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and those of them who live out of Ireland have all to "lower their heads and blush for shame" whenever in their converse with people not Irish there is talk about the Home Rule movement. Last week we had occasion to notice the admirable letter of Archbishop Cleary of Kingston, Canada, on the same painful subject. He, too, had to tell of the grief and shame of Irishmen over the spectacle of wrangling leaders at Home. "The dissensions," he said, "are used with great force of argument against us, and wring our hearts with grief, while they bring joy to sworn foes of freedom." Commenting on the Archbishop's words we observed that "men of the Irish race who a few years ago were proud of the grand union of their people at home and of the consequent splendid marching forward of the national cause, are to-day obliged to hold down their heads in shame whenever the subject of Home Rule is mentioned in their presence by non-Irish American well-wishers."

And now this week we have the same reported to us from a patriot Irish prelate on the other side of the globe. All the world over, from Canada to New Zealand, there is but one sentiment among the friends of the cause of Ireland—grief and shame at the doings of men who are high up in the leadership of the Irish national movement. Is it not high time for those men to take steps to put an end to this sad and disgraceful state of things? They ought at least to say something in explanation, if they have anything to say. Within the past few weeks they have been in a sense directly appealed to by some of the best men of the Irish race, including three Archbishops, and now there is a cry of shame upon them from the patriot Bishop of Dunedin. Have they anything to say for themselves? If they have, they ought to speak out. But very much better it would be if they would speak at a private meeting of the party, and there, if necessary, fight it out and end the wrangle forever.

THE BISHOP OF AUCKLAND AT OTAHUHU.

(From an occasional Correspondent)

ON Low Sunday the little village of Otahuhu had a visit from his Lordship the Right Rev Dr Luck, Bishop of the diocese, who came for the purpose of conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on a number of candidates, girls and boys, who had been in preparation for this solemn event for two months previous. Another object of the Bishop's visit was the establishment of the association of the Children of Mary in the parish.

For the children who took part in the day's ceremonial it will be a never-to-be-forgotten day in their young lives. In the morning the greater number of them had the supreme happiness of receiving for the first time into their young hearts their God.

A little before 8 o'clock a.m. the young communicants filed into the church in processional order, the boys leading with lighted tapers, and wearing white scarfs and gloves. The girls followed clad in pure white, emblematic of their purity and innocence. The Mass was celebrated by Father O'Hara, and it must have been a subject of great happiness to him, to see so many of his children receiving at his hands, the Bread of Angels. After Mass the children adjourned to the convent schoolroom, where an ample breakfast had been provided by kind friends, and which was done ample justice to by the young people. A feature of the morning's proceedings was the music which was rendered during the Mass by the children's choir, the hymns before and after communion being most devotional.

The event of the day was the visit of his Lordship, and shortly after 10 o'clock vehicles began to arrive, while pedestrians, some from great distances, gathered into the church and surrounding grounds as the appointed hour drew near.

The weather was everything that could be desired, the sun shone with all its autumn glory, imparting a brightness to everything. Shortly before 11 o'clock the Bishop arrived, accompanied by his private secretary, Father Purton, O.S.B.

Immediately a procession was formed, starting from the Convent school, in the following order:—First, the aspirants of the Children of Mary, headed by their banner; then the girls for confirmation, in white; last, the boys, as in the morning, with lighted tapers. As they slowly wended up the centre of the church, singing an appropriate hymn, it was a very impressive sight, and the reverent demeanour of the children was a theme of admiration, that it being the first time they took part in such a ceremony. When they had taken their places Mass was begun, it being celebrated by Father O'Hara, his Lordship presiding at his throne. At its conclusion the Bishop, robed in cope and mitre, with crozier in hand, ascended the altar, and addressed the large congregation on the purport of his visit. He dwelt strongly on the subject of education, on the duty of parents to their children on that point. He spoke in very forcible terms, and asked God's blessing on those who did their duty to their children in giving them a Christian education. He pointed out, in strong terms, the results of an education devoid of the fear of God, and urged the people to do their duty by their children. He addressed the candidates for confirmation in moving terms, explaining, in a clear, simple way, the nature and effect of the sacrament he was about to confer on them, and after exhorting them never to forget their obligations as Christians and soldiers of Christ, he proceeded to give them the sacrament. At its conclusion, being divested of cope and mitre, and resuming the mozetta, his Lordship conferred the green ribbon and medal on the twenty aspirants who knelt round the altar rails for that purpose. He addressed a few practical words

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