

Of love and blessed faith and gentleness.
 Merely the sight of her makes all things bow:
 Not she herself alone is holier
 Than all; but hers, through her, are raised above.
 From all her acts such lovely graces flow
 That truly one may never think of her
 Without a passion of exceeding love.

Coming again to that line of Yeats',

But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,

it expresses as well as words can express all the ideal tenderness and devotion of Dante for Beatrice; and if you cannot understand what Yeats meant it is not likely that you will appreciate Dante's lyrics.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the eleven o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on last Sunday. After Compline in the evening a fine discourse on the Blessed Eucharist was preached by Rev. Father O'Leary, Marist Missioner, in the presence of a large congregation. The usual procession and solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed.

In a recent report of the annual meeting of the Sacred Heart Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, North-east Valley, the name of Mrs. W. Duffy, vice-president, was inadvertently omitted.

A euchar social will be held in the Sacred Heart School-room, North-east Valley, on next Monday evening, in aid of the fund to provide a piano for the school.

The Christian Brothers' School will re-open on Tuesday next, after the term holidays.

A successful and enjoyable "500" card tournament, promoted by the members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club to provide funds for the Sisters of Mercy in charge of the Mornington Catholic school, was held on last Wednesday evening in St. Joseph's Hall. The prizes were won by Mrs. Sutton, Miss Bryant, Messrs. Campbell and Prenderville. Eloctionary items were given by Miss E. McGrath and Mr. E. O'Connor.

The usual monthly meeting of St. Joseph's Cathedral parish committee of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Joseph's Hall, after devotions on last Sunday evening, the president (Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm.) presiding. There was a good attendance, including representatives of the North-east Valley and Mornington sub-committees. It was decided to institute an energetic canvass to complete the enrolment of members at the earliest date possible. Father Coffey gave an interesting statement regarding the business transacted at the recent meeting in Wellington of the Dominion Council. Mr. Martin Reddington spoke in appreciative terms of Father Coffey's fine work in the conservation of Catholic interests and of his valuable support of the Federation in all its efforts for improved conditions. On Mr. Reddington's motion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Father Coffey.

Rev. Father Vincent, Marist Missioner, is to be engaged for some time conducting retreats in the Dunedin diocese. On the 8th inst. he will commence a retreat for the inmates of the Sacred Heart Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Anderson's Bay; on the 12th for the Sodality of Children of Mary at Invercargill; on the 19th for the Children of Mary of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin; and on the 25th for the Children of Mary at Mosgiel.

A priest who recently visited the Home for the Aged in Canton, exclaims: "The Little Sisters of the Poor! Who does not know, and who does not love them? Their children venerate, I was going to say, adore them. Yes, their children, whose age varies from 65 to 100, or thereabouts. In this particular case their children were Chinese, dozens of them, old and decrepit, so old that it was impossible to risk a guess at their age."

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THE IRISH DELEGATES IN THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS

The Irish delegation contains some names unfamiliar to the English public (says the *New Witness*, London). But it is well constituted so as to embody the strength of Sinn Fein. It is young and able. All the members are Ministers of Dail Eireann. De Valera and Arthur Griffith are sufficiently known here, Austin Stack and Robert Barton less so. Austin Stack is about 35 years of age, born in Kerry, which claims with some justice to produce more brains than any other Irish county. "He was in charge (writes an Irish correspondent to me) of the Volunteer organisation in Kerry before the 1916 rebellion, and was then arrested and got a life sentence. He was elected Secretary of Sinn Fein at the first Sinn Fein Convention at the Mansion House. He was the leader of the hunger-strike in Mountjoy Gaol when Thomas Ashe died, and was subsequently prison leader in Belfast Gaol when that prison was wrecked by its inmates before political terms were promised to the prisoners—terms which were subsequently withdrawn. Finally, he escaped from Strangeways Gaol in Manchester, and since then he ranks as a leader of the Republican left wing. Yet his friends speak of him as a man of cool judgment, considered and measured in thought and speech. Certainly he is intimately in touch with the country. And he has indubitably captivating manners."

Mr. Robert Barton is a different but also an agreeable type. Minister of Agriculture in the Republican Government, he was a captain in the British Army during the war, and came into close contact with Sinn Fein when in barracks in Dublin after the rising. He is a Co. Wicklow landowner, with his seat, Glendalough House, in its most beautiful region. On one side he is of Scottish ancestry, connecting him up with the Earl of Mar. For generations his family have been progressive and popular agriculturists in Wicklow, and of himself it is not too much to say that he is the idol of his countryside. As well as being a Commandant in the Republican Army, he has been associated with much of the business side of Sinn Fein activities. Sentenced to three years' penal servitude early in 1920 for a seditious speech, he has been released after serving eighteen months of his sentence in penal association with criminals. His fine and essentially temperate mind has not suffered from these experiences.

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