

CORRESPONDENCE

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

TO THE EDITOR

THE IRISH RELIEF FUND.

Sir,—I enclose cheque (£5) for Irish Relief Fund. I believe you were quite justified in abusing all of us—priests and Catholic lay people—for our want of response to Dr. McRory's appeal for the distressed people of Ireland. I sometimes think we are qualifying to be presented with a bellows (a wind bag) because of our many protestations of love for Ireland and its people, because in many cases be it said to our shame (like the bellows) our usefulness as far as Ireland is concerned is summed up in empty gusts of air.

I was pleased to read your appreciation of Dr. Walsh. It recalled to my mind the historic occasion in one of the halls of Maynooth College when the late Dr. O'Hickey, delivering an address on "Irish," compulsory in the National University, recommended the other clerical senators of the University to the pious prayers of the students, but said of Dr. Walsh—"I have no fear for Dr. Walsh, he has been always found on the side of Irish Ireland."

God bless you and spare you to champion the cause of right and justice. God Save Ireland! Sinn Fein abu!—I am, etc.,

—SACERDOS.

Sir,—Herewith I enclose my subscription for the Belfast Relief Fund. I hope and believe that my heart has not "grown heedless in the sun," nevertheless I must admit that your biting remarks about the failure of this fund are only too true as they affect me personally. I had intended all along to give something, but through carelessness neglected to do so. I am cordially hated for my known sympathy with the legitimate aspirations of the people of Ireland, so perhaps there is some hope for me.

Lately a Redemptorist priest who gave a mission here spoke publicly in the highest terms of the *Tablet*, especially the literary notes. May I too join my small voice in congratulation of the high quality of your paper?—I am, etc.,

—A. McLAUGHLIN.

Rawhitiroa, July 30.

Sir,—I am sending you a donation for the Irish Relief Fund. I told my father I would save all my pennies for the starving children of Ireland, and daddy gave me £1. I am sending my own little mite as I am a child myself and I feel for the little ones at home.

I love to hear Mammy read the Irish news in the *Tablet*, but some of it is so sad.—Respectfully yours,

—MARY O'CONNELL.

Trafalgar Street, Onehunga, July 30.

Sir,—Please find enclosed cheque for £50 which I have collected for the Irish cause, and send it where most needed in Ireland. Please also publish in the *Tablet* the names of those who have subscribed.—Yours faithfully,

—D. T. LEAHY.

Following is the Opunake list:—

D. T. Leahy, £5; M. J. MacReynolds, £5; D. D. O'Sullivan, £5; J. Coneglan, £5; H. McCann, £5; J. O. O'Rourke, £5; A. McQuaig, £2; E. O. Hanlon, £2; T. Mulligan, £2; J. M. Hickey, £2; E. Lewis, £1; T. S. Hickey, £1; W. P. Fennell, £1 1s; J. Boyhan, £1; Mr. Halpin, £1; W. Coneglan, £1; D. O. Sullivan, £1; A. Friend, £1; B. Connor, 10s; J. D. Coneglan, £1; R. J. Morris, £2 10s.

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Mrs. Hutchinson, Gore, £1; Sympathiser, £1; Alex. McLaughlin, £1; A. McCadden, £5; Mrs. Fleming, £1; M. O'Donnell, £1 4s; M. Gannon, £1; Mrs. Chronican, £1 10s; T. Sheehan, £1; M. Maloney, £1; Father Guinane, £5; James Cunningham, 10s; Russell O'Shaughnessy, £5; Father Coffey, £5; James O'Neill, £1; Anonymous, £6.

INSTITUTE NOTRE DAME DES MISSIONS,
CHRISTCHURCH.

All the pupils of the Sacred Heart Girls' College, Lower High Street, Christchurch, who were presented for the Pitman's Shorthand examinations held recently at the above centre, were successful. The following are the results:—Pitman's shorthand speed examination—Vera O'Donoghue (120 words per minute), Irene Aslton (50), Mercy Cook (50), Lena Keane (50). Pitman's shorthand elementary examination—Ena Gillespie (1st), Melba Tulloch (2nd), Eileen Gartley (3rd), Olive Price, Madeline Kennedy, Rita Corbett, Nina Field, Kathleen Mahoney, Vera Kiely, Violet Cotter, Sara McCartin, Doris Blyth, Rima Pope, Maureen Cunneen, Madge O'Malley, Kathleen Leany.

D U S K.

The red sun dips. Long shadows grow
To one rich gloom as homeward go
The scuttling hares, whose white tails gash
The dark green banks where by they flash.
Old neighbor horse lends his rough tongue
And licks a dozing mare. Night sung
Is the last lullaby of birds—
A dreamy song of nonsense-words.

And sleepily I seek my home,
Who ask from day's distemper some
Dear refuge at the dusk of night,
Still haven from harsh seas of light. . .
Tired senses all to sleep are curled,
Their doors fast shut upon the world:
And friendly stars like tapers shine
With guardian light on me and mine.

—Westminster Gazette.

A TALENTED NUN STUDENT.

The highest honors at this year's commencement exercises of the University of Colorado in Boulder, U.S.A., were bestowed on a nun, Sister M. Basiline, of the Order of Sisters of Charity, B.V.M., and a teacher of Mount St. Gertrude Academy, who received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. She was the only candidate. Sister M. Basiline received the A.B. degree from Mt. St. Joseph College, Dubuque, Iowa, in 1908, and the A.M. degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, in 1914.

AN APPEAL FROM THE BACKBLOCKS

At Tuatapere—a bush township in Southland—Mass is celebrated in the most westerly part of New Zealand. The few scattered Catholics are making a bold endeavor to raise funds for a much-needed church but realise their difficulties without assistance from outside. They therefore appeal to the generously disposed readers of the *Tablet* to help them in their enterprise.

Subscriptions may be sent to the undersigned—Presbytery, Riverton—and will be acknowledged in the *Tablet*.
(Rev.) D. P. BUCKLEY.

Subscriptions to date 1/8/21:—

Father Buckley, £20; Mr. H. McFeely, £5; Mrs. M. Reid, Orepuki, £5; Mr. and Mrs. Geary, Riverton, £5; Mr. J. A. Horner, £2 2s; Mr. W. P. Daly, Port Craig, £2 2s; Mr. T. Ward, £1 10s; Prentice Bros., £1 10s; Master Dan Walls, Mosgiel, £1 1s; Mr. T. J. Henderson, £1; Mr. J. Griffin, jun., £1; Mrs. Montgomery, Lawrence, £1; Mr. P. Chamberlain, Orawia, £1; Mrs. P. Cunningham, Mosgiel, £1; Mr. J. Griffin, sen., £1; Miss A. Columb, Mosgiel, £1; Mrs. H. Knowler, £1; Mrs. Morris, £1; Mr. T. J. Harris, £1; Mr. W. Cosgriff, £1; Mr. M. Dowling, £1; Mr. H. Lobb, £1; Mrs. O'Brien, £1; Mr. J. H. Coughlan, £1; Mr. P. Chamberlain, jun., Orawia, £1 1s; Mr. J. Cavanagh, £1; Mr. Verdon Sheehy, Port Craig, £1; Mr. R. Donaldson, Port Craig, £1; Mr. D. Kaveney, Port Craig, £1; Mr. J. Wakefield, Port Craig, £1; Mr. W. Butler, Port Craig, £1.