church, to the Holy Father.

The strength of the Irish population of Liverpool may be judged from the fact that there are no fewer than fourteen Irish Nationalist members of the Liverpool City Council. Five of them enjoyed a walk-over at the recent election. In this connection it is interesting to read that an Irish Nationalist, Councillor Brogan of Battersea has been elected Mayor of the Borough of Battersea, one of the twenty-eight boroughs that compose the County of London. This is the first time in the history of London that a militant Irish Nationalist has been elected to such a responsible and honorable position in the public life of the English metropolis.

Will the time ever come when a Catholic will be clected President of the United States (asks the Catholic Columbian)? There are some exceilent Catholic citizens who would make fine Presidents. Take, for instance Senator O'Gorman, Judge Victor J. Dowling and Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, of New York; Treasurer of the United States, John Burke, ex-governor of North Dakota; Chief Justice White, of Louisiana, and of the U.S. Supreme Court; Governor Pothier, of Rhode Island; Governor Dunne, of Illinois; Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston; Lieutenant-Governor McDermott, of Kentucky; Attorney-General Hogan, of Ohio; ex-Attorney-General Bonaparte, of Maryland; U.S. Senator Ransdell, of Louisiana; Congressman Fitzgerald, of New York, and a hundred and one other men of distinguished ability and political experience.

A London paper, the Evening Standard, in its notice of the death of Mr. George Wyndham, said: His personal appearance belonged to the romantic period, his oratory was of the ornate polished style of the time of Disraeli, Bright, and Gladstone, his politics were to him a faith, not a profession, and faith cannot be measured and recompensed by a salary of £400 a year. It is probable that George Wyndham would have had a greater career natine include with so many natural and artificial advantages. His would have had a greater career had he not been born liant, and versatile, but lacking, perhaps, a little in stability and doggedness. He was a great grandson of the Irish rebel, Lord Edward Fitzgerald, and do we not see the inherited trait in his descendant, who for his heterodox views on the Irish question had to resign his Chief Secretaryship, and thus closed an official career of great promise of possibilities? Lord Edward Fitzgerald, as is now well known, married the famous Pamela. To this mixture of racial strains, French and Irish, Mr. Wyndham owed his poetical and imaginative qualities, his attractive appearance and gracious manner, his impulsive generosity-indeed, all those qualities which make a man beloved of his fellows if they do not tend to his own worldly success.

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The first re-union of the Temuka and Timaru Catholic Clubs took place in the rooms of the local club on Tuesday evening, when 25 members of the Timaru Club were the guests of the local club. Mr. J. Scott (president of the Temuka Club) extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. The first part of the programme took the form of a debate, 'That Temuka be incorporated as a suburb of Timaru.' Speeches were made by Messrs M. J. Doyie, J. Dunne, T. Quinn, and L. Duggan on behalf of amalgamation, and by Messrs. T. Knight, W. Spillane, and J. Scott in the cause of independence. After this highly amusing discussion all present sat down to supper, when a long toast list was gone through. The following were some of the toasts honored: 'Timaru Catholic Club,' 'The clergy,' 'Temuka Catholic Club,' 'Home Rule,' 'The press' (which included the N.Z. Tablet), 'Federated Catholic Clubs,' and 'The ladies.' Musical items were given by Messrs.

W. Spillane, M. Schaab, J. Toner, W. Fitzgerald, Scrimgeour, T. Hally, O'Brien, and others. At a suitable interval the president of the Timaru Club (Mr. O'Halloran) thanked the members of the Temuka society for their invitation, and also for the manner in which they had been treated. The proceedings closed with the singing of 'Auld lang syne.' Previous to the departure of the visitors arrangements were made for a re-union of the Timaru, Waimate, and Temuka societies in Timaru on August 7.

It was stated in a marraige notice which appeared recently in the *Tablet*, that the bridal veil was presented to the bride by the Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Timaru. This, a correspondent informs us, was not the case, as the Nuns of the Sacred Heart neither make nor present bidal veils.

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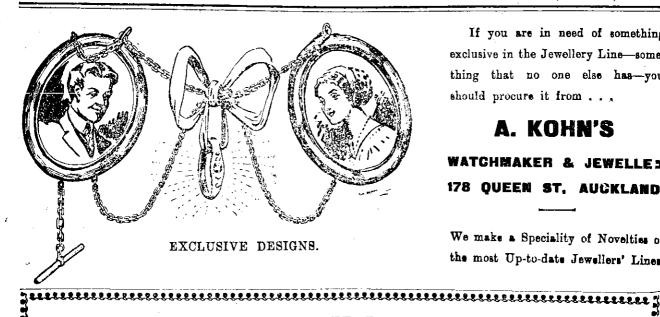
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OBITUARY

MR. FRANCOIS NARBEY, AKAROA.

One of the earliest settlers on Banks Peninsula and a faithful Catholic (writes our Christchurch correspondent), in the person of Mr. Francois Narbey, passed away on Sunday night, July 20, at Akaroa, at the advanced age of eighty-four. Deceased was a native of Rouen, Normandy, and was born in 1829. As a youth he served three years in the French Navy, and on obtaining his discharge still kept to a seafaring life. In 1849 he came out to New Zealand in the ship Angeling, leaving it at Akaroa, where he worked in different capacities for four years. He then went to Australia, being attracted by the gold discoveries. After remaining there for about a year, he returned to Akaroa in 1854, and took up land, his first purchase being fifty acres at Long Bay. Later he made other purchases, until at his death he owned most of the land in that bay. In 1857 he married Miss Magee, and had a family of eighteen children, fourteen of whom are now living, eight sons and six daughters. Mrs. Narbey died about two years ago. Mr. Narbey at first went in extensively for cheesemaking, milking at one time upwards of 200 cows. Later on the estate was devoted to sheep and cattle raising. Though a large landowner, deceased never took part in any public life. He was noted for his kind hospitality, and he was a good friend and a genial neighbor. Some few years ago he gave up the management of his estate to his sons and moved into Akaroa, where he passed the remaining years of his life. The interment took place in Akaroa on Wednesday, July 23, the funeral being largely attended.—R.I.P.

MR. DAVID ROCHE, INVERCARGILL.

Mr. David Roche, one of Southland's earliest pioneers, and one who has had a long connection with various public bodies in Invercargill, passed away at his residence, Gala street, Invercargill, on Sunday morning, July 20. Mr. Roche was born in County Kerry in 1836, and twenty years later, attracted by the reports of the discovery of gold, he emigrated to Victoria. As a goldminer he was fairly successful, but on hearing of the discoveries made by Gabriel Reid in New Zealand, he left for this country. After a few years at gold-mining he took up a business at Athol, carting all his goods with his own teams from Invercargill. The pioneering life, with its perilous journeys in the days of primitive roads and unbridged rivers, was rough, but not unpleasant. For men in fair health, and with reasonable aptitude, there were many opportunities to better themselves. Mr. Roche made the best of these opportunities, and at Athol was very successful, so much so that he decided to come to the larger centre, Invercargill, there to open up a business in Dcc street. This he did. And the business has been carried on ever since under his name. When he had been in Invercargill for a short time, he was elected a councillor, and for many years he retained that position, and gained Mayoral honors in the years 1886-87. Until two years ago, when he retired from public life, Mr. Roche had on various occasions occupied a seat at the council table. Mr. Roche was also for many years a member of the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, and on several occasions acted as chairman of that body. He was also for some time a Justice of the Peace and a visiting Justice of the Invercargill Gaol. He also took an active interest in the affairs of the Invercargill Racing Club and the Park School. The deceased is survived by his widow and eight of a family—Mrs. L. Smith (Invercargill), Mrs. J. D. Todd (Heriot), Mrs. J. R. Brown (Ashburton), Sister Mary Agnes (St. Dominic's Priory, Dunedin), Mrs. C. R. Green (Gore), Mr. T. Roche (jeweller, Invercargill), Mr. M. Roche (Winton), and Mr. John Roche (Sydney). The late Mr. Roche was a true son of Erin, and had all the humor and impulsive warmheartedness which is characteristic of the Irishman. His native wit used to brighten up many a prosaic discussion, and his native shrewdness made his judgment on affairs of public moment a valuable possession. He was an intensely patriotic Southlander, and it is no

mere formal tribute to say that he worthily played his part in the shaping of the destinies of the province.

The deceased was attended in his illness by the Rev. Father Woods, and passed away fortified by all the rites of the Church. The interment took place at the Eastern Cemetery. There was a large concourse of mourners to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. All the local bodies to which he had given many years of his services were represented, and in addition to relatives, many friends travelled from a distance to attend the funeral.—R.I.P.

MR. P. M. GRIFFEN, GREYMOUTH.

An old and esteemed resident of Greymouth has passed away in the person of Mr. Patrick Michael Griffen, founder of the well-known firm of Griffen and Smith, merchants. The deceased was born in Waterford, Ireland, in 1835, and was therefore 78 years of age at the time of his death. He came out to Australia to try his fortune on the Australian goldfields. He spent some time on the Victorian fields, and then came on to Otago, where he took part in the Dunstan In 1865 he arrived in Greymouth, and established the business with which he has ever since been identified. The deceased was a very keen observer and a man of more than ordinary intellectual attainments. He was a Justice of the Peace, at one time a member of the Greymouth Borough Council, a director of the Greymouth Dispatch Foundry Company, and was always willing to assist anything that had for its object the betterment of the town and a.s.rict. His nobility of character and upright business principles gained for him many friends, and he will be greatly missed by those having had the privilege of intimate acquaintance with him. He leaves a widow and family of three sons and four daughters. The sons are Mr. J. Patrick Griffen, who took his father's place in the firm; Mr. Henry Griffen, of the Defence Department, Wellington; and Mr. Gerald Griffen, who is associated with his brother in the firm of Griffen and Smith. The daughters are Misses Elizabeth, Catherine, and Ellen, all of whom are in Greymouth, and Theresa, who is a religious in the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Christchurch, and is known as Sister St. John the Baptist. The deceased was one of the most prominent Catholics on the West Coast, and had been closely identified with the progress of St. Patrick's Church. He was a member of the Church Committee for many years and always took a keen interest in anything Catholic. To the corrowing relatives will be extended the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereave-ment.—R.I.P.

MRS. MARY O'BRIEN, GREYMOUTH.

There passed away in Greymouth on July 9 a very old and respected resident in the person of Mrs. Mary O'Brien, relict of the late Cornelius O'Brien, who predeceased her nine years ago. The deceased was noted for her piety, and was most zealous in everything connected with the progress of the Church. She was a woman of many sterling qualities, upright and honest in all her dealings, and a most exemplary wife and mother. Having arrived in Hokitika in 1866 to join her husband, she saw some stirring times. She leaves behind her to mourn their loss three sons—Mr. Edmund O'Brien (To Araroa), Mr. Thos. O'Brien (of the firm of Carroll and O'Brien, Reefton), and William O'Brien (of Casson and Co., Waima), and three daughters-Mrs McGuire (Moana), Mrs. (Hope, Nelson), and Mrs. Carroll (Greymouth). She also leaves twenty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild (son of Mr. K. M. Hall, of the Cobden Hotel), and a sister (Mrs. Butler), who resides in Cobden.—R.I.P.

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Ether-Telephone Problems.

In attempting to estimate the probable meaning of the current epidemic of 'practical' wireless telephones, it is perhaps well to bear in mind the fact that solutions' of this very attractive problem have been appearing in the news with great regularity for the past six or seven years. As far back as 1906 a commercial system of telephoning without wires was widely heralded in the press, and since then dozens of others have enjoyed brief news honor on the front page. Not long ago a commercial wireless telephone was installed on some American naval vessels. At first sight this seemed like a good certificate of practicality. it was not long before the announcement appeared that the apparatus had been discarded. The conclusion that it wasn't considered worth even an effort to tinker it into form may not be justified, but is certainly suggested by the circumstances.

What Cement Does.

The term cement includes all those substances employed for the purpose of causing the adhesion of two or more bodies, whether originally separate or divided by an accidental fracture. As the substances that are required to be cemented together are exceedingly various, and differ much in their properties as to texture, etc., and as the conditions under which they are placed, with regard to heat and moisture, are also exceedingly variable, a number of cements, possessed of very different properties, are required; for a cement that answers admirably under one set of circumstances may be perfectly useless in others.

The different parts of a solid are held together

by an attraction between their several particles, which is termed the attraction of cohesion, or cohesive attraction. The amount of this varies with the substances; thus, the cohesion of the particles of iron to one another is enormously great, whilst that between those of chalk is small. The attraction acts only when the particles are in the closest possible contact; even air must not be

between them.

If, after breaking any substance, we could bring the particles into as close a contact as before and remove the air, they would reunite, and be as strongly connected as ever. But, in general, this is impossible; small particles of grit and dust get between them; the film of interposed air cannot be removed; and thus, however firmly we press the edges of a broken cup together, it remains cracked china still. Perfectly flat, clean surfaces, like those of freshly-ground plate glass, may sometimes be made to cohere so that the two pieces become one, and cannot be separated without breaking. The attraction of cohesion takes place between the parts of the same substance, and must not be confounded with that of adhesion, which is the attraction of different substances to one another; for example, the particles of a piece of wood are united by cohesive attraction, whilst the union of glue and wood to each other depends on adhesive attraction.

It is important that this distinction be borne in mind, for, in almost all cases, the cohesion between the particles of the cement is very much less than the adhesion of the cement to other bodies; and if torn apart, the connected joint gives way, not by the loosening of the adhesive, but by the layer of cement splitting down the centre. Hence the important rule, that the less coment in a joint the stronger it is.

Domestic manipulators usually reverse this, by letting as much cement as possible remain in the joint, which is, therefore, necessarily a weak one. A thick, nearly solid cement, which cannot be pressed out of the joint, is always inferior to a thinner one, of which merely a connecting film remains between the united

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Intercolonial

The Hon. P. McMahon Glynn (Minister for External Affairs) has been appointed a King's Counsel.

On July 2, at the Redemptorist Monastery, North Perth, the Very Rev. Eugene O'Neill, C.SS.R., celebrated the golden jubilce of his profession, which took place at Wittem, in Holland, on the Feast of the

Visitation fifty years ago.

Rev. J. J. O'Reilly, who for the past eleven years had been stationed in St. Mary's parish, Newcastle, was recently appointed to the charge of the Taree parish. Prior to his departure for his new sphere of auties he was the recipient of presentations at New-

castle, Stockton, and Carrington.

The following cable message was sent on July 9 to the leader of the Nationalist Party (Mr. Redmond) by Dr. O'Donnell, of the United Irish League, Melbourne:-- 'Congratulations from Victoria on passing second obstacle on the way to freedom. One more river to cross. Mailing to-day £400 to smooth the

way.'
The Victorian Council of the Catholic Federation has decided to ask the co-operation of the Federation throughout Australia and New Zealand in inviting Father Bernard Vaughan, S.J., to visit this part of the world next year for the purpose of addressing meetings on the principles of Catholic Federation, special reference to the question of education.

The acting-Rector of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview (Rev. Father J. Corcoran, S.J.) has received word that the Very Rev. Father Thomas Gartlan, S.J., has been appointed Rector in place of the late Father Keating. Father Gartlan, who had been on the staff at Riverview for almost 25 years, of which 10 were spent as Rector, was transferred to Melbourne about 18 months ago.

evinced in the Australian Much interest was National Anthem competition (says the Melbourne correspondent of the S.M. Herald). A money prize was offered for the set of verses most suitable to be set to music and sung as a National Anthem. There were over 250 competitors for the prize—well known writers from the various States. The winner was Mr. Roderic Opin of Waysolay N.S.W.

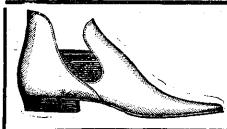
Quinn, of Waverley, N.S.W.

There was a very large and representative gathering at the Christian Brothers' College, North Melbourne, on Sunday, July 13, when the new wing was blessed and opened by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne. His Grace was welcomed by the Principal of the college (Rev. Brother Geoghegan) and the staff and members of the other communities of the Christian Brothers of the city and suburbs. Rev. Brother Geoghegan, in his address, said:-The land on which the college now stands cost £1700. The first building contract was £3050. The college roll during the first year was 70. In two years it had risen to 150. This rapid increase called for further accommodation, and in 1905 the first wing was completed, at a cost of £1100. The lower storey was included in the first contract. At the end of 1912 the attendance had risen to 217-now it is 270. This new wing includes, besides spacious class-rooms, a well-designed and well-equipped scienceroom. The cost of the new wing is £4960. The total cost of the college as it stands to-day, including furnishings, is £12,260. This sum covers the cost of the portion used as a residence by the Brothers, together with the various class-rooms and science-rooms. Rev. Dean Carey contributed £2000 towards the first contract, and Very Rev. Father O'Connell, of Carlton, £1000, so that the balance, £9260, with interest on it, has to be met by the Brothers.

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A Tribute to Catholic Charity

Writing in the Western Christian Advocate of June 4, the Rev. T. Gilford Dickinson, a Methodist minister of West Pittston, Pa., scores his own denomination for its inactivity in charitable work. In the course of the article Dr. Dickinson takes occasion to commend the philanthropic activity of the Catholic Church. He mentions several incidents which are of special interest to Catholics in this vicinity (says the

Catholic Columbian).

In this connection,' he said, 'I must state one other sin of omission against the humanities that our church is guilty of. Dr. Hawkes was a prominent physician in Columbus, Ohio. In the evening of his life he planned the disposition of some property and decided to give a hospital, monumental to his name. He offered valuable property for this purpose to the Methodist church, that the hospital to his memory might be under Methodist auspices. A meeting was held and the offer discussed and declined on the ground that the church could not conduct a hospital. To bind broken limbs and soothe fevered brows were beyond the bounds of Methodist power. Florence Nightingale and her disciples must take our place. The doctor then offered it to United Protestantism in Columbus; after several meetings it was declined on the ground of inability to minister to suffering bodies. It was then offered to the Catholic Church and accepted with thanks, and to-day the stately Mt. Carmel with its superb equipment is monumental to the generosity of the good physician and the stupidity of the Methodist Church, and the cowardice of Protestantism in Colum-

Again he said:
'I have seen the growth of one orphanage. I was appointed pastor of our Church in Pomeroy, Ohio, where lived Father Jessing, the rector of the Catholic Church. Here he founded the Ohio Waisenfreund, a weekly paper for the support of orphan boys. This little orphanage soon outgrew its limited quarters in that parish, and he moved his whole plant to Columbus, Ohio, and opened St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum. He had no money, only largeness of heart and faith in God and human-kind. The little Waisenfreund had a limited circulation, but it found its way to generous hearts. His little family grew, the people learned of it, loved it, gave largely to it. To-day the Josephinum on East Main street is the monument to his labor. A few years later my parish in Columbus touched the walls of this institution. One day, while passing, I saw a woman taking leave of a little boy at the entrance of the yard. Her face were a smile of comfort, while a few tears added radiance to her countenance. Father Jessing, a stately figure in cassock, stood on the lawn, a little boy by his side, with his hand on his head, a picture for an artist, another St. Vincent de Paul. That boy would be generously fed, clothed, always comfortable. He would be educated, he would be taught to do useful things. He would know God, Christ, His Church. He would learn obedience, rever-He would know God, ence, devotion, charity, holiness. The logical mental query was, Why can't we do this? My answer to-day is, We can. We must.
'Our sins of omission have cost us numbers and

influence. Some years ago there lived in Cincinnadi a widow with two little boys. She was a Methodist (the Rev. Dr. Weakley, of the West Ohio Conference, is my authority for this). She was poor and went out for a day's work. Her problem was how to secure the safety of the boys while away from them. Near ner safety of the boys while away from them. Near ner lived a priest who one day offered her his yard as a place where the boys could play and have protection from the street. She accepted his hospitality and the boys were cared for. Time passed, the boys grew. William Rosecrans became a general in the United States Army, and Sylvester became the Bishop of Columbus diocese. When one muses over such history, he aske where was the Methodist Church in Cincinnati? he asks where was the Methodist Church in Cincinnati? She evidently was not alive to her opportunities in that city. She is not alive yet; for the West Ohio Conference has no orphanage.'

ABBOT GASQUET IN HIS WORKING ROOM

Day by day for the past five years (writes a Rome correspondent) the body known throughout the Catholic world as the Commission for the Revision of the Vulgate, which Pope Pius X. appointed under the guidance of the Right Rev. Abbot Gasquet, President of the English Benedictines, has labored diligently to fulfil the task given by the Sovereign Pontiff. on the summit of the Aventine Hill, the International College of the Order of St. Benedict is eminently fitted for the pursuance of a work that demands deep learning and untiring patience—it is far enough distant from Rome to be out of the noise and whirl of the city, while sufficiently near for all practical purposes. And so the body of eighteen Benedictine savants may continue their labors amid peace and tranquillity on the famous Aventine, which is now a place almost descried except by the tourist, but which two thousand years ago was one of the busy, fashionable centres of the Eternal City.

It was, therefore, with a sense of pleasure the writer found himself in the room in which the great work is being done, on the invitation of Abbot Gasquet to hear the president's explanation of the pro-

gress made during the past year.

One must always keep before his mind, as the Abbot explained, that the end of the Commission is to get at the text of the Scriptures as it came from the pen of St. Jerome when that great churchman had translated them. How necessary this caution is came forcibly home to one as he listened to the methods adopted by the Commission in comparing antique Bibles found in libraries of Italy, France, Ireland, England, Spain, and other countries, for it was the one guiding star to one looking at the results of patient collating of time-worn manuscripts, some of which the ancient scribes had written with infinite care, and some in a manner that showed they had often suffered from distractions.

Probably the most interesting part of the explanations given the writer on the occasion by Abbot Gasquet regarded the assistance which the art of photography has been to the Vulgate Commission. example, suppose there was a precious codex of a Bible in a library in Spain or Switzerland, which had to be examined from cover to cover, letter by letter, and which the owners would not allow to be carried over the threshold. What was the Abbot to do in order to effect his end? He should send to the library one of his lieutenants at some cost and not a little inconvenience. If he had the codex in the working-room at Rome, all would go well. But he hit upon another The Abbot simply called into the library an expert photographer, had a photo taken of each page, and when the films had been developed he had the prints sent to Paris for mounting and binding. On the shelves of the Vulgate room are row after row of these photographed Bibles, bound into volumes. Not only are these photos of the Bible pages as clear and serviceable as the original manuscript, but, in many cases, they are even more so, as being more easily decipherable and less cumbersome. One can work more boldly with strongly mounted photos than with the faded leaves of manuscripts, which he must touch gingerly and treat every leaf as being worth a hundred times its weight in gold.

It is likely that the Commission over which Abbot Gasquet presides will have its work finished within two years. Then it may be the task of another Commission to find out how correct St. Jerome himself was in this translation of Holy Writ. Seeing that St. Jerome used the Hebrew, the Aramaic and the Greek languages in his translations, the task for the no Commission may be anticipated by it as a pretty big

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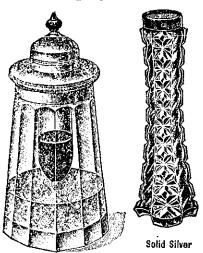
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It was meet, therefore, that the old Church of St. Michael and the famous Jefferson College at Convent should have sounded the golden note which brought to these historic centres distinguished prelates and priests from all parts of the union, missionaries and educators of Marist fame, whose work has borne such marvellous fruit, and most noted of all the three most illustrious representatives of the Order in the New World—the Most Rev. James H. Blenk, who in this jubilee year fills the ancient archiepiscopal throne of New Orleans; the Right Rev. John E. Gunn, Bishop of Natchez, and the Very Rev. Joseph F. Sollier, S.M., Provincial of the Marist Order in North America. It is indeed extraordinary to chronicle, that two such eminent Bishops from the same Order who fill such famous and ancient Sees in the same province should have simultaneously been present at such a celebration.

The jubilee was also honored by the presence of the Right Rev. Cornelius Van de Ven, the Bishop of Alexandria, and the Right Rev. J. M. Laval, the able Auxiliary-Bishop of New Orleans. Bishop Van de Ven and Bishop Laval have ever evinced the deepest interest in the Marist Order their early work as priests in the deanery of Baton Rouge having brought them into close and affectionate relationship. Men who have risen to the very front rank in the Order also distinguished the jubilee by attending. Among them were the Very Rev. R. H. Smith, S.M., president of Jefferson College; the Very Rev. Thos. J. Larkin, S.M., rector of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Algiers, and the Very Rev. Geo. S. Rapier, S.M.

The alumni of Jefferson College, numbering in their ranks many of the most distinguished men of our State and section, men who have made their mark in every department of professional, commercial, and social lite, gathered in fidelity and loyalty to show their appreciation of the efforts of the Marist Fathers for fifty years of such forceful and earnest work in Louisiana. Prominent among these was the Hon. Paul Lambremont, the present able Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana, who delivered the address of welcome on the part of the college to his former professor, the Most Rev. James H. Blenk, Archbishop of New Orleans.

The celebration began on Saturday evening, June 7, when his Grace, the Most Rev. Archbishop, accompanied by Bishops Laval, Van de Ven and Gunn; Mayor Behrman and a number of prominent priests, arrived from New Orleans. An immense crowd was at the depot to receive the Archbishop and, preceded by a band of music, the distinguished prelates and priests were escorted in carriages to St. Michael's Hall, where a grand reception was given by the parishioners of the church.

The Lieutenant-Governor delivered an address of welcome to the Archbishop and the other prelates, to which his Grace in replying referred to the many happy years he had spent at Jefferson College in the midst of these friends so dear to him, and rejoiced that they appreciated so deeply the work of the Marist Fathers.

Sunday witnessed the opening of the jubilee proper. The imposing ceremonies, which will go down in the annals of the parish as the most memorable in its history, took place in the beautiful Church of St. Michael, in the presence of a vast assemblage which taxed seating and standing capacity to the utmost. His Grace the Archbishop presided at the Solemn High Mass, which was celebrated at ten o'clock. After Mass the prelates, clergy, and a number of the laity were entertained at a banquet in the parish hall. The celebrations were continued on the following Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

The Morning Star, in concluding its notice of the jubilee, said: 'The brilliant record of the devoted Marist Society in this first epoch of its labors among us is an indication and a preparation of still greater successes in the years to come.'

Miller's Flat

The annual social of the Miller's Flat Catholic congregation took the form of a concert, and was held in the Public Hall on Friday evening, July 18. For a considerable time a strong committee had devoted much energy to the preparations, and in making the meeting known far and wide throughout the district, the result was that a record attendance filled the hall, many taking advantage of the fine weather and moonlight to come long distances. The concert programme was a long and varied one, and was disposed of with great promptitude. The performers were all amateurs from Miller's Flat and Roxburgh, and their efforts were rewarded by frequent and hearty applause. Before asking the audience to join in the National Anthem, Father O'Connell, of Lawrence, thanked the committee and the performers for their services, particularly the non-Catholics, who had so willingly rendered assistance. A plentiful supply of refreshments, daintily served, was provided. It is pleasing to report that a handsome balance will remain after all expenses are paid.

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POLITICAL LAWLESSNESS

A CONSERVATIVE OBJECTS TO TORY TACTICS

Mr. Nicholas Cockshutt, until recently Conservative candidate for Rochdale, has announced that he can no longer remain a member of the Conservative Party. In a statement to the Manchester correspondent of the Press Association, he said Mr. Bonar Law claimed that all his party were with him in promising support to the men of Ulster who resorted to rebellion in order to resist Home Rule. This support of political lawlessness (Mr. Cockshutt said) he could not be a party to, and must protest against. He had joined no other party, and was now a free man.

Interviewed by a Daily News representative as to the reasons which have caused him to sever his connection with the Tory Party, Mr. Cockshutt said:

Nothing but the strongest convictions would have induced me to take the course I have taken, which so obviously is against self-interest, but I do not fear in the least stating the reasons which influenced me. is, of course, well known that certain men of Ulster have decided to resort to violence, force of arms, and rebel-lion, in order to resist Home Rule in case the Government passes the present Home Rule Bill, and we are told that to this end drilling and arming are going on at this moment. With the merits or demerits of that decision I do not at this moment deal. What I desire to deal with is the fact that Mr. Bonar Law, the Leader of the Conservative Party, has definitely, deliberately, and intentionally promised to those men of Ulster his support in their purpose, and, what is still more to the point, in doing so he has claimed, and still claims, to possess the endorsement of every member of his party to that promise. This was done last July at Blenheim in the presence of an immense gathering of Unionists in words thought out and written down beforehand, and emphasised in the House of Commons and elsewhere. The gravity and solemnity of this declaration leave no room for doubt as to its portent and meaning, so that every Conservative, unless he speaks to the contrary, is pledge-bound to it.

Political Lawlessness.

Convinced as I was then-and each day I am more and more convinced—of the dangers and evils of this promise, not only inherent in itself but in the example it sets to others, and in its enabling every member of the Conservative Party to be pointed at in justification of political lawlessness resorted to by others, I expressed, respectfully, I hope, first to Mr. Bonar Law, and later to the public, my inability to support it. For many years I have been attached to the Conservative Party, and if there has been one political feature which has long influenced my political views. it has been the safety and security to be found in Conservatism, its stability, caution, avoidance of extremes, and sound reliability of purpose. The traditions of this great party—respect for law and order, one of its greatest treasures, obedience to our laws, and opposition to anything in the way of anarchy, rebellion, and sedition have justified me in upholding and submitting Conservatism for adoption. Moonlighters or cattle drivers, militant suffragists or passive resisters, who have suffered fines and imprisonment for their cause, have been condemned by Conservatives, and any inciting of class against class has in a special way been held up to the country as abhorrent by members of this great party. The endangering of life and property by the use of fire, corrosive fluid, the dog whip, the hatchet, a boot at the head of a magistrate, or a book thrown at one of his Majesty's Ministers in the House of Commons, a threat to break every law that is possible, or boast of the knowledge that one's conduct leads to anarchy are all contrary, I think, to true Conservative con-

But can Conservatives who are now committed to support violence if resorted to by their own friends for their own purpose condemn others who resort to vio-lence also? If Conservatives are justified in supporting armed resistance to a law they don't like, may not

others do the same? If men in the North of Ireland may shoot in order to gain their desires, may not men in the South shoot also to gain their purpose? Are Conservatives alone to have the monopoly of these methods of political warfare, or to be the only ones to say when violence is or is not to be used.

These are questions which agitated my mind when I refused to support the Blenheim programme. wondered where this sort of thing, which is nothing else but picking and choosing which law is to be obeyed or disobeyed, was to begin or end. Only one answer could I find, and that is the answer every Conservative in the land, guiltless himself, would have found had the Liberal, Labor, Nationalist, or other party dared to rebel or support armed resistance against a law passed by a Conservative Government. For myself I prefer the stronger weapons of public opinion and the sense of justice in an intelligent electorate as a more powerful and certain means of preventing or remedying injustice than the use of armed force, and to these will appeal be made by all to whom trust in the people is a reality and not a shain.

Armed Resistance to Law

I cannot support, and when it comes to pledging myself or allowing myself to be pledged by any person to support any aggrieved section of the community to open violence against a law passed by Parliament and the King, then at all costs I must, and do, refuse. My King and Parliament are more to me than party, and although I have been so called, it is not I who am a Tory

It is said that the Constitution has been suspended by Parliament, and therefore rebellion in Ulster is justifiable. I don't believe it or a word of it. If the Constitution is suspended, then it is suspended for all things, and not for Home Rule alone. If it is suspended, why do the Conservatives attend Parliament at all, much less welcome Government measures as they did the Insurance Act, and still less draw their salaries? The Parliament Act has passed the Commons and the Lords. The Conservative peers did not vote against it, and it bears the Royal assent. It is the law of the land to-day, and I am content to be bound by it while it stands.

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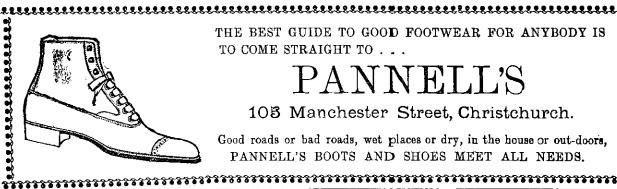
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ENGLAND

DEATH OF A CATHOLIC NOBLEMAN.

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A CATHOLIC SETTLEMENT.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Brown, the Vicar-General of Southwark, is promoting the establishment of a Catholic 'settlement' in Vauxhall, which is to include a hall for public meetings, a school clinic, and a convent. Mgr. Brown, as is generally known, although Vicar-General of the Southwark diocese, is a Scotsman by birth, and a native of Dundee. The London correspondent of the Freeman says that funds for the project are being furnished in part or altogether by Miss Coats, a member of the famous thread manufacturing family of Paisley, who is a convert to the Church.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK.

The fund opened by the Duke of Norfolk and other well-known Catholics to commemorate the silver jubilee of the ordination of Dr. Amigo, Bishop of Southwark, has now reached £10,000. It is intended to devote the amount raised to the liquidation of the debt on Catholic institutes in the diocese.

FRANCE

CHURCH BUILDING IN PARIS.

Paris is entering vigorously on a campaign of church building (says *Rome*). The Oeuvre des Chapelles de Secours*, founded for this purpose in 1901, has now an annual income of nearly half a million francs contributed for the purpose of erecting small churches and chapels where they are most wanted in Paris. In the French capital and suburbs in 1905 there were only 147 churches for a population of 3,950,000; in Paris there was only one priest for every 23,000 souls; one parish alone, that of Clignancourt, counted a population of 125,000, and there were several of over 50,000. But between 1905 and 1912 nine new parishes have been created in the city proper, and fifteen in the suburbs, and in addition to these twenty-five chapels of ease have been erected. It is estimated that religious services have thus been provided for over 600,000 people, and it is certain that wherever a new church or chapel has been erected it has been quickly filled. Seven new churches have been built during the last few months.

DECLINE OF POPULATION.

For a number of years (says the Catholic Times) the French Government have been troubled by the problem of checking the decline in population. Various remedies have been advocated, but the legislators, after discussion, have usually found that they afforded but slight hope of an improvement. Now, however, both the members of the Chamber and the Senators have been grappling seriously with the difficulty. A Bill which has been before the Chamber of Deputies provides that in the cases of women workers who become mothers, notice of dismissal cannot be given within the two months preceding and the two months following the birth of their children, and during the period of enforced absence from work women who are in need of assistance will receive help from the State. The Senate has been considering a Bill by which it is proposed to grant from £2 8s to £2 10s a year to heads of families with more than three children. It is evident that French Ministers recognise the danger to the country involved in the falling away of the birth-rate, but the success of legislative experiments for bringing about a

change is extremely doubtful. Only by the influence of religion can the habits of the people be altered for the better and that the Government is opposing instead of promoting.

ROME

RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE.

The Right Rev. Robert Fraser, Bishop of Dunkeld, was received in a private farewell audience by his Holiness the Pope, on June 10. His Holiness wished him God-speed and hoped that success would crown his efforts for the triumph of religion; his warmest blessings would accompany him on his new mission. Bishop Fraser presented the new rector of the Scots College in Rome, Mgr. Mackintosh, to his Holiness, who referred in complimentary terms to the work already done by the rector, for whom he entertains a high regard.

SCOTLAND

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF A NUN.

Fifty years a teacher is an achievement to be proud of, and to have taught in the same parish during that half century gives an additional fillip of interest to the splendid record. Sister Mary Gertrude, of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Catherine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh, has accomplished all this, and is to-day hale and hearty, though the burdens of her scholastic office are formally laid aside (says the Catholic Herald). In the evening of her busy life she still manifests an interest in the profession of which she is so bright an ornament.

SPAIN

A MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

Just at present there is a state of tension in the relations between the political parties in Spain, and the position of the Government is anything but firm. Some time ago, Senor Maura, the leader of the Conservatives, announced his intention of retiring from public life. In response to appeals from the party (remarks the *Catholic Times*), he has consented to remain at its head, and his dissatisfaction with the policy of the Liberal party has been accentuated since he arrived at that decision. There has been a debate in the Chamber on the situation, with the result that the difficulties of the Government have become more serious. The Radicals and Republicans have advocated what they described as the democratising of the monarchy. Senor Maura has no tolerance for this tendency. To adopt such a policy, he said, would be to take a course which would prove fatal to the rule of the monarch. The King would lose his authority. A revolution which would be none the less complete because it would be one without barricades or bloodshed, would take place, and Spain would be plunged into a sea of troubles. The Republicans and Socialists were as bitter in their attacks on Senor Maura as he was in his denunciations of their principles. Don Pablo Iglesias asserted that they would not permit him to form a Government, whatever Count de Romanones, the Premier, cannot much longer hold out against the onslaughts of the Conservative leader, and should his Cabinet fall, the extremists will do all that is possible to prevent the King from selecting Senor Maura to take his place. Fortunate would it be for Spain if she possessed a Government such as that under which Belgium flourishes.

GENERAL

THE CHURCH IN CHINA.

The Vicariate Apostolic of Pekin registers this year 35,000 catechumens, being 10,000 more than last year. Among the converts figures a princess of the imperial blood, grand-daughter of Emperor Kiatsing, niece of the Emperor Tao-Kwang, and sister of Prince King, the last Prime Minister of the Manchurian dynasty. This noble Chinese lady was baptised on her death-bed in St. Michael's Hospital, where she had received instructions from the Sisters of Charity.

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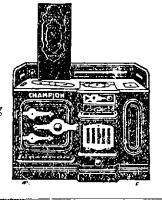
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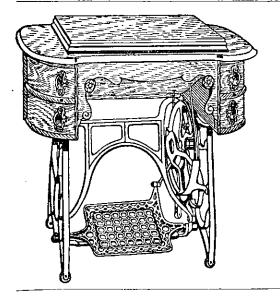
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Domestic

By MAUREEN

Bacon Rolls.

Ingredients: One pound of mashed potatoes, one ounce of butter or dripping, half a beaten egg, flour, slices of bacon or cold ham. Method: Mix the potatoes, butter, and egg into a paste, adding sufficient flour to make it stiff enough to roll out. Cut into oblong pieces, and spread with thin slices of bacon; then roll up, pinching the ends together, and bake.

Fish Patties.

Line saucers with potato crust, as for bacon rolls, fill with a mixture of cold fish, flaked, a chopped hardboiled egg, a teaspoonful of boiled rice or barley, and seasoning to taste. Cover with potato crust, and bake.

Pickled Fish.

Take any fish, fresh or cooked, and remove the bones. Pack rather tightly in a stone jar, sprinkling each layer with a little salt and cayenne, and a clove Cover with vinegar, tying over the top of jar a lid of butter paper. Cook slowly in the oven for two

Potato Cutlets.

Required: Slices of cold mutton, pepper, salt, mashed potato. Cut some neat slices of mutton, season with pepper and salt and cover them with mashed potato, pressing it flat with a knife. Fry a nice brown, serve hot on a dish paper, and garnish with sprigs of parsley.

Stewed Mutton.

Required: The remains of a fillet of mutton, three carrots, sliced, three slices of bacon. Cut up the bacon, and fry it a little in a saucepan, then add the vegetables and cover closely for fifteen minutes, shaking occasionally to prevent sticking. Now put in the remains of the joint, pour some of the vegetables over it, cover the pan, and cook at the side of the fire for an hour, or longer if necessary. Serve on a hot dish with the vegetables round.

Potied Meat.

Fresh shin of beef, or 'pieces' simmered in a covered stone jar with very little water for at least three hours. It is a good plan to stand the jar in a pan of boiling water. Cut the meat very fine and the panels are the panels and the panels are the panels and the panels are pan of borning water. Cut the mean very line, and pound thoroughly, adding pepper and salt and any particular seasoning you fancy. Mix with a little clarified butter, and press down into a small jar or potted-meat glass. When quite cold, pour over a little manual butter. This board better if no graphy is added warmed butter. This keeps better if no gravy is added.

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Meat pies and moulds are simple and inexpensive to make. Shin of beef is very cheap, and often despised by housekeepers; but, when carefully cooked, it is deliciously tender. The butcher, too, often has plenty of 'pieces' that he is glad to sell for a few pence, and these can be made into moulds or potted meat that tas e every bit as good as if they were made with the finest steak. Meat pie can be made with any kind of meat. Cut into small pieces enough to fill your piedish; but put them first into a stone jar, with a little pepper and salt, and just cover with water. Place a saucer over the top, or tie on grease-proof paper, and put the jar in the oven. Let the meat simmer threequarters of an hour, then turn into the pie dish, cover with substantial dripping crust, and bake. When thoroughly cold, this pie can be cut in slices, as meat will be set in a firm jelly.

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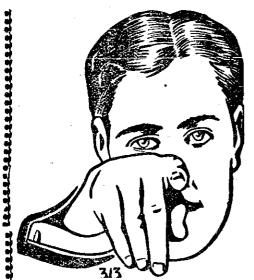
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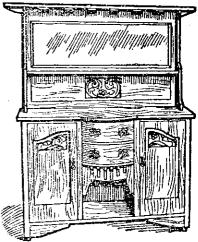
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On the Land

GENERAL

Of the 431,794 tons of meat sold at Smithfield last year, not more than one-fourth was produced in the United Kingdom.

Cows do not like unnecessary noise or delay; commence milking at exactly the same hour every morning and evening, and milk the cows in the same order.

A cow must have the capacity to consume and digest large quantities of food. About 60 per cent. of the feed goes to maintain the body. Some cows are so weak in capacity they can use little more food than that necessary to sustain the body.

It has been argued that by selecting dairy cows according to record torty animals could be kept to give the same quantity of milk as sixty. This would mean that there would be fewer men's wages to pay, to say nothing of the economy effected in the cost of food.

Mr. F. D. Alburn, secretary of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, calls attention to the fact that in 1892 there were 37,651,239 beef cattle in the United States, and the population was about 63,000,000. In 1912, when the population had increased to over 100,000,000, the number of beef cattle had fallen to 37,260,000.

The farmers of New South Wales have been vying with one another in bringing forward the biggest potato. No sooner has the championship been claimed for one district, than a representative from another comes along to claim the record. At Orange, for instance, the centre of the great potato-growing west, a farmer led off by displaying in town a potato weighing 4½lb. Another promptly went better with one turning the scale of 6lb 2oz. His triumph was fleeting. Mr. P. Murphy, of Ammerdown, immediately came along with a specimen weighing 8lb 2oz. Mr. Murphy has smashed all records, and he waits complacently for a challenger.

At Addington last week the entries of stock were not so large as the week before, and the attendance was also smaller. There was a good sale for store sheep, ewes being firmer. The entry of fat lambs showed a further reduction in numbers and a depreciation in quality, and were mostly bought by graziers. Fat sheep opened a little easier. Fat pigs showed no change. The entry of fat lambs totalled only 1106, as against 1586 for the week before. Best lambs made 16s 6d to 18s 9d; and lighter, 14s 9d to 16s. The yarding of fat sheep was also somewhat smaller, and the quality was not up to the high level of the previous week. The range of prices was:—Extra prime wethers, to 35s; prime, 21s to 26s 9d; others, 16s 6d to 20s 6d; merino wethers, 21s 9d to 23s; prime ewes, 18s to 23s 9d; medium, 15s 6d to 17s 6d; aged and light, 14s to 15s. A representative entry of fat cattle came forward, the yarding totalling 208 head, against 228 at the previous sale. Steers realised £9 2s 6d to £11; extra, £13 10s to £16 15s; heifers, £7 7s 6d to £10 7s 6d; extra, to £12 5s; and cows, £6 5s to £8 10s; extra to £12 15s. There was a fair entry of fat pigs. Choppers realised £3 10s to £6 15s; heavy baconers, £3 8s to £3 15s; and lighter sorts, £2 15s to £3 5s (equal to 5\frac{3}{4}d per 1b).

There were small entries of fat sheep, lambs, and pigs at Burnside last week. The competition for fat lambs, pigs, and cattle was good. There was a small yarding (2114) of fat sheep, with only a few pens of extra prime wethers. At the commencement of the sale prices showed a rise of about 1s a head on last week's rates, but towards the close prices receded to an equivalent on last week's values. Quotations: Extra prime wethers, to 30s; prime wethers, 24s to 25s; medium wethers, 20s 6d to 22s 6d; light wethers, 17s to 17s 6d; prime ewes, 21s to 24s; medium ewes, 17s to 20s. There was an entry of 180 head of fat cattle made up of medium to good quality bullocks and heifers. Competition was good, and prices were on a par with late sales. Best bullocks, to £14 2s 6d; good, £11 10s to £12 10s; medium, £10 to £11 5s; light, £8 10s to £9 10s; best heifers and cows, to £12 2s 6d; good, £8

10s to £9 10s; medium, £7 to £8 5s; light, £5 to £6. Only 1000 fat lambs were offered, and consisted mainly of light and medium-weight lambs. Owing to the presence of northern graziers competition was keen and prices were firm at last sale's rates. Best lambs, to 19s 6d, good lambs, 16s to 17s. There were only 25 fat pigs forward. Owing to the small yarding there was keen competition, and prices ruled very firm. Thirty-two stores were offered, there were few buyers, and prices were slightly easier.

SILAGE.

Grasses or fodder plants for silage (says the Journal of Agriculture) should be cut when they are in the most succulent stage, or when approaching full bloom. Maize should be allowed to stand until the cob is formed and is in its dough stage. Crops for silage should not be allowed to wilt in the sun, but crating and stacking should proceed as soon as possible after cutting. To commence, cut six swaths from the boundary fence. This will provide the first layer for the stack. After clearing up this, the work can be laid out so that each day a sufficient quantity, and a quick run to the stack, will be provided. There are two kinds of silage—viz., green and brown. For green silage the temperature required is from 130 to 140 degrees Fahr.; for brown silage the temperature may be allowed to rise to 160 degrees, but this form of silage is not recommended. Should a greater heat be attained the silage would be of little value. If the temperature does not reach 120 degrees the product would be what is known as 'sour' silage, which, though wholesome, is not usually considered so satisfactory as 'sweet' silage, especially when intended for fodder for milking-stock. A cubic foot of silage should weigh from 45lb to 56lb. The silage will be greatly improved by the addition of salt, in the proportion of 1½lb to one ton of the green material.

FARMERS' WOOL CLIPS.

On the subject of preparing wool clips for the market Mr. II. Jackson, wool instructor for South Australia, says that while the large stations are noted for the get up of their clips, the farmers' clips were generally marketed in a very crude state. It was more profitable to class wool before sending it to market. The worsted manufacturer utilised long wools, the woollen manufacturer the short wools, and neither wanted a mixture of the two. The dealer bought up poorly classed clips cheaply at the sales, classed them, and resold at a profit which the farmer would have reaped had he classed his clip. After being skirted, it was sorted into long and short wools. These classes were again sorted into light and heavy wool, as the light wools, when scoured, yielded a higher percentage of clean wool and commanded a higher price. Mr. Jackson explains that classing was largely a matter of 'matching' the fleeces, and thus making each class as even as possible. The buyer, finding the wool in a certain clip even, could then bid with confidence, knowing that the bulk of the class would be of the same quality as the small amount he was able to inspect.

FOUND AT LAST.

This man in Australia certainly has found a reliable cough cure. He writes:—'I had to pay 1/8 Customs duty before I could get it, so that the bottle cost me 3/6. If it cost a pound a bottle I would take good care not to be without it. Why don't you advertise it in Australia? Baxter's Lung Preserver would beat all the cough remedies sold here.'

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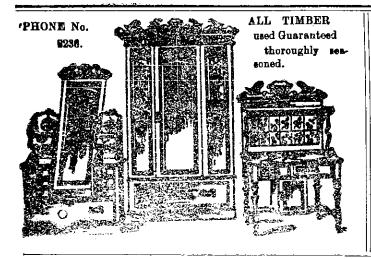
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LOVED HIS MOTHER

She sat in the porch in the sunshine, As I went down the street-A woman whose hair was silver But whose face was blossom sweet, Making me think of a garden, When in spite of the frost and snow Of bleak November weather, Late fragrant lilies blow.

I heard a footstep behind me, And the sound of a merry laugh And I knew the heart it came from Would be like a comforting staff In the time and hour of trouble, Hopeful and brave and strong, One of the hearts to lean on, When we think all things go wrong.

I turned at the click of the gate-latch, And met his manly look; A face like his gives me pleasure, Like the page of a pleasant book. It told of a steadfast purpose, Of a brave and daring will, A face, with a promise in it, That, God grant, the years fulfil.

He went up the pathway singing, I saw the woman's eyes Grow bright with a wordless welcome, As sunshine warms the skies. 'Back again, sweetheart mother,' He cried, and bent to kiss The loving face uplifted For what some mothers miss.

That boy will do to depend on, I know that this is true-From lads in love with their mothers Our harvest heroes grew. Earth's grandest hearts have been loving once Since time and earth began; And the boy who kisses his mother Is every inch a man.

A BOY AND A WOODCHUCK

Teddy was sick in bed. The doctor had just come; Teddy could hear him talking with mamma in the

next room.

'I can't persuade him to touch the milk,' his mother was saying. 'He never drinks it when he is well. What shall I do?'

Toddy listened enterly for an anguer Dector

Teddy listened eagerly for an answer-Doctor Huntington was such a kind, jolly man.

'Starve him to it!'

Teddy could hardly believe he heard aright. trusted his ears still less when the doctor walked in smiling, up to the bedside.

'How do you feel this morning?' he asked, taking

Teddy's wrist in his cool hand.
'I haven't had anything to eat,' whined the little boy. 'I can't drink milk.'
'You'd better try,' said the doctor.
'I can't! Mayn't I have a cooky?'

'Or some bread and butter?'

' No.'

'Why not?'

'Because milk is better for you.'

'But I can't drink it.

The doctor was preparing a powder, and did not

reply. Teddy wondered if he heard.

'Did you ever hear the story of the little wood-Doctor Huntington looked up with merry eyes.

'No, sir,' said Teddy. 'What is it?'

'Well, it was this way,' and the doctor seated himself comfortably in his chair. 'There was once a little woodchuck that lived in a nice, deep hole with his mother. There was nothing he liked to do quite so well as to run around in the sunshine. At the other end of the lot there was a tall tree, and one morning the little woodchuck's mother said: "To-day you must learn to climb that tree. I cannot always be here to protect

you, and if a dog should catch you away from home, you'd be in a fine plight."

'But the little woodchuck looked up the steep trunk, and said: "Oh, I can't." The next morning his mother said to him again: "To-day you must certainly learn to climb that tree!" But once more the little woodchuck answered, "I can't," and ran off

to play in the sunshine.
'It was not long before the mother went to visit a neighbor. The little woodchuck was having a glorious time, when all of a sudden he heard a yelp, and there was a dog rushing toward him! He looked longingly at his home across the lot; but the dog was little woodchuck ran as hard as he could make his feet fly, but the dog ran faster. Just as he thought he couldn't run much further, he came to the big tree. "Dear me!" he gasped, "I can't climb it!" And then, because the dog was almost upon him, and because there wasn't anything else to do, the little woodchuck just scrambled up that tree—up, up, till he was out of the dog's reach! You see, he had to, and so he did. I hope to-morrow I shall find you a great deal better.'

And the doctor smiled a kind good-bye.

Teddy lay thinking after his mother and Doctor
Huntington had gone out. 'I wonder if I could,' he
thought. 'I'm awfully hungry!' and he reached for

the glass of milk on the table by his bed.
When his mother came back the glass was empty, and Teddy was smiling contentedly among the pillows.

TIME CANDLES

Long, long ago, before clocks had been invented, King Alfred the Great devised a way of telling time with candles which was both quaint and interesting. He took six candles, each twelve inches long and containing twelve pennys', worth of wax; these he divided into twelve parts, burning three of these in an hour, so that it would take four hours to consume all; and the six tapers lighted one after the other burned twenty-four hours. He quickly discovered, however, that the wind, blowing through the chinks of his house (for houses were not built so carefully then as now), wasted the candles and made them burn irregularly; so he designed a lantern made of ox horn, cut into thin plates, to enclose the tapers, thus insuring their burning with some degree of accuracy.

MADELINE'S MOOD

She was not an attractive girl in any way, and she knew it. She was restless and cross and unhappy, and growing more unattractive in looks and manner Then an aunt, visiting at her as she became older. home after a long residence in a distant city, sized up the situation, and out of pity for both the girl and everybody with whom she came in contact, undertook to prescribe the sure cure.

'Madeline, do you want to be a torment to your-self and everybody about you all your life?' was the blunt and astonishing question she put to her niece one

'No, of course not,' was the prompt and half-

frightened reply from the astonished girl.

You'd rather be sweet and lovely and happy?" came the next question; and it brought a sincere affirmative this time. The aunt handed her a folded paper, and smiled as she said, very kindly now: 'Follow this magic prescription, and you will be what you want to

be, and she was gone.

Madeline read: 'Every time you want to frown, smile. Every time a cross thought comes, think a pleasant one. Every time something nice is done for you, do something nicer for someone else.

For a few moments she was crosser than ever. Then common sense saved the day. She tried the curehonestly, sincerely, prayerfully; and to her own lifelong joy—to say nothing of everybody else—there was soon no happier, more attractive, more lovable girl in the place than she.

READY FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

Teased into it, Jones had gone with his wife on an excursion to the realm of bargains and in the great building, with its many departments, he had become separated from his better half. For an hour at least he remained lounging impatiently at the junction of many ways where lifts, stairs, and passengers met, and

then, tired and angry, he approached the shopwalker.
'Sir,' he said to the frock-coated and suave attendant in tones of righteous indignation, 'I've lost my

'Third floor and over the bridge for the mourning department!' came the reply, with stunning force.

ANSWERED THE PURPOSE

As it was his birthday, Jones took a friend home to dinner, but his wife gave strict orders that he must not offer his guest sherry, as they had none in the Jones forgot what had been told him, and house. said:
'Have a drop of sherry, old chap?'

The guest turned red, and said he never drank

'Rubbish!' said Jones. 'I know that is not true. Do try it.'
'No, no, I would much rather not,' he said implor-

ingly, and turned redder than ever.

After dinner Mrs. Jones said to her husband:

'Why on earth did you press the sherry when I kept kicking you under the table, too, to remind yo that there wasn't any?'

Jones looked at her and said: It wasn't me you kicked my dear.

SHE HAD FORGOTTEN SOMETHING

She had returned from a shopping tour, tired and radiant.

He had just returned from the office, tired, but-

well, tired.

Quivering with delight at the array of samples snipped from rolls of dress goods she emptied the contents of her purse into her lap. There was a metallic sound. A look of dismay crossed hor face.

'There!' she exclaimed. 'I just knew there was something I had forgotten to buy!'

'What was it, dear?' he asked, with an assumption

'I'm sure I don't know,' she replied, petulantly, 'but I find I have a half crown left!

A NEW MEANING

Teacher: 'John, can you tell me what is meant by a steward?'

John: 'A steward is a man who doesn't mind his

own business.

Teacher: 'Why, where did you get that idea?'

John: 'Well, I looked it up in the dictionary, and it said, "A man who attends to the affairs of others."

WHAT HE WANTED

The diminutive office boy had worked hard for a 'salary' of 10s a week. He was a subdued little chap, faithful and quiet. Finally, however, he plucked up courage enough to ask for an increase.

'How much more would you like?' inquired his

employer.

'Well,' answered the lad, 'I don't think that 5s more a week would be too much.'

'You are rather a small boy to be earning 15s a

'I suppose I am,' he replied. 'I know I'm small for my age, but, to tell the truth, since I've worked here I've been so busy I haven't had time to grow.' He got the rise.

NOT REQUIRED

Architect: 'Now, where would you prefer the

drawing-room, sir?'

Mr. Parvenu: 'Look here, young man, I've let you put up a smokin'-room, when I don't smoke; a music-room, when I couldn't play a mouth-organ; a nursery, when I ain't got no nurse; and a pantry, when I don't pant. But I'm goin' to draw the line at a drawing-room, when I couldn't even draw a straight

THE ONLY THING HE COULD DO

On one occasion there was observed a man who had never fished before. His rod was new and shiny. He was whipping a trout stream, when, by some chance, he got a bite. He did not play the fish at all. With rod straight ahead, he slowly and steadily reeled in his catch. How he managed to hold the fish was a his catch. How he managed to hold the fish was a mystery. Pretty soon the fish was directly below the end of the rod, but the amateur did not stop. He continued to recl and reel, and, just as the observer reached the water's edge, the fish's head touched the Then the fisherman actually tried to pull his through the ring. He did not, of course, catch through the ring. succeed.

'What shall I do now?' he asked of the amused

observer on the bank.

'About the only thing you can do now,' said the latter, 'is to climb up the pole after the fish.'

FAMILY FUN

TRICKS AND ILLUSIONS.

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Bending a Borrowed Watch.-To bend a watch, the property of a lady or gentleman friend, is a feat which will cause no little surprise, yet this trick, which is frequently employed by professional magicians to open a performance in which a watch plays the leading role, is only an optical illusion. Take the borrowed role, is only an optical illusion. Take the borrowed watch between the thumbs and first fingers of both hands—the metal back facing the audience—then bring the two pairs of fingers together, allowing them immediately afterwards to resume their former position. After you have made this movement four or five times the impression on the minds of the spectators will be that the watch is being really bent backwards and forwards.

To Tell the Court Cards by Touch.—To tell whether a card is court or not by simply weighing it in the hand appears to the uninitiated a marvellous feat. To perform such a trick proceed as follows. Take out all the court cards from the pack. Take a pocket knife and, holding the blade at an angle of 45 degrees, draw it along the edges in a manner which, while being quite imperceptable to sight, may be readily discovered by touch. Mix the marked cards with the others. Hand the pack to anyone to shuffle, who then hands them back to you face downwards. You then draw the cards one by one from the bottom and turn the court cards up as they come. Throwing the others aside. The effect is very mystifying, and will set the company guessing at all kinds of explanations. A second way of performing the trick, is to have a confederate who freads upon or kicks the performer's foot every time a picture card is produced. The confederate must in this case sit directly opposite the performer and each card must be held up, facing the audience, whilst the conjurer pretends to be in deep thought.