

existence. The interdependence of nations is a moral truth as old as the existence of mankind. The two great functions of nations are to trade with each other and to influence each other by their example. By trade the scarcity of one nation is redressed from the abundance of the other, and thus the civilised world becomes, in the words of Adam Smith, a "great mercantile republic." The different political expedients by which each nation illustrates its own peculiar genius for government, while not inconsistent with the unity of mankind for the purposes of commerce, serve as examples as the result of which one nation learns from its neighbors.

I have written thus at length in order to show that Ireland's aspiration for national freedom is not only consistent with the real greatness and prosperity of England, but is supported by the verdict of history, the dictates of expediency, and the great moral law of justice itself. Thus we may dispel the counsels of the timid, and, claiming for Ireland nothing more than we are prepared to concede to every other nation, we may go forward boldly and press her claim to complete national independence. Not that I subscribe to the odious doctrine that it is necessary, in order to achieve that end, to resort to methods of violence and bloodshed. I believe that Ireland's aspirations can be realised and will be fulfilled by the peaceful progress of opinion, that the people of England will realise that their own best interests require a free and contented island neighbor, and that the welfare of neither country is to be found by pursuing the phantasy of Imperialism. The world has moved forward since England turned a deaf ear to the advice of Adam Smith when he dared to say that she should part freely with her American colonies. As recently as 1905 we have seen Norway and Sweden setting an example to the world by parting company in peace, and withal remaining friendly neighbors. Accordingly we may look forward with confidence to the time when England and Ireland will have learned that lasting peace is to be found only by the realisation in practice of the eternal law of justice, and when that glorious era will have come to pass the so-called predominant partner will concede that she has achieved peace by reason of the insistence of Ireland upon her right to be free.

### The "Tablet's" Golden Jubilee

We acknowledge the following kindly references to the Golden Jubilee of the N.Z. Tablet:—

*The Catholic Press* (Sydney).

*The New Zealand Tablet*, Maoriland's Catholic journal, celebrated its golden jubilee at the beginning of this month (May). In a jubilee issue, which is a very fine production, the *Tablet* dwells with pardonable pride on its loyalty to the ideals of its stalwart founder, Bishop Moran, and points to many talented writers who from time to time contributed to its pages.

The *Tablet* was established on May 3, 1873, by Bishop Moran, who had been appointed the first Bishop of Dunedin four years previously, and whose sterling defence of Catholic principles and Catholic education places him in the front rank of Australian prelates. . . . For the first critical years, Bishop Moran acted as editor. He was succeeded by Mr. Dungan, and afterwards by Mr. Perrin, who in later years acted for a short period as editor of the *Catholic Press*. To Mr. Perrin succeeded Father Cleary, now Bishop of Auckland. Father Cleary was a born journalist, and under his rule the *Tablet* became perhaps the most influential weekly in the Dominion. While waiting for Father Cleary, who was stationed in Victoria, the versatile Father P. M. Lynch, who is now so widely known as a Redemptorist Missionary, filled the chair. When Dr. Cleary was appointed to the purple he was succeeded by Mr. John Scott, who carried on the *Tablet* for nine years with great ability. Failing health compelled Mr. Scott's retirement, and he gave place to the present editor, the Rev. Dr. Kelly, whose learning, zeal and ability maintains the *Tablet* as one of the most interesting, sincere and capable Catholic journals, not only of Australasia, but of any country.

Among the contributors whose work is commemorated in the jubilee issue are Archbishop Redwood, the late Bishop Grimes, the valiant missionary, Father Le Menant

des Chesnais, Michael Nolan, the lamented Irish poetess, Rose Kavanagh, who wrote a regular Irish letter in the 'eighties, Rev. Father M. Watson, S.J., Mr. P. J. Nolan (afterwards well-known in Sydney journalism), Miss Eileen Duggan, M.A., a gifted young poetess, and others whose names are not so familiar to Australians. Bishop Moran's interest in the paper was continued by his successor, Dr. Verdon, who was chairman of directors until 1918, when he was succeeded by the late Monsignor Coffey. The present chairman of directors is his Lordship Bishop Whyte, whose years on the board of the *Catholic Press* is a link between the two contemporary journals.

The *Tablet* is to be congratulated on its fine record, which should be an augury of continued success. Like ourselves, we are sure that Dr. Kelly's aspiration is every day in every way to make his paper better and better. This cannot be done by Coneism, but by continued public confidence and support, by the due recognition of services rendered.

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*The Freeman's Journal* (Sydney).

That fine Catholic journal of New Zealand, the *Tablet*, recently celebrated the fiftieth year of its foundation, and from all sides the warmest of congratulations have poured into Dunedin in appreciation of that happy event in Catholic journalism.

The *Tablet* was founded on May 3, 1873, by the late Bishop of Dunedin, the Right Rev. Dr. Moran, who was its first editor. Many distinguished writers—from the present Bishop of Auckland, who was at one time the editor; the Very Rev. Father Lynch, the revered Redemptorist missionary, now busily engaged in the Sacred Heart parish, Darlinghurst, also editor; and the present cultured writer, Rev. Dr. Kelly—have illuminated its pages. In the Catholic world the *Tablet* has been a fearless champion of Catholic rights, and it has never forgotten to give loyal and strenuous support to the Old Land. Bright and breezy, the *Tablet* is a credit to the world's journalism, and in honor of its jubilee a golden jubilee number was published, which was remarkable for its artistic merit as well as for its literary standard.

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*The W.A. Record* (Perth, W.A.).

Our able and esteemed contemporary, the *New Zealand Tablet*, has now completed an existence of 50 years, having been founded on May 3, 1873, by the Right Rev. P. Moran, Bishop of Dunedin, who was the first editor. To commemorate the event a special illustrated jubilee issue of the *Tablet* was published on May 3. This is devoted chiefly to recording the history of the paper and to notices and photos of those connected with it in the past and present. The journal has had a distinguished roll of editors and contributors. Among the former are the Right Rev. Dr. Moran, the founder, and the present Bishop of Auckland (Right Rev. Dr. Cleary); while among the latter are Thomas Bracken, the poet (a page of whose poems is reprinted), Archbishop Redwood, Bishop Liston, Right Rev. Mgr. Power, Miss Eileen Duggan, M.A., Dean Burke, and others. Under the guidance of its present editor (Rev. Dr. Kelly) the paper is well maintaining the reputation which it gained under Bishops Moran and Cleary as a staunch defender of the Church, an advocate of educational justice, and a strong supporter of the Irish national cause. The jubilee issue is a very fine production and the articles are full of interest. We cordially join in the congratulations which our contemporary has received from all quarters, and wish it "*ad multos annos*."

### The Strasburg Clock

According to the itinerary of its tour, the beautiful working model of the famous clock of Strasburg will be on exhibition during the next few weeks at various centres in the Southland district, and the opportunity should not be missed of viewing what is undoubtedly an unique mechanical masterpiece.

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