

THE MOTHERLAND

Latest Mails from ENGLAND IRELAND and SCOTLAND

ANTHIM. The Most Rev. Dr. Henry, speaking at the annual distribution of prizes at the convent of the Sacred Heart, Lisburn, said that without religion development of character is an impossibility.

ARMAGH. The Hon. Sir A. Hunter Palmer, K. C.M.G., whose death has just taken place at Brisbane, was one of the Irishmen who, like the present Premier, Mr. Bynnes, have grown with the growth of the great colony of Queensland.

DUBLIN. The interest in the Wolf Tone celebration continues to increase. At a meeting of the Organising Committee an interesting and touching letter was received from Mrs. Maxwell, the great-granddaughter of the patriot, a resident of New London, U.S.A.

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to the full in the course of the next few months. Home Rule is too serious an aspiration to be played with, and taken on or off at convenience.

A committee appointed at a public meeting held in Dublin in connection with the Irish language movement have issued an appeal for contributions towards a national fund.

KERRY. At Spunkan Chapel, near Cahirciveen, a very interesting ceremony took place. It was the occasion of presenting the mass, so-called silver punch bowl presented by Mr. Wm. O'Brien to the Gaelic League.

MAYO. A very large, influential, and most enthusiastic open air demonstration was held at Agahowry, about four miles from Westport, and the centre of a mountainous district.

TYRONE. Mr. William Johnston's latest trouble is in connection with the Pomeroy post-office. So far as can be gathered the Duke of Norfolk has committed the unpardonable crime of appointing Mr. Grimes to the postmastership, and as that gentleman was actively identified with the Land League movement, and has since lately been in the register of the Land League, Mr. Johnston is naturally indignant.

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might be those of a medieval mercenary captain whose trade is butchery, and to whom all the ordinary feelings of humanity were a closed book.

SCOTLAND. A remarkable character sketch of the Marquis of Bute which is sure to attract much attention appears in this week's issue of the British Weekly.

A SHAMEFUL SIN OF THE AGE. The case of Dr. Collins, who has recently been sentenced in England to a term of seven years' penal servitude for performing an illegal operation upon a woman, which resulted in her death, has once again attracted attention.

ELLECTRIC LIGHT AT THE VATICAN. The Holy Father, who is a great admirer of modern scientific methods and keenly appreciates their advantages, has given orders for the Vatican palace to be lighted by electricity.

When Lady Montagu visited the household of the Sultan, she found that the ladies of the harem were so afraid of the water which she brought with her that they were obliged to drink it in a glass.

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MISSIONARIES AMONG THE MAORIS.

"Dear Father Lightfoot: You have my fullest and best wishes for success in the appeal you are making on behalf of the Maori mission. Dependent as you are upon the annual offering from the Propagation of the Faith, and recognizing that the Maoris are not in a position to carry out the intentions of the Pope...

G. O. M. LENTHIAN, Bishop of Auckland.

The Catholic Church among the Maoris in New Zealand. To the majority of the Catholic people abroad, I dare say, the following lines will not create much interest.

During the few years that the responsibility of the Maori mission has been placed upon my shoulders I have travelled over an immense area, some parts of which are inhabited exclusively by Maoris.

The Maori's keen intellect was soon attracted by the character of the Catholic priesthood. He observed the spirit of self-sacrifice in them and readily understood that two needs, equally true, yet so very different in articles of faith and constitution, had been led from one to the other.

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hats succeeded in holding their ground against the host of preachers of various creeds and thus held down to their people and children the knowledge of the only means of salvation which had previously been inculcated to them by Bishop Pompallier and his priests.

Influenced by the example of the spirit-ual degradation of the surrounding Maori some of the northern chiefs who had always clung faithfully to the banner of our holy faith, petitioned the late Bishop of Auckland, the Right Rev. J. E. Luck, to send them priests, and it was due to the exertions of this lamented prelate that the Fathers of St. Joseph's Society were sent out from England to New Zealand.

This is a brief sketch of the past and, though a faint one, will explain sufficiently the work that has been done. But considerations of greater importance stand before us.

Owing to the great exertion and the spirit of self-sacrifice wherever the Fathers of St. Joseph's Society have worked on this mission our efforts have been blessed with fruits, good and plentiful. There has been a new and kindling of fire of the holy spirit in the hearts of those whose faith had almost yielded to indifference.

The Maori missionary is rebuilding upon old foundations and renewing the temples of God, but the poverty of my people and the scanty means of the mission compel me to trespass upon your charity.

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SUMMER ZEPHYRS.

"The man who doesn't get vexed at a bad dinner is no man at all." Of course not; he is an angel!

"What's a civilian?" "A civilian is a man who stays at home and thinks up ways for the army commanders to run the war."

"Muscle and refreshments." "We told little Dick he could choose his own birthday present." "What did he choose?" "He said he would take a sofa, a fountain and a bass drum."

"A lady once consulted 'The Friends' do Sales on the lawfulness of using roses." "Well," said the saint, "some plums men condemn it, others see no harm in it. I hold a middle course—you may use it on one cheek."

"Mexican—Big earthquake to-day." "American Tourist: "Was there one? I didn't notice it." "Mexican: "Not you see people rush from town to town." "American: "Oh, yes, I see that; but I thought maybe the contribution-box was going round."

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