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, 4, Wed.-St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop.

, 5, Thurs.—St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.

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, 7, Saturday.—St. Romuald, Abbot.

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He begged that he might be dismissed in peace,

Since that his eyes had looked upon his Lord. "A sign for contradiction He shall be, Ordained of Heaven for the rise and fall Of many; and thy soul a sword shall pierce!" Closer she claspt the tender Lamb of God, Pillowed the tiny head upon her breast And whispered to the Infant's listening ear—Destined to gather every cry of earth:

"Oh, Holy One, for whom the Prophets sighed.

What though the sword of woe my soul may rend;

Should I grow fearsome in the evil day, Whom Heaven charged to nurture at my

The Omnipotent; who feel the trustful cling Of fingers that have shaped the universe; Whose lips unto the lips of God may press, Daring to frame those wondrous words: My

Son!
And with eternal peace upon her brow
The Strength of Martyrs folded to her
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wown the great Temple stairs the Virgin came.

-Catherine M. Hayes.

# THE STORYTELLER

#### **NORA**

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CHAPTER XIII—(Continued)

His first little act of revenge had been well worthy of his slow and vulgar self, in the anonymous letter he had sent the countess. At the time he had only considered the matter in the light of a low love intrigue, probably to end in dishonor. A few words which the director let fall had opened his eyes on that score; but as Nora's conduct had been more distant than ever since that day, his thirst for revenge had increased. Yes, he would humble her, he would crush that proud heart, and bring it to his feet. Perhaps, after all, she would be brought, if not to love him, at all events to marry him, and to be his slave, and now the father's difficulties seemed to be a weight thrown in his bal-

Pale with rage, he had stepped back as she had turned to go away, and as he made room for her his dark eyes rested upon her with a wicked flash. At that moment Landolfo made up his mind.

The director's eyes had also followed his daughter with displeasure, and in order to pour balsam upon Landolfo's wounded pride he said, "No; come into my room, Landolfo; we had better begin business at once—and ladies understand nothing about business, you know."

"They certainly seem to have no taste for simple and honest MEN of business, however much advantage may be gained from them," said Landolfo sharply, and in so loud a tone that Nora must have heard him.

"But I know how to appreciate them," said Mrs. Karsten from her chaise longue, upon which she was gracefully reclining, her head ensconced in soft pinksatin and delicate white lace. Karsten, mind you bring Signor Landolfo back, and do not deprive us of him the whole evening," she added, holding out her hand, which Landolfo gallantly kissed.

"Come," said the director impatiently, and leading him into his study. "What news have you?" he added almost tremulously, before even the door was closed.

As soon as Landolfo was alone with the director, his submissive and respectful air completely disappeared; he was far too indispensable to that man to be particular about his manners towards him.

Before vouchsafing an answer he leisurely lit a cigar, to which important operation he devoted even more time than is usually necessary; then he threw himself negligently into an arm-chair, and puffed at his cigar until he could make sure that it was properly lighted. Meanwhile the director was pacing his room up and down with long strides.

"Here are letters!" said Landolfo at last, throwing a small packet upon the table.

"And the banker? What news from him?" asked the director excitedly.

"At the best, you are in for a great loss; two-thirds will go, if not more."

"Good heavens! that is the death-stroke!" exclaimed the director. "The loss is an irreparable one under present circumstances. We have had nothing but expenses during the whole winter, and the income has considerably diminished."

Landolfo was silent, and watched with interest the nice little white clouds arising from his eigar and disappearing one after the other into vacuum.

"Two-thirds lost!" muttered the director; "I tell you that's ruin!"

"One single lucky season would set you upon your legs again."

"But how can I conjure up a lucky season?" cried the director angrily. "That fellow there has put it into his head to ruin me, and he has colossal means to back him. Depend upon it, it is an intrigue got up in order to rob me of the result of these long years of labor. But I won't be beaten; indeed, I won't."

"What news have you from the troop?" asked Landolfo in the same quiet tones again.

The director shrugged his shoulders. "The new clowns have asked for an augmentation of their salary for the next quarter, and, of course, I cannot pay them: the cashier calls out for money, and the audience is well nigh reduced to zero. The new company has naturally visited all the great towns in Central Germany, so as to spoil the game for us. Such low performances, too; they must needs get lions over, and will probably be having monkeys soon, I'll bet! What a downfall from our training of fine and noble horses!" he added indignantly.

"Engage a lioness; that would be a better attraction than anything else," said Landolfo with a hideous leer.

The director did not seem to follow this last remark; he was busied with the letters which Landolfo had placed upon the table. As he had finished one, a low curse passed across his lips. "This also," he said, throwing the paper away. "What has come over the girl? She is my best manége-rider, that Miss Elise, and has just given me notice. It's too bad, for I had acceded to her ridiculous pretensions. That man has evidently caught her also."

"What does she write?" asked Landolfo indifferently.

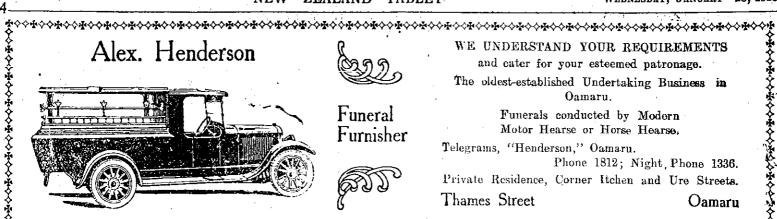
"Read for yourself. A lot of stupid phrases which I do not even understand. Now, that is really the crowning of the edifice."

Landolfo read the letter, and replaced it with methodic order upon the table.

"I thought so," he said, leaning back.
"What did you think? What does she want?" asked the director irritably.

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"Stupid nonsense!" answered the director; the girl will spoil everything for me before the day's out, with her hoity-toity ideas."

Faithful to his old habit, the director began once more pacing the room.

"What on earth shall we do, Landolfo?" he said at last..

"Engage another beauty; Miss Elise already belonged to the old stock."

"That's all very fine!" cried the director, "but where am I to find her—this new beauty? Remember, too, what enormous pretensions they make, now that they know how the other man will arm them with money, and I haven't wherewithal to pay them. I tell you again its ruin; I can't bear it any longer!"

"I know no one better able to laugh at ruin than you," remarked Landolfo, rising and knocking his ashes carefully with his second finger into a dainty little ashedish.

"I?" asked the director astonished, and trying in vain to catch a glimpse of Landolfo's averted face. "What do you mean? I know you're a clever man. Have you any other plan in your head? Speak!"

"Miss Nora," said Landolfo, with his face still averted as if occupied with his cigar. "Miss Nora is the best rider I know. Mademoiselle Elise was not to be talked of on the same day with her; moreover, she is remarkably beautiful, and will soon bring the whole world to admire her. Let Miss Nora appear in public, and you have won the day."

Karsten started back.

"My daughter does not ride in public," he said, after a pause, with a hourse voice.

Landolfo was silent.

"Her mother did not wish it." continued Karsten, as if to strengthen his conscience against himself.

"Circumstances alter the case," said Landolfo shortly.

"She will never consent to it," exclaimed the director.

"Miss Nora is said to be very pious, I hear; she will assuredly know what her duty to her father is, and will make a sacrifice in order to save him from certain ruin."

The director felt heavy drops of sweat chasing one another upon his brow.

"The fact is that she has other duties to perform; she is engaged, and I have given the count my word."

Landolfo indulged in a low laugh.

"Ah! really engaged with a young Austrian count, perhaps; anyhow, it wasn't very official until now."

"It was to remain a secret during the two years," answered the director somewhat awkwardly.

"Ha! ha! We know what such engagements mean," said Landolfo, shrugging his shoulders; "engagements, entre nous, so that one may be at liberty to do as one likes. I suppose that's the reason why the young gentleman has hurried off to the East. The haughty mamma seems to encourage the matter."

"Where did you say?" asked Karsten, to

whom Nora had said nothing of Curt's absence; she herself knew the reason why.

"He has been named attaché to the embassy at Pera," said Landolfo. "I suppose a little change of air was considered good for his health. Believe me, my friend, this Eastern traveller will not cross your plans much," he added, laying his hand confidentially upon the director's shoulder. "Don't let us mince matters. It's the old story; one may be in love, but marriage"... and a low whistle completed the sentence.

"I believe the count to be a man of honor," said the director, with a deep blush rushing to his checks. He turned indignantly away from the touch of his inferior, and stood before him for one moment with all his former dignity."

"So do I," answered Landolfo with perfect calminess; "but he is young, very young! You must be fair, director. From his point of view it's a great folly; and follies, as a rule, do not last. Three days' constancy in such circumstances is already very meritorious. However sweet the folly may be, it destroys itself, and in this case I happen to know that the pair have already had a little tiff."

"How do you know anything about it?" asked the director in a commanding tone.

"A lucky or unlucky circumstance, as you may take it, was the cause of my witnessing a little love scene between them: Miss Nora in tears, because the count was reproaching her for having gone to Vienna, and thus mixing herself up with the troop; Miss Nora, indignant at first, then imploring her lover not to undertake his journey to the East. The count's answer was to start off that very same night, without even bidding her farewell."

"I have heard nothing of all this."

"I daresay it was unpleasant to Miss Nora, and that she therefore kept it to herself,' answered Landolfo. "I have noticed her irritation of late. But Miss Nora is a remarkable young lady, and a clever one, to boot; as soon as a thing is put clearly before her, she will herself understand the necessity of action. She will understand," he continued slowly and distinctly, "that her situation towards the count wlil not be improved by her father's bankruptcy, and that Count Degenthal's family will hardly be more inclined to receive her with open arms as the daughter of a ruined circus-rider than as that of a rich man."

Karsten seemed to have been turned to stone during this last speech of Landolfo. Yes; he remembered his conversation with the chaplain and the down he had promised his daughter, and which he would now be unable to pay. Once again he said to himself, that she would be an unnatural daughter if she could forsake him in such a moment; if she did not make the small sacrifive in order to save him. And yet he felt it, and said it with a moan, "She will never do it!"

"She must have a strange idea of filial piety," observed Landolfo coldly. "We are not supposed to be worth much, and yet we should understand our duty otherwise. Anyhow, wait till to-morrow before you make up your mind. The house is not yet on fire. During three months we can keep up our

credit, and if the worse comes to the worst, depend upon it Miss Nora will not be heartless enough to say no. Just try it." So saying, he lit another cigar, and remained standing a moment as if he expected the director to speak.

But Karsten was silent. The red spots on his cheek darkened, and his thoughts seemed to be painfully at work; yet he said not a syllable. When Landolfo asked whether he might retire, a silent nod was the only answer. He went, and the director was alone.

It would be unnatural if the child refused to save her father. This was the one thought which occupied his brain. The count! The count! That had been a foolish love story, which was already at an end. After all she would only return to the position to which she had been born. He had kept his word to her mother in giving her the education she had desired for her. But circumstances now altered the case, as Landolfo had so justly said. For one moment it had occurred to him to sell all that he possessed, and to retire from the whole business. however, he could not do without incurring great loss: and then how humiliating it would be to have given way before his rival!

"It wouldn't serve her, and it would be of no good to me," he thought to himself. . . "However, I will not try to force her," he murmured. "I will explain the whole matter to her, and she will do as she chooses."

"No, I will not speak to her—I will not be such a coward!" he repeated later on to himself during that long and sleepless night. But then again the tempter's voice said, "Would it not be unnatural that she child should refuse to save her father?"

#### CHAPTER XIV.

Early the next morning Nora had mounted her horse and had set off for a pleasant ride in the fresh and brisk morning air. Her heart was dancing for joy, and her horse was prancing about under her, as if in accordance with her feelings. This was a joyful anniversary for her. A month ago, Curt had held her in his arms and told her, at least for the hundredth time, that his love was unchanged and unchangeable.

As she passed through the court which was separated by a low wall from the park, she saw her father standing at the window of his writing-room. She nodded to him, and then made her horse perform all sorts of graceful and pretty freaks, such as she knew he loved, then nodding once more, and springing over the wall, she set off at full gallop through the park.

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"He is right! she would soon have the whole world at her feet," he muttered; "she would surpass them all. And she

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would enjoy it also, for she is my own daugh-

As the happy and careless girl galloped along, she hardly dreamt of the result her little display of filial coquetry had brought about. She had only wanted to amuse him a little-that poor father who during the last conths had looked so sad and so full of care. What could be weighing upon him, What could be weighing upon him, she wondered. But then again happy remembrances of the past and bright dreams of the future chased away all other thoughts. How quickly the time had gone by, how rapidly months would roll away; and then she would be Curt's! How pleasant that sounded! She went on repeating to herself each one of the words he had spoken, and her mind's eye saw him standing before her so true, so noble, and so pure! Last, not least, her woman's heart told her with a delicious throbbing that she was loved, nay, passionately loved by him. Unconsciously her hand pulled at the reins, so that the fiery animal snorted as if in sheer surprise.

And then her thoughts travelled on into years to come-years that seemed so far, far away. She would belong to him, she would bear his noble and stainless name, and would gain through him that solid footing which failed her in her present position. Her mind and heart rose as she thought of living at his side, and of aiming at great ends in the circle in which God would thus place her.

She was not indifferent to a great position, nor to the charms of living in good society, and she admitted it to herself. Great happiness has its principal source in the heart's satisfaction, but there are other sources, too, which tend to make the stream a clearer and stronger one.

Hours slip by quickly when one dreams of love, and ponders over life's sweet secrets, particularly if one be riding alone, as Nora was, on a sunny morning, under the shadow of green trees.

The sun was already high in the heavens when she remembered it was getting late, and she turned her horse's head towards home. The shortest road lay across a small stream which formed the boundary of the wood; there, on the other side of a narrow bridge, lay the road to the town. The soil was slippery on the edge of the stream, so that her horse made a false step, and it was only her firm hold of the reius which prevented his falling.

"How dangerous that place looks," she thought to herself, turning her head back, and the bent and broken bushes, the slippery edge, and the little bridge impressed itself upon her memory.

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# The Irish Revolution and How It Came About

(By William O'Brien)

CHAPTER XXIV—(Continued.)

unseemly intervention, an' a' that—the votes actually east for All-for-Ireland were 2120 as against 1868 for the candidate of the Board of Erin, being an All-for-Ireland majority But 370 of the All-for-Ireland votes having been thrown away upon the candidate of the Birmingham Mental Hospital, the Hibernian was enabled to succeed, as a minority member, by a majority of 118. Mr. Redmond (who had deprecated the contest in West Cork) was so transported by this sorry triumph as to brag in England that "there was no longer any alternative policy before the country, nor even an alternative leader"; Mr. Dillon, with the perspicacity that never failed him, saw in the return of the minority member the first flush of a second spring of popularity for "The Party." reading of the event, in my remarks at the declaration of the poll in Bantry, if less poetic, was to be more tragically justified:

"They (All-for-Irelanders) had done their part by Ireland so long as even the stump of a sword was left in their hands against a combination of influences from the Extreme Right to the Extreme Left such as might well have discouraged the stoutest hearts. . It would be idle to minimise the gravity of the decision of yesterday, although, as the figures proved it was only come to by a minority of the electors who voted, and although it was due to influences which they all understood in Ireland but which would be fatally misunderstood in England. All he could hope was that the result would not mark the end of any honest constitutional movement for our time, and that those electors of West Cork who had done the mischief would not have reason to lament their work for many a bitter year to come."

The West Cork election turned out to be, truly, the death-blow of the Parliamentary movement. It was the last time the chaste war-cry of the Hibernians: "Up, the Mollies!" was ever heard in triumph in the South. A week or two afterwards, Mr. Asquith after long fumbling threw down the reins of power. That extraordinary ménage á trois-Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law, and Sir E. Carson-were installed in his room without a protesting voice from the Hibernian benches. The Home Rule of the Gladstone tradition was at an end for ever. It will always be open to debate, whether, had the result in West Cork gone the other way, it might not have been still possible to regenerate what was loosely called "the constitutional movement" by a combination of the principles of Conciliation as between creeds and classes, which was before long to carry all before it in the minds of all enlightened Irishmen, with the young energy and purity of purpose represented by Sinn Fein. The Irish Republic was still unheard of, save for its meteor flight in Easter Week. While the Sinn Fein internces in the English prisons sternly resented any aid from the Parliamentarians whose leader had "expressed his horror and detestation" of the

"For a' that, an' a' that" the Bishop's rebels awaiting their doom at the hands of Sir John Maxwell's Courts-martial, I received, while the West Cork campaign was still in progress, two letters signed by the leaders of the 600 internees at Frongoch (among the signatories being those of Mr. Richard J. Mulcahy, the subsequent Minister of Defence in the Republican Cabinet and of the "Head Campleader," Mr. Michael Staines, afterwards one of the members for Dublin in Dail Eireann) invoking my aid in the exposure of their prison treatment. When one of two Republican madcaps in Cork secretly confederated with the Hibernians in wrecking the candidature of their brotherinternee, Mr. Frank Healy, one of the carliest pioneers of Sinn Fein, I received a message from Mr. Arthur Griffith, the future President of the Irish Provisional Government, dated from Reading Gaol, where a large body of Sinn Fein prisoners were detained, expressing on behalf of all his brother-prisoners, with one exception, their reprobation of these unholy intrigues.

"Re our friend Frank Healy," Mr. Griffith said, "I think the whole business has been hideously mismanaged by our friends Pim,\* Tom Curtin, and others. Tom Curtin's pronouncement was an entirely unauthorised statement and has caused considerable annovance among us. I think Sinn Fein should have remained absolutely aloof and I fear that not doing so will be the cause of lamentable confusion and mischief. What I have said concerning Tom Curtin's pronouncement you may convey to all whom it may concern."

Even the hotheads who were ready for any combination against Parliamentarianism were so far from being animated by any personal hostility to myself, that they defended their wrecking morals upon the queer ground that I was the only man of the old school sufficiently respected to give Parliamentarianism another chance with honest Irishmen. As a matter of fact, the young men of the West Cork Division paid no heed to their whispers and remained pathetically true to our beaten side. But looking back more coolly now upon the chaos and distraction of the public mind against which we were contending, one is forced to recognise that the canker had eaten too deeply mit Irish public life to be cured except by some sharper surgery than it was any longer on our power to apply. Everywhere the most level-headed of the old believers in Conciliation began to report to us that nothing could prevent their sons from becoming Sinn Feiners, adding as often as not: "And, to tell you the truth, we are becoming a sort of Sinn Feiners ourselves.'' And so it was everywhere. youth of the country felt the sap of a glorious springtime fermenting with them. West Cork, which even at that late date would have stood fast by a policy of peaceful con-

\*The Orange Sinn Feiner who was in a few weeks to relapse into the faith of an Orange Anti-Sinn Feiner, more virulent than

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ciliation, had not the appointed ministers of peace aimed the last blow at it, gave up the hope to dream of the Republic, even if it had to be sought by meeting England in battle array. The fact tells its own tale that, in the desperate insurrectionary years that were to follow, West Cork was the headjuarters of a resistance to the Black-and-Tans and all their bloody aiders and abettors, perhaps more widespread and more unconquerable than in any other district in the country. Mr. Herbert Samuel and his wise brother Ministers crushed the All-for-Ireland League only to be obliged to sue for peace to Michael Collins-himself a West Corkman and a West Cork Deputy-and make him Prime Minister of the country they set out to whip into subjection.

#### OHAPTER XXV-THE GENERAL ELEC-TION AND THE GENERAL JUDGMENT. (1918)

The General Election which the war enabled the Hibernian Party to evade for three years beyond the normal term smote them at last in November, 1918. The determination of my colleagues and myself had been formed as the result of the West Cork election of two years before, and only awaited the approaching Dissolution to be put into execution. Our conclusion was not to allow ourselves to be nominated for re-election to the English Parliament. In the words of my own address to my constituents: "The Irish people in general, in tragic ignorance of what they were being led to do, remained silent while I was being deprived of all power of interfering with effect in Irish affairs. . . So far as the platform and the newspaper press were concerned, my position has long been that of a man buried alive and striving in vain to make his voice reach the ears of his countrymen." In these circumstances, there was nothing for it but frankly to recognise "that our efforts to reform the Parliamentary movement upon an honest basis must-under present conditions, at all events-be abandoned, and that those who have saved (and who alone could have saved) the country from Partition, from Conscription, and from political corruption ought now to have a full and sympathetic trial for their own plans for enforcing the Irish nation's right of Self-determination." Mr. T. M. Healy in endorsing this conclusion, quoted: "two sentences in your exposure of the debauct ment of the Parliamentary movement which strike me as setting a datum line by which the general body of Nationalists may guide their course. You say: 'We cannot subscribe to a programme of armed resistance in the field, or even of permanent withdrawal from Westminster, but to the spirit of Sinn Fein, as distinct from its abstract programme, the great mass of independent and single-minded Irishmen have been won over.' Of the 'ruined politicians' still clinging to power, and their policies, you foretell that their successors cannot by any conceivable possibility do worse.'"

That was why we could not conscientiously. prow ourselves into the Sinn Fein ranks. was not Parliamentary methods, but rotten Parliamentary methods, that had broken down. That was also why we conceived it a

duty to remove all obstacles on our part to followed since.\* the mandate of the country, as between the limiting an influence, which might have been disgraced Hibernians and the only force in the country capable of coping with them, being as decisive as that which in 1884 empowered Parnell to overthrow a Parliamentary majority less baleful. Before the World-War, the rawest schoolboy would have laughed at the suggestion of an armed struggle with the might of England. The Sinn Fein movement, so long as it was directed by Mr. Arthur Griffith, never contemplated a rising in arms. Even its own programme of a pacific withdrawal from Westminster failed to command on its merits the approval of a single constituency. It was Sir E. Carson's example in drilling and arming with impunity a vast Ulster army to resist the law of Parliament which first inspired the young men of the South with the emulation to go and do like -. wise. But it was President Wilson's promulgation of the doctrine of the sovereign right of the small nationalities to shape their own future on the principle of self-determination-above all it was the necessity imposed upon Mr. Lloyd George to welcome that principle with seeming enthusiasm in order to ensure the entrance of the United States into the war-which once for all fixed in the mind of the youth of Ireland the feasibleness as well as the dignity of a demand for liberty arms in hand, in contrast with Parliamentary methods which had become a byword for failure and degradation.

It must be owned that none of us measured truly the growth of the new spirit until the Rising of Easter Week revealed as in a lightning flash how dauntless it was, and how deeply it had entered into possession of the nation's soul. The original literature of Sinn Fein was contributed by half a dozen poets and journalists who readily accepted the description of "intellectuals" accorded to them by admiring English prints. were not content with contemning the poor work-a-day politicians who transferred the land to the people and three times over forced their way to the very last rampart between Ireland and Homo Rule. They went to the ludicrous length of despising because it was "intelligible" the poetry of Thomas Davis, which was so grossly "intelligible" that it has roused the hearts of two generations of Irishmen like a burst of trumpets. They actually proposed the De-Davisisation Ireland (the phrase is that of the intellectuals) as an adventure of the highest literary distinction. The insincerity of these précieux and consequently their futility may be illustrated by a story of perhaps the most distinguished of their number, the ill-fated poet Synge, as related by another and more delicate dreamer, Mr. W. B. Yeats: "I once asked him: 'Do you write from hatred of Ireland or for love of her?' and he answered: 'That is just what I often ask myself.''

With the single exception of Mr. Griffith, always a man of sound senso as well as high purpose, the intellectuals were frondeurs who found a superior virtue in disclaiming any part in the hard battles which had restored the ownership of the soil to the people and given them the command of the whole machincry of local government, and which threw open the road to every victory that has

They only succeeded in widespread to their own small circle in Dublin. They had discredited Sinn Fein in the eyes of common men with such fatal effect that the movement had all but ceased to exist when by a bizarre blunder of English pressmen, it found its name of Sinn Fein transferred to the wholly different armed organisation which had its baptism of fire in Easter Week. These distressingly ineffectual writings were not of a kind to dispel the discouraging conviction which was creeping over my once sanguine self that, in the rank demoralisation in which the placeman and the place beggar throve apace, there was no longer to be found a body of Irishmen who really thought Ireland worth dying for. To the amaze of the older generation, it turned out that such men were to be counted by the thousand, and of the very flower of the race-men for whom patriotism was a holy religion-who were as eager for death for the "Little Black Rose" in the firing line or on the gallows as were the Christian martyrs for the embrace of the beasts in the Colosseum. We had not kept pace with the newer school of the Pearses and the O'Rahillys and Mac Donaghs who had replaced the dilettanti, and who in half a dozen obscure sheets were inditing a new testament of which self-immolation for Ireland was the chief of the beatitudes, and in the very wilderness where all noble purpose scemed to have perished were raising up a generation whose disinterestedness, whose sobriety of character, whose almost incredible gift for combining action with idealism were to sweeten the air with the efflorescence of a divine springtime of the Gael. Not alone had the coal of fire of the prophet touched their tongues; in the administrative work of the country which, in spite of the brutalities of Martial Law was steadily falling into their hands, they were developing a capacity and an impartiality of outlook which put their elderly critics of the old order to Aimlessly to stand in the way of such a

reformation would have been to dash the country's last hope. Nobody doubted that, had it come to a series of triangular battles, we should have in more than one instance outpaced both the Sinn Fein candidate and the Hibernian, or, indeed, induced the Sinn Feiners to desist from opposition to our re-election; but vainglory apart the only result would have been to confuse the public mind and probably enable the Hibernians to return in numbers that would have paralysed the power of reform for the term of another Parliament. It is not perhaps excessive to claim that it was in a large degree the selfeffacement of the All-for-Irelanders which put it in the power of the country, upon the straightest of issues, to return a verdict

\* "The task of William O'Brien's generation was well and bravely done. Had it not been so the work men are carrying out in this generation would have been impossible. In that great work none of Parnell's lieutenants did so much as Mr. William O'Brien" -Arthur Griffith in Young Ireland, June,

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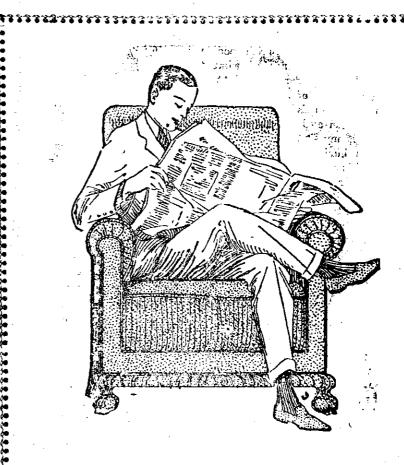


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which was an unmistakable and an overpowering one. The unopposed return on the first day for nomination of Sinn Feiners for each of the seven Divisions of the vast county of Cork, followed by the defeat, by a unjority of more than 13,000, of the Hibernian candidates who were rash enough to await the polling in the City, let loose an avalanche underneath which the whole fabric of the Board of Erin tyranny lay buried when the elections were over. The Party which went to the country 73 strong came back 7, which, by an ironical coincidence, happened to be one less than the number of the All-for-Ireland group they had so often rallied on its littleness. The measure of their defeat did

not stop there. Only two of the seven survivors were elected by the free votes of Irish constituencies: Captain Redmond, who was re-elected in Waterford as a tribute of respect for his father's memory, and Mr. Devlin, whose power in the Hibernian district of West Belfast was still considerable. Of the remaining five, one (Mr. T. P. O'Connor) was elected for an English constituency, and the four others only succeeded in virtue of a compromise insisted upon by the Ulster Bishops by which, in certain doubtful constituencies, there was an exchange of seats between Sinn Feiners and Hibernians in order to avoid the success of the Orangemen in triangular contests.

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"I've had more thrilling affairs than the one I am about to relate; but I think of it oftener. I sometimes wish that I could go into every home and tell it to parents.

"It was at one of the training camps, when the influenza was raging. You remember how it was—doctors and nurses few, sick and dying everywhere. It was like the end of the world. It seemed foolish to try to stop it. Yet you kept right on. But you didn't frel like a human being—just a piece of machinery wound up and kept going, you didn't know by what. Ordinarily, you'd have died or gone mad.

"I was on day duty in the death house. That's what they called it. We got the hopeless cases. It was rightly named. Then, as soon as they carried out a corpse, his cot was occupied again.

This day an orderly came to me and said: 'Nurse, there's a fellow over there under the staircase, who wants you to come and pray for him.'

"Pray! And these dying men waiting for their medicine—begging for water! Pray! I wanted to laugh hysterically. Not that I hadn't prayed with them. I had. But at that moment to stop and start praying seemed excruciatingly funny.

"Later, the orderly came again to me. 'Nurse,' he said, 'that chap's pretty bad. He asks you please to come and pray for him.'

"T'll come," I said dully, wondering why he could not pray for himself.

"He was a handsome young man and, at his first words, belonged, I knew, to the upper strata of society. He apologised for troubling me, 'But,' he said, 'I am going to die and I'm afraid to meet God.'

"" Why should you be afraid to meet

Because,' he answered, 'I do not know I was so busy, I didn't have time for religion—to get acquainted with God.'

was the only child of a banker in a northern

city. He had gone through college, then had entered the bank with his father. He had a young wife. All his life he had been so busy, first with school, then with work and the duties of his position. 'But,' he added, 'I now see my sin. That's why I am afraid to meet God. Will He condemn me for not knowing Him?'

"I told him to look upon God as his merciful and loving Father, and pray to Him for forgiveness.

"'But I don't know how to pray,' he replied. 'That's why I wanted you to come so badly. I've seen you praying with the others. They seem happier then. Nurse, please pray for me!'

"'But,' I said, 'I am a Catholic. don't know how you Protestants pray. know only my own prayers.'

"'Just say the prayers you say with the other boys,' he pleaded.

"So I went down on my knees and began. Our Father, Hail Mary, Creed, Confliteor, Acts of Faith, Hope, Love and Contrition. He listened with every faculty of his poor pain-racked body.

"'Please, Nurse, repeat that last prayer,' he pleaded.

"'I will teach it to you,' I said.

"I left him whispering the Act of Contri-

"The next day I visited him early. He asked me, when I had time, to write a letter for him to his wife. It was a tender, loving letter. I was to send it, in case he died. He assured me that he was thinking always of what I had told him about God's love and mercy.

"In another part of the long room was a new soldier who had drawn my attention by the fact that he was so tall his feet extended beyond the cot. He was a splendid specimen of young manhood. He was from the hill district of the State, drawn, like thousands of others from the happy, free life of the farm to meet this ghastly death.

"As I was giving him his medicine, I caught sight of a badge of the Sacred Heart pinned on his shirt.

"'Are you a Catholic?' I asked. He admitted that he was. Learning I also was

of the Faith, his poor face brightened.

"'Maybe you can help me,' he said.
'You see I had been to confession, but I took down before I got to go to Communion.
O, I do not want to die without receiving my Lord!'

"I sent for the chaplain. I was present at the administration of the Sacrament, and Oh, well! I saw some things in that charnel house to thank God for. This was one of them.

"By now, the parents and wife of the rich young man had arrived. They were distraught at his situation. 'Get a Nurse for him!' the father commanded. 'I'll give a thousand dollars for a Nurse!' 'All the money you have could not get a nurse for your son,' the doctor told him.' Do you think if nurses were to be had the Government would not have them?'

"The poor man was dazed. Money, the god to which he had sacrficed himself and his only child failed him in the crucial hour. The poor boy was wildly delirious now. He died without knowing that his loved ones were with him.

"So long had my Catholic soldier lain absolutely still, I thought, he, too, had died. I went to him, saw that he was breathing gently. When he opened his eyes, I told him of my fear.

"Nurse, I am so happy,' he whispered. I cannot think what I have done to deserve this favor. My Lord has come to me—a poor, weak sinner! Nurse, the goodness of God! I could die of happiness!'

"Sent there to die, he did not. I could have cried for joy the day I saw him taken away, to go back, after a while, to the little home among the hills, where perhaps father and mother, sister and brother, and a sweetheart maybe, were waiting and praying for him. I thought of the other sad home-coming. No other child to cheer those parents' declining days, no grandchild to inherit the wealth which they had piled up. And, worst of all, no religion to fall back upon in their sorrow.

"Yes, those contrasting incidents stand out among the experiences of my professional life. I seem to know how poignant was the Master's voice when He cried, 'What shall a man give in exchange for his soul!'

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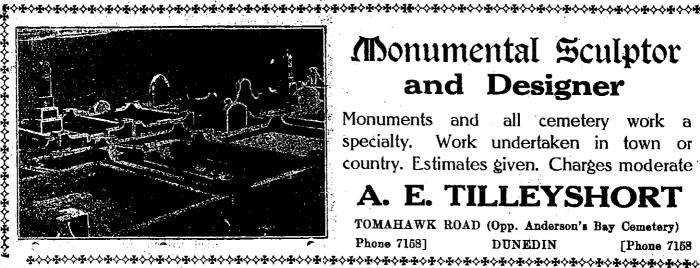
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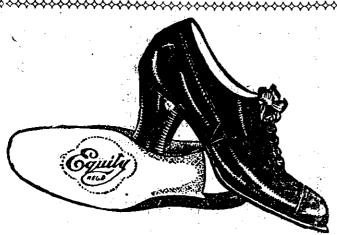


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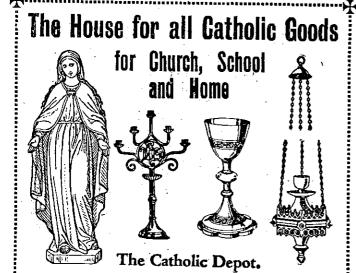
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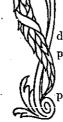
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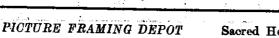
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to compare with that of the rediscovery, after near four centuries of oblivion, of a Golden Age in which England was the leading musical country in Europe. It is the religious music of the period immediately preceding the Reformation that has waited so long to be rediscovered, and whose wonders have come as a revelation even to those who should have been prepared for them.

Most of the credit for this rediscovery belongs to Dr. R. R. Terry, of Westminster Cathedral. Already in 1896, when at Downside, absorbed in the study of Palestrina, he found himself wondering at the very small quantity of English music available in print to represent the corresponding movement in this country. He dates the awakening of his own enthusiasm from his study of Arkwright's Old English Edition, and his perusal, at the British Museum, of Additional MSS., 17802-5, comprising twelve Masses of the sixteenth century by Christopher Tye, John Taverner, John Sheperd, the two Mundys, and others. Impressed with their remarkable beauty, he embarked upon a close study of the period, the earliest result of which was the performance, probably the first since the Reformation, of Byrd's Masses for three and five voices, and Tyc's for six. He also discovered a Mass for four voices by Thomas Tallys, which had escaped the notice of scholars.

But it is chiefly from 1901 onwards, when he was appointed to Westminster, that Dr. Terry found in the proximity of museums and libraries the opportunities to pursue the research to which his enthusiasm supplied the incentive. The result has been the performance in the Cathedral of a long succession of forgotten masterpieces. It includes no fewer than 37 Masses by English composers, kitherto unperformed in modern times. In this number are comprised all but two of the famous 18 preserved in the Bodleian Library, which were the subject of Sir John Stainer's lectures at Oxford. There have also been performed the whole of Byrd's two volumes of Gradualia, and his two volumes of Cantiones, the joint volume of Cantiones by Tallys and Byrd; the whole of the extant works of John Taverner with the exception of about three motets; the Lamentations of Thomas Tallys and Robert Whyte; all the volumes of Cantiones for five voices by Peter Phillips, and nearly all those which he wrote for eight voices; and all the known works of Richard Dering.

Of all these composers Dr. Terry regards John Taverner as the biggest "find" in English music. He is a veritable Bach in the freedom of his polyphony, and this appears the more wonderful when one remembers that the earliest compositions of Palestrina, which are, in comparison, much less advanced, made their appearance about ten years after Tavernor's death. Between the best works of the two zomposers there is an interval of perhaps century, which prompts Dr. Terry to declare that these English writers were, as a body, more than a century ahead of their

There are few romances in musical history time, for it took the musicians of the Continent fully so long to attain to the same degree of emancipation from the scholastic restrictions which had hampered the early development of polyphony. It is chiefly because of this emancipation that their works, unlike much of the contemporary music of the Continent, appeal to the listener as living music, and not as antiquarian specimens. That is, perhaps, the most striking feature in this revival of Tudor music.

> Their methods were, in the light of their day, daring to the point of audacity. They, emphatically, were the modernists of their period. They wrote boldly as they chose, but the effect always "came off" simply because they knew thoroughly well what they were doing. Their sense of tone color was remarkable. They always knew how to obtain contrast within the limited means of concerted voices, and it is worthy of note that at the very time when four-part harmony was establishing its tyranny on the Continent, they seldom wrote for four voices, preferring to vary the number of parts. When instrumental music began to assert its sway,

they almost alone withstood its influence and preserved the characteristic vocal color which they knew so well how to handle that a sixpart motet by the best of them has almost the rich sonority of a double choir.

How did this beautiful music come to be forgotten? There are many reasons. is the difficult notation, which has to be translated, and the fact that much of it exists not in score, but in scattered parts. Another is the circumstance that Burney and Hawkins, who laid the foundation of musical history in this country, appeared at a time when the current of musical interest was flowing from other directions, and were unsympathetic to this earlier style. A third is the absurd superstition, upheld during two centuries, that no music could possibly be good that did not come from abroad. But none of these, reasons would have been powerful enough to stifle these masterpieces had there not been a break in the tradition at the time of the Reformation. When we read in Foxe that Taverner, who had written such beautiful Masses and motets, afterwards "repented him very muche that he had made songes to Popishe ditties in the tyme of his blindness," we have an inkling of the way in which this music came to be regarded. And when religious tolerance was restored it had already passed out of all knowledge.

#### Mary in the

One of the classic objections to the veneration of the Blessed Virgin is that it is found in the Bible. Under that objection runs the unbiblical fallacy that the Bible alone is the sole and sufficient guide to salvation. The Bible openly asserts its own insufficiency by telling us: "He that will not hear the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican." To the Church it was said: "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep."

Why these words? Why this commission, if the Bible alone be all sufficient? The lambs and sheep may have the Bible, but without the Church they will go hungry, because unfed. To return from this digression: has the Bible nothing to say about the honor due to Mary? Individual texts aplenty, both in the Old and New Testaments, vindicate the dignity of the Virgin Mother. A more comprehensive answer is found in the thesis, the subject matter of the Bible. For while there is a many-colored variety in style and matter in God's book, there is inseparable, essential unity. Otherwise it woulden't be a book, but a mere collection of books. The Bible is the divine story of the fall and the redemption of man. The hero, the central figure of the Old and New Testaments is Christ. He was promised in the Old; He arrives in the New.

In the beginning was the word. And the word was God. In due time the word was made Flesh, and dwelt amongst us. The promised Redcemer was not God alone, but God made man, the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Hence without Mary there would be no Bible. No Bible without the Incarnate God, no Incarnate God without Mary. The mission, the divine dignity of our Blessed Mother, is as inseparable from the Bible as

is the human nature of Christ from His divine nature. To exclude Mary from the Bible would be like shutting off the sky from the horizon. When Satan, the serpent, successfully tempted Eve to violate God's command about eating the forbidden fruit in the garden of Paradise, he defeated the divine plan. He changed the earth from a place of pleasure to a vale of tears. The forbidden fruit was sweet to the taste, but it has sickened the stomach of the human race.

But God smote the serpent and healed the wound inflicted on man: "Because thou hast done this thing thou art cursed among all cattle and beasts of the earth. Upon thy breast shalt thou go, and earth shalt thou eat, all the days of thy life. I will put cumities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and ber seed. She shall crush thy head and thou shalt lie in wait for the heel. (Gen. 4, 15).

"I will put enmities between thee and the Who is this woman destined by God to crush the head of the screent? She is the morning star, the herald of the dawn, our tainted nature's solitary boast, the Virgin Mother of Him who conquered death and

Therein is the pregnant, prophetic sentence whose growth and devèlopment constituted the Bible. To eliminate that one verse would be to pluck the heart out of the Bible.

God has legions of conquering angels that could have crushed the head of the serpent. Why didn't He order them to do so? Satan's pride would have been flattered by the formidable army arrayed against him. He would have lost his power, but retained his pride. Oh! the depths of the riches, of the wisdom, of the knowledge of God. How incomprehen-

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sible His judgments, how unsearchable His from which the first Eve had pulled them ways! He elected, not the sword of an angel, but the foot of a woman, to crush the power and pride of the devil. The vindictive fiend hates that woman with a hellish hate. He would hinder all men from paying her homage. Like the father of lies that he is he mali-Shously misrepresents the devotion to Mary sanctioned by the Church as adoration, and therefore idolatry. When Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me, according to Thy word," she crushed the serpent's head. She inflicted a vital, a humiliating wound. She turned his victory over Eve into a degrading defeat. Mary, the second Eve, was God's chosen instrument to lift up the human race anew to the heights

down. Eve acted as our stepmother. Mary is a real mother.

The devil courted the first Eve, flattered and fooled her. But he didn't get her. She repented after her sin, and by faith in the promised Redeemer-the Son of the second Eve-she was saved. So was Adam. "She preserved him that was first formed by God the father of the world . . . and she brought him out of his sin. (Wis. 10, 1).

Satan cannot court, but he calumniates Mary. He spews the venom of his vindictiveness on her fair name. He not only hates, he fears her. There is a reason. She is the woman that crushed his head.-L. Maher in an exchange.

# Sketches Grave and Gay

(By Pedestrian for N.Z. Tablet.)

WHEN THAT IRISH SISTER DIED

"I would give a good deal to know what's going on in there." The speaker was Mr. Elias South and his companion Mr. Jonathan Jones. It was 11 p.m.; the night was dark, and the little bush town was quiet. There was no light to be seen in any of the few houses scattered about, with the exception of the one cottage a short distance from the corner at which the two gentlemen stood for a moment before exchanging their mutual good wishes for "Happy Dreams." That cottage was the Convent of St. Martin. It was the doings within that convent that Mr. South was desirous of knowing and would part with a substantial portion of his earnings to ascertain.

The gentlemen were returning from a Protestant rally held in the local Presbyterian Hall. As admission was by ticket, no unbeliever could put questions to the reverend or irreverent speakers. Unanimity was, therefore, the chief feature of the proceedings. When Rev. Mr. Truthful demanded the appointment of a Royal Commission of Euquiry into convent life, he was applauded again and again. Mr. Milch, the chairman, showed less enthusiasm than the others. His lack of earnestness, however, was capable of various explanations. Some afterwards explained that he was afraid he might lose the convent custom for his meat, Mr. Milch being one of the two butchers of the little Others had a feeling that perhaps town. Mr. Milch was blind enough never to have noticed anything about the conthat needed investigation. vent objection was raised, however, to Mr. Truthful's demand, and unanimity, at least of an exterior kind, was the chief feature of the proceedings. The vote of thanks to the eloquent lecturer was proposed and seconded by Mr. South and Mr. Jones in language even less restrained than that of Mr. Truthful. You can now understand how it came about that the two gentlemen, though rival shopkeepers, walked home together and, standing at the corner, noticed the light at 1 p.m. in the convent opposite, and repeated to each other what they had already stated amidst the applause of all, except perhaps the chairman, Mr. Milch.

The light in the convent shone upon the wan and worn features of Sister Marie Runold. She had been ailing only a few months and was now expecting the dread visitor, Death. To her, however, thought of death brought no terrors. first her chief regret was the trouble she would cause to her three companions; but on realising the whole-heartedness of their devotion to her, she repulsed the thought as ungenerous. With no less readiness, she but away from her the thought of the sorrow that her beloved ones in Ireland would feel on hearing of her death. "I must not make any conditions with Almighty God," she said, speaking with difficulty. "I must accept this sickness---and even death-with all their circumstances. O God, I offer myself up to Thee unconditionally." On the night already mentioned; her three Sisters knelt at her bed for two hours reciting the Prayers for the Dying. She had been anointed a fortnight previously by the devoted pastor, and every morning since, it had been to him a joy and a lesson in pious resignation to bring her Our Lord and to witness her deep devotion. When called away to a remote part of his scattered parish, he expressed the hope that he would be back to pray at her death-hed, and now it was midnight. The Sisters recited the Litany for the Dying, one of them holding in the poor, worn hands a blessed candle that Sister Runold herself had brought out from home, but-they may now remove the blessed candle. "Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant . . ." and the Sister Superior paused and said, "She is dead."

When Mr. South was approaching his home at 11.15 p.m., he opened his eyes very wide on seeing light streaming through the open His two children were outside the door, looking frightened beyond description. "Where's Ruth, Job?" he excitedly asked; and the bigger child, a boy of seven. said, "A man came in a motor-car, Dad, and took her away." The poor child spoke nervously as if he would be held responsible for his sister's absence. Mr. South had thoughts of a break-down, until he saw a note pinned to his pillow. He read in it charges of harsh

treatment, and it informed him that she was sorry for leaving him on account of the children, but hoped that God would forgive her for the drastic step she was taking.

To return to the convent. Had Mr. South been free to investigate the doings there that night, he would have seen three tired nuns kneeling down and reciting the Rosary for their dear departed Sister. With commendable charity, each tried to induce the others to rest for awhile. Singly, they all had a short rest, but they were only partially refreshed by those brief snatches of sleep. The priest started for home in the early hours of the morning and, in spite of his intense weariness, was at the convent for Mass at the usual time.

Had Mr. South's mind been sufficiently at rest to pursue his inquiries into convent life, he would have found the Sisters sending out messages to all the convents in New Zealand, asking for prayers for the happy repose of the soul of Sister Marie Runold Murphy. Masses, Rosaries, the Office for the Dead: these were being presented to Almighty God in numerous churches and oratories, while Miss South was hastening to catch a boat to Australia from a port unknown to her disconsolate father.

A cable soon arrived in Ireland announcing the death of Sister Marie Runold. It was addressed to the parish priest, who had baptised her thirty-two years before. The sad event became known in a short time. "Poor Katie Murphy is dead," was on everybody's lips. The neighbors went and condoled with her mother. Mrs. Murphy was in tears, but even in her tears there was patience. "It's God's will to take my darling from me: blessed be His Holy will this day." neighbors cheered her when they found her crying; and, strange to say, began to weep when she expressed entire resignation. "May the Heavens be her bed," said Mrs. Heffernan. "I remember the time when my little Gertie had the whooping-cough. She would not let anybody near her but poor Katie. Oh, 'she was the kind-hearted girl." Mrs. Murphy's grief broke out afresh. 'Do you begrudge her to God?" asked Mrs. Heffernan. "And she was so full of fun," she added; "do you remember the time of the feis when she won the prize for dancing? What a pity you ever let her go out of your sight!"

Father Rossiter, having brought the sad message to Mrs. Murphy and having sympathised with her and cheered her up as well as his own grief permitted, walked thoughtfully down the main street, stopping all he met to inform them of Katic Murphy's death and to say that Mass would be celebrated at eight o'clock next morning for her eternal repose. He visited his schools at 3 o'clock and brought all the children to the church and with them recited the Rosary for Sister Marie Runold Murphy.

The church was crowded next morning by adults and children. The decorations suitable to a Requiem Mass had been made with the restrained taste permitted by the Church. The harmonium was played by an old friend of the deceased, the piercing wail of the "Dead March" in "Saul" increasing the

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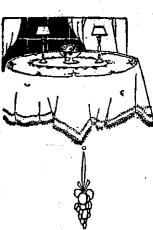
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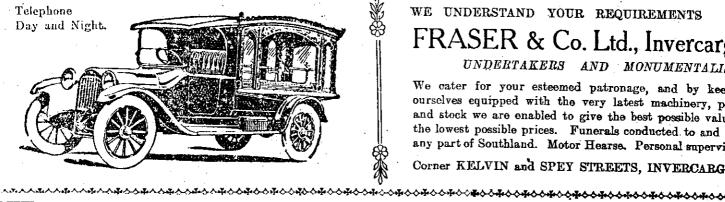
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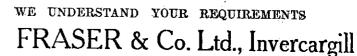
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grief of the women and softening the eyes of the men. In days gone by, Katie Murphy had shown exquisite taste in preparing the altar for solemn occasions, for the Forty Hours and for Benediction, and none had displayed greater zeal in making the music worthy of the various devotions. The old parish priest had intended to say a great deal about her. He succeeded in saying only this, "Katie Murphy is dead. Pray for her." When he turned round to the altar, he coughed as if suffering from a sore throat, and a circular stain, small in diameter, was afterwards noticed by the young lady whose duty it was to put the cover on the altar.

The school-children followed the remains of Sister Marie Runold to their last restingplace. A large number of their parents were also present, for they had experienced many kind offices at the hands of Sister "Ronald." The good priest, unmoved by the indications of grief around him, committed the mortal remains to the grave and with pious earnestness besought God's mercy on her soul.

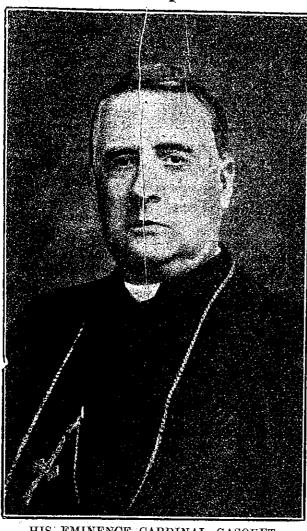
During the interment, the Sisters were before the Blessed Sacrament in the convent chapel, praying amidst sobs for the dear departed and asking Him to grant them a death like hers.

Mr. South was busy those days communicat-

ing with police and detectives concerning the fugitive, and gave not a single thought to the local convent, nor even knew of the sorrow that darkened it for a short space.

The simple stone that marks the restingplace of Sister Marie Runold tells her age and the date of her death and the length of her life in religion. It tells nothing of the wrench she felt on leaving home at the bidding of the sacred voice of her vocation, nor of the resignation with which she accepted from God's hand all the other crosses He was pleased to send her during the days of her strength and especially during her last days on earth.

# Cardinal Gasquet's Jubilee



HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL GASQUET.

The jubileo of Cardinal Dom Aidan Gasquet, O.S.B. (says Mr. Shane Leslie in the London Observer), has called forth some of the spontaneous tributes which gilded the last years of Cardinal Newman. It is more than a Church affair: it is a concern of national pride and pleasure. The man in the street and the Englishman of letters feel more called to celebrate the cardinalate and jubilee of a learned writer like Dom Aidan Gasquet than if he held the purely ecclesiastical position of an archbishop.

He received the Red Hat as Newman re-Crived it, not because he was the administraor of a great diocese, but on his merits one. Pre-eminent scholarship and public achievement, such as Rome loves to honor, brought him the signal honor.

Born and bred in London, his first ecclesiastical duties as a child consisted in serving Cardinal Mauning's Mass when the latter was Superior of the Bayswater community. After school came the great renunciation, and he became a monk of Downside, in Somerset, accepting poverty and obedience and a life of plain chant and plain living.

#### The Making of Downside.

The English Benedictines found in Prior Gasquet the Moses who was to lead them out of stagnation. He started the literary ball rolling by writing a Life of St. Benedict. He threw himself into the school, and the number reached a hundred boys. Slowly one of the most popular and typical of English public schools rose under his aegis. As an

institution it shared English life, and the high-water mark was reached when a Downside boy rowed in the Cambridge boat. Benedictine scholars appeared in Cambridge. It may be remembered that a remote community in Yorkshire bears the arms of Westminster Abbey by decree of the College of Heralds, for heraldry as an exact science cannot change religion. It was symbolical of the part Abbot Gásquet, as he became, played in the controversy which ended in the condemnation of Anglican Orders by the Pope.

Henry VIII and the Monasteries.

Owing to ill health he retired from the priorship and the headship of the school, which he had modernised and provided with lay masters. When he might have been expected to fall back upon meditation and choir singing he began the most prolific period of his life. A great smirch remained on the memory of the great English abbeys, and he undertook to read the documents and original papers and letters of Henry the Eighth's commissioners on the strength of which the religious Orders had been suppressed as nests of turpitude and infamy. He settled with papal permission near the British Museum and Record Office and slowly accomplished his dusty spade-work. When, three years later, he published Henry the Eighth and the English Monasteries England remained Protestant, but one of the ladders by which she had climbed into Protestant security had been for ever kicked from under her. Official and impartial historians declared that the calumnies against English monks and nuns had been dispelled for all To secure their ill-gotten acres the gentlemen of England had condoned the lurid lampoon which rested on the former owners. Abbot Gasquet's labors proved that in documents the matrix of history overwhelms the embryos of the theorists. Past, present, and future English Benedictinism was justified.

#### Revising the Vulgate.

From that moment books flowed from his pen, chiefly under the inspiration and even collaboration of the prince of archaeologists, Mr. Edmund Bishop, who, though a layman, lived an anchoretic life undtr the abbey roof. Edward the Sixth and the Book of Common Prayer, The Last Abbot of Glastonbury, and the Old English Bible all received illumination from the Abbot's pen. In 1907 all work was cut through by his appointment to preside over the revision of the text of

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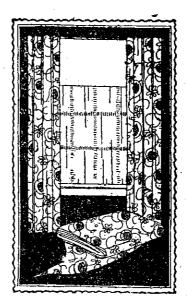
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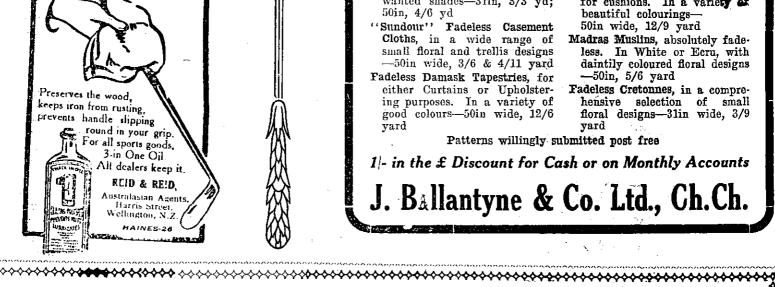
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carried out by the English Revisers of Scripture. That work he still carries on in Rome with Benedictine co-operation. Every manuscript of the Vulgate in the world has been photographed and collated. And in the midst of the work the great scholar became a Cardinal.

Some men are happy to achieve half their ambitions. Cardinal Gasquet has achieved

the Vulgate Bible, a work greater than that his ambitions fourfold. He desired to become a simple monk and he became a Cardinal. He desired to clear the Benedictine name and he became a world-known historian. He desired to study in the British Museum and he became Librarian of the whole Vatican Library. He desired to serve his Church and Country, and both have been honored in his achievements.

# The Church in New Zealand

MORE ABOUT SOUTH WESTLAND: RECOLLECTIONS OF THE EARLY DAYS.

#### Toward Flordland

Mr. H. J. Cuttance, of Otokia, Otago (late of Okuru) writes:-

On New Year's Night, 1875, just 50 years ago, the s.s. Waipara, in charge of Capt. Bascand, east off from the Hokitika wharf, conveying, as passengers, the first of the pioneer community destined for the Jack-

greater number, those of the character just mentioned. While being possessed of their swags and personal outfit, prospecting dish and suchlike articles, the diggers had little money; they had plenty of pluck, however, and big hearts. The late Duncan McFarlane, was sent down as the Government representative: he acted as agent, later was



AN OLD-TIME SURVEYORS CAMP IN SOUTH WESTLAND.

The Blue River hut in which Father Bogue was held up owing to stormy weather and floods, is situated at the back of the bush shown on the left of the illustration. The river flows between the hut and the tents shown in the foreground.

son's Bay special settlement, organised by the Provincial Council of Westland. An alluring pamphlet was issued setting forth the great undeveloped resources of South Westland-fish, limestone, timber, coal, gold, etc. At that time all the old diggings such as Blue Spur, Kanieri, Ross, Woodstock, Eight-mile, etc., were about worked out, and many of the diggers were looking for some opening such as mining or getting on the land. It may well be imagined, therefore, how the prospect of life in new country such as the far south of the province appealed to the restless spirits of the remaining old miners. Thus, on the night of January 1, 1875, the passengers who embarked on the old Waipara were, for the

appointed a Justice of the Peace, and finally Magistrate of Hokitika. A man of enterprising spirit he personally tried hard to make the settlement a success, and spent a lot of time and endured hardships in exploring the different rivers, chiefly in search for minerals—gold and silver—but met with little success. Most of the original sturdy band have passed away. The only pioneers of the settlement surviving, so far as I am aware, are Mrs. Neisson (Hokitika) and her son at Wataroa; the Nolan brothers, of Okuru; the Crons, of the Haast; and the Cuttances. The Waipara visited the south monthly, bringing provisions. The vessel also brought down a few head of cattle and sheep, shipped by Messrs. Robinson and Fell.

This was the first shipment of stock to the district, and was landed about March. Later, Mr. John Murdoch brought down a consignment of dairy cows, for which there was a keen demand at prices up to £20 each. Kittens were sold at £1, and a retriever pup up to £2. About June of the same year we had a visit from a priest: I don't recollect his name, as he only came once. the s.s. Maori called once a month I think the priest came and left by her: this was his first and only visit. At that time the country was very rough and without roads or any means of communication. To reach the settlement (Arawata) a distance of three miles from Jackson's Bay, the settlers had to climb around rocks and bluffs. I have often seen the wives of the settlers with their swags of provisions tramping from the Bay to their homes on the settlement, and the journey was a hard, rough day's toil. The Waipara was finally stranded and blown up in the Okarito River.

#### A Notable Jubilarian

The Guardian (Hokitika) for January 8, made the following editorial reference to Mother Mary Clare, whose diamond jubilee was celebrated with great enthusiasm the day before:-

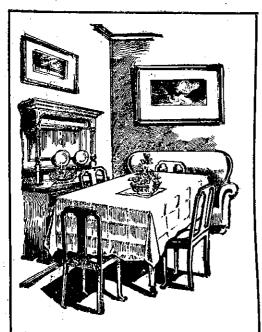
"The recognition of the diamond jubilee of the Rev. Mother Clare by the Catholic community yesterday, was a fitting recognition of service faithfully performed. The Order of Mercy, to which Mother Mary Clare has been attached for so long a time, is of course notable for the calls on its votaries in the matter of service. Faithful service is the highest form of work, whatever may be the calling, and carries with it that loyalty of devotion to duty which is the crowning factor to life's work. A life can be best spent in service, and service to and for others is the noblest calling of all. It may be pursued in various callings, though in the religious it demands sacrifices and negations which in other walks of life are not so exacting. For sixty years of religious life the Rev. Mother has been devoted to her duties and her calling. As the foundress of the local convent in 1878, an institution which has been well maintained over a long period of years, and flourished greatly, the Rev. Mother has a memorial which stands for a pleasant reminder of her service well Yesterday's tribute was another reminder, a most pleasing one, of the appreciation of her work to the community with whom she has been so long identified. The accruing benefits from a life so well spent are not to be gauged fully just now. The young over whom the Rev. Mother must have exercised a powerful influence are still growing up and passing out into the world. The value of her service in the cause of true humanity will find its expression through many lives, and in that way there will be for long years many cherished memories of a worthy life. Regarding the service of the Rev. Mother as being of such civic community value, and appreciated by the outside public as well, we may be permitted on the notable occasion to express publicly the feelings of goodwill towards the venerable lady whose life work has been

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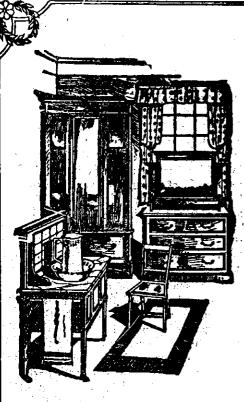


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THE LATE DEAN MARTIN, S.M. A pioneer pastor of Hokitika, at whose invitation the first community of Sisters of Mercy came to Westland

Under the heading "A Worthy Pioneer" the Grey River Argus for January 8 wrote editorially as follows:-

"More than ordinary interest and significance attached to yesterday's celebration at Hokitika of the diamond jubilee in religion of the Rev. Mother Mary Clare, of St. Columbkille's Convent of Mercy. It is nearly half a century since she headed a little band of ten Sisters—seven of whom survive—whon they left the western shores of Ireland in response to the call of a famed pioneer missionary priest, the late Dean Martin, who realised the need existing in the new-ypopulated mining localities for teachers and religious instructors of the rising generation. From the original foundation under the venerable jubilarian, at Hokitika, branches of the Order have spread to all parts of the West Coast and Canterbury, so that she is virtually the founder of convents to-day comprising ten times the number of Sisters who came with her, and has a share

ered in new communities and the West Coast generally owes her a debt of gratitude for having helped for more than two generations to raise the moral and mental status of the community, and not the least for promoting comparatively high degree of musical art on the West Coast, as well as in Canterbury. Thousands of ex-pupils throughout New Zealand and further afield recognise their debt to Mother Mary Clare for a very complete education, morally as well as mentally, and when the West Coast annalist of the future makes his record of the past and the present her name will be listed in a place of high honor, because the nature of her labor is of the most lasting order, the moulding of the minds and hearts of future men and women. Her jubilee is unique among the convent communities of this country, and with her co-religionists and admirers of all denominations we wish to join in extending cordial congratulations upon the memorable occasion."

#### **OBITUARY** MR. PATRICK O'HALLORAN, INVERCARGILL.

There passed away on the 27th ult., at his residence, Clyde Street, Invercargill, Mr. Patrick O'Halloran (writes a correspondent). During his illness he was attended by Rev. Fathers Martin and Marlow, and died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church. The late Mr. O'Halloran was born in Co. Galway, Ireland. He arrived in New Zealand about fifty years ago, and engaged in farming in the Wrey's Bush district, where he remained until 1907, when he retired and removed to Invercargill. Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Basilica by Father Marlow, and Father Martin, assisted by Father Marlow, officiated at the interment. The funeral was largely attended by friends of deceased, who was widely known and highly esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. He leaves a widow and four daughters (Sister M. Kostka, Convent of Mercy, Auckland; Mrs. J. A. Kean, Winton; Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Greymouth; and Mrs. J. Hannan, Invercargill) to mourn their loss; two daughters (Mrs. M. L. Crowe, Invercargill, and Mrs. W. Crowe, South Hillend) having predeceased him.-R.I.P.

#### MR. THOMAS O'NEILL, WINTON.

Deep regret was expressed when it became known that Mr. Thomas O'Neill, beloved husband of Mary O'Neill, had passed peacefully away at his residence, Devereux Road, Winton, on the 5th inst., at the age of 71 years, after a very short illness. The deceased was born at Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, Ireland, and ca. : with his wife to New Zealand in 1887. Being a coal-miner by occupation, he obtained work at the Hokonyi coal mine, which was then in operation, and remained there until the mine closed down, after which he turned his attention to farming and dairying. Having taken up a bush section he, assisted by his sons, drained and cleared what was a dense bush and swamp, and by his indomitable energy and industry converted it into the best dairy farm in the district. Like most North of Ireland Catholics, who often had to fight for their faith, he loved his Holy Church, and instilled the same spirit into the hearts of his family; who are all most exemplary Catholics. His love for his native land was also one of his strongest characteristics. His hospitality was unbounded and his friendship was of the most enduring kind. Although quiet and retiring, he unobtrusively performed many charitable acts, which will long be remembered by those who sought help and kindness. Much sympathy prevails for his widow and family of four daughters and five sons. He was attended in his last illness by the Rev. Father Hunt, and died fortified by the rites of Holy Church. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul at St. Thomas's Church by Father Hunt, who also officiated at the last sad rites at the graveside, where the very large cortege was a fitting tribute to the high esteem in which he was held. As the remains were borne from the church, the "Dead March" from "Saul" was played by Mrs. Jones.—R.I.P.

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# **Current Topics**

#### Moving Pictures and Education

Who says that the moving pictures do not create a thirst for knowledge? Recently an American firm of picture producers released a picture entitled "The Ten Commandments," and the Catholic Herald of Sacramento has it that thousands of people throughout the States made it their immediate business to find out what are the Ten Commandments. We suppose that the picture will be reproduced here in due course, and then, probably, the hurricane of investigation will be repeated.

#### The Duty of Voting

It is the general belief that the citizen is not morally bound to exercise his franchise at every opportunity. Dr. John A. Ryan, of the Catholic University of America, disagrees with this view. He says that the public welfare will be cared for in proportion as the citizens are active, interested, and conscientious in the exercise of their political powers. Hence, the person who lightly assumes that it makes no difference whether he votes or not is not a good citizen. It is largely because so many well-meaning persons adopt this lazy attitude that the public welfare suffers from bad officials and bad laws. The citizen is not only bound to east his vote, but to cast it intelligently and conscientiously. This means that his support at the ballot box should be given only to honest and competent candidates and on behalf of right legislative policies. Hence, the citizen is bound not only to vote for honest and competent men, but to support policies which are for the common good and for justice towards every class of the community. He should not vote for good men who favor wrong policies, nor for candidates merely because they are his friends. should realise his responsibilities as one of those who decide whether government shall be honest, competent, and just, or whether it shall be lacking in any or all of these qualities. Dr. Ryan's reasoning is sound, and it is unfortunate that to apply the principle in a manner calculated to reap some practical benefit from voting is somewhat difficult to the average voter. In answer to the direction to vote for sound men and sound principles, he replies with a certain amount of logic "first eatch your hare." Politicians usually are so spent after their efforts to get into Parliament that they are too tired to do much when they get there. For hundreds of years people have been listening to preelection eloquence and witnessing post-clection stagnation. Consequently, they have, to a certain extent, become fatalists as far as politics are concerned. To say this is not to excuse public apathy but merely to explain it. Some politicians we know are not only the result of public apathy, but they are also the penalty of it.

#### Jerome K. Jerome Explains

Jerome K. Jerome, writing some time ago in Common Sense, throws further light on the matter from the point of view of the voter. In England, he says, the people elect

their representatives-at least that is the theory. In practice this is what happens:-Lord Tomnoddy and Sir Georgius Midas, standing side by side on a platform, say to the free and independent electors of Little Pedlington: "One of us is going to be your representative. You have a free choice. It is a privilege for which your ancestors died that you may elect one of us to rule over you. Now which is it to be?" Some fifty per cent. of the electors-to their credithaving given the candidates one glance, take no more interest in the affair. The other fifty per cent. get quite excited about it. Personally they don't care much for either gentleman. Most of the voters have never seen their gentleman before and have no wish to do so again. One of them promises them "ninepence for fourpence," and the other promises them "homes fit for heroes to dwell in." They make their cross and for the next five years either Lord Tomnoddy or Sir Georgius Midas "represents" and governs them.

#### Dr. Frank Crane's View

Dr. Frank Crane, whose new book, Why I Am a Christian, has convinced the editor of the Fortnightly Review that its author is no Christian at all, gives in Current Opinion some paradoxical reasons why people should vote. The principal reason for voting, he says, "is that if you don't somebody else will. And unfortunately, that somebody usually belongs to a class that desires some special privilege. Only by the majority of disinterested people voting are they able to outvote the minority of interested people. Government is principally occupied with two things: First, the capture and punishment of criminals; and second, the raising of taxes to pay itself for doing so. . . . The real reason why you should vote is not because you are interested in Government, but because you are not interested. If you want the Government to confine itself strictly to the business of chasing criminals and maintaining order between various bumptious individuals and classes you should express yourself at the polls. The best thing that the Government can do with business, and with the ordinary affairs of men, is to let them alone. The nearer people come to allowing natural laws to regulate their affairs, the better off they If the Government is managed by criminals and chronic office-seekers it is the fault of the voter. If it feels that the majority of citizens is watching it and taking it to task for whatever it does it will be more cautious. It will be less liable to yield to communistic schemes, less liable to enact class legislation, less liable to oppress the majority of the people for the benefit of the few. But all these plans for good government will be little better than expedients until the people develop a public conscience that will enable them to become indignant at villainy. Politicians in general are merely a reflex of the people who elect them. What humanity needs more than political programmes and party interests is a generous dose of Christian principles as a preliminary tonic. Without that nothing will be much good for long.

#### Honor and Politics

Those who are interested in the Ulster Boundary dispute may sympathise with British statesmen in having to do with an exceedingly difficult problem. There is the legend, of course, that Britain is anxious to wash her hands of Ireland altogether, the only thing preventing her ablutions being her pledges to Ulster coupled with the fear that the North and the South would quarrel if they were left without a referee. Millions of innocent readers of the cables have pictured Right Honorable gentlemen with wet towels around their fevered brows studying the Irish question while London slept, watching with tired eyes the black night give way to the grey dawn, and silently praying that a magician would spring from the gloom with a potent love philtre which they could pour over Ireland to the end that North and South would rush into each other's arms crying: "At last we are united. Give us your blessing and leave us. We shall love and trust each other for ever." magician came, and coffee and rolls found the Ministry still playing the patient father trying to promote goodwill between two cantankerous children. It is a touching picture, but the pity of it is that so much good sympathy should be wasted upon so many mountebanks. For the truth, disclosed by the publication of a letter from Mr. Lloyd George to Lord Carson, is that Britain, despite all the display about establishing peace between the North and South, is determined to prevent Ulster, by force of arms if necessary, from entering into any agreement with the rest of Ireland by which the whole country would be united under one Government.

#### The Letter

The letter was written as far back as 1916, but when we consider it in the light of subsequent events, of subsequent correspondence secret and otherwise, of subsequent admissions and retractions, we cannot close our eyes to the fact that Mr. George's letter to Lord Carson has been accepted by the British Government as the basis of its Irish policy. Following is the shameful document:—

Whitehall Place, S.W., May 29th, 1916.

My Dear Carson,

I enclose Greer's draft propositions. We must make it clear THAT AT THE END OF THE PROVISIONAL PERIOD ULSTER DOES NOT WHETHER SHE WILLS IT OR NOT MERGE IN THE REST OF IRELAND.

Ever sincerely, D. LLOYD GEORGE.

Will you show it to Craig.

This letter was written just at the time when Mr. George was wringing his hands in despair for the benefit of the world at large over the failure of himself and his colleagues to find a basis upon which the North and South of Ireland could arrive at an amicable settlement. Then the next act of the farce was staged with more hand wringing. Sir James Craig and Lord Londonderry with the rest of the gang now appear as Northern

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potentates with cardboard swords and tinsel crowns. Mr. George abases himself before the Ulster legend personified by the gang. "Ulster must not be coerced," he cries, and the shout is taken up and re-echoed around the Empire. But neither he nor Lord Carson disclosed the secret that Ulster was being poerced, and that if she refused to play the part assigned to her she would be blown to pieces like any other rebel state. To have disclosed that would have spoiled everything. But the play proceeds. Lord Carson slips Mr. George's note into the hand of Sir James Craig; the latter reads it and nods assent. It is his cue. Then Mr. George strikes an attitude and commences to plead with Ulster, begs her to forgive and forget the past and to hold out the glad hand to her brothers in the South, and offers gifts to make forgiveness easy. But Ulster stands aloof and unrelenting. In reply to Mr. George's pleading Sir James Craig sends the following note: "In spite of the inducements held out to Ulster under your arrangements with Sinn Fein, we are convinced that it is not in the interests of Great Britain or the Empire that Ulster should become subordinate to a Sinn Fein Government." "No Surrender!" comments the Catholic Bulletin in derision of the Orange catch-cry. "The Northern Parliament has not the power to surrender a blade of grass." And then it goes on to say that Lloyd George, in this letter has skinned the hand of England, while Lord Carson by his action in publishing it, has suggested the vomiting from hell itself of something too diseased for habitation there. But let us turn to a cleaner subject.

#### Industrialism in the Dock

Father Vincent McNabb, O.P., recently delivered a lecture on the subject of industrialism, and among other things he said that as a priest he was only interested in economics when they were coming to mean deadly sin for the great number of the people. dustrialism was a civilisation which was largely based on machinery. The modern industrial system was in the dock, and the strange thing was that there was no charge against the preceding system. The old system was not tried and found wanting, but was tried and was so successful that the sporadic success of the industrial system was largely due to the capital amassed under the preceding system. When a community had deliberately forgone the best and set out to choose the second-best, they were on the road to damnation. If they gave up quality for quantity and went on for some time they would in the end not have quantity. They had now a famine of the necessities of life without parallel in the history of the worldpermanent famine. Father McNabb quoted statistics on the housing conditions of the people, the infantile mortality rate, and the great growth of unemployment, and said these facts condemned the industrial system. All the great organisation of which they had become so proud was doomed, as far as he could see, and meanwhile the land, the finest thing in the world, was withered. was the way out? Well, the first thing to realise was that the house was on fire, and to be sure they wanted to get out. Labor

had tried to stand up to employers on the wage question, but instead of standing up they allowed themselves to be bowled out. Working men were now agreeing that industry could not pay sufficient wages, and said: "That being so, we are going to limit our families." If the system could not afford a normal family, surely they should say: "Change the system." The spread of birth control was proof of the spiritual bankruptcy of the industrial system, for it gave them, as the only way out, mortal sin.

#### Medieval Industry

It may seem a far cry from our modern industrial civilisation with its wars and famines, with its excessive wealth jeering at its extreme poverty, to that sixteenth-century rebellion against the Church known by the misnomer of the Reformation. Yet the two things are more closely connected than is commonly supposed. Social progress does not ride on the wings of the wind, a truth well known to the monks of old England but totally strange to those modern philosophers who expect social perfection to come as a meteor bursts from the sky. The monks undertook the task of civilising England. They taught the natives to cultivate the land, and with their own hands they laid the foundation of industry throughout the country. Most important of all, they taught the people to make the work of the hands express the faith in the heart, to apply Christian principles to every-day affairs, and to carry out the direction of the Apostle: "Whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do it for the honor and glory of God." Under the wise guidance of the monks England prospered morally, intellectually, and materially, so that a civilisation was built up unparalleled in history. The spirit of association was fostered, and workmen were banded in organisations the primary purpose of which was to maintain the dietatorship of Justice over the dealings between master and man. Then came the revolt against the Church, and the civilising process was abruptly terminated.

#### The Result

"By their fruits ye shall know them," said Christ, and the fruits of the Reformation were poverty, misery, and degradation for the masses of the people. The shadows of Luther and Henry VIII were thrown like a pall over the future, and they have not been lifted to this day. Historians tell us that the causes of the Reformation were primarily economic; that is to say, the powerful supporters of the Reformation in England, finding that the influence and teaching of the Church made it difficult for them to introduce the laws of the jungle for their own selfish ends, were auxious to have the Church removed so that the people would be left without a protector in the economic struggle about to commence. The Church in England was suppressed as far as it was possible for a mere human power to suppress an institution established and guaranteed by God. From this time onward England was ruled not by laws but by men. The suppression of the Church meant that the fundamental principles upon which Christianity rests fell into desuetude, and the economic policy pursued had the effect of creating great landowners and of forcing the hitherto agricultural population into the cities. This in turn forced England to become a manufacturing country, and at the same time it laid the foundation of that Imperialism concerning which the less said the better.

#### The Fruits of Industrialism

It is a tragedy that the day of power-driven machinery dawned in a period of moral bankruptcy, when the God of Profit reigned supreme in the hearts of men. If there was one time more than another when religion as a guiding force was needed it was when the introduction of power revolutionised industry and commerce. Christianity teaches that man is only the steward of his goods, that he must administer them according to the law of God from whom he receives them. But when power-driven machinery arrived that doctrine had already been superseded by that of the survival of the fittest. The child, when he was taught at all, was taught that the highest ambition in life was to be a successful man; that a successful man is a wealthy man; and that the treasures of the earth go to the ruthless and the strong. Competition, or a system of cut-throat, entered the arena of trade with the result that to-day nations are merely pawns in the hands of millionaires and trusts and combines. Sometimes the food supply of a continent is at the mercy of the bulls and bears in the wheat pit; it is at the mercy of people who will not permit religion to interfere with business. As one king of industry said the other day: "I want every cent. the traffic can bear. Ethics simply don't count in business. I don't know enough about ethical principles to apply them."

### A Prayer Against Scandal

His Holiness Pope Pius XI has granted an indulgence of 300 days for the recitation of the following prayer:

Mary, Virgin Immaculate, cover us with the mantle of your holiness, of which the Liturgy speaks. Cause that we, too, may be altogether pure, and that we may resist all bad example—especially that arising from pernicious fashions and reading. Obtain that, on the contrary, we may give good example in a special manner by our behaviour, our dress, and our reading, and that in every way we shall avoid giving

We offer thee our efforts, and through thee to thy Divine Son, in reparation for the scandals which surround us at the present moment, even in Catholic circles, and which are offensive to the Divine Majesty.

The Holy Father has frequently on previous occasions, given evidence of his ardent desire for the restoration of Christian manners and customs. On this occasion his Holiness has testified to his heartfelt desire to see, on the part of Catholic women especially, a more intensive imitation of the Blessed Virgin, who is the model of all the virtues.

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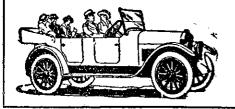
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# The Apostolate of the Press

(Substance of a Pastoral Letter by the RIGHT REV. DR. CARY-ELWES, Bishop of Nottingham)

I wonder if there is anyone who, when Christmastide approaches, is not carried back on the wings of memory to the days of his childhood. So much is made of it in this country for the children's sake that it has ome to be looked upon as in a special manner the feast for the little ones, among whom we ourselves were numbered once, though perhaps many years ago.

We can hark back to those far-off days and become young again in the happiness of the children around us. The Crib, whether an elaborate construction in the church, or something more humble in the home, with its sweet suggestion of family love in the figures of Our Lady and St. Joseph taking care of the Child Jesus, forms a picture in the little mind which is never really obliterated in after life. Associated with it was the exciting and mysterious novelty of Midnight Mass which we were allowed to attend when we were deemed old enough, and wakeful enough, to be taken to it.

This, with the special home delights which are an unfailing accompaniment of Christmas, fix the feast as a special day in our life, and make it at once happy, joyous and holy. Associations of this kind, gathered round a special festival, have a value in the formation of true religious picty in a child which cannot be over-estimated; they are part of his education as real and solid as all the things which he learns, or is supposed to learn, at school, and the impression is generally far more indelible.

#### Poison in Print.

But when all is said and do e, we must recognise that Christmas comes but once a year, and forms but one item, though a big one, in the annual sturgical worship of God. The whole year has, somehow, to be consecrated to God.

The call of the world on our attention and interest are very important, and if not kept in their proper place and perspective, are liable to swallow up all our higher aims and energies. And this is not true only of the children, though with them there is the added importance of laying a strong foundation for future good habits, but it applies equally to those who are grown up.

How to keep alive the necessity interest in things eternal pertaining to the soul is the ever-present problem of the pricest and of the head of the family.

As the mind developes in a growing child, we see the growth, too, of the spirit of enquiry, and interest manifested in all circetions, of curiosity, of self-perception. The world offers information on every sort of topic these days. Books, magaziues, pamphlets, story books are poured out by the million to supply the need. And it does not require to read much of these to discover that a large portion of them is positively prisonous to the youthful mind of our rising generation. In scarcely one of these is there so much as a hint that the child or adolescent of to-day may be in need of anything more an what is useful for his advancement in this world. Anything higher or nobler is,

unfortunately, not the business of the world.

These publications are so attractive, and so easily obtained at any bookstall throughout the land, that they only too easily find their way into the hands of the omnivorous and uncritical reader. The result is that our young people absorb the ideas there inculcated to the exclusion, in great part, of more wholesome, more true and not less necessary information. These ideas grow with the growth of the readers, become incorporated in their very system, and tend to make them the prey of influences and powers which may result in their destruction.

#### The Antidote.

If there is nothing else for them to read, nothing provided for them in the home or outside it, what else can possibly happen, unless some special grace of God uphold and direct them? We know the power of Divine grace in these matters, but it is not right to leave everything to its operations. Nay, it is a direct tempting of Providence to fail to supply, as best we may, some antidote to the un-Christian, un-Catholic literature of our day.

What can be done? First and foremost, see to it that the home is itself a copy, as far as we can make it, of Bethlehem and Nazareth; there the atmosphere was holy, redolent of sanctity. It was not the sanctimonious home of the do-nothing, for St. Joseph was a carpenter, and Our Lord helped him in his work, while Our Lady tended the house and saw diligently to the domestic requirements of the household. But with the work there went prayer, pure living and high thinking. That is our model, and our homes must, as far as possible, be moulded after that example.

But the young people must read something. If nothing is provided for them, then the pernicious literature of the day will fill the void. So see that every home takes in a Catholic newspaper or periodical, or both, and that they are read. You will say perhaps that this reading is poor, wishy-washy, uninteresting stuff. So is pure water or beer to a palate accustomed wholly to champagne and strong spirits! But the matter in these papers is full of life and by no means without interest to one whose tastes have been formed to appreciate it. It is indeed imperative that there should be kept in the mind of the growing child an interest in his religion and in those things that take place in the Catholic world at home and abroad.

#### A Wonderful Society.

Then we are reminded by the sudden death of a very eminent Catholic, Mr. James Britten (on whose soul may God, whom he so faithfully served, have mercy!), of a truly wonderful society, the Catholic Truth Society, his own child, which brings good Catholic literature of every kind within the reach of all. What a lesson the story of his lifework is to all Catholics! If everybody had one-thousandth part of his keen enthusiasm for fostering the habit of good reading among old and young, we should have gone far to

solve the problem of the perverted relish for bad books.

In my opinion every church should have its Catholic Truth Society book-case, and have it well displayed, and carefully filled according to the needs of the locality. know that the initial cost and the apparent apathy in some small missions frightens those responsible from undertaking the task; but there are generally a few earnest workers in each congregation, who, given the opportunity, would gladly work it under the guidance of the priest. It takes a little time, undoubtedly, to discover the needs and taste of a congregation; but the appetite for good food of all kinds grows with eating; and the taste for good literature forms no exception to the rule. As many, too, as possible should become active members of the C.T.S. The cost is small, the resulting fruit most useful and interesting.

Beside the actual congregation there is another public, a secretive, sensitive public, which enters through the church door when nobody is about. The Catholic Truth Society box attracts them, and the good that is done in this quiet way by a passing stranger taking away some Catholic Truth Society literature is not to be measured by the mere coppers or silver which are subsequently found in the money box. It is to be remembered that many a man and woman in every class of life, while shy of asking questions about religion of his Catholic neighbors, and absolutely terrified of approaching a priest, will gladly avail himself of the opportunity of reading about the Faith in this quiet, unobtrusive way, and later on may come for further instruction and enlightenment to someone who is competent to give it. This is often the breaking of the ice, one of the most difficult things to accomplish in the task of making converts. . . .

#### Influence of the Home.

Here, then, is a method of meeting one of the worst evils of the day. It is not the only one, the ultimate and real solution rests in the home, all others being subordinate to this. When the home, and the life that energises there, approximates to Bethlehem and Nazareth, then we can go on our way rejoicing with the angels, with the shepherds, with the Magi.

So prepare yourselves, dear children in Jesus Christ, for the coming Feast of Christmas. Do not let it take you by surprise. But rather prepare your hearts and your houses to resemble the Crib and Cave of Bethlehem that, He seeing them so ready for Him, may come and take up His abode there, bringing with Him such gifts, such consolations, such graces as you need, as we all of us need, and needing, should pray for with all our might. Then will be repeated the Christmas joys which we felt and rejoiced at as children; for where Christ Our King takes up His abode, there is to be found and there alone—the happiness, the innocence, the sinlessness of His most cherished possession, the heart of a little child.

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# St. Vincent de Paul Society and Parish Guilds

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE ATTENDS MEETING.

The practical interest and affection held by his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was again exemplified on Wednesday, 7th inst., by his attendance at the monthly meeting of the Parish Guild committee, held at St. Francis's Hall, Albion Street, Sydney.

His Excellency, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Gilroy (secretary to the Delegation), was received by the Rev. Father G. E. Herlihy, Adm., the president of the committee, and representatives of the various conferences to the number of about 100. Also present at the meeting were the Rev. Father Hills and the Presidents of the Superior Council of Australasia and the Particular Council of Sydney.

Father Herlihy extended a warm welcome to the distinguished representative of the Supreme Pontiff, and urged on all the brothers the importance of the work and the necessity of encouraging and supporting those charged with its control.

His Excellency's Address.

His Excellency, who was given a stirring reception on rising, declared the work was a noble and great one, even if it appeared humble in the eyes of the world or some of themselves. He subscribed to every line of the committee's two little booklets. in charge must not be discouraged at the difficulties encountered. The Guild would prove a support to our Catholic young men when they needed spiritual aid most, namely, at their first contact with the spirit of the world. He counselled the brothers to work in harmony with their priests, and if they had not their approval, they should do nothing but pray-for much could be accomplished by prayer. As the system of life is freer in Australian than in other countries, the youth is in greater danger, so the need of the Guild is greater. "Call the organisation what you will, so long as you get the young men to the Sacraments." (Applause.) He thought it a good idea to have the principal workers drawn from amongst the young men themselves, and such a procedure would possibly be more acceptable to the young fellows. (Applause.) He was greatly pleased at being present at the meeting, and would willingly come again if invited. (Laughter and applause.) He wished God's blessing on the work the members of the society and of the Parish Guild.

His Excellency then imparted his blessing to the brothers.

The president of the committee acknow-ledged the compliment of his Excellency's presence, and mentioned that his illustrious predecessor, the Archbishop of Sydney, and other members of the Hierarchy, had given their approval to the work. There was but one objective, namely, the aiding of our Catholic youth to remain faithful to their religion during the most critical time of life by means of the regular reception of the Sacraments, and despite the extent of the operations and its difficult nature, fair success had been achieved.

The President of the Superior Council said, in moving a vote of thanks to his Excellency,

that the spiritual movement of the Parish Guild was one of the most important works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. As a result of the recent congress, a move had been made for the establishment of the work in Melbourne. He appealed to the brothers to devote all the energy possible to the undertaking, with a view to its attaining perfection. He thanked his Excellency for honoring the society and the committee by his presence and encouraging address. The motion was carried by acclamation, and the meeting terminated.

Amongst the reports delivered at the meet-

ing were the following: Enfield, at Holy Communion on December Sunday, 22; Kensington, 40; Erskineville, 250; Ashfield, 42; Campsie, 30; Wollahra, 150; Punchbowl, 27; Waterloo, 100; Epping, 12; Hurstville, 44; Milson's Point, 20; Chatswood, 51; Bondi Junction, 158; Surry Hills, 35; Dulwich Hill, 30; North Sydney, 56; Leichhardt, 118; Redfern, 40; Marrickville, 65. Waverley had 32 names on roll, Clovelly 63, and 27 at first general Communion, and Auburn about 30. Newtown has a good increase in membership, and some 22 members of Bondi Junction were about to join various Orders of priesthood or teaching Brothers. It was stated that an opportunity of discussing the advisability of changing the name of the work (Parish Guild) would be given at the next meeting.

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### HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

ST. JOSEPH'S BRANCH, DUNEDIN.

The usual fortnightly meeting of St. Joseph's branch (No. 73) of the H.A.C.B. Society, was held on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst. The president (Bro. A. Gillick) presided. Two new members were initiated and one candidate proposed for membership. The president made sympathetic reference to the death of Father F. J. Marlow, members meanwhile standing in respectful silence; the secretary was instructed to forward letters of condolence to Bro. J. J. Marlow (District-Deputy) and Bro. J. J. Marlow, jun., past-president of the branch. Sick pay and other

accounts were passed for payment and general business transacted, after which the meeting was closed.

# ST. PATRICK'S BRANCH, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

The usual fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch (No. 643) of the H.A.C.B. Society, South Dunedin, was held in the Hibernian Social Rooms on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., the president (Bro. J. F. Kerr) presiding over a large attendance. Five new members were initated and two candidates proposed for membership. The president made feeling reference to the death of Father F. J. Marlow, members standing in silence as a tribute of respect. The secretary was instructed to forward letters of condolence to Bro. J. J. Marlow (District Deputy) and to Bro. A. L. Marlow (treasurer of St. Patrick's branch). After routine business had heen disposed of members adjourned to the billiard room, where Bro. P. Nash gave a demonstration of some very intricate shots. The reading room still maintains its popularity. Bro. G. Magorian presented to the library some of the latest works on wireless. In the "500" competition Bros. Nolan and Day hold the honors and Bro. C. Ahern is still the chess champion of the club, but some of the younger members are working hard to oust him from his position. The evening was voted one of the most pleasant held at the rooms.

### ST. MARY'S BRANCH, PORT CHALMERS

The half-yearly meeting of St. Mary's branch (No. 536) of the H.A.C.B. Society, Port Chalmers, was held on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., B.P. Bro. O'Halloran presiding over a good attendance of members. Motions of condolence with the relatives of the late Father F. J. Marlow and with Bro. J. Connolley, whose father died recently, were passed, all standing in silence as a mark of respect to the deceased. General business was transacted and correspondence dealt with. After the balance sheet for the last quarter was read and adopted, the president installed the following office-bearers for the ensuing term: -President, Bro. S. J. King; vice-president, Bro. W. Smolenski; secretary, Bro. W. D. Mead (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. F. Smolenski, sen.; warden, Bro. W. Doherty; guardian, Bro. F. Smolenski, jun.; sick visitors, Bros. J. Smolenski and E. Holden; auditors, Bros. T. Mackie and F. Hol-

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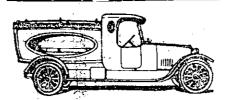


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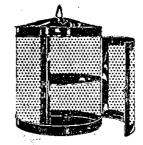
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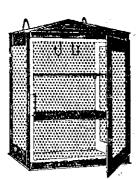
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# Death of Father Francis Marlow

Solemn Requiem at St. Patrick's Basilica



The remains of Father Francis Joseph Marlow, whose death under tragic circumwas announced in our stances to Dunedin issue, were conveyed Monday's evening train. His Lordship the Bishop, who at the time of the lamentable occurrence was at Oamaru, postponed several appointments, including the delivery of a lecture so as to return to the city to preside at the solemn obsequies, attended at the railway station, accompanied by a number of the clergy, when the casket was received and removed to St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. Pontifical Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Bishop on Wednesday morning, commencing at nine o'clock, when the Basilica and approaches were crewded, many being in attendance from various parts of the diocese; some from a great distance motoring all night to be present. Rev. Father McMullan (Ranfurly) was assistant priest; Rev. S. Marlow (brother of deceased), deacon; Rev. Father Spillane (St. Joseph's Cathedral), subdeacon; Rev. Fathers Lynch (Wrey's Bush) and O'Dea (Omakau), deacons at the throne; Rev. Father Buckley (Riverton) master of ceremonies. Others of the clergy present were Rev. Fathers Delany, O'Reilly, Woods, Kavanagh, Kaveney, P. J. O'Neill, Loughnan, S.J. (Melbourne), Fenelon, Ardagh, Martin, Lennon, Monaghan, Tylee, McMahon, Fenton, Rooney, and Hally. The Gregorian music of Mass was most devotionally rendered by the children's choir of Vincent de Paul Orphanage. At the Absolution, given by his Lordship the Bishop, the clergy sang the "Libera." The whole ceremony was deeply impressive. At the conclusion of the Mass Rev. Father Collins (Holy Cross College, Mosgiel) preached the pinegyric as follows:-

A few short months ago, most of us, priests and people, were gathered around the mortal remains of Father Daniel O'Neill, whose

tragic death deprived the diocese of a revered and zealous priest. In our midst was one who grieved not only as the rest of us, but as one who had lost the priestly friend that had guided his footsteps from childhood and had finally led him to God's altar. A zealous priest himself and blessed at the time with ordinary good health, we all looked forward to many years for him of useful and fruitful labor in the Catholic Church in Otago. A. J. he himself, no doubt, at the graveside of his departed friend was filled with pious ambitions to emulate the zealous life that had been so suddenly brought to a close.

But God's ways appear to us at times strange ways, for to-day we are gathered together in prayer once more-this time around the mortal remains of that young priest himself, whose death, if a little less tragic, was none the less sad and shocking...

Francis Joseph Marlow grew up as a child amongst you here in South Dunedin. His early years were spent at St. Philomena's School under the care of your devoted Sisters of Mercy, and later at the Christian Brothers' School. He most probably came under your notice when he was an altar boy in this basilica, and judging from his character and piety you were not surprised when he finally chose to study for the priesthood and entered Holy Cross College. There he first came under my notice, and during his years of student life, for many of which I was his teacher, he endeared himself to both professors and students on account of not only his piety and zeal, but also the splendid spirit which he showed amongst them.

Endowed with more than average ability, he finally completed his college course in November, 1919. On the 23rd of that month, in this church where he had been baptised, where he had made his first confession and Holy Communion, and where he had been confirmed, he was raised to the dignity of the priesthood. Your hearts rejoiced with him that day and you were justly proud of the first young man whom this parish and the parish school had sent to offer sacrifice at God's altar. You looked upon Father Francis as your own priest. The early years of his priesthood were spent in the Cathedral parish; later on he did relieving work in the diocese, principally in Riversdale and Waikiwi. In this latter parish he was stationed when God so suddenly called him from his priestly labors. Such is the short life's history of Father Marlow.

During his short life in the priesthood he exhibited the same traits of character as he had in college; so that in the different districts in which he labored, by his zeal, by his energy, by his thoughtfulness he soon won his way into the hearts of the people. Consequently many there are who to-day join with us in praying for the repose of the soul of one whom they learnt to love and reverence.

While lamenting the loss of this young priest our sympathy goes out to his sorrowing parents, brothers, and sisters. Little wonder that this young man received so high a voca-

tion from Almighty God, seeing that he came from a family so rich in religious vocations. The deep piety and solid Catholic faith evidenced for years amongst you by his parents have certainly been rewarded from on high. To see one son a Christian Brother, two others priests, another nearing his ordination; two daughters in the religious life-surely this was a joy to parents' hearts: a story of religious vocations unparalleled, so far as my knowledge goes, in New Zealand. But God sends not only joys, but also sorrows. And at the height of their joy He has placed upon them the heavy burden of sorrow in taking from them so suddenly and unexpectedly their priestly son in the prime of life. He reminds them as He reminded His followers long ago: Unless you take up your cross daily and follow me you cannot be my disciple. So in the depths of their sorrow their strong religious faith will enable them to see the hand of God even in this severe trial and to bow their heads in resignation to His holy will.

To see the light of life go out to early as it has done with this young priest grieves and shocks as all. Still it is only one of the Almighty's ways of teaching us the old, old lesson: Life is short. If his cold lips could speak to us from the coffin this morning his words would be: To-day for me, to-morrow for thee. Be ye ever ready. How aften when living had he preached this doctrine to others! How much more foreibly he presents it to us to-day! It would seem as if his Master had chosen him as an example of that great doctrine. How little did he think when warning his people of that suddenness with which the angel of death might swoop down them, how soon his teaching was to be exemplified in himself. In the bloom of youth almost, in perfect health, when death . was far from his mind, with only the slightest warning, the angel came and numbered him among the dead. We thank God that time and a return of consciousness were given him to receive the last sacraments. Yet even with these how sudden it all was. What a striking lesson, then, to us all gataered at his Requiem to-day-to priests, to people, his relatives, fellow-students and companions. Five years ago-on his ordination day—he threw himself prostrate in this sanctuary in token of his submission to his Redeemer. The text he chose that day for his ordination card was: "He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His name." Yes the Lord had done great things for him. He had made him a priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech, had given him the power to consecrate the Holy Eucharist, to forgive sins, to administer the sacraments. To-day he once more lies before that same altar, but his work is finished, for Death has laid his cold hand upon the youthful brow. As he is, so some day shall we be.

One word more remains to be said. During life he worked for you, prayed for you. Could he to-day ask anything in return it would be that you should do the same for him. God may still be exacting from him the punishment for whatever slight offences he may have been guilty of. You were his friends.

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In the words of holy Job he may now be crying to you: Have pity on me, have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you my friends, for the hand of the Lord has touched me. When we have committed his mortal remains to the earth this morning, then, forget him not, but intercede with the good God that He might have mercy upon the soul of His servant Francis, and that his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed may rest in peace. Amen.

The funeral cortege, which was very lengthy and widely representative, then proceeded to the Anderson's Bay Cemetery, where the interment took place; his Lordship the Bishop, with all the above-mentioned clergy in attendance, officiating at the graveside, the "Benedictus" being sung by the assembled priests. Members of St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's branches of the Hibernian Society attended in regalia, and formed a guard of honor at the Basilica and at the graveside. The New Zealand District Executive was represented by Bro. W. Simpson, St. Joseph's branch (No. 73), Dunedin; St. Mary's branch (No. 610), Mosgiel, was represented by Past-president Bro. J. P. Walls; St. Aloysius's branch (No. 399), Wellington, by Bro. W. Darrock; and St. Patrick's branch (Wellington), by Bro. F. A. Phillips.

### SOLEMN REQUIEM AT AUCKLAND.

Solemn Requiem Mass for the eternal rest of Father Marlow, was celebrated on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at St. Benedict's Church, Newton, Auckland. His Lerdship Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop of Auckland, (under whom the deceased priest made his studies at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel) presided and gave the Absolutions. Rev. Father Andersen was celebraut; Rev. Dr. Buxton, deacon; Rev. Father Skinner, subdeacon; and Rev. Father Colgan, master of ceremonies. Most of these priests, along with Fathers Lyons, Skinner, and Shore, who were present on the Sanctuary, were fellow-students at Holy Cross College with Father Marlow. Right Rev. Mgr. Ormond, Rev. Father Silk (a former professor at Holy Cross College), Fathers Furlong and O'Byrne, several Marist Brothers and representatives of religious commounities attended the ceremonies of the Requiem, at which Holy Cross College students home on holiday assisted. The deeply impressive music was devotionally rendered by a choir of priests and students. There was a large congregation which included many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marlow.

# INVERCARGILL'S TRIBUTE. (From our own Correspondent.)

Already in the Tablet there has appeared an account of the sudden and tragic death of Father Francis Marlow, relieving parish priest at Waikiwi, but it is long since the Catholics of Invercargill and Waikiwi experenced a happening which came with such sudden shock to arouse the heartfelt sympathy of each one of us. As the sad news was spread that Sunday afternoon and by the newspaper the next morning a gloom of sorrow settled on us all.

The accident, and it appears that it was a pure accident, has robbed the diocese of one of its beloved, most ardent, and popular priests. The late Father Marlow during his short day at Waikiwi, had won the greatest possible affection and respect of every parishioner. Invereargill and Waikiwi are closely associated in church matters, and towards father Marlow their feelings were ours too. Good priests have labored at Waikiwi but Father Marlow's modest winning way, coupled with his singular success in all parochial matters, have built for him a silent memorial testifying both the affection and the sorrow of his now bereaved parishioners.

On Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, in St. Mary's Basilica, a Requiem Mass was celebrated by his brother (Rev. S. Marlow) of this parish, assisted by Very Rev. Dean Burke. The church was crowded by sorrowing friends assisting at the Holy Sacrifice and petitioning Almighty God to grant him the eternal reward which was so surely his. The funeral cortege left the church for the railway station at 1 p.m. The Very Rev. Dean Burke and Very Rev. Father Hunt conducted the obsequies, and it was indeed a sad sight to see the mortal remains of our late young priest borne down the church, passing through a large congregation that was stilled with sadness, yet stirred to a great realisation of the uncertainty of life.

The cortege at the railway station was a very large one. Even at such short notice people had come from all parts of both parishes, and their presence in such numbers must have been some consolation to the deceased priests's brothers-Rev. Father S. Marlow and Mr. Raymond Marlow. sympathy of the whole community goes forth to Dunedin to his sorrowing parents, brothers, and sisters. To them the blow is one of life's saddest afflictions. They have been robbed of one near and dear to them, and the parishioners of Waikiwi have lost a beloved and revered priest. All of us sympathise with our own Father Marlow here in Invercargill. The two brothers worked here in their priestly offices side by side. We know how greatly attached they were to each other and we can realise Father Marlow's distracted feelings at this sad time.

It is on these occasions that we turn to our Holy Faith for our greatest consolation. We realise that Almighty God has called Father Francis Marlow nearer to His throne to receive the reward of his all too short but holy life on earth—a life that was early given to God. May he rest in peace!

#### CORONER'S INQUIRY.

An inquiry into the circumstances of the death of the Rev. Father Marlow, late of Dunedin, who met his death on January 18 as a result of a motor accident, was held before the district coroner, Mr. G. Cruickshank, on Saturday. The evidence showed that deceased had had trouble with his car and had apparently gone back along the road to get assistance when he was struck on the ankle by a following car and flung on to the road, sustaining a fracture of the base of the skull.

The deceased's brother said he did not attach any blame to the driver of the following car.

The coroner said that it was one of those

accidents that did happen and his verdict would be one of accidental death, no blame being attachable to the driver of the other car.

The police and the coroner also expressed their sympathy with deceased's brother and relatives in the loss they had sustained. The coroner said that a fine young colonial-born priest had been making good in the district and his death was indeed a great loss.

# Diocesan News

Archdiocese of Wellington (From our own Correspondent.)

January 23.

The Rector of St. John's College, Dr. O'Reilly, arrived by the Australian boat this week. Dr. O'Reilly is the author of a book of poems reviewed by the Editor of this journal some time ago. He is to preach Retreats in the South. It is a strong link between Australia and New Zealand, this interchange of priests at Retreat times. It makes the Tasman narrow after all.

The secular priests come out of Retreat and to-day in go the men of the city. Their Retreat is being preached by Rev. Father McGrath, S.M. Then on Monday night the Marist Fathers enter to listen to the sermons of Rev. Father Clune, C.P.

Marshall must be congratulated on gaining a University Scholarship. This brilliant boy is a 'pupil of St. Patrick's College.

Two of the Brothers are transferred from Tasman Street, Brothers Damian and Ermand. They will be much regretted. Thorndon, too, will be sad over the departure of Brother Fidelis, whose name and work is so well-known here.

### \*\*\*\*\*\* Feilding

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 10.

After the rough unsettled weather experienced during the latter part of the old year, 1925 dawned to the tunes of singing birds and sunshine, and to the new year everyone gave their best smile. At early Mass old St. Brigid's was much too small for the large congregation, and it was pleasing to see the number who approached the Holy Table. For 1924 the Feilding parish can show more progress than it has done for many years past. Our much longed for new church is well on the way-for which our heartiest thanks are due to the Rev. Father Cahill, who is untiring in his efforts to "keep things moving"-both as parish priest and clerk of works. He is invaluable to us. The section is at present a hive of industry, and the contractors-Messrs. Trevor Bros., of Palmerston North-expect to have the new house of worship completed in about six months' time. On March 1 the Archbishop is coming up to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone. Let us hope the weather treats us better than it did Palmerston North on the day of the laying of St. Patrick's foundation stone!

It is but seldom the Christmas season passes without leaving some home bereft of

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GENTS' OUTFITTER

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a loved one. As Christmas Day dawned, Mr. P. J. Kelly, solicitor, and highly respected resident of this town passed quietly away to the Great Beyond. Though he had been in hospital for some weeks, the news of his death came as a shock to all, and tinged the Christmas festivities with a sorrow that only death can bring. The Rev. Father Murphy, of St. Mary of the Angels,' Wellington (cousin of Mr. Kelly's), officiated at the interment. To Mrs. Kelly and her son, Tom, sincerest sympathy is offered.—R.I.P.

Mr. H. E. (Mick) King, an Australian, but for the last few years a resident of this town, passed away suddenly on December 23. He was not very well known here in Catholic circles, but during our recent bazaar his generosity seemed unbounded. He was a great sporting enthusiast, and as a man, seemed to have no enemies. Our sympathy goes to his mother across the Tasman.

On the result of the 1924 examinations at our local school, our congratulations are due to the Sisters of St. Joseph, the following being the names of those pupils gaining proficiency certificates: -William Campbell, Alex Fidler, Cecil Warn, Emma Fraser, Kathleen Warn, Mary Marston, and Loraine Coulter. Competency: Constance Enwright. music pupils were equally successful, those gaining passes being: - Higher Local: Elsie Intermediate: Nellie Green and Green. Eileen Mitchell, Junior: Doris Wells, K. Green, Marjorie Garrett, and Tom Maroncy. Theory (Intermediate): Phyllis Baker, Irene Benge, and Marjorie Morphy. Theory (preparatory): Marjorie Garrett and Tom Maroney. Hats off to our Sisters!

On November 26 one of the prettiest wed-★ ding ceremonies ever seen in St. Brigid's was solemnised by the Rev. Father Cahill, the contracting parties being Kathleen, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen McElroy, of Feilding, and Noel, eldest son of Mr. Robert Shortall, of Colyton. Miss E. Mc-Elroy acted as bridesmaid, with little Peggy McElroy as flower girl. Mr. Wishart Shortall capably carried out the duties of best man. The church, which was crowded with guests, was tastefully decorated, the centre of the decorative scheme being a beautiful "wedding bell" of roses. This was the work of the relations and friends of the bride and bride-The choir rendered appropriate groom. hymns throughout the ceremony, while the happy couple left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," the organist being Mrs. Christie. May Mr. and Mrs. Shortall's married life be long and

The children from our local school are showing their interest in the new church in a very practical way. Towards the end of the year the junior pupils promoted small guessing competitions as a way of raising funds, and the senior pupils held a miniature bazaar, ultimately augmenting the church funds to the extent of about £30.

It is now going the rounds that before the year is out, we will be having another bazaar, probably to eventuate somewhere about the time of the opening of the new St. Brigid's, and thereby make a final effort to erase most of the debt that may be owing on the new building. After all, it is a good thing to

"strike while the iron is hot" and catch all and sundry when they are so interested.

On Thursday, January 8, a dear little baby girl came as a New Year gift to Mr. and Mrs. Simson, of Beattie Street. Congratulations to them.

Mr. W. J. Minogue, of the Feilding Post Office, has news of a transfer to Reefton, where he is to take up the position of post master. Mr. and Mrs. Minogue and family leave on the 20th for the South and all wish them success, health, and happiness. They will be much missed from the Feilding congregation, as they were popular members, and most helpful in all church affairs.

The Feilding parishioners have said an recoir to Miss Patricia Bell with intense regret. Her popularity was manifested in her election recently as queen of the Sports Carnival. The crowning ceremony was very heautiful. Miss Bell's health has not been so good of late and she has gone to a position in Blenheim, but all hope to see her back soon again in the best of health.

We are pleased to see that Mr. D. C. Cullinane, LL.B., has taken over the legal practice of the late Mr. P. J. Kelly. The business will be conducted under the title of Kelly and Cullinane, and we wish the new firm a prosperous career. Mr. Cullinane belongs to the well-known family of that name at Oringi, Dannevirke, and he has come to Feilding from the firm of Chapman, Skerrett, Tripp, and Blair, Wellington.

# Diocese of Auckland (From our own Correspondent.)

January 22.

Very Rev. Archdeacon Holbrook, of Grey Lynn, has, been away on a well-carned rest, recuperating after a heavy year of parochal work. The genial pastor is looking well after his hofiday. During his absence the Rev. Father Campbell carried on the duties of the parish.

The Very Rev. Father Walsh, C.SS.R., who has completed a Retreat for the Sisters of Mercy, Ponsonby, will conduct a Retreat for the clergy of the diocese as from the 26th to the 30th of this month, at the Sacred Heart College, Ponsonby.

The Rev. Fathers Campbell and Gilmartin are conducting Retreats for the Sisters of the Poor, the Sisters of St. Joseph; the Sisters of the Missions, and the Marist Brothers.

The Right Rev. Dr. Liston is giving a course of lectures to the various religious communities of Auckland on Catholic ethics.

The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary has just returned to Auckland after a three weeks' tour of the country parishes. He also paid a visit to the Maori Missions.

Last Tuesday the Rev. Brother Columbanus, who has been visiting the various Marist Houses throughout New Zealand, left for Australia en route for South Africa where he will continue his inspection of these institutions.

The intended meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee had to be post-poned until February 9. It is then hoped that the schools will be opened. The children play an important part in St. Patrick's Day

programme, and the prevalence of infantile paralysis in this district may lead to the schools being closed for sometime.

The Sacred Heart College, Auckland, has once more demonstrated its excellence as an institution of learning. Six students of the college were presented for the University Scholarship examination, and the six secured bursaries entitling the holders to free tuition in the University of New Zealand. lowing are the names of the successful students:-Rupert D. Keenan, H. E. Wallace, A. A. Bailey, D. O. Quinn, and D. G. Rennie. Twenty-one students were successful in matriculation; 13 secured full passes; five completed their partial passes; and three obtained partial passes. A junior national scholarship was won by Ronald Parker, and Masters F. Redman and J. O'Farrell. Such a fine educational achievement speaks for itself, and must command the attention of Catholic parents of the Dominion.

It is also pleasing to announce that Doreen Kalaugher, of St. Mary's Convent, was successful in securing a Senior National Scholarship. Margaret W. Cooke, an ex-pupil of St. Mary's Convent, qualified for Intermediate Mus, B. in the subjects English, French, and History of Music.

### Diocese of Christchurch

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 24.

Rev. Father Holahan, recently ordained at Thurles College, Ireland, has arrived in Christchurch and will take up duties in the Cathedral parish.

Rev. Father Seward, parish priest of Darfield, is an inmate of Lewisham Hospital suffering from a fractured arm. He is now progressing favorably towards recovery.

Very Rev. Dr. Maurice O'Reilly, C.M., Rector of St. John's College, Sydney, was a guest of his Lordship the Bishop during the week.

Rev. Father Timoney, who has been relieving at Rangiora, is at present at the Cathedral pending the clerical appointments which will take place after the Retreat.

The opening of the schools of the diocese has been deferred by Government notification, owing to the prevalence of infantile paralysis.

All the diocesan clergy of the Canterbury and Westland districts (with the exception of Father Seward) will be present at the Synod at the conclusion of the Retreat.

Miss Mina Ward has gained the Diploma of Fellowship of Trinity College, London, the highest honor the College confers.

In accordance with directions issued by the Health Department, the Sacred Heart Girls' College will remain closed till February 16.

# Miss C. Gallagher

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# Selected Poetry

#### POCKET WISDOM

Do all your deeds by good advice, Cast in your mind always the end--Wit bought is of too dear a price-The tried, trust and take as friend; For friends I find there be but two: Of countenance, and of effect-Of those sort first there are enow: But few are of the other sect. Beware also the venom sweet, Of crafty words and flattery. For to deceive they be most meet, That best can play hypocrisy. Let wisdom rule your deed and thought: So shall your works be wisely wrought! To Day (London) reprints them from Tottel's - Miscellany, 1557: Author unknown.

#### COURAGE

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My tribesmen gladly yield me power,
I could be chief of all my clan. . . .
Atimorous folk, who still must cower
Beneath the wrath of god or man!
The wizard's curse, the foeman's threat,
The thunder's peal, the night-wolf's cryBefore these things with fear they sweat,
And, but for me, of fear would die.

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In all their terrors I was bred,
All—all!—their fears I share and own,
And have, besides, one further dread
That they have never shared or known;
Weak as the rest, I should appear,
More weak than all, myself I see,
But, since I am afraid of fear,
I have a name for bravery.
—G. M. Horr in the Sphere (Loudon).

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INNOCENCE
Climbing o'er the roses,
To find a batted ball,
The little fielder lingers
To puzzle out a scrawl
On convent-garden's wall:

"Riches, Honors, Pleasure; The earthling's triune lord Who is himself but measure Of all he may reward As vanities adored.

Trival one unholy;
The three, of home and mart,
Who rule their worldling solely
By wills they each impart
Through senses to his heart.

Pleasure, Honors, Riches,
Whose kingdom has come—
O shrined in idol-niches
As once in Caesardom,
To thee we bow our thumb!"

Only Grecian scribbling

To him who scales the wall—
A run—his throw belated—
A lull—and angels call

From bleacher-thrones: "Play ball!"

—Francis Carlin in America.

HOW SHALL I PUT YOU FROM ME?
How shall I put you from me? Can the law
Of growth reverse itself, and let the tree
Put down the rising sap, or bid the rose
Deny her color, and the jessamine
Destroy its fragrance? Can the swelling
stream
Of memory flow backward to its source

And there be lost forever, blotted out?

(Oh love that will not die and must not live

How shall I cease to sorrow? How forget When in your eyes I see my own despair And in your silence hear my voiceless cry?

Oh grief beyond the farthest reach of tears!)

We meet no more and yet we can not part. The living past remains, and with to-day Is woven in one fabric. See the threads! The haunting music that we loved so well, The old, old songs we sang beneath the sky, The rippling water moving toward the weir—Still pour their melody upon the world. And stab us when we hear. The twilight star

Throbs in the west to-day as when we stood And watched the sad horizon sink to dark, Before the young moon silvered the far hills. The lad's love is as sweet, and ivy leaves Pungent as when we trod them underfoot.

No sight, no sound, no thought, no way of life

But holds for me some memory of you, A solace and a torture. You have grown As much a part of me as warmth and dew Are part and parcel of the fertile earth.

Without you all is dead and grey and waste, A lonely desert where I can not live, You are the slanting rain that cools my brow,

The mighty storm that shakes me to my soul,
The radiant sun that quickens me to life—
You are my strength in need, my daily food,
My hope of some dim heaven, and when I
die

Your image will be patterned in my dust!

—Josephine Johnson in The Lyric.

#### THE EVENING SKY

Rose-bosom'd and rose-limb'd,
With eyes of dazzling bright
Shakes Venus mid the twined boughs of the
night;
Rose-limb'd, soft-stepping
From low bow to bough
Shaking the wide-hung starry fruitage—dimmed
Its bloom of snow
By that sole planetary glow.

Venus, avers the astronomer,
Not thus idly dancing goes
Flushing the eternal orchard with wild rose.
She through ether burns
Outpacing planetary earth,
And ere two years triumphantly returns,
And again wave-like swelling flows,
And again her flashing apparition comes and
goes.

This we have not seen,
No heavenly courses set,
No flight unpausing through a void serene;
But, when eve clears,
Arises Venus as she first uprose
Stepping the shaken boughs among,
And in her bosom glows
The warm light hidden in sunny snows.

She shakes the clustered stars
Lightly, as she goes
Amid the unseen branches of the night,
Rose-limb'd, rose-bosom'd bright.
She leaps: they shake and pale; she glowsAnd who but knows
How the rejoiced heart aches
When Venus all his starry vision shakes;

When through his mind
Tossing with random airs of an unearthly wind.
Rose-bosom'd, rose-limb'd,
The mistress of his starry vision arises,
And the boughs glittering sway
And the stars pale away,
And the enlarging heaven glows
As Venus light-foot mid the twined branches goes.

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-John Freeman in An Anthology of Modern Verse.

#### THE PATHETICS

Who are just touched with dreams
And never are forgetting;
Who are entombed through all their glamorous days
Amid dead things,
And seek the dusk for freedom
At the end?
These are the pathetics—
Who have no dreams worth telling

#### AN APRIL SONG.

A cuckoo's back on the Cuckoo Stone, the Cuckoo Stone, the Cuckoo Stone—
The catkins swing, the skylarks sing,
And Spring hath come to her own again.
A cuckoo's back on the Cuckoo Stone,
With love and life, in daily strife,
Once more together thrown.
Cuckoo! Cuckoo!
Come lads and lasses woo!

A cuckoo's back on the Cuckoo Stone, the Cuckoo Stone, the Cuckoo Stone—
Jack turns to Jill and Jane to Bill,
And Will to little Joan again.
A cuckoo's back on the Cuckoo Stone;
From peep of day to dimpsy grey
He chimes his monotone.
Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo!
Come lads and lasses woo!

A cuckoo's back on the Cuckoo Stone, the Cuckoo Stone, the Cuckoo Stone—Oh, fairy bell, ring never knell
To tell that love hath flown again.
A cuckoo's back on the Cuckoo Stone:
Pray no heart meet, or spirit greet
His music with a moan.
Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo!
Come lads and lasses woo!
—Eden Phillpotts, in the Nation and the Athenaeum.

S. McBride

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#### FEATURES OF THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

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# MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII TO THE "N.Z. TABLET."

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitice causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.

LEO XIII, P.M.

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

Translation.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.

The New Zealand Cablet

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1925.

#### MYSTERIES OF RELIGION

F the average Rationalist were asked why he considers Christians enslaved and down-trodden by priesteraft, he would probably explain that we are not recognised as members of the Church unless we believe mysteries which human reason could never discover and never understand. Now we certainly do believe in divine mysteries which we could never know anything of unless God had revealed them to us, and even after accepting knowledge of their existence we are still unable to comprehend them. understand enough about them to talk of them intelligently, to distinguish them from one another, to draw useful moral and doctrinal conclusions from them, but we freely admit that we do not comprehend them in their essence and that they remain mysteries to us always while we are living on this earth. Moreover, we may add that knowing that the mysteries are true, they serve as beacons to us and we can at least refute any difficulties brought by human reason against them. Our position is the direct contradictory of that of the Rationalists. We hold firmly that it is not contrary to reason to believe the mysteries of religion once we are certain that God has revealed them.

Pascal described science as "learning conscious of its ignorance." Newton, in the fulness of his years, said he had only been as a child picking up shells on the shores of the ocean of knowledge. In the order of nature we are surrounded by mysteries. What endless discussions there are among learned men concerning the nature of heat, of light, of electricity, of life, of time, of space; who will tell us exactly why a brown bulb will put forth a beautiful flower; what do doctors know about disease? What do astronomers know about the stars? We know

that all these natural mysteries exist, and we know that we do not comprehend them. On the testimony of our senses, or on the testimony of men whose veracity we can only trust until they are found out, we believe all these mysteries of the natural order. Rationalists believe them as we do, nay their credulity is often greater than ours, and they are far more rash in accepting as truth theories which we receive with caution. Where then can there be any mental servitude or any unreasonableness in believing on the infallible authority, not of our senses which are fallible or of other men who often deceive, but of God Himself, in mysteries which we are not able to comprehend? Once our reason, confirmed by our faith, certifies us that there is a God, and once we are certain that we have His word for the existence of mysteries, the unreasonable thing would be not to believe. We are reasonable and the so-called Rationalists are unreasonable. Again, taking mankind as we find it, a vast number of people are rude and uneducated and they depend for their information on the word of scholars and scientists. They thus believe things which they do not understand, which to them are mysteries. Rationalists do this as well as others, but in doing so they are doing with less reason what we do with greater reason: they believe on man's word, and we believe on God's. Is it unreasonable for the child to believe the father who tells him what he saw in foreign lands? Is it unreasonable for the man-in-the-street to believe what the astronomer tells him he sees through his telescope? If it is not how can it be unreasonable to believe on the authority of the God of all truth whatever He reveals to us? Consider again that man's intelligence is limited, that there are more things in heaven and on earth than our philosophy dreams of. We have only what God gave us and we understand only what He wishes us to understand. Yet the Rationalists, who cannot tell you what life is or what electricity is, pretend to measure God's Power and Knowledge by the farthing rushlight of their own intelligence. That is not only pride: it is also stupidity and madness. Another consideration is this. The Rationalists reason about things that do not exist: they often do not know what they are talking about, and they imagine that we believe things which no one believes at all. It is exactly with them as with the bigots who are choked with lies about our religion and go round the country attacking us for teachings which are never taught anywhere. Take for example the Mystery of the Trinity. We do not believe that one person is also three persons, or that one nature is also three natures: we do not believe that one of anything is three of the same thing. We believe that the unity is in the nature of God and the trinity in the persons, which to us is a mystery but not a contradiction. Ignorance of logic as well as of theology often explains the rash assertions and the hopeless language of our Rationalist opponents.

Mysteries are no difficulty to a man of sound reason and strong faith. The man who is accustomed to find mysteries all round him every day of his life, in the fields, in the sky, in the air, in the sea, will naturally

be prepared for them in such a lofty thing as religion. The man whose reason leads him to God and who receives from God the gift of faith knows that as God is greater than His creatures there must be many things in God's relations with creatures-above all in the supernatural relations which a mere man cannot understand. Our mind is limited and finite, God's Power and Intelligence are infinite. Therefore, it is only the man who knows nothing, who does not know his own littleness, who is blind to the narrow scope of his views even on things around his feet, who tries to measure God's Mind by Lis own. There is no end to the irrationality of the Rationalist. If we take the case of the miracles at Lourdes we shall find that Rationalists who scoffed at the miracles and asked to be confronted with cures under conditions laid down by themselves still refused to believe when they actually saw and could not deny the evidence. Prejudice is hard to call, and Rationalists who start out determined not to believe will abandon reason itself rather than be reasonable.

#### THE VATICAN AND ENGLAND

The United Protestant Council recently suggested to the British Government to withdraw the Legation from the Vatican. The only satisfaction we derive from that suggestion is limited to the inference that there is a body of Protestants united on anything. They appear to be unanimous only in their opposition to Rome. If they were agreed upon any subject that tends to the benefit of their country, it would be a pleasure to us to know it. But their suggestion, if carried out, would be injurious to Britain and not complimentary to the Holy Sec.

"Eaten bread is soon forgotten," says the proverb. The U.P.C. evidently forgets how important a part Benedict XV played in improving the condition of our wounded and prisoners during the war period. Robert Cecil, speaking in Parliament on February 14, 1918, said: ". . . there are many occasions on which the Pope has interfered in connection with the war and interfered most benevolently, and in a way which has carned the gratitude of every person in this country. There are other cases to which I could refer, cases in which his Holiness obtained better terms for prisoners, the repatriation of prisoners, where he has rendered service in regard to hospitals, and in regard to the graves of our soldiers in Italy. He has taken action with regard to matters of civilian relief, and so on, as to which we have had many diplomatic conversations in this country, and as to which we have always treated all his representations with the utmost respect, and we are grateful for the many things he has done to alleviate the condition of our prisoners and others who have suffered during the war."

If Benediet's usefulness had been given free scope, it would have shown itself after the armistice was signed quite as signally as before. Even in spite of the efforts made by the great Powers to belittle his influence, the young countries rushed to him for guidance. Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, and Jugoslavia begged him to receive their representatives at the Vatican and to send his Nuncios to dwell

in their countries and help in their reconstruction. Nor was the desire of the Holy Father's help limited to the new, inexperienced nations. Older nations came to him and sought the benefit of his wisdom. While in 1913 there were fourteen States represented at the Papal Court, in 1921 there were twenty-five States with their diplomats attached to the Vatican. And a corresponding increase took place in the number of Nuncios and other representatives of Rome distributed over the Courts of Europe. The Foreign Office, in replying to the United Protestant Council's suggestion, rebuked that body with a degree of delicacy that its ungracious message did not deserve.

# NOTES



#### Irish Triads

In his Songs of Donegal, Mr. Patrick Macgill, clever quill-driver, poor novelist, and so-so Irishman, ventures upon an imitation of the famous old Irish Triads. He did not, needless to say, improve on the beauty and simple greatness of the original. presume that most of our readers know them. There is hardly anything in literature to surpass their compact, gem-like wisdom. A few of them will bear recalling here:

"Three things that best support the world; the slender stream of milk from the cow's dug into the pail; the slender blade of green corn upon the ground; the slender thread over the hand of a skilful woman.

"Three rude ones of the world: a youngster mocking an old man; a robust person mocking an invalid; a wise man mocking a fool.

"Three signs of ill-breeding: a long visit; staring; constant questioning.

"Three signs of a top: the track of his comb in his hair; the track of his teeth in his food; the track of his stick behind him.

"Three steadinesses of good womanhood: keeping a steady tongue; a steady chastity; a steady housewifery.

Three excellences of dress: elegance, comfort, lastingness.

"Three signs of a bad man: bitterness; hatred; cowardice.

#### Cormac's Advice

"O Cormae, grandson of Conn," said Carbery, "I desire to know how I shall behave among the wise and the foolish, among friends and strangers, among the old and the young, among the innocent and the wicked."

"Not hard to tell," said Cormac.

"Be not too wise, not too foolish,

Be not too conceited, nor too diffident,

Be not too haughty, nor too humble,

Be not too talkative, nor too feeble,

If you be too wise one will expect too much of you.

If you be too foolish you will be deceived.

If you be too conceited you will be thought vexations.

If you be too humble you will be without honor.

If you be too talkative you will not be heeded.

If you be too silent you will not be regarded.

If you be too hard you will be broken.

If you be too feeble you will be crushed.
"O Cormac," said Carbery, "what were your habits when you were young?"

"I was stern in battle,

I was a physician towards the sick,

I was weak towards the feeble,

I was strong towards the powerful,

I was not arrogant though I was wise, I was not given to promising though I was

strong, I did not deride the old though I was young,

I was not boastful though I was a good

I would not speak about anyone in his absence.

#### Old Irish Verses

Hospitality.

O King of stars!

Whether my house be dark or bright, Never shall it be closed against anyone, Lest Christ's house be closed against me.

A Church Bell at Nght. Sweet little bell That is struck in the windy night, I liefer go to a tryst with thee Than to a tryst with a foolish woman,

The Song of Crede. There are arrows that murder sleep At every hour in the bitter-cold night: Pangs of love throughout the day For the company of the man from Rominy.

Great love of a man from another land Has come to me beyond all else. It has taken my bloom, no color is left, It does not let me rest.

Sweeter than songs was his speech. Save hely adoration of Heaven's King! . He was a glorious flame, no boastful word fell from his lips.

A slender mate for a maid's side.

To the meadow at Irluachair.

When I was a child I was bashful, I was not given to going to trysts: Since I have come to a wayward age My wantonness has beguiled me.

I have every good with Gooary, The King of cold Aidne: But my mind has fallen away from my people

There is chanting in the meadows of glorious Aidne

Around the sides of Columcille's church: Glorious flame now sunk into the grave-Dindertach was his name. .

It wrings my pitiable heart. O chaste Christ, What has fallen to my lot: These are arrows that murder sleep

At every hour in the bitter-cold night.

#### Maxims from St. Philip Neri

There are saints and saints, and each person will find himself drawn to some more than to others. St. Joseph is for us all; St. Patrick and St. Brigid are, or ought to be, the special patrons of the Irish race, and none but St. Joseph should come between us and them. There are other saints, too, who are for all time and for all classes, and whose teaching never grows old or stale. Among them Philip Neri stands out prominently, smiling down on as across the ages, the sunshine of Florence in his eyes, and the joyousness of Italy in his heart. No human master was wiser than he; none was kinder and sweeter, none knew better the weakness and the loneliness of men and women; and only in the Imitation, outside of the Bible, will you find spiritual wisdom to compare with his. Here are a few of his sayings that you will do well to carry away with you this week for quiet thought:

"Excessive sadness seldom springs from any other source than pride."

"Charity and cheerfulness, or charity and humility, should be our motto.

"Buffoonery incapacitates a person from receiving any additional spirituality from God."

"If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a crucifix, and think that Christ shed all His Blood for him, and not only forgave His enemies, but prayed the Eternal Father to forgive them also. Let him remember also that when he says the Pater Noster every day, instead of asking pardon for his sins, he is calling down vengeance upon them.'

"They who pay a moderate attention to the mortification of their bodies, and direct their main intention to mortifying the will and understanding, even in matters of the slightest moment, are more to be esteemed than they who give themselves up exclusively to corporal penances and macerations."

"Let everyone stay within himself and sit in judgment on his own actions, without going abroad to investigate and criticise those of others."

"God never comes where there is no love of our neighbor.

"The sanctity of a man lies in the breadth of three fingers, i.e., the forchead, the throne of reason.'

"Besides pardoning those who persecute us we ought to feel pity for the delusion they are laboring under.

Like Francis of Assisi, Philip was the saint of cheerfulness and kindness. He won souls to God by gentleness, and no man ever better understood how many are repelled by harshness and querulousness. Like St. John, too, he knew that love for others was the real test of the sincerity of our love for God. The world would be better and happier if all Christians-priests, religious, and the laity-had more of Philip's spirit to-day. Kindness seldom errs, but the harsh word, the insult, the petty persecution that betrays a mean and small nature may be the beginning of evil that will only end in eternity. One day a student said of two superiors \ The first tried to drive us, and the second is humane, so we do more for him. St. Philip

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MEN'S AND BOYS' OUTFITTERS



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knew that there were souls that a kind word could lead when no whip ever made could drive them. There are many such among Celtic people.

## Diocese of Dunedin

The members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club will hold their annual picuic on February 1, when motors to convey the party will leave Rattray Street at 10.15 a.m.

Mrs. McLaughlin, whose death was noticed in our oblituary column in last issue, was the mother of Father D. McLaughlin, M.A., professor at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel. The Bishop and priests of this diocese fell great sympathy with their conferre in his great loss.—R.I.P.

Rev. Fathers Morkane (rector, Holy Gross College, Mosgiel), and Rev. Father Kerley, S.M., of Christchurch diocese, were passengers from Melbourne by the Manuka which arrived at Dunedin on Friday morning. On the vessel's outward voyage for the North and Melbourne, Father Kerley resumed his homeward journey, and Father Loughnan, S.J., was a through passenger.

Very Rev. Dr. M. J. O'Reilly, C.M., rector of St. John's College, Sydney, who is to conduct the Retreat for the clergy of the diocese of Dunedin, which commenced at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, on Monthy, arrived by the express from the North on Thursday evening. Commencing on next Friday night at the College, at the close of the Retreat for the clergy, Dr. O'Reilly will conduct a Retreat for laymen, which will continue till the following Tuesday morning.

His Lordship the Bishop has received messages of sympathy from the Hierarchy and many priests of the Dominion on the less sistained by the deeply lamented death of Father Francis Marlow. From far and wide, too, messages of condolence with them in their great grief have been received by the bereaved parents and family. The expressions of sorrow heard on all sides show how much the deceased priest had endeared himself to the people and the regret felt at his death under such sad circumstances.

Rehearsals of the spectacular display, "Mexicano," to be produced at His Majesty's Theatre in connection with the Dominican Nuns' Carnival, are now being regularly held under the direction of the experienced promoter, Mr. F. Wauchop. The number of performers is still short of requirements, and the management will be pleased if more of our young people will enter the lists and participate in what promises to be a very fine entertainment.

In our report in last week's issue of the death of Father Marlow, the statement that Father Martin was one of the party in the motor car was incorrect; the error arising, it appears, from a long distance telephone are sage being wrongly interpreted.

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Invercargill

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 24.

Rev. Brother Tarcisius, of the Marist Brothers' teaching staff, who has been stationed here for some time, has been transferred to Greymouth. He is succeeded by Brother

Last week two young ladies, Misses L. Lester and M. McAnnelley, left for Australia to enter the Order of St. Joseph.

Very Rev. Prior Hogan, of the Dominican Order, who has been conducting a Retreat for the Sisters here, celebrated early Mass in St. Mary's on Sunday.

#### Obituary

MRS. ELLEN MANNIX.

On Saturday, 10th inst., his Grace Archbishop Mannix celebrated a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of his mother's soul. The Cathedral was thronged, and fully one hundred and twenty, priests were present together with the Bishops of Saudhurst and Goulburn. The deceased lady had attained the venerable age of 94 years. It will be remembered that when the Archbishop went to Europe in 1920 he was not permitted to visit Ireland, but was taken off the American liner by a British destroyer. This circustance put it in his power to make the memorable gibe that it was the greatest naval victory since the Battle of Jutland. When Lloyd George, repenting his folly, had it conveyed to his Grace that his mother would be safely conducted to London to him, the Archbishop administered to him a well-merited rebuke. A rumor has been in circulation attimes that the Sinn Fein leaders expressed their readiness to take Dr. Mannix out of the hands of his gaolers and that his Grace declined the offer. Whether the rumor be true or not, certain it is that Lloyd George's paltry behaviour won for the Archbishop the sympathy of thousands who had previously felt no friendly interest in him. Grace is to lead the Australasian Pilgrimage to Rome within a few months, everybody has felt highly pleased that he would then see his aged mother. Her death at this time has, consequently, evoked great regret from his priests and people. Hence the vast and reverent throng that filled the vast cathedral on the occasion of the Solemn Requiem. The Tablet respectfully tenders to the Archbishop its sympathy with him in the unique loss he has sustained .- R.I.P.

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VERY REV. M. J. O'REILLY, C.M., D.D., Rector St. John's College, Sydney University, who is at present conducting the Retreat at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, for the clergy of the Diocese of Dunedin, at the close of which he is to conduct a Retreat for Catholic laymen.

#### Answers to Correspondents

Subscriber.—We are grateful for your letter.

It discloses wide knowledge and clear ideas expressed in lucid style. You ought to write something for publication.

BRICK.---Mother Superior, Sisters of the Missions, Highgate Hill, North Perth, West Australia.

D.D.—Write Rev. R. Walsh, P.P.; Woolowin, Brisbane, Queensland. In that parish is a church dedicated to Blessed Teresa of Lisieux.

Student.—(I) If a man definitely states that he does not believe in some doctrine of the Church, the proof of his unbelief is manifest: if, on the other hand, one undertakes to prove his want of faith in the particular doctrine by showing that he has never either by his words or actions progressed his belief in it, one has a difficult task to perform. (2) Catholic controversialists are not alone in finding it harder to prove a negative than an affirmative.

J. O'S.—Many thanks for compliments. Your view of world-politics appears to be justified by facts.

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# A Page for Little People

- My dear Little People,

This week I've had a few letters telling me that some of my Little Pcople would like badges, and I'm able to tell you now something more about these badges. When you've read through what I tell you, put on your considering caps, and then by the very next mail send in all your answers to me.

The badges will cost sixpence each, and everyone who wants a badge must send the stamps when he or she asks for the badge, because we have to pay spot cash for them. The badges will be about the size of a shilling, so, if you're not sure how big or how little that is, just ask someone to show you a shilling. They will be of white enamel, with our own initials, "L.P.L.C.," on them, in pretty blue, Our Lady's color. And, just as soon as I get enough orders with stamps enclosed, the badges will be sent for. I'm only waiting now to hear from you all, so, hurry up if you really want us to have a distinguishing mark of our own. Be quick now, do some extra jobs round the house during the holidays, and carn sixpence. There must be piles of things you can do, even the littlest of my Little People, and you've no idea what a wonderful help you'll be to the grown-ups round you.

Here we are at the end of the month and it's time again to see about the birthday list. Did you ever know anything to go as quickly as time? Never mind, we can't make it stay with us a moment longer than it wants to, so, instead of wasting it, let us use every second to good advantage. Here come the February Little People, let's bow them in, and wish them Many Happy Returns. We have Flo Batten, Mollie Campbell, and Julia Sullivan on the same day; Margaret McGrath; Isabel Harding and Edmund Lynch on the same day; Jean Walsh; Kathleen Abbot; Marjorie Burke, Frances Scott, Vera McAvery and Noel Cape-Williamson on the same day; Pat Brennan and Patricia Fitzgerald on the same day; Annie Mullany and Fanny Murphy on the same day; Nellie Mc-Donnell; Mollie O'Connor; Irene Calvert; Moira O'Brien; Reina Burke. And there are also Mary Kennedy and Mary Walsh who had a birthday on the 29th February last year, but who won't have another till next leap year-the year 1928. What about lending them Candlemas Day, Our Lady's great feast? It's on the 2nd February, and we have no one on that date?

#### RIDDLE BIN.

- 1. What can cross a river in the strongest sunlight without casting a shadow?—A sound.
- 2. Black within and black without and many nice things go in and out, what is it? An oven.

These answers were sent in but as the riddles are not with them only the Little Person who sent the riddles to us will recognise the answers. You will see what I mean.

- 3. The horse the plough and the man.
- 4. Just the man.
- 5. There are no R's in "that."
- 7. Because it is Bright.

CIRCUS PUZZLE.

This will be arranged for you next week Look out for your lists. No room to-day, we've too many letters.

#### L.P.L.C. BUSINESS.

Little People, will you please read these two letters carefully, and, having done so, will someone please write to Kathleen Mc-Cormack, Cronadun, and Jack Carroll, Brookville, via Swift's Creek, East Gippsland, Victoria, Australia. Never mind how many write, much better that than to get no letter at all

Dear Anne.

As I do not write to many boys, I thought I would write and ask you if you would let me join your Little People's Letter Chub, hoping that a boy of my own age would write to me. I will be thirteen years old on the 23rd of March, and I am in the seventh grade at school. I got my qualifying certificate this year. I have to walk between two and three miles to school over a very rough road. There are only 10 pupils going to this school now. I have a little grey pony of my own, he is a good jumper, but very rough. I call him Shamrock. I tried to jump a rail on him on Sunday but I was over first. We went to the Boxing Day sports at Swift's Creek, but it was raining, and they were not very good. I have a turkey, and I set her on 17 eggs but she broke two and brought 15 out, but 5 died, and I hope no more die, because there will be none left. There are two black ones with a yellow ring half-way round their necks. All the others are speckled. I will close now Anne, hoping to see my letter in the Tablet soon. Wishing you a happy New Year. From your new friend, Jack Carroll, Brookville, East Gippsland, Victoria.

(Welcome Jack, we're glad to hear from far away Gippsland. I'm asking some of the boys to write to you, and know they will.— Anne.)

#### Dear Anne,

Being an interested reader of your page for the past year I thought that I would begin the new by writing to you. fifteen years old-not too old to join your page I hope. I have two brothers and one sister. My brothers are both older than myself and my sister younger. I ride a bicycle eight miles to the nearest High School. As I live in the country I am enjoying my holiday rambles and swims very much. I am able to swim and am therefore in the water a great deal. Dear Anne, will you please ask some girl of my age to write to me? In the last Tablet I saw where a girl had her cardboard circus broken up by her brotherjust what a boy would do don't you think Anne? Well I am trying to console the poor little girl by finding out the animals. It is very hard work putting their legs and arms together. Well dear Anne, I will bring my short letter to a close, wishing you a prosperous New Year and your page every suc-

# Conducted by ANNE



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cess for the future. Your new friend, Kathleen McCormack, Cronadun, Reefton.

(Welcome Kathleen, indeed you're not too old for us, we belong to every age that wants to join us. Will ask someone to write. Pity you didn't tell your birthday.—Anne.)

#### LETTERS TO ANNE.

Dear Anne,

I thought I would try and work out the puzzle which you published in last week's edition. I am twelve years of age and will be in Std. 6 when we go back to school. I go to the Sacred Heart High School, Ashburton. I learn music and went for lower division in Royal Academy and I was successful. As this is all the news I have to tell I will now close with best wishes to the Page for Little People. Your fond friend, Kathleen McDonnell, Ashburton.

(Hurry up Kathleen and send your answer along. Welcome to our troupe of Little People.—Anne.)

Dear Anne.

I hope Anne you had a happy New Year. I know nearly everyone over here in Martinborough had. We all here, at least my father, mother and I with a few of our friends all chummed and clubbed together and went for a picnic, in a motor-lorry, to a nice place between Pigeon Bush and Cross Creek, and I am sure you would have liked to have been here for it, on the first day of our New Year. Anne, I would like to go in for the competition very much, but as I cannot get the drawing-books, the size I want, I thought I would ask you if an exercise book would act as well. What I mean is it wouldn't make any difference to the judging. Oh! and wouldn't badges just be Christmas. All the Little People would know each other; at least one would say to another, "You as well as I correspond to Anne, and some of the Little People of your own age. I sent you a Christmas card, Anne. Did you receive it safely? I hope you did. So now, dear Anne, as I have no more news this time, I will say "Good-bye," for the present, with kind regards to yourself, Anne, and all the Little People, from, always a friend, Paula Creel, Martinborough.

(Thank you Paula dear for the pretty card, which arrived quite safely. Yes, an exercise book will do quite well for the scrap-book competition. I hope we will be able to get badges for members of the L.P.L.C. soon — Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a note to tell you I am answering the riddles.—From Mollie Campbell, St. Bathan's.

(Thank you for the kisses and answers to riddles, Mollie Bawn, but the answers are not very easy to manage unless you send the riddles with them. When you see see your answers in the Riddle Bin you'll understand better what I mean. Thank you also for little book for the Orphans.—Anne.)

Dear Anne.

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O'HALLORAN .-- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick, beloved husband of Ellen O'Halloran, who died at his residence, 161 Clyde Street, Invereargill, on Saturday, December 27, 1924.— Rest in peace.

ONEILL.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas, beloved husband of Mary O'Neill (native of Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, Ireland), who died at his residence, Devereux Road, Winton, on January 5, 1925; aged 71 years.—Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

#### IN MEMORIAM

HAGAN.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of James Thomas Hagan, who died at Milton, on January 29, 1924 .--Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.—Inserted by his loved ones.

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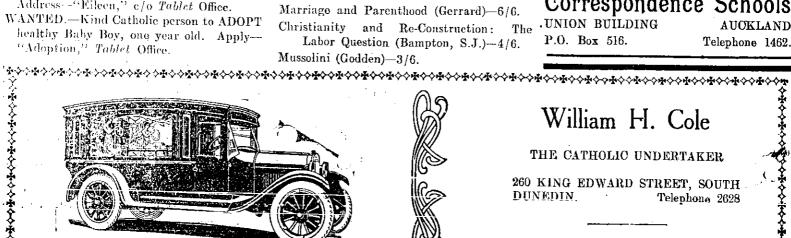
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Chango.

(Thank you and Ruth for donation to the Takapuna Orphanage. You may have seen your letter in the Tablet since you wrote last. The stamps will be sent on safely to Father Schoonjan's.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I saw your competition in the Tablet and thought I would like to try it. I am sending you the result. I am eleven years old and my birthday is on the 26th February. I am in Std. 5. I hope I can join your circle of cousins. Well, dear Anne, as there is no more news to tell I will conclude with much love.—From, your new friend, Moira O'Brien, Ashburton.

(Welcome Moira, look out for the Circus next week. Glad you want to join us, pick out some Little Person and write to her.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I wish you a Happy Year. We are going to Bluff for two weeks on Monday, and we are bringing our bathing suits. We went for a picnic at Thomson's Bush on Tuesday. There is a ship stuck fast in the rocks at Ocean Beach and when the wind blows hard it will break the ship up. I have no more to say now.—Love from Marie Searle, Invercargill.

P.S.—My birthday is on the 19th April. (I hope you're all having a happy holiday at the Bluff, bathing and swimming. Mind the sand-flies and mosquitoes don't eat you all up. Yours is such pretty paper too Marie dear.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Wo were going to Orepuki and it rained, but we are going to Bluff and I am going to sail boats and swim. I am seven. I am in Std. 1. I have no more news. Love from Jim Searle, Invercargill.

(What a nice letter Jim, and I just wish all the Little People could see the pretty paper you wrote on. Couldn't we spend a fine day together at "Holyrood."—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my second letter to you and the first of the New Year. I am thirteen and have one brother and three sisters. My sister Lorna's birthday is on the same day as two of your Little People, Dorothy O'Conner and Mary Hanrahan. I have a white rabbit which I call Fluffy. I go to the Sacred Heart School and the higher classes have gardens which I like very much. I will now give you some riddles for your riddle bin.—Your loving friend, Mahala Mc-Entee, Dunedin.

(Look out for the Circus in 4th February, you'll see your own collection of animals there too. Thank you for Lorna's birthday but have I got yours Mahala dear. You'll see your riddles in the Riddle Bin.—Anne.)

Dear Anne.

I hope you are keeping quite well and enjoying your holidays, as I am. I had great fun helping the little girl to sort out the little bundles belonging to the Circus her little bad brother mixed up. There was one I could not puzzle out, I tried and tried but at last had to give up. It took me a long time to guess the other puzzles. I hope they are correct. Please Anne let me know if they are. Hoping to hear good news soon. With lots of love.—Your little friend, Madge Gallien, N.E. Valley, Dunedin.

P.S.—Anne, I am going for a holiday to Mossburn and from there to the Lakes. I am going on Monday, but I will look forward to seeing the Little People's page in the Tablet.—Madge.

(Good girl Madge to help re-make the Circus, Watch out for the Tablet of 4th February, you will see the whole Circus listed there. Hope you'll have a pleasant holiday at the Lakes.—Anne.)

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

St. Mary's Convent, Manuka St., Nelson, January 5, 1925.

To "Anne,"
Tablet Office.

Dear Anne.

Would you kindly thank the little people who so kindly gave their pennies for our orphanage. We are always thankful to receive even the smallest donation. With every best wish for a happy New Year.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
Mary St. Venantius,
Prioress.

Good-night, dear Little People.

ANNE.

### WEST COAST NOTES (From our own Correspondent.)

Greymouth, January 21

The building of the new convent goes on steadily and definite progress can now be noticed. Dances, euchre parties, and various other entertainments have been held in aid of the building fund, and it is hoped soon to have all the necessary money in hand. To-morrow night "Some Show" is again being presented for the same object. This concert, which was such a success before the New Year, now includes several new items and will probably be well patronised.

Last Sunday evening the sermon was preached by Father Buckley, of St. Bede's College, Christchurch.

Father Kingan, of St. Patrick's College, was also a visitor to the presbytery during the week.

A quiet wedding was solemuised yesterday morning at St. Patrick's Church, when Eileen, eldest daughter of Mrs. O'Hallahan, High Street, was married to Daniel, son of Mrs. Hanrahan, Tainui Street. Father Mc-Monagle officiated and celebrated Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was led to the altar by her brother (Mr. T. O'Hallahan), was charmingly attired in ivory charmeuse, trimmed with seed pearls and caught on one side ease bacteris with a pearl ornament. Her veil of tulle It's hygienic.

was arranged mob-cap style with a circlet of orange blossoms. She was attended by her sister (Miss Doreen O'Hallahan), who wore a pretty frock of rose and gold shot beaube with an early Victorian hat of black and gold georgette. The best man was Mr. R. Hanrahan (brother of the bridegroom). After the wedding breakfast the newly-married couple left, amid showers of confetti, by the Christchurch express, en route to the North Island, where the honeymoon will be spent. On Monday evening, Mr. Hanrahan was the recipient of a presentation from the Marist Old Boys' Association. A presentation of a set of carvers and stainless cutlery was made by Mr. M. Keating on behalf of the members and friends, who assembled in St. Columba Hall for the purpose. Mr. Keating congratulated their guest on the step he was taking, and wished Mr. Hanrahan and his prospective bride much future happiness. Father McMonagle, Messrs. C. Hall and N. Doogan also spoke in congratulatory terms.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

Right Rev. Abbot B. Gariador, O.S.B., Superior-General of the Subiace Congregation of the Benedictine Order, is at present on a tour of visitation to the monasteries of the province. He is accompanied by his secretary, Very Rev. Father Palacios, O.S.B., of the Monastery of Montserrat, Spain. distinguished visitors have just arrived from New Norcia, West Australia, and are the guests of his Grace the Archbishop at St. Mary's Cathedral Presbytery. They travel soon to the Philippines to visit the Benedictine monasteries there. The Subiaco Cougregation of Benedictines has 5 provinces, 37 monasteries, 838 monks, and 299 novices in training. The provinces included under the jurisdiction of the Right Rev. Abbot are Italy, England, Belgium, France and Spain. The Lord Abbot is a most cultured man. He speaks most of the European languages. For several years he was a member of the famous Abbey of Buckfast, in England, and for 13 years he was associated with his Order in Palestine.

By the end of this month a new and valuable asset will be added to this town-the teaching Order of the Christian Brothers (says the Young Chronicle). They will commence their teaching operations on the 27th inst. Already there is a stir in the town in preparation for their coming.

The Rev. James Isidore Larkin, a venerable member of the Franciscan Order, died in Paddington, Sydney, the other week. The deceased priest was a native of Co. Galway, La Bland, where he was born in 1845. He studied for the priesthood, and entered the Franciscan Monastery in 1866. priest at St. Isidore's Church, Rome, in August, 1871, he spent over thirty years on the Irish Mission. Seeking a change of health, he was transferred to Australia in 1905. Ht was attached to the Waverley Mission, where he stayed a few months, and went to St. Francis', Paddington, from there. His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney presided at the Requiem and delivered the panegyric.

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#### VICTORIA.

The Right Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Ballarat, who is proceeding on a visit to Europe, will be absent for six months. During his trip abroad he will visit Rome to take part in the pilgrimage in connection with Holy Year. The Bishop has given a farewell donation of 25 guineas to St. Patrick's Day festival committee of Ballarat. A few months ago he donated £1000 to the Jubilee Fair Fund, organised in connection with the completion of St. Aloysius' Church, Ballarat East, and the erection of new schools. During the absence of the Bishop the diocese will be administered by the Vicar-General, Rev. Mgr. Marshall, of Warrnambool. The Bishop, who is a native of Cork, will stay for some time in Ireland. He received his theological training at Maynooth College in that country.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne

(the Most Rev. Dr. Mannix) has received cable messages of condolence in connection with the death of his mother; also from his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate (Most Rev. Archbishop Cattaneo) and the Hierarchy of Australasia.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne (the Most Rev. Dr. Mannix), his Lordship the Bishop of Sandhurst (the Right Rev. Dr. McCarthy), his Lordship the Bishop of Goulhurn (the Right Rev. Dr. Barry), and over fifty priests, attended the Requiem in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale, on Friday, for the repose of the soul of the late Bishop Phelan (says the Freeman's Journal for January 15). His Grace the Archbishop presided, and the Bishop of Sandhurst sang Pontifical Requiem High Mass. There was a very large congregation, including many non-Catholics. Messages of condolence were received from the Apostolic Delegate (the Most Rev. Archbishop Cattanco) and from the Hierarchy of Australia. His Grace the Archbishop, in the course of his tribute, said that at times a man's qualities were exaggerated in the hour of death, but in the case of Bishop Phelan it was difficult to say anything in his praise which was not richly deserved. Writing to an intimate friend, Bishop Phelan, after the stormy life he had led, remarked that never once in the course of his long life had he met with a heavy cross, disappointment, or failure. Few men could say such a thing, and fewer with any semblance of truth, and yet he had experienced one unfulfilled desire-the desire to return to Australia to die among those with whom he had labored. When all hope of life had been extinguished, and in spite of his weakness, he had booked his passage to Sale. God had, however, ordained otherwise, and their beloved Bishop had found his last resting place in the native land which he loved so much. Bishop Phelan was a remarkable man, and by his passing Sale and Gippsland had lost an outstanding figure. The first citizen in the land, the priests, and the Catholic people, had lost not only an intimate friend but also a champion and defender, who was never found wanting in any crisis. He had great gifts of heart and greater gifts of mind. He had a large, generous heart, and no man stood more staunchly by his friends. He was a man of powerful intellect, eloquent, tireless and painstaking, and of indomitable will. He possessed magnificent optimism, and made failure but a stepping-stone to greater triumphs. His place would not readily be filled, for, with all his great gifts, he was a man with the faith of a simple Irish peasant woman.

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### QUEENSLAND.

Referring recently to education, the Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Duhig, said that although within the last 10 years they had doubled the number of their schools, several places were still awaiting the coming of the Sisters and the Brothers. The Christian Brothers' schools and colleges covered a wide

field, with marvellous success, yet he was not satisfied that anything like sufficient schools for the education of their boys had yet been provided, as it had been very difficult to get the necessary teaching staffs. Quite recently, he had purchased a superb site on the Brisbane River, and he hoped to see erected on it a college that would provide for their boys an education equal to anything which the Order that would conduct it was providing for the youth of Europe. His Grace referred to the many magnificent sites acquired by the Church around the city and suburbs during the past decade. Catholics could point to these, and hold their heads high, as they were an indication of the giant strides their religion was making. He said that the 11 priests of 10 years ago in the city had increased to 40, and instead of 17 Sunday Masses in Brisbane, they now had 70, with churches packed to the doors. When his Grace had begun to purchase sites he was regarded as reckless, but time had proved the wisdom of every step thus taken, and every purchase made in the interests of reli-To-day many of these sites could not be purchased, and if they were available it would be at ten times their original cost. Dr. Duhig feelingly thanked the people for their generosity and spirit of faith, by which they maintained the splendid traditions of Catholic Brisbane. For him the year had been a most strenuous one, entailing travelling to the extent of 17,000 miles, and work tuat had kept him constantly away from the city, but the consolations were much greater than the sacrifice which they postulated.

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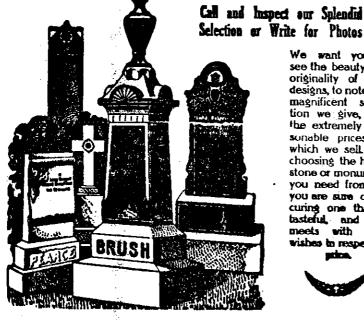
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### Here and There

Cardinal Gasquet.—It has long been a curious anomaly that whereas Ireland has had only one Cardinal England should have two. The contrast has now been rendered more remarkable by the death of Cardinal Logue, which leaves Ireland without any representation in the College of Cardinals. But the vacancy is not likely to remain unfilled for long; and in any event the existence of a second English Cardinal is due to the accident that the Church in England possesses one of the most distinguished scholars in all Christendom. Cardinal Gasquet's scholarship earned him his appointments first as President of the International Commission for the Revision of the Vulgate, and more recently as Librarian to the Vatican. He would thus have become a Cardinal regardless of what country he belonged to. His golden jubilee as a priest is to be celebrated on December 19, and a presentation is to be made to him in honor of the occasion.

A Popular Catholic Novelist. -- Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes, who, as most people know, is the sister of Hilaire Belloc, has gone to America, not on a lecturing tour but for the purpose of visiting her friends there. Mrs. Lowndes is one of the most popular of British novelists. She is quite a prolific writer, but her public never seems to tire of her books. No writer of fiction in English to-day has such a gift as she possesses of investing a story right from its opening pages with an uncanny atmosphere—a sense of impending tragedy as, Palpable as the darkening sky which precedes the outbreak of a storm. Nearly 30 years ago Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes married one of The Times staff, Mr. F. S. A. Lowndes. Notwithstanding her fondness for writing of the criminal and the "vamp," Mrs. Lowndes is in her own life quite a mild and rather modest woman, finding in the quietude of her domestic circle her true and natural milieu.

Historic Vestments.—A set of vestments, pre-Refrmation in date and with historical associations, has been presented to the Dean and Chapter of York Minster by an unknown donor. The set is evidently that of a prelate, for it consists of a cope and mitre, a chasuble and the two dalmatics. The gift has been accepted, and will no doubt go into a glass case to be exhibited to visitors. treasury already contains the fine silver crozier of Dr. Smith, Vicar Apostolic of the North, who was appointed by James II in 1688, and had the crozier form from his hands whilst walking in a religious procession in the city of York. Canterbury Cathedral also has a complete set of vestments that have never been used. These are an exact replica of the vestments of St. Thomas of Canterbury, the originals of which are in the sacrighty of Sens Cathedral. The replica was given to Canterbury as a hint for their use; but so vestments have seen the light in Canterbury Cathedral since Cardinal Pole was Archbishop of Canterbury.

Churchill and Collins .- Mr. Winston Churchill, who has just passed his 50th birthday, was, as most people know, at one time a prisoner in the hands of the Boers in South Africa. He escaped, and President Kruger issued a proclamation offering a reward of £100 "for the body of one Winston Churchill, lately escaped from Pretoria Gaol." the late Michael Collins was negotiating the Irish Treaty in London he paid a visit to Mr. Churchill's house and was shown a copy of Kruger's proclamation with the humorous remark from Winston-"We offered a little more than that for your body": to which Collins replied-"Yes, but the cost of living has gone up since 1899!"

Historic Vestments Used at Requiem Mass.—Historic interests are connected with the set of vestments, which Bishop Hanlon used at Salford Cathedral, at the Requiem for the late Cardinal Logue. These vestments, says the Bishop of Salford in a circular to his clergy, are used in the Cathedral only on very rare occasions. They were actually worn during the celebration of Mass by Pope Pius VII during the years 1805-1809, when that Pontiff was actually a prisoner in France, where he was forcibly carried off by the Emperor Napoleon.

Prince Visits Catholic Home.—The Catholic home of St. Raphael for disabled soldiers in Edinburgh, which is conducted by the nuns of the Little Company of Mary, received a visit from the Prince of Wales during his recent visit to Scotland. Welcomed by the Mother Superior, and Lady Anne Kerr and the medical officer, the Prince was taken all over the establishment, which aroused his praise and admiration, not only by the excellence of its organisation and up-to-dateness, but also by the kindly charity of the nuns who give their lives to ministering to the disabled of the war. A similar home, St. David's, exists in the Westminster diocese, at Ealing, Cardinal Bourne being its president. This last named provides a home for 54 totally disabled soldiers and sailors. This home is conducted by a Catholic lay staff, and in spirituals is under the care of the English Benedictines, who have a priory at Ealing.

New Diocese for England.—A new and important development in the progress of Catholicism in England is contained in the news, now received from Rome, that the Pope is about to create a new diocese in the North. The new bishopric, it is understood, will be known as the See of Lancaster; a rich-sounding title that recalls the spacious days of the 13th century. Part of the territory will be taken from the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, now vacant, and part from the archdiocese of Liverpool. The whole area is in the province of Liverpool, of which the new diocese is to be a suffragan See. The appoint-

ment of the first Bishop is being awaited with interest. There being no existing Chapter, Rome will make the first nomination direct; so that no intimation as to who will be the first Bishop will be made until Rome has signified its decision to the Metropolitan, the Archbishop of Liverpool. The new Bishop will have in his licese some parts of England where the Old Religion lingered long after it had completely disappeared in the south; perhaps even places where it never entirely disappeared and was forgotten.

Spanish Protestant Pastor Converted .-The reception into the Catholic Church of a Protestant pastor and his family, which took place a few weeks ago at Trujillo, has aroused the greatest interest throughout Spain. The pastor in question, Señor Rodriguez, made his abjuration at the hands of the ecclesiastical governor of the bishopric. A low Mass followed, after which the five sons of the pastor were baptised. Then followed a sung Mass, at which all the converts received Communion. How important this ceremony was considered may be gathered from the fact that the Dean of Toledo came especially to preach a sermon at the sung Mass. church of Trujillo was crowded to the doors for the ceremony. The new convert is very well known, and his return to the Church is considered to be of great importance.

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The wedding was solemnised on December 2, at St. Brigid's Church, Swan Bay, Richmond River, New South Wales, of John Francis, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Andrew King, of Rowandale, Kaponga, and Teresa Veronica, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy, of Swan Bay. Rev. Father Nicoll officiated and celebrated Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was led to the altar by her father, was gowned in an ivory georgette frock, and wore the usual wreath and veil. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses, gardenias, and asparagus fern. Miss Eileen King (sister of the bridegroom) attended as bridesmaid, wearing a frock of eggshell blue moire antique, and a mastic georgette hat, and carried a bouquet of pale pink roses and asparagus fern. Mr. Patrick Murphy (brother of the bride) attended as best man, church was beautifully decorated by friends of the bride. Miss Thelma O'Connor played the "Wedding March" as the bridal party left the church. The reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The newly-wedded couple left early in the afternoon by car for Lismore, en route to Byron Bay, where the honeymoon was spent; the bride travelling in a navy and figured marocain with fawn and navy hat. Their future home will be at Kapuni, Taranaki.

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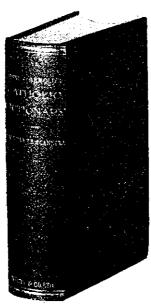
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### Irish News

THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION—MRS. SPRING-RICE—MR. O'HIGGINS' STATE-MENT—THE CUMANN NA N-GAEDHEAL—LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS —THE REPUBLICAN PARTY—

On Tuesday (says the London Catholic Times for December 13), the Boundary Commission, which has decided to tour the border area for the purpose of acquainting itself with economic and geographical conditions, visited Armagh. During its stay in Ireland the Commission does not propose to hold any formal sittings, but looks forward to coming into contact with some of those persons who have expressed willingness to assist it by contributing their views on the subject with which it has to deal. In Dublin the Commission's decision to travel to Armagh, a predominantly Nationalist town, well within the borders of excluded Ulster, has given real satisfaction, and revived, in a large measure, interest in its work.

Nationalist Ireland mourns the death of Miss Mary Spring-Rice, which took place some days ago in Wales. The deceased lady, Lord Monteagle's daughter, lent valuable aid to patriotic movements when patriotism was unfashionable in aristocratic circles in this country. An enthusiastic believer in selfgovernment and in the possibilities of the Neo-Gaelic movement, she gave herself wholeheartedly to the service of the nation. County Limerick-where the Monteagle estates are situated-she enjoyed the widest popularity, the imagination of the people being captured by the courage with which she held to her ideals, ideals diametrically opposed to those of the old Southern Ascendancy.

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Vice-President of the Council, in a statement issued on the third anniversary of the signing of the Treaty, reviews the Free State's economic outlook. Unemployment, which has assumed in certain districts dangerous proportions, has become a menace, he stresses very properly, through a combination of unpropitious circumstances over which the Government could not exercise control. World depression in trade and industry occasioned by the European War, the bandicap of four years' internal strife accentuated by bad harvests; those, he emphasises, are the causes to which our economic troubles must be traced. But now, he points out, the restoration of ordered government, indeed, it is considering of devoting their energies, with some prospect of success, to the work of reconstruction, and enables the Administration to turn its atteneion, more seriously than heretofore, to the problems of peace. The Government, he makes it clear—and this is of importance is fully alive to its responsibilities in the changed circumstances of to-day. At the moment, indeed, it is considering various schemes for the relief of agricultural distress, for the provision of cheaper power, and for the improvement of housing conditions in the towns. The limitations of our national purse impose, of course, very definite re-

straint on its possible activities; yet much might be accomplished in the social sphero by a small expenditure laid out with reasonable discrimination.

Mr. J. J. Walsh, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, has, it is stated in the press, been deputed by the Government to modernise the machinery of the Cumann Na n-Gaedheal, the official Ministerial organisation. That comes as welcome news to all supporters of the Treaty, for, beyond question, an energetic mind is needed to rouse the local clubs to a sense of their responsibilities. With nine by-elections pending, it has become absolutely necessary to force them into touch with the realities of politics, to make them see that elections must be fought on proper lines before they can be won.

In January local government elections will be held in the Free State. Quite apart from the fact that they will throw considerable light on the trend of party feeling, in the provinces, much depends on their result. Inefficiency and alleged corruption in local administration have led large sections of opinion to believe that a highly centralised system of government is best suited to this country, and if, as a result of the elections, the personnel of the offending bodies is not noticeably improved, the Dail may be unable to resist demands for a serious curtailment of their powers. In the interests of democratic government, it is, therefore, peculiarly desirable that intelligent and honest councillors should be elected, which will hardly be the case if educated voters—as in too many instances in the past-refrain, practically en masse, from exercising the franchise.

Rumors that acute differences of opinion distract the councils of the Anti-Treaty Party are again prevalent in Dublin. The Moderates, who have long been in favor of entering Dail Eireann, have, it is suggested, attracted Mr. de Valera to their side, thus leaving Miss MacSwiney the undisputed leader of the "Die-Hards." She, supported by a small majority of the Republican T.D.'s if the gossip of the clubs may be relied on -continues to oppose any modification of the Anti-Treaty programme, holding, in agreement with the frankly militarist wing, that the strategy of 1922 represented the highest form of patriotic protest. When the party has a daily newspaper under its control, it will be interesting to watch the methods by which these differences are reconciled in public.

Dublin is actively undergoing reconstruction, renovation, and alteration. Many fine new buildings have been erected in the centre of the city. The General Post Office, in ruins

since 1916, is about to be reconstructed upon an enlarged scale. Operations have already begun. Accommodation for visitors in the shape of hotels has been greatly increased during the year. Soon the city will in this respect be equipped to cope with even the most exceptional inrush of visitors. The directors of the Gresham Hotel, one of the largest buildings in O'Connell Street, destroyed in 1922, have taken the initial steps towards the erection of what will be one of the most commodious hotels in the city.

In the environs hundreds of houses for the accommodation of the working and middle classes have been built. As these buildings proceed slums are disappearing. In the city itself old streets are being widened and new thoroughfares opened. Between trams and an ever increasing number of automobiles, supplemented by motor buses, street traffic has become dense. The regulations for its control are, however, so good that very rarely is a fatal or serious accident recorded.

The tramway system of the capital is the most perfect in Europe. It serves every part of the city and the outlying suburbs. A motor bus service has been organised for the benefit of neighboring counties and towns. Dublin is extending rapidly, and its rate of growth at present is far greater than that of the rival city of Belfast.

At its meeting in London on Friday (says the Edinburgh Catholic Herald for December 6) the Boundary Commission made arrangements for hearing counsel on behalf of the Free State. "Since its previous meetings on November 6 and 7 the Commission," says the official report, "has been in communication with the British Government and with the Governments of the Irish Free State and of Northern Ireland. Replies received from the British Government and the Government of Northern Ireland indicated that neither of these two Governments desire to submit statements or to appear by counsel or otherwise. The Government of the Irish Free State has made a formal statement with regard to Article 12. The reply further intimated that that Government was desirous of appearing before the Commission by counsel. It was decided to make arrangements for the hearing of counsel on behalf of the Government of the Irish Free State at an early date. This hearing will be conducted in London, and the proceedings will be held in private."

Sergeant Hanna, K.C., Mr. P. Lynch, K.C., and the Attorney-General (Mr. J. O'Byrne, B.I.) were selected some time ago to present the Free State case.

Professor Eoin MacNeill, the Irish Free State representative on the Boundary Commission, returned to Dublin on Saturday. It has not been decided when the next meeting of the Commission, at which counsel on behalf of the Saorstat will appear, will be held. It is expected, however, that the meeting will take place at an early date, when the proceedings will be again of a private character.

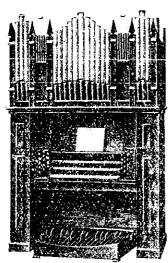
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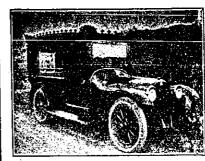
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## France and the Naval Chaplains

- Further light is thrown upon the official attempt to deprive Catholic marines of their religious rights by the Commandant Du Chesne, who communicates to the press a significant official document.

This is a ministerial despatch sent to the Commandant of the Mediterranean naval school, in these terms:-

"I have to inform you that no credit has been included in the provisional Budget for 1925 for cultural supplies in the division of the Mediterranean schools. Consequently, the Abbé Le Boëtté will be discharged from that place on October 1, 1924, and placed at the disposal of the ecclesiastical authorities."

Now the fact which is stressed by the Commandant Du Chesne is that the first of January, 1925, was the date given for the dismissal of the Catholic naval chaplain. This was altered to October 1. 1924, and the decree dated on August 28 last, which shows that the present Government were not long in coming to a decision to get rid of the Catholic naval chaplains.

But a fortnight even before this it had been determined to get. rid of the naval chaplain for the Levant division; for on August 12 the Vice-Admiral commanding was informed from headquarters that the naval chaplaincy had been suppressed, and that the chaplain was to be sent back to France before the e.d of the present year.

The Levantine Jews, it is observed, still remain the protegees of the Government, and nothing is said about them.

Premier Herriot has explained to the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Chamber of Deputies why it is advantageous for France to break with the Vatican, and let her bowels of compassion yearn in the direction of the Soviets. The Russian market, he said was of great importance to France, and the franc might be employed with great advantage in transactions with that country.

But with regard to the Vatican, there was quite another story to tell, there being, apparently, no advantage for the franc in that direction. The Pope (said M. Herriot) was entitled to the respect of all who venerate an ideal, and there was no intention of violating religious feeling by abolishing the Embassy to the Vatican. But spiritual problems must be separated from temporal, and if such Protestant countries as England and Germany maintained diplomatic relations with the Vatican, that was because those countries had not, like France, any real secular policy, and their sentiments were not the same.

The Prime Minister went on to declare that he did not think a rupture with the Vatican would prejudice French interests in the East: and he expressed the opinion that it was for France to protect Catholicism in the East, and not for Catholicism to protect France.

Meanwhile there is a great deal of organising going on in Catholic circles. The impression, given in some foreign papers, that the Catholics are in a hopeless minority and will take it lying down, is quite a mistaken one, and not in accordance with the facts. The Catholies have learnt a great deal since the Combes period; and it is more than possible that the triumphant march of the lodges will meet with a sudden check.

### Ever Fair Killarney

Have you ever been to the Lakes of Killarney? Have you ever had a longing for it? It is one of the dream spots of all those troubled with wanderlust: it is the Careassonue of all who have a drop of Irish blood in their veins.

Three miles from the town of Killarney, three miles from the beautiful Cathedral of Killarney which stands in the centre of the town, a road, straight and wide, stretches westward. Along the road the old gray stone wall marks the direction. It is covered with Irish ivy-not the dry vine which we have here, but a polished, fresh, green, threepointed leaf. The road is soft, smooth, and stoneless. It is good to travel on because overhead stretch the branches of the wondrous Irish oak. These branches, coming from either side, interlock and form a canopy which protects from either sun or rain.

There is something which strikes the observer as unusual, very unusual. Has he found it in any other part of the world? He cannot remember that he has. It is the quietude, the sacred quiet of the place. Once in a while a jaunting car, an automobile, or a low back car passes, but there is no noise even from them. They have imbibed the stillness of the place.

Thus the road stretches for three miles which seem but a short walk. Soon one comes to the great Abbey-Muckross-the beautiful ruins of a church of long ago. There it stands on the shore of the first lake -- for the lakes are three in number. It is an ivycovered, imposing edifice of the ancient time. One knows now the cause of the stillnessthe Sanctus has rung-is ringing still-and the quietude will continue until the great church is again restored. Pray, it will not be long.

The lakes stretch out, the middle and the upper-with their rocks, foliage, and castles.

It is now raining—no the sun is out—now both tears and smiles together. shedding a few tears over her sorrows, yet hopefully smiling even through her tears.

Returning to the road again, we see the house gardens along the way. It makes one think of Easter, for there are the magnificent beds of calla lilies that our children love to call Easter lilies. Beds and beds of these beautiful lilies adorn the homes near the lakes. They are larger, whiter, more polished than our callas. The leaves are about fourteen inches long and looks as if the Wee Folks had worked hard during the night polishing them up to greet the Irish morning sun.

Upward from the lilies, the eyes are raised and, behold, wondrous mountains stretching around forming a natural wall to shut this spot of beauty away from the rest of the world. Here one sees the highest mountain in Ireland and again the steaming "punch bowl." This is said to be an extinct volcanol Yet, extinct or alive, it frightens not the Irish folks. They fear it not.

Again it mists a little and yet again comes the sun with its smiles, for the ray through the clouds is always the hope that Ireland waits for and knows some day will come.

Do you wonder that the poet sings that this is the spot the angels have selected in which to fold their wings and rest?

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#### Lourdes Demonstration in London

The great Lourdes demonstration in London of last year is (says Catholic News Service, London, for December 8) to be repeated this year on a yet more imposing scale at the Queen's Hall, when Cardinal Bourne will take the chair.

The idea of the demonstration is to make the work of Lourdes better known in England generally, and to foster the pilgrimage habit amongst the Catholies; in both of which objects the movement has, even thus far, achieved a considerable success. For instance, the pilgrimages have increased both in munbers and in frequency, while the attitude of the secular press towards Lourdes and its marvels has undergone a great change for

Some of our best speakers are occupying the platform at the coming demonstration: Hilaire Belloc and G. K. Chesterton, with those two popular Jesuit Fathers Woodlock and Martindale—a list of speakers who command considerable respect, even outside the immediate circle of their co-religionists.

The whole tone of the daily press in respect to Lourdes is indeed remarkable. A few superior people, like the Dean of Durham, manage now and then to get their own lofty and enlightened ideas about Lourdes featured in the press. But on the whole, such topics as the devotion of the pilgrims and the reports of cures and other marvels are treated, by the generality of daily papers with far more respect, and even a kind of reverence, than they received even only a few years

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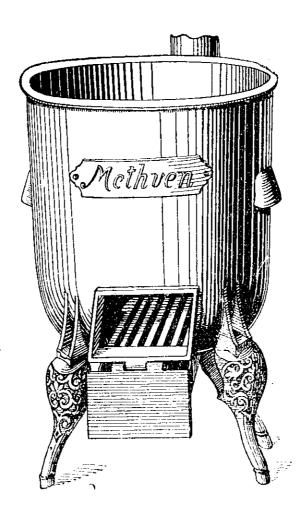
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# Sunday Afternoon Readings

(By RIGHT REV. MGR. Power for the N.Z. Tablet.) X-THE WORKS OF PENANCE.

If there is a purity of innocence, there is a purity of penitence also. We do not set these one against the other, and discuss which is the greater. If we have ever committed mortal sin, we are content to know that it is along the road of penitence we must walk towards purity, and that we have to thank God now, not only for his gifts of creation and adoption, but also for the infinite patience He has shown towards us. This thought was the secret of the strong love for God that filled the hearts of Peter and of men and women of every generation who became saints because they were peni-We have a great cloud of witnesses to console and encourage us by their joyful carrying of the Cross in a spirit of atone-The road of the Cross, our road henceforth, is a royal road, for it was trodden by our King when making atonement for our sins. By our own co-operation with the sufferings of Christ, we must apply their saving grace to our souls, and thus make up what St. Paul says was wanting to them.

Despite its hard-sounding name, penitence is a thing of surpassing beauty. It was preached by Christ, Who is infinite Beauty. At His word it was taken up with joy by His saints; in these it worked with a mighty force, moulding and forming and gently leading on from virtue to virtue. the Baptist first ushered in the Kingdom of God, it was with the call to penitence. But it must produce its own fruits, lest a counterfeit should take its place. Let us go to the Baptist to learn what these fruits are. Behold him then, by the Jordan, clad in a rough camel-hair robe, having for his drink a bitter honey extracted from trees, and for food the wild locusts that held the lordship of the desert. In the great silence that is nowhere else so palpable and mysterious, we can hear the voice of him who and its echoes, the gospel of penance and the summary of its fruits:

"Do penance, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Prenare ye the way of the Lord. make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled; and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough ways plain; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' There is a moment's pause, and suddenly we hear the stillness again broken by a rustling and gathering sound; and from the Spring of Elias close by, and down the hilly road from Jerusalem, and up from the outskirts of the desert of Juda, crowds gather, drawn by that mysterious call. We see them undertaking penitential exercises the most rigorous, and in testimony of their change of life, confessing their sins and receiving Laptism in the Jordan at the hands of John.

The gospel of penance still survives. it necessary that Christ should come and reign in our hearts as in a Kingdom, and that we should prepare the way and make His entrance possible. Listen to the preacher, "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill brought low." Lofty hills and

steep and sudden descents make roads dangerous for travel. How often and often on the hot roads from Jerusalem to Jericho, near the Jordan, has not the traveller to descend from his carriage to climb and pick his cautious steps through steep and dangerous ways! If such hills are cut down, and such valleys filled in, that the progress of some temporal king might be made easy and pleasant, corresponding spiritual impediments must be removed, if the glory of the Lord would enter into our souls. Mountains of pride, presumption, and self-will must give way to humility, for it is humility that draws God to us

"The crooked ways shall be made straight." A road to be of practical use must not wantonly turn aside from the direction aimed at, the work of construction must ever keep the end in view. So in the spiritual life obedience should check every caprice, lead it into harmony with right, and keep it submissive to every law of God. He Who was obedience unto death still loves the obedient, to them He easily comes.

"And the rough ways shall be made plain." When the valleys are filled, and the hills laid low, and the crooked ways straightened out, all roughness of surface must be then removed; so the Christian, who by humility and obedience has begun to prepare the way for Christ, must now set himself to remove every untractable trait from his character, and replace it by the gentleness and meekness of a child of God. Then God will come, and familiarly abide with him, and reign and rule within his heart. Thus we see that our penitence must take the form of a war against pride, self-confidence, disobedience, impatience, and unkindness that undermine the ramparts of grace, and make us a trial to God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

The weapon of this warfare is mortification, despised softness and the abode of Kings, put at our disposal by contrition, which itself springs from the love of God. Contrition is a virtue of rare and exalted beauty, and does a most beautiful work. It gently takes the penitent soul in hand and leads it back to grace; it waters the soil of the soul with its tears, and keeps it from the blight of barrenness. The offspring of sin, it thus becomes the nurse and guardian of virtue. It urges mortification, because this is at once its own defence and the strong shield of every penitent. And if the penitent would resist mortification as hard and difficult, contrition will remind him of his past days when flesh and blood were robels against their Creator, and how atonement must now be made by them.

Mortifications are not far to seek. any man will come after Me let him take up his cross daily, and follow Me." Every life has its own daily cross. We all have daily opportunities of humbling ourselves, of accepting humiliations, sometimes deserved, sometimes undeserved. To refuse to retaliate is mortifying to the natural man, but it is of great excellence as a course of training in spirituality, as well as a means of atoning for past sins. Those who try our

patience are instruments applying to us God's remedial punishment.

The world may think us poor creatures if we do not flare up at an insult; but we do not intend to go to the world to learn tho value of quiet strength, for we know that he who controls his tongue and his temper shows strength and not weakness.

We must mortify the will: we must do things because they are right, not because we may happen to like them; he who is led by inclination has a fool for a leader and will fall into many a pit. We must make the virtue of penance, and a desire to make reparation for pardoned sin an habitual attitude of the soul; then the various acts of penance which we have been considering will become easy. We, who have by sin, trampled God's rights under foot, must now rise up against ourselves to avenge these rights; we must stand with God in a common hatred of sin, in a common hatred of our own sins; and as He has atoned for them by His death, so must we, by dying to ourselves, make constant reparation for them. This will keep us in humility, and humility will maintain tho soul in great peace and in great holiness. "Holiness," says Father Faber, "has lost its principle of growth if it is separated from abiding sorrow for sin."

Finally, if mortification means destruction, it does not mean death; it is the destruction; of death, and the restoration of undying life. This was the dominant idea in the mind of St. Paul: "Always bearing about in our body the mortification of Jesus that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our bodies." This is not death, but that more abundant life which Jesus came to give. Who shall have this life? St. Paul answers: "If you live according to the flesh, you die; but if by the spirit vou deeds of the flesh, you  $_{
m the}$ live." Who, again, shall have this life? And again St. Paul answers: "The Spirit Himself beareth witness to our spirit that we are the children of God. And if children, heirs also: heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ-if, that is, we suffer with Him, that with Him we may also be glorified."

Constant watchfulness over self, instant departure from the occasions of sin, a daily fight against our predominant passion, a resolute suppression of that instinct of evil which we find within us, an unequivocal exaltation of reason above the inferior powers all this is mortification; and, since it can spring only from pure love of God, it will serve as satisfaction with the Eternal Father for the sins by which we have outraged Him in the past. It is a proof, an unquestionable proof that we belong to Christ, for the Apos-He testifies that "they that are Christ's have crucified their ffesh, with its vices and concupiscences." Also, to accept all that happens as coming from the hand of God-all that is hard and difficult and painful and disappointing-is mortification, for it goes against the animal man, and yields us up entirely and uncomplainingly to our Heavenly Father. This is love of God shown in its fruits. Death is the best proof of love, and mortification is a daily dying. "I die daily," wrote St. Paul. But such death is life: "As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so also by Christ doth our comfort abound."

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### On the Land

MARKET REPORTS.

There was a large yarding of fat cattle at Burnside last week, 361 being penned, consisting principally of good quality. As the number forward was in excess of requirements, prices were easier by 35s per head on previous sale's rates. Prime bullocks made £13 to £14 10s, extra to £17, medium £9 to £10 10s, inferior £7 to £8, best cows and heifers £7 to £8 10s, extra to £9 10s, medium £5 10s to £6, inferior £4 10s to £5 5s. Fat Sheep.—There was a large number forward, 2264 being penned. Butchers did not compete keenly, and had it not been for freezing buyers prices would have shown more than the drop recorded last week-namely, 2s. Extra prime wethers made to 49s 6d, prime 41s to 43s, medium 36s to 38s, inferior 30s to 32s, best ewes to 44s, prime 32s to 36s, medium 27s to 30s, inferior 20s to 23s. Fat Lambs.—There was a medium entry, 888 Competition for all lambs being penned. fit for freezing was very keen, and prices were firmer. Graziers competed for all unfinished sorts, and these met with good inquiry. Extra prime lambs made to 46s, prime 40s to 43s, medium 34s to 36s, forward 26s to Pigs.—There were 146 fats and 67 stores. At the opening of the sale it seemed that baconers were about the same, while prices for porkers were a trifle better.

At Addington last week entries were larger in all classes of stock. Fat lambs, fat sheep, and store sheep showed a weakening in prices, whilst there was firming for both fat and store cattle. There was a big offering of lambs, which were down on the preceding week's sky-high rates by 2s 6d a head, except for special pens, which were slightly easier. A line of Southland lambs made a top price of 34s 5d. Wethers made prices equal to the previous week. A few decent lines of ewes were forward. Forward lambs made 30s 6d to 34s 7d, ordinary 28s to 30s, medium 26s to 27s 9d, cull 18s 6d to 25s 6d. Good halfbred ewe lambs made 33s, culls 27s 3d to 29s, four and six-tooth 33s 10d to 36s 10d, plain 31s 6d to 33s, two-tooth wethers 32s 3d to 35s, failing-mouth crossbred ewes 31s to 33s, aged ewes 23s 6d to 26s 6d, aged ewes with lambs 23s 10d. Fat Lambs.—There was an entry of 5330 head, easing off from 1d to ad per lb. Prime under 42's made to 12d per lb, heavy and light-weight from 111d to There was a poor quality yarding, and numerous purchases by graziers were made. Extra prime lambs made to 44s 9d, prime 39s to 42s 6d, medium 36s 10d to 38s 6d, light 33s to 35s 6d, rough 30s to 32s 6d. Fat Sheep.—There were heavier yardings, easing in price by 1s 6d a head. Exporters operated freely. Extra prime wethers made to 48s 7d, prime 42s 6d to 45s 6d, medium 39s to 42s, light 36s 6d to 38s 6d, extra prime owes to 40s 6d, prime 36s 6d to 39s, medium 33s 6d to 36s, light 30s 6d to 33s, old 28s to 30s. Fat Cattle.—There was a heavy yarding of 480 head. There was an improved market by 25s a head for steer beef and 15s for cow. Extra prime made to 48s per 100lb, prime 43s to 46s, medium 39s 6d to 42s 6d, light 35s to 39s, rough down to 25s, extra prime

steers to £22 10s, prime £18 to £20 10s, medium £14 15s to £17 10s, light £10 5s to £14 5s, rough £8 10s to £10, prime heifers £11 to £13 2s 6d, ordinary £7 10s to £10 10s, weedy £3 17s 6d to £6, extra prime cows £15 5s, prime £10 to £12 5s, medium £6 to £9. Vealers.—There was a small yarding. Good market runners made to £6 10s, vealers to £5 15s. Fat Pigs.—Choppers made £2 10s to £4 5s, baconers £3 10s to £3 15s 9d, heavy baconers £4 to £4 10s; price per lb 5½d to 6½d; porkers £2 10s to £2 15s, heavy porkers £3 to £3 5s; price per lb 7d to 8d.

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Fruit Farming

OVERCROWDING AND MOVING FULL-GROWN TREES.

An orchard expert writing in a Home paper, says: —

It often happens that through overcrowding it is necessary to lessen the number of trees in an orchard. It is a mistake to allow the trees to remain too near together. Growers feel sometimes that the greater the number of trees the greater will be the yield per acre, and this belief is justified up to a When definite overcrowding takes place, however, not only will the trees yield a smaller quantity of fruit, but the fruit will be small and inferior, and of much less value on the market. Even experienced growers often leave trees too close together rather than dig them out, where they are too close. Especially is this the case in modern orchards, which are planted with a view to taking out alternate trees after a number of years.

Unless the trees which it is advisable to move are old, there is no reason why they should not be replanted on suitable land, if such is available, and the work is done with care. Not only will almost all the trees live, but they will in all probability yield an increased supply of fruit, for nothing tends to improve the bearing capacity of trees quicker does disturbing the roots, providing these are not injured.

All fruit trees are not suitable for moving in this manner; among such may be mentioned trees on paradise stock which are badly cankered. It is far better to remove these and destroy them if there is not enough space for them in the orehard.

In dealing with an overcrowded orchard it is sometimes difficult to decide which trees should be removed; whether alternate trees in the row are the most suitable, or whether all the trees in every other row should come out.

The first consideration will be the kind of stock on which the trees are budded. If they are alternately on paradise and crab stock, those on paradise will in all probability be cankered more or less when these should be removed. If all the trees are on similar stock, however, the grower should use his judgment as to the best method of allowing light and air to get at all the trees. Whether it is decided to remove alternate trees in each row, or all the trees in alternate rows,

the work will need care if the trees, or some of them, are to be replanted.

In digging comparatively big trees such as these for replanting it is advisable to dig and replant only three or four at once. The holes into which the trees are to be planted should first of all be dug; after this two or three of the trees should be dug up and at once moved to the position that they are to occupy, and the work of replanting completed. This work should be done in the late autumn or early spring.

In digging round the trees it is necessary to begin work far enough from the stem. It is not always correct that the roots extend outwards exactly the same distance as the branches, but this distance may be taken as a working guide. If digging is commenced a slightly smaller distance than this from the stem, the roots will receive a certain amount of pruning, which will help the bearing qualities of the trees. If, on the other hand, digging is begun too near the stem the roots may receive serious damage, which will not only hinder the cropping power of the trees, but may be responsible for the death of them.

Trees suitable for moving in this way should not be more than twelve or fourteen years of age, though experienced growers do sometimes remove trees of greater age.

In planting trees of this description the roots should take as far as possible their natural position; the greatest care should be taken that they do not become crowded together all on one side of the tree. When replacing the earth in the hole after the tree has been placed in position it should be firmed from time to time, and it may be necessary to stake the trees until they become established.

The result of moving trees of this description will be a certain checking of the growth, but otherwise they should remain healthy. It is not advisable to move trees suffering badly from any particular pest or disease near to other trees which are free from that pest or disease.

To encourage trees to yield good crops after moving, different varieties blossoming at the same time should be planted near together. Cross-fertilisation always improves both the quantity and the quality of the fruit, and this applies to such trees as are here described no less than to trees in a newly-planted orchard.

If the trees are to be planted on land on which bush fruit or other crops are to be grown between the rows, such land should be very thoroughly cleaned before the trees are planted. This will be a much easier and cheaper matter than will cleaning the land once the trees are in position.

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# Catholic World

## TWENTY-FIVE TON BELL FOR COLOGNE CATHEDRAL.

A great bell weighing about twenty-five tens was consecrated last Sunday (says *Uatholic News Service*, London, for December 1) by Cardinal Schulte, Archbishop of Cologne, for use in his cathedral. The new bell, which received the baptismal name of St. Peter, takes the place of the famous Kaiserglocke, which was melted down during the war.

There was a great ceremony in the city when the new bell was brought up from the Cologne docks. Decked with flowers and garlands of evergreens and ribbons in the Papal colors, the bell was drawn through the streets to the cathedral, while all the church bells in the city rang out.

For the consecration ceremony the bell was hoisted up on a huge stand, to allow of the inside of the bell being incensed and the other ceremonies of consecration. So great is the diameter of this gigantic bell that part of the masonry of the western facade of the cathedral had to be removed to allow the bell being brought in.

There is an alarming account of Mayence Cathedral, which is giving signs of collapse. In 1909 it was discovered that many of the piles, on which the foundations rest, had perished through the infiltration of water. From 1909 until 1918 extensive repairs have been carried on; but it is now announced that unless considerable under-pinning is carried out part of the cathedral may collapse.

The history of this fine cathedral is one of accidents. Begun in the year 975, it caught fire on the very day of its dedication in 1009 Rebuilding was begun at once, but a hurricane threw down part of the structure in 1079, and two years later the nave and the eastern choir were gutted by fire. At the beginning of the twelfth century new foundations were laid, but in 1137 both the cathedral and the town were laid low by yet another fire. The cathedral suffered from an earthquake in 1146, it has been menaced twice since then by fire, and down to as late as 1793 it suffered a series of accidents, the last being the gunfire of the Prussian army in the last-named year.

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### ITALIAN YOUTH HOLD NATIONAL GATHERING.

The Italian Catholic Young People's Association met in national convention during November, for three days. Delegations representing Catholic associations of France, Belgium, Hungary, and Syria were present. The congress opened in the grand salon of the Lateran Palace, and was concluded at a session in the Vatican, attended by the Pope. His Holiness addressed the members of the association on various points connected with the internal organisation of the movement. As a model, he cited the Holy Name Society in the United States, and voiced his appreciation of the magnificent showing made by

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that organisation at its recent national convention in Washington. He expressed his satisfaction with the progress made by Catholic youths' organisations in various countries, and imparted the apostolic blessing.

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### BISHOP OF SALFORD SERIOUSLY ILL.

Very grave news is to hand as to the health of Mgr. Casartelli, Bishop of Salford, now in his 73rd year, who is suffering from bronchial and heart trouble. The medical bulletins are grave, and the Bishop's illness is sufficiently severe for the Pope to have sent three telegrams. The Lord Mayor of Manchester and the Chief Constable of the city have paid personal calls.

As a scholar and a savant the Bishop of Salford has possibly no rival in England; and his wide learning is no vaster than his benevolence and affability and humility.

Louvain is the alma mater of the Bishop. where his Lordship filled the professorial chair of Zend and Pehlevi literature. stands in the front rank of masters of Oriental literature. He has written in French, one of his books having been translated into English by a Parsee priest. His father was an Italian, and the Bishop has also written in that language, while amongst other of his writings are translations from Sanskrit and Avestan. And with these learned pursuits Bishop Casartelli administers a diocese which, though not large in extent, has a Catholic population in excess of Westminster.

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### UNFAIR TREATMENT OF GERMAN CATHOLICS.

German Catholics gave a vast contribution to the World War in proportion to their numbers (says the Osservatore Romano). But, in the assignment of important positions of trust and responsibility in the Government, their percentage is astonishingly small.

Katolische Korrespondenz publishes statistics proving the truth of this assertion as follows:—

Of 680 high Government positions of every description in Central Germany, only 81 Catholics are employed. Of these 81, 24 were licensed for reasons of economy, that is, only about thirty per cent., while the general percentage of licentiates is far less.

It is noted that, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, only four out of 80 are Catholics. In the Ministry of Occupied Territory, wholly Catholic, there are but two Catholics out of 22 employed. In the Internal Ministry there are four Catholics out of 43; in Finance, 11 out of 119; in departments of Justice, one out of 21; in Postal Service, five out of 111; and in National Defence, two out of 50.

Catholies of trained intellect (says the Osservatore) should study the problem and find out where they stand in such an unfair proportion of things.

#### NOTES FROM PARIS.

M. Herriot has given an assurance to the head of the Union Républicaine that nothing further will be done in the matter of diplomatic relations with the Vatican until the 1925 Budget has been discussed in the Senate. This disposes of, for the moment, of any immediate likelihood of the Ambassador te the Vatican being recalled. M. Jonnart, who was the first Ambassador sent to the Vatican after the resumption of diplomatic relations, still purposes to intervene in the Senate debate, on the side of maintaining the Embassy. There is therefore a chance that the Senate may not vote for the withdrawal of the credits. It is a very slight chance, however; because it was the Senate which employed every obstructive tactic to prevent the Embassy ever being restored. However, M. Jonnart is not a novice in parliamentary tacties. And in the event of the Senate approving the withholding of the credits, M. Jonnart will demand that the measure be referred to another place. In other words, he will use a manoeuvre to have the measure thrown out.

There has been an unpleasant sequel to the All Souls Day incident at Montauban; when the Bishop and his clergy altempted in vain to proceed to the cemetery to pray at the side of the graves. The Bishop has been summoned in the local court for disorderly conduct, and was fined eleven francs on this count, and a further five francs for contravening a local bye-law forbidding processions. With the franc worth about six cents, the fine is insignificant; but the verdiet against the Bishop is much more significant. Monsignor Marty did not appear before the court in answer to the summons. As to the Catholic resistance movement against the anti-clerical policy of the Government, even the Catholics themselves are a bit surprised at the strength of their own movement. Hardly a day passes without reports of some new defence organization being formed. And it is all very serious. There is no frothy oratory about the movement. Everything is being conducted very quietly, but with great determination for all that; and the day cannot be very far off when the Government wil realize that it is up against a very formidable and serious opposition. Even the pacifism of M. Marc Sangnier and his Lique de la Jeune Republique refuses to stomach this assault on religious liberty. M. Sangnier and his colleagues have erected a fine Calvary and Way of the Cross at the Bierville park, which was inaugurated by the Bishop of Versailles. Both the Bishop and M. Sangnier made speeches, in which the latter said that injustice would not be tolerated nor the anticlerical assault allowed to pass unchallenged. But M. Sangnier concluded—it is not sufficient to repulse the adversary; we must try to win him over by the whole-hearted practice of the teachings of Christianity.

Monsignor Louvard, Bishop of Langres, has been promoted by the Holy See to the vacant bishopric of Coutances. The new Bishop of Coutances, who is in his sixty seventh year, was nominated to Langres by Benedict XI in March 1919, and consecrated at Sécz in May of the same year. He was ordained 42 years ago.

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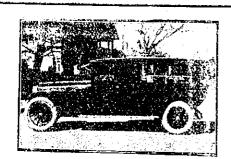
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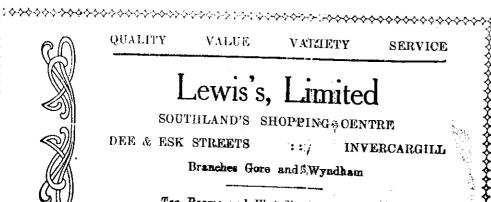
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In the Bodleian Library at Oxford there is, amongst the Rawlinson manuscripts, a folio paper book which, amidst its dry names and figures, breathes the very spirit of tragedy. It is entitled A List of the Roman Catholics in the County of York in 1604. It is merely a list, composed by magistrates or other officials; but it brings the tears to one's eyes to read it! Its cold statistics bring vividly before our mind's eye the way the poor, obscure, and helpless Catholic laity were harried by the penal laws of Elizabethan and Stuart days. We are taken into, so to say, the very domesticities of persecution!

One thing which the reader at once notices is the evidence tending to show how eagerly the Catholics must have anticipated, at the death of Elizabeth in 1603, that the profession of their religion might be more possible under her successor, the son of Mary, Queen of Scots. Vain hope, but obviously it was widely cherished.

For example: At "Burrowbridg" there was "Henry Gibson aforenamed; recusant synce ye 20 of March, 1603"; at Burton Leonard there was "Jane Lowson, an old woman in that parishe 1 yere Recusant"; in Rippley paroch" there were "Gregory Wilkinson, George Atkinson, Anne, wief of William Simpson younger, Margaret, wief of John Geldard, Recusantes within 12 moneths last"; at "St. Michaell's, Ousebridgend," there were "Richard Browne, glover, Recusant synce March, 1603"; at "St. Lawrence , parish" there was "Elizabeth Dalby, wedow of good estate, Recusant 1 yere, viz., sync March, 1603"; at "Downcholme paryshe" there was "Elizabeth Hagston, spinster, a Recusant long, Jane Harland, a Recusant since XXV, Marcii, 1603"; in Wenslowe parish" there are "Parcyrell Thompson, Jane Thompson, William ffosse, Kirtian Colles, Jane Emontson; noncommunicants since the XXVth of March, 1603." In Grinton parishe" there is a very long list of such cases, no fewer than twenty-three being "noncommunicants since Easter 1603," and they are of various classes: "yeoman," "laborer," "servant," "wife," "daughter of," and the

This is merely one local list. It is obvious that England must have been teeming with Catholics eagerly welcoming the accession of James I as a star of possible toleration. The places were such as recorded, in this one list alone, are: Kirby Malserd, Burrowbridge, Swetton, Burton Leonard, Laverton, Ripley, Marston, Staveley, Healey, "Birkwn, "Dallahe" Ousebedgend Knaresborough, Spenithorne, "Mounckfrieston," Downholme. Drax, Wenslow, Brayton, Grinton, Selby, Mansfield, Fenton, Hutton Bonville, Mitton, Stokesley, "Kighley," Egton, Otley, "Thornabye," Ilkley, Crawthorne, Abberforth, Appleton-upon-Wiske, Barwick, Kirkleaventon, Thitkirk, Skelton, Thornhill, Britton, Rothwell, Lofthouse Stillingfleet, Middleton, Eastrington, Lythe, Knedlington, "Whitbie," Assleby, Gilling, Newland, Burton, Howden, Eskdale, Gevendale, "Sherif Hutton," Good-

manham, Overton, Ferribie, Huntingdon, Kingston-upon-Hull, Turington, "Aturke." Moreover, all sections of the people are represented: drapers, pedlar, tailor, laborers, "au old woman," "a poor wedow," knight, "his wief," "a pooro youth," tanners, "maid," pewterers, cordwainers, shepherd, weaver, "an old poore man," "gent," "yeoman," "a workman at forge," husbandman, as well as women referred to simply as wife, or daughter, of so-and-so.

And the misery of all this petty persecution! The glaving feature is the torturing, by constant harassment, of the poor and weak. At Bondgato there were "William Chanler poore, Bridget Chanler his sister, John Geldbart poore"; at "Roclif" there was "Anne Barwick spinster, a poor maide, an old Recusant." That last entry, indeed, but nine words long, betokens suffering enough to make the reader weep to think of it. The helpless old maid, alone in her village: vex her, torment her, she is "an old Recusant"! But such as she have had their reward long since.

We need not pity Anne! nor yet the "ffrancis Barwick being a poore man doth teach children to write and rede," who is one of the Recusants in "Mynskipe parish." Nor these (in the Wenslow list): "Katheren Russell wedowe, Anne Waitē widowe, Thomas Wilson and his wief Isabell, Hopps poore, Mary Wallar poore, Dorothie ffawcett poore, Ellen Harrison poore, Thomas Hillarie of Ridmor, Recusants & have been long." Truly the agents of God must have had a rich harvest in lowly places.

At Massam there were "John Jackson a blinde man," "Jennet Johnson wedowe," and three other "wedowes," all on the list to be followed up as "Recusants for divers yeares last past and all or most of them poore." At Easbie there was "Jane Harrison spinster poor lame woman, a Recusant." At Birkbie there was "Margaret wife of James Parkinson, of Little Smeaton, a blind woman Recusant 3 yeares." At Skelton were several "Recusants 8 or 9 yeares but poor laborers"; at Britton, several "notorious Recusantes for 7 or 8 yeares last being poore fishermen"; and so on, in many places, with monotonous pathos.

Under the penal laws, Catholic schoolmasters were illegal. What misery must have followed all such! "John Chapman scolemaster" is on the list for "Dacre pasture"; in the list for "Nunkeeleing et Benholme" appears the mention of "a suspected scolemaster Cuthbert Belton [who] hath remained in ye house of Mr. Ralph Cresswell as a scholemaster to his children about fower monethes last, but came not to ye church in that time." "Scolemasters" are mentioned also at Kirkby, Burnefall, Gargrave, Thorneton, and Bolton. It is needless to spend words on speculating on the misery these poor men must have endured.

At any rate, some people reaped profit by it all! The record of West Runcton is "certified by," amongst others, "Charles Layton."

The Laytons were the family of that terrible inquisitor of the monasteries under Henry VIII, Richard Layton: of whom a historian records, with eloquent brevity, that "he did much to please the unlimited desire of the King."

At the very beginning of this Yorkshire record is this sad entry: "Vnreverent [unreverent] receiving Matthew Haigh yeman [yeoman] at Easter last when he should have received the comunion, the bread being given him, did not eat it, but conveyed it into his book and likewise did not drink ye wine, as himselfe hath synce reported, but onely toke it into his mouthe." Think of poor Matthew, torn between the law of God and the law of Caesar, and feebly trying his compromise. Alas!

Eagle eyes were kept on anyone daring to speak favorably of "Popery." At Barwick it is recorded that there was "Elizabeth Wortley an antient scruant there, she is thought to be "a dangerous Recusant in persuading." At Sherburne was "a dangerous Recusant, Agnes Rawson, wedow." At Stokesley was "Cristofer Hutchinson a resetter of strange persons suspected." At Hinderwell, record is made of "Seducer, Dorothio Menville of Vythorpe an obstinate Recusant doth allure others of meaner sort to forbeare to come to ye churche." At Assleby was "William Craven, a pestilent seducer of others & a comen intelligencer."

Romance and love, however, cannot be kept out. At "Bransbie" we find record of "Secret mariage: Richard Cholmley Esquier maryed with Mary Hungate in the presence of John Wilson, William Martin, Huge Hope & Christopher Danyell in a fell with a popishe priest, they here [hear]." Picture the lovers meeting secretly the "popishe priest" "in a fell," plighting their life-vows before God, him and the witnessing friends, and going home. Love and the peril of death!

The list, indeed, has many entries showing what care was taken to track down "Popish" marriages and baptisms. At "Naburne parishe," "George Palmes knighte and Ladye Katherine his wife have been called by way of Sitacons into the Consistoric courte at Yorke to prove their mariage, vehemently suspected to have been married by some popishe priest." At Bubwith, "Secret mariage: John Barker was married when and where is not knowen." And so on.

Here we must conclude our glance at this dry but pathetic old record. Not only on the tree at Tyburn, glorious though it was with the blood of martyrs for faith, did those true and loyal to God make their witness. Think of the obscure, quiet sufferings, year in, year out, of thousands all over England!

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#### Custard Filling.

Seald one cup of milk in the top part of the double boiler; mix together one-half a copful of sugar, three tablespoonsful of flour, and a few grains of salt; add this to one egg, slightly beaten, and pour over this mixture the scalded milk; return to double boiler, stir constantly till thick; cover and let cook twenty minutes. Cool and flavor with one-quarter a teaspoonful of lemon extract and one-third a teaspoonful of vanilla.

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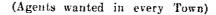
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- I know not which it is to doubt, My heart is ever gay;
- I run no risk, for, come what will, Thou always hast Thy way.
- I have no cares, O blessed Will!

  For all my cares are Thine:
- I live in triumph, Lord, for Thou Hast made Thy triumphs mine.

And when it seems no chance or change From grief can set me free, Hope finds its strength in helplessness, And gaily waits on Thee.

He always wins who sides with God,
To him no chance is lost;
God's will is sweetest to him when
It triumphs at His cost.

Ill that He blesses is our good,
And unblest good is ill;
And all is right that seems most wrong.
If it be His sweet will!

---F. W. Faber.

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#### RULES THAT LEAD TO SUCCESS.

"I have watched many young men climb to the top," says a writer in the Efficiency Magazine, "and I have noticed that there are nearly always four reasons why they succeed.

First, they make up their minds. They don't drift. They decide—that seems to be the beginning of every career. They choose the jobs that will suit them best and away they go.

"Second, I notice that they are always pleased with themselves and their jobs and their associates. They are happy and keen in their work. They smile their way through.

"Third, they are hungry to learn. They listen as well as talk. They study and think and appreciate the advice of other other people. They are never cocksure and unteachable.

"Fourth, they finish what they start. This is a sure sign of a strong personality. There are scores of starters to every finisher. The average man gets stuck fast in his job. The obstacles bring him to a standstill."

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#### DON'T FUSS.

"The curse of modern town-life is fussioness," says the Daily Express. "The country makes people restful, town makes them restless. Town to-day is ever encroaching on country, and fussy people more and more outnumber the restful. It would not matter

if fussiness increased efficiency. The opposite is the fact. The more people fuss the more they wasto energy. Things are not brought to pass more quickly by fussing for them. On the contrary, it is the quiet insistent demand that is effective. A telephone exchange is no poor example of this. The subscriber who loses his temper, yells, and bangs down the receiver gets the worst attention. And it is the same in big affairs of life. Look at health as another example. The over-worked, hurried town-dweller fusses over every little ailment. His nervous system makes it impossible for him to do otherwise. Consequently he increases his own bad health, and looks with envy on the ruddy, slow-witted, healthy rustic. Not to fuss is the crying need of civilised man in towns. It is a state only to be reached by the exercise of will. There are a favored few whom nothing can ruffle. Not slow of wit, they are yet imperturbable of temper. These are the exceptions. The rest of us have to learn to early fussiness."

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#### ORIGIN OF "DIXIE LAND."

The Financial Times of London, in a review of the history of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana, at New Orleans, recalls the interesting origin of the word "Dixie," as applied to the south, according to the Detroit News. It says:

"The Citizens' Bank was so closely identified with the South that it gave it the name of 'Dixie Land,' since preserved in the famous southern war song, 'Dixie.'

"It came about in this way: Prior to the Civil War in the States, the Citizens' Bank had the power to issue paper money notes. These bills were issued in denominations of \$10 and \$20, but preferably \$10, to the extent of a few millions. These \$10 bills were engraved in French, and on the backs was the French word dix (ten) very prominent, and the Americans living along the upper Mississippi river called the bills Dixies."

"Finally, the bank's money became so popular that Louisiana was referred to as 'The Land of Dixies,' or Dixie Land.' Afterward the term was made to apply to all the Southern States."

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### A SCHOOLBOY'S IMPRESSIONS OF CAMP.

Impressions: so ingeniously set down as the following by C. Devlin in the last Stonyhurst Magazine, can hardly fail to arouse sympathy in the least militarist reader:

There are two kinds of camp. The first is the strenuous kind, where it is baking hot, and the parade-ground is as hard as bricks, and everything moves in perfect order, with a sort of hum like an angry machine. All around you are the blares of bugles and the glares of sergeant-majors; you feel that the slightest mistake you make will be received as a deadly insult to all the traditions of the British Army. And so you stand straight and stiff like a ramrod—except that you

sweat copiously and swear in an undertone—
or, if you are of the lesser sort, like a pullthrough. Personally, I love that sort of
thing; I am never happier than when I know
that I, in my own modest little way, an
functioning perfectly, as a cog or a sparking-plug, or something small and insignificant, in the great machine of militarism;
moreover, I look such a frightful ass whenever publicly rebuked that I'm sure every
self-respecting sergeant-major must positively
leap with fiendish joy when he sees me make
a mistake.

Yet though all the higher chords in my soul respond to the stern nobility of this call, and though I think quite sincerely that the Army stands for the one unsulliedly traditional institution left in this low age of commercialism, and all that sort of thing, yet I must plead guilty to a certain slinking fondness for the other kind of camp. By the other kind of camp I mean the easy-going, happy-go-lucky kind, where it's always raining, and everything is pervaded by a senso of sodden hilarity. Your soaking and lopsided pack seems to gaze obstinately up at you and assure that you're both wet and in a disordered condition, but it doesn't really matter, because nobody minds. Morcover, everything is delightully topsy-turvy, and you encounter the most wonderful and undreamt-of situations. I like that enormously.

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### THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

The festival of the Purification, which is common to the Latin and Greek Churches, is rendered peculiar by the blessing of wax tapers which are carried burning by those who form the procession which takes place afterwards The symbolic meaning attributed to this ceremony is that the faithful should, with the holy Simcon, recognise in the Infant Jesus the salvation which the Lord had prepared before the face of the people--"A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of the people of Israel" (Luke ii. 31-32), and be admonished by the burning tapers which they are carrying in their hands, that their faith must be fed and augmented by the exercise of good works, through which they are to become a light to shine before men. (Matt. v. 14-16.)

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#### THE PERFECT GUEST.

She answered by return of post. The invitation of her host,

She caught the train she said she would, And changed at junctions as she should. She brought a small and lightish box, With proper keys to fit the locks.

Food rich and rare she did not beg, But ate the boiled or scrambled egg. When offered lukewarm tea she drank it, And did not crave another blanket

Or extra pillow for her head; She seemed to like the spare-room bed. She brought her own self-filling pen, And always went to bed at ten;

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#### NO PLACE FOR ETIQUETTE.

Flushed with triumph, parched, and scant of breath, they stood upon the towering mountain peak and surveyed the panorama that spread itself beneath them.

"There!" she exclaimed, angrily. have climbed all this distance to admire the beauties of nature, and we've left the glass at home!"

He shifted the lunch-basket to the other arm. "Never mind, dear," he replied. "There's nobody about. It won't hurt us just this once to drink out of the bottle."

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#### TAOTFUL JIMMY.

Jimmy found a pocket-book on his way to school, and in it was a £5 note. He took it home to his mother, and she told him to watch the papers, and he would find the person who lost it:

Soon an ad. appeared. Jimmy went to the woman's house and handed her the pocket-

"Why, this can't be it. I had a £5 note in mine," said the woman.

"Oh, yes, it is," said Jimmy, "but I had the note changed, so you could give anyhody that found it a reward."

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#### SMILE RAISERS.

Customer: "I say-do you mind changing these vests for some less humorous ones? These tickle me to death!"

"My son-in-law has just got a new motorcar," said Mrs. Larkson. "He says he's going to call it 'True Love,' because so far he hasn't been able to make it run smoothly."

A man had several complaints made to him regarding his workman, and took him to task. "Now Mike," he said, "I've heard some queer stories about your doings lately."

"Och! don't believe them, sorr," came the reply. "Sure half the lies told about me isn't true!"

One of the newly-rich was showing a friend round her "estate." Presently they came to the poultry run.

"Do your bens lay?" asked the visitor.

"Oh, yes," was the reply; "they can lay. But for people in our position it is quite unnecessary.

She: "I suppose you are a lover of good

He: "Oh, yes, but you can go on playing just the same."

#### Two small boys once halted before a brass plate fixed on the front of a house whereon was inscribed in bold characters the word

"Chiropodist." "Chirrupodist!" remarked one of them, perplexed. "What's that?"

Why," replied his companion, "a chirrupodist is a chap that teaches canaries to whistle."

# Science Siftings

By "Volt"

Harnessing Heat From Under the Ground.

What will happen when the earth runs short of coal and oil supplies?

This problem was discussed by Professor W. W. Watts, in a paper on "Geology in the Service of Man."

He suggested the possibility of a great new power which humanity may harness to its service-nothing less than the heat of the earth's nether regions.

A beginning has been made at Volterra, in Italy, where a new source of power has been found in the high temperature steam from Fumaroles, which has previously been used only as a source of borax. Now the steam is being tapped by boring, and its chief heat is employed in running great power stations.

This may be but the beginning of the application of a new and valuable source of power in which the services of geology will be required.

We are haunted by the fear that a limit will be imposed by high temperature to deep mining, while that very heat may provide energy as valuable as the material which would otherwise be mined—just as we dread the gas from certain coal seams, when the gas might, if it could be exploited, give a return equivalent to that of the coal itself.

#### Nature's Living Lamps.

What is the most efficient light in the world?

Some people might vote at once for the "last word" of science in artificial illumination, but they would be wrong. The most efficient light known to us was known in the days of pine torches and rush-lights. It is that with which Nature has endowed the glow-worm and the firefly.

Science has so far failed to solve the problem of the production of light without heat -a problem which seems to have given Dame Nature no difficulty. In all artificial light production an enormous amount of energy is lost in the form of heat rays and chemical rays.

Thus a four-watt carbon blow lamp has a luminous efficiency of less than half per cent., and the most perfect artificial illuminant has an efficiency of only four per cent.

Science here compares badly with Nature, for the luminous efficiency of the firefly is no less than 99.5 per cent., while the glowworm's light is 80 times more efficient than a tungsten lamp.

#### Light From Trees.

A French scientist has discovered a means of extracting and harnessing the electricity in trees. He connected a copper plate attached to a tree, and another plate buried in the earth, with a galvanometer, a delicate instrument which measures the strength of weak currents of electricity, and obtained a record of the current passing through the

With three trees connected in the same way

the power was increased, the experiment, with a like result, being continued antil twenty trees were linked up in this fashion.

The scientist then placed two copper plates in the earth, about six feet apart, and with the current thus obtained lighted a small electric lamp.

Whether the idea can be extended to be commercially worth while has yet to be determined.

#### Deep-sea Fish.

Until a few years ago it was thought that no fish could live very far beneath the surface of the waves, owing to the great water pressure, but it has since been proved that fish actually do live miles below the surface.

Deep-sea fish do not feel the intense weight of the water any more than a human being feels the weight of air. This is because the pressure inside them exactly balances that outside.

Little is known of deep-sea fish, which nearly always live and die at a great distance beneath the waves, but enough specimens have fallen into the hands of man to reveal how queer these fish are in appearance. Usually they are flat and misshapen, many being without eyes, which are not needed in the intense darkness of their mysterious realm beneath the sea.

#### From Coal to Oil.

The great oil-burning ships of to-day are a sort of stoker's paradise. The old direction and raging heat of the coal-burning days have gone; and the mere turning of a tap is sufficient to spray the oil from the tanks under the boilers.

From the point of view of the whole ship's company, too, "oiling" in port is very much more pleasant than coaling, which meant that the whole vessel, with everybody in it, was smothered in dust. Now, however, a tanker comes alongside the ship and fixes a flexible pipe through a hatch in her side. Presently the soft thud of the pump is heard, and the whole thing is soon over, without fuss or bother.

While oil is cleaner than coal aboard ship, however, it is otherwise so far as the sea is concerned, and many complaints have been made regarding the pollution of the water around our coasts by waste oil from oil-burning ships.

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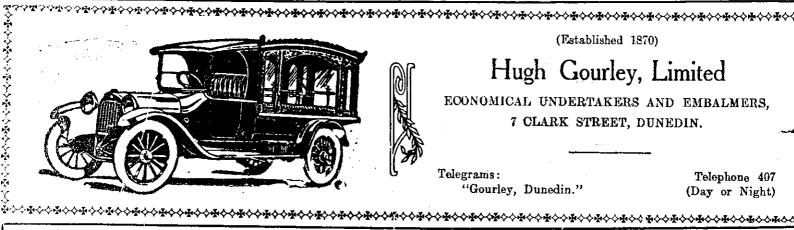
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