

Health to our great King Carson! now and then
 He's not too proud to talk to humble men;
 Supremely brave, he bids each listening worm:
 'Uprise, rebel, defy the Law, be firm,
 And I—the Great One—I will bear the blame!
 (Though Mrs. Pankhurst said the very same,
 He imitates no woman, and we own
 That Carson says it in a manlier tone!)
 'I am the Government—for you,' says he,
 'There shall exist no Government but me;
 I am a patriot, fierce and unafraid,
 You are good patriots in my image made.
 And by this truth shall all our acts be bound,
 Because it has a sort of Irish sound:
 We can't be trusted, as you understand,
 To rule ourselves in our dear native land,
 Yet, none the less, we're fit, both I and you,
 To help to govern it and England too.
 So all good patriots take this pledge with me:
 England shall rule us, and we won't be free!

O patriots, who have spent both blood and pelf
 That your own nation might control herself,
 Turn in your graves, lament your lack of light,
 And see how nobly Carson put you right!
 It was not patriotic thus, alack!
 To die and win your country's freedom back;
 The truer patriot, stamped with Carson's brand,
 Would sooner die than govern his own land!

A Call to Publishers

'Of making many books there is no end,' said the Preacher long ago, in words that have been much quoted; and it is safe to say that, great as the output is, the books that are actually issued form only an infinitesimal proportion of the would-be and intended books which fail to win acceptance from the publishers. 'Manuscripts pour in upon the publisher by the hundred,' said Mr. Christopher G. Grauer in a paper lately read by him before the American Booksellers' Convention. 'Every author has distinct visions of his pet cantering to fame along with the "best seller," but it is a lamentable fact that 98 per cent. of them are so lame with literary rheumatism that it is almost a high crime to call them from the obscurity and emptiness of their creator's cranium to a painful birth and a regretless death.' Great as is the proportion of 'rejects,' however, Mr. Grauer is of opinion that it is still far too low; and he pleads earnestly with his fellow booksellers for a yet more relentless sifting of the manuscripts submitted to them, with the view of completely weeding out the questionable and dangerous class. 'When we who pride ourselves upon our noble profession, and the high ideals of our craft, make it easy by a broadcast distribution reaching down almost to the corner store, for boys and girls, and for mentally depraved men and women, to procure with ease such literature (if I may be pardoned the term), we are degrading our calling; we are dragging our high ideals through the mire and we are forfeiting the respect and support of all clean-minded people.' These are noble words, that ought to be placarded in every publishing office in the country.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

An entertainment in aid of the liquidation of the debt of the Church of Mary Immaculate, Kaikorai, will be given in the Wakari Hall on Friday evening, September 5.

At the meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Monday evening the programme consisted of musical and other items, and questions. Those who contributed were Messrs Keligher, Poppelwell, Fogarty, Wilson (2), and Atwill. The questions were productive of interesting discussions, and are intended as a test of the progress made by both junior and senior members during

the year. Rev. Father Buckley (president) occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance.

As Mass is to be celebrated every Sunday in future in the Mornington Hall, the A.M.D.G. Guild has generously presented the congregation with the following articles:—One set of white vestments, one lace alb, one surplice, one cincture, one credence cloth, a piece of altar lace, four amices, four corporals, six purificators, four palls, and six lavabos. Speaking at Mass in the hall on Sunday, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., thanked the members of the guild for their kindness.

A feature of the Christian Brothers' School bazaar, which will be opened in His Majesty's Theatre on October 13, will be a monster tug-of-war competition for which the sum of £63 will be given in prizes. There will be two grades—heavy-weight and light-weight. Each team is to consist of seven men and a captain. The first prize in each competition will be 20 guineas, and the second 10 guineas. If sufficient entries are forthcoming third prizes will be given in each grade.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 23.

The Very Rev. Father Ryan, S.J., who came over here to preach the sermon at the consecration of his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, returned to Sydney by yesterday's steamer.

The choir of St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott street, held an enjoyable social in the Wellington Hall on Thursday evening. Incidental songs were contributed by members of the choir during the evening. Mr. A. Dwan made an efficient secretary. Mr. M. Butler supplied the music.

The Catholics of St. Patrick's, Kilbirnie, waited on the Rev. Father Alfred T. Herring, S.M., who is joining the Marist Missionary staff, and presented him with a purse of sovereigns as a slight recognition of the work he has done amongst them during his sojourn amongst them. Father Herring leaves for Temuka during the coming week, and after a few days there will commence active duty as a missionary.

There passed away on Saturday a well-known and widely-respected Catholic resident of Wellington in the person of Mrs. Patrick Dwyer. Prior to her illness, which lasted for a considerable time, deceased was a prominent church worker, and was also for many years connected with St. Mary of the Angels' Choir. Her husband pre-deceased her by some eight months.—R.I.P.

A most successful social was held at St. Peter's Schoolroom last Wednesday evening by the Wellington District H.A.C.B. Society Council. There was an attendance of over 240, including Bro. D. Flynn, the district president of the H.A.C.B. Society. The hall and stage were prettily decorated with bunting and foliage. The supper-room was also tastefully got up. The committee, with Gertrude O'Flaherty at its head, is deserving of the highest praise for the successful result of its labors.

During the past week his Grace Archbishop O'Shea had a very busy time of it, visiting the various Catholic colleges and schools. On Tuesday night his Grace was entertained by the Sisters of Mercy and the pupils of St. Mary's High School, Thorndon, in the Guildford terrace school. On Wednesday, Archbishop O'Shea, accompanied by his Grace Archbishop Redwood, his Lordship Bishop Cleary, and a number of the visiting and local clergy, visited the Sacred Heart Convent, Island Bay, when the pupils gave a concert in his honor, and presented him with an address. On Thursday his Grace was entertained by the students of St. Patrick's

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