

grounds on which the British Premier unjustly limits self-determination for Ireland, Ireland must in justice to herself limit self-determination for North-East Ulster in so far as the exercise of that self-determination would lead to a disappearance of Ireland's ancient unity. But in all matters which are not vital to the existence of Ireland as a nation, Dail Eireann is ready, and has many times publicly stated its readiness to give Ulster a more generous local autonomy than that conferred upon her people by the British Partition Act.

### Mr. T. J. Meade Honored

There retired on October 31 from the Post and Telegraph Department on superannuation, Mr. T. J. Meade, after a little over 37 years' service. Mr. Meade was educated at the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, and the old-time Jesuit College at Wakari. Early in 1885 he joined the Post and Telegraph Department, and was appointed to Mataura as telegraphist, where he was stationed for some time. He also acted as relieving-postmaster at various offices in the Southland district. During 1891 Mr. Meade was transferred to the Dunedin Telegraph Office, where he remained for a period of over 30 years, he having had the unique experience of serving with three generations. Although promotion was offered him on several occasions, he declined, preferring to remain in Dunedin. The officers of the local Telegraph Office, with whom Mr. Meade had been associated, could not let him part from them without presenting him with a small token of the esteem in which he was held. Mr. D. Faulks, Acting Superintendent, eulogised the many good qualities of the departing officer, and expressed the staff's wish that the recipient would be spared for many years to enjoy his well-earned rest. He then presented Mr. Meade with a handsome gold Albert and medallion, suitably inscribed. Mr. Meade in reply thanked those present for their much appreciated gift, and the speaker for his kind remarks. He said it was hard leaving all his old associates, but as he had the service which entitled him to retire he did so willingly. The singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and three cheers for Mr. Meade, brought a pleasant little gathering to a close.

### St. Mary's Memorial School, Christchurch

St. Mary's new Catholic school, Manchester Street, Christchurch, which was blessed and opened on a recent Sunday by his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, is a handsome structure, designed and equipped on modern lines. It has been erected on the site of the old primary school, and will serve also as a memorial to the 300 men of St. Mary's parish who fought in the great war. The organising work was commenced about 18 months ago by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., parish priest, and on his departure at the beginning of this year on a trip to Europe, Rev. Father Seymour, S.M., assisted by a parish committee, of which Mr. M. Prendergast is secretary, carried on the task of raising funds. The building is a two-storey one of brick, with the lower portion plastered.

When the 250 pupils of St. Mary's primary school remove into their new quarters they will be housed in one of the most up-to-date school buildings in the Dominion, and the Sisters of Mercy will have reason to feel gratified to the parishioners for their generosity and zeal in providing such a fine school. Except for the back and front walls of the old school, the building is new throughout. There are 15 rooms, including an assembly and social hall 100 feet by 32 feet, and eight class-rooms. With the exception of the infant room, all of the class-rooms are on the upper floor. Entrance to the class-rooms is given by two stairways, one each for the boys and girls. Every class-room is well ventilated, and the windows are all equipped with patent fittings by Messrs. Bradley Bros. This is the first building to be so fitted. A hot-water heating system has been installed, and in this connection, in the hat and cloak rooms for the boys and girls the racks are so constructed that wet clothes may be dried while the children are at their lessons.

In the frontage of the social hall there is a marble slab, bearing the inscription:—"Soldiers' Memorial School. Erected in honor of the brave men of this parish who fought in the great war, 1914-1918." In the social hall there will be placed two rolls of honor on each side of the

dais, containing the names of the 300 soldiers who went from the parish. The fitting-up and plastering of the hall is not yet completed, but it is hoped that the work will be finished by the end of the month. The hall is 82 feet by 32 feet at the back, and there are to be folding doors erected to partition off the infant class-room, and these will be removed when the full floor space is required for parish meetings and socials.

### "God's Law Above Man's"

Rebellion by the Church against constituted civil government, when civil government conflicts with the moral teachings of the Church, was suggested by Prof. Harry F. Ward, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, to the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to-day (states a Chicago message, under date October 7, to the Brooklyn Tablet).

Prof. Ward had described conditions in the West Virginia coal-fields where he said one man as military dictator had been given supreme power of life and death.

"He would not even let the churches hold religious services," said Prof. Ward. "The thing to do there was for your missionary societies to organise every minister in the land, send them into the district and keep them at work until every gaol was full."

"We should have let the world know that there is a power above that of the autocratic democracy. If the proclamation of a new industrial order is declared treason, the answer of the pulpit which was long ago stated is, 'We must obey God rather than man.'"

In proportion as ye have been sparing in your own chastisement, will God spare you.—St. Pacian.

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