

mittee appointed at a preliminary meeting, was read and adopted by the meeting, which ordered that it should be illuminated, and duly prepared for presentation. A deputation was also commissioned to wait upon the Bishop in order to request of his Lordship to fix upon a day for receiving the address. The day appointed by the Bishop is Sunday next, when the presentation will be made in St. Joseph's Church on the conclusion of Pontifical High Mass, to commence at 11 a.m.

We have had an opportunity of seeing a letter received in Dunedin by the last European mail from an Irish Protestant lady, whose late uncle was one of the principal landowners in a Western county. She says:—"You will see by the newspapers the state of Ireland better than I can describe it. I do not pity the landlords collectively; they have neglected the people awfully, and done nothing whatever for them." This is testimony of the highest order, coming from a member of the dominant class.

THE services and ceremonies of Holy week have so far been carried out as usual in St. Joseph's Church, Dunedin; His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, together with the Rev. Fathers Purton, O.S.B., Walsh, and Newport, taking part in them. Yesterday being Maundy Thursday, the watch before the sepulchre was maintained by the members of the Societies of the children of Mary, of the Infant Jesus, and of the Sacred Heart.

In consequence of the unwillingness of the Bishop of Dunedin to interfere with the holiday, the remarks which his Lordship proposed to make to his congregation on Monday evening he will now make on Sunday next after the presentation of the address; therefore the meeting announced for Monday evening will not take place.

### SILVER JUBILEE OF HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF DUNEDIN.

ON Sunday morning last an address in connection with the Silver Jubilee of His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese was presented to the Bishop by the pupils of the Christian Brothers' Sunday Schools, Dunedin, together with a contribution towards the Seminary Fund on the part of the boys. The address read as follows:—

"Address of the Pupils of the Christian Brothers' Schools to His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Moran, on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee.

"May it please your Lordship,—

"We, the Catholic youth of Dunedin attending the Christian Brothers' Sunday classes, take this opportunity of expressing to your Lordship our congratulation on the occasion of your jubilee. We pray that Almighty God may continue to pour down His graces and blessings on your Lordship, to enable you to discharge the heavy burden it has pleased His Divine Majesty to impose on you.

"Your care and solicitude for us has contributed in no small degree to render that burden the heavier, but we trust that our conduct hereafter will in some degree repay for all that your Lordship has done for our spiritual and temporal welfare.

"We understand that it is your Lordship's intention to visit the Holy City shortly, but we trust that your absence from your diocese will be for a short time only, and that we will soon have the pleasure of welcoming your return amongst us.

"Hearing that it is your intention while in Europe to make arrangements for a further supply of priests and teachers, we thought it would be ungrateful in us, for whom so much has been done, if we allowed this opportunity to pass without contributing our mite to the good work. We have, therefore, put together the accompanying small sum, which we beg you to accept in token of our love and gratitude.

"We beg your Lordship to remember your little flock at the tombs of the Holy Apostles. On our part we promise to pray to God that you may have success in your affairs, and a speedy return; and we will be sure to recite with great fervour the daily prayer said in school for your Lordship.

"In conclusion, we humbly ask for the Brothers and ourselves the blessing of your Lordship.

"Dunedin, April 10, 1881."

His Lordship replied as follows:—"My dear boys, it gives me very great pleasure to receive this address and your congratulations on this occasion. Your prayers will, I trust, be the means of procuring strength for me under the heavy burden of the Episcopal office. My care and solicitude for you has not, as you suppose, rendered this burden heavier. On the contrary, were it not for the excellent Catholic schools of this diocese, particularly those of the Christian Brothers and Nuns, the burden would have been heavy indeed, and more than I could have borne. These, whilst consoling and rejoicing me, have made the burden comparatively light. You are correctly informed as to my intention to start immediately for Rome, to visit, in obedience to the law of the Church, the tombs of the Apostles, and render an account of my stewardship during the last 10 years to the Bishop of Rome—the Vicar of Christ; but, with you, I hope my absence from this diocese shall not be a protracted one. You are also correctly informed that it is my intention, whilst in Europe, to endeavour to obtain a supply of priests and teachers, or at all events to make such arrangements as will ensure in the future a sufficient supply of both. Though as a rule I am unwilling to accept anything in the shape of a testimonial, under the circumstances I must not decline to accept your gift, seeing that its primary object is to help me to supply your educational wants. Nor dare I, by a refusal, seem to undervalue the spontaneous offering of young, ardent and generous hearts. I shall not fail to remember you and yours at the tombs of the Apostles, nor shall I neglect to ask the Holy Father

for a special blessing for you all. It gives me great happiness to feel assured that during my absence your prayers and good wishes will accompany me everywhere. I bless you with all my heart, and will make a daily commemoration of you in my prayers." I have nothing further to say, except to congratulate you for many reasons. I congratulate you in having such excellent schools and such devoted and qualified teachers. I congratulate you upon your own progress, which has been very satisfactory. I congratulate you upon your good conduct, and I have no doubt that the hope you have expressed in the address will find its fulfilment in the future, and that you will show by your future conduct the nature of the training you have received in these admirable schools. Lastly, I congratulate you upon the ceremony we have just witnessed—the reception to the Confraternity of the Child Jesus of a number of young lads, who propose to themselves a more exact imitation of the virtues of the child Jesus. I trust by their good conduct and example—by their piety and fervor, they will merit permission to ascend to a state higher in a short time, and I ask them now to be particularly good—to be particular in giving good example, in order that others and all may be led to come to esteem and value that holy religion established by Christ, which, if obeyed is most powerful in advancing all human virtue and happiness. I am very much obliged to you, children, and have to thank you very sincerely.

### WELLINGTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

10th April, 1881.

His Lordship, the Bishop, arrived last Wednesday by the Penguin, and received a magnificent ovation. He was received at the wharf by the Hons. W. W. Johnston, P. A. Buckley, and Dr. Grace, Messrs. Camin, Cemino, A. McDonald, E. McDonald, Putnam Collins, and the Hon. Sec., Mr. P. Sheridan. A large number of his flock who were present greeted him with hearty and prolonged cheering. He and the reception committee then entered the carriages in waiting and proceeded to the cathedral where the formal and general reception took place. I take the description mainly from our Wellington papers. The children of the Convent and Marist Brothers' Schools were drawn up on each side of the pathway, the carriages passing between to the Bishop's residence. His Lordship having robed, a procession was formed to the church, and on entering which the choir chanted "Te Deum." The Bishop having taken his seat on the throne, the Rev. Father Yardin, on behalf of the clergy, read an address of welcome. This was followed by a number of others, amongst them from the Catholics of Wellington and the Hibernian Society, both being elegantly illuminated and showing good taste and artistic skill. The Hon. Dr. Grace made the presentation on behalf of the Catholics of Wellington, which was accompanied with a purse of sovereigns; and Mr. Paul Hoskins for the Hibernians. Mr. Lowther Broad next read addresses of welcome from the Catholics of Nelson and Blenheim, each being accompanied by a purse of money. The other addresses were from the Society of "St. Vincent de Paul," read by Mr. Dunn; and from the "Children of Mary," by Miss O'Connell; "Sisters of the Mission," Nelson, by Lowther Broad, Esq., who also presented words of welcome from the Catholics and Sisters of the Mission, Nelson. Congratulatory telegrams were read from the Sisters of Mercy, Hokitika; Sisters of the Mission and Catholics of Napier, New Plymouth, Hokitika, Ross, Reefton, Westport, Fielding, Hawera, Waipawa, Kumara, the Rev. Father Macdonald, Auckland, and from the Maori Missions. In addition to the above, addresses are to-day to be presented from the Sisters of Mercy and Marist Brothers, Wellington. His Lordship, in responding to the kind and enthusiastic welcome he had received, spoke in general terms of the pleasure it afforded him to receive such protestations of goodwill and sincere expressions of loyalty to the Church. Speaking of his visit to Rome and reception by His Holiness Leo XIII., the Bishop referred at some length to the interview, and said the Holy Father had put to him a series of questions in regard to the state of the Church in this colony, wishing specially to know if the people were good practical Catholics, if they supported their pastors with liberality, and, more than all, if they were zealous in the cause of Christian education. To all of these he had answered by giving His Holiness a true picture of the state of the congregation of his diocese, and detailing the various works which had been achieved by their hands. His Lordship's remarks were listened to with much attention, and at their conclusion the benediction was pronounced, followed by the "Te Deum." The proceedings throughout were of the most interesting character, and the hearty reception accorded to the Bishop on his return to this diocese will long be remembered by all members of his flock in the Wellington diocese and by Catholics throughout the colony generally. Appended are the various addresses presented:

"May it please your Lordship,—We, the priests of Wellington and diocese, beg to tender you a most hearty welcome, on your Lordship's safe return from the Eternal City. Twelve months have we been deprived of your paternal care and spiritual guidance; but during your long absence from the midst of us, our only consolation has been the hope that in that dear old country you had visited, you would find generous and zealous priests willing to labour in this part of the Lord's vine-yard for the honour and glory of God and the salvation of souls, and thus assist us in our missionary labours to reap a more abundant harvest of souls for Holy Church. It was also encouraging for us to think of that happy moment, when kneeling at the feet of the Holy Father, your Lordship would offer him the homage of our most profound veneration and filial piety. Earnest and constant have been our prayers to God that he might watch over you and grant you a safe and prosperous journey; and now not less ardent and sincere are our thanks to His infinite goodness for having blessed your mission of charity with such grand results, and restored you, our beloved Bishop, once more to your priests and spiritual children. And to crown our happiness, we now ask your Lordship's