

N A P I E R.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

May 2, 1895.

ON Monday last St Patrick's Church was filled with spectators, Catholics and non-Catholics, over 600 being present, the attraction to the sacred edifice being the marriage of Mr G. W. Temperley (a recent convert to the Church) to Miss Clara Darney (a member of St Mary's choir). It was only reasonable to suppose that there would be a large gathering for the reasons that both parties are long and favourably known in Napier, the church in the centre of the town, the love of females generally to witness a marriage no matter how far they have to go, or to what inconvenience they subject themselves, and last, but not least, the fact that it was the first marriage in the new church—a matter to be proud of by the bride and bridegroom. At three o'clock the wedding party entered the church. The bride who was leaning on her father's arm, looked beautiful in a dress of white *crêpe de Chine*, trimmed with white satin and valenciennes lace, with veil and orange blossoms; she carried a nice bouquet of white chrysanthemums and maidenhair fern. The genial Mr Alf. Bowden was best man. The bridesmaids were the bride's two sisters Misses Agnes and Bella Darney, and Miss Rose Samson. The first two wore dresses of cream pongee and lace, and the latter, cream pongee trimmed with white swansdown; each of the bridesmaids had a bouquet of chrysanthemums, roses, and ferns. Following the bride were three little girls, Florrie and Gerty Darney, and Mary Beattie (nieces of the bride), nicely attired in white delaine, and four little boys dressed in white drill—Artie Duff (nephew of the bridegroom), Bertie Darney, and Philip and Willie Beattie (nephews of the bride). The whole effect was very pretty indeed, as they entered the church. The Very Rev Father Grogan, who performed the marriage ceremony, made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion in his well-known style. The marriage ceremony over, the happy couple left the church amidst a shower of rice, the "Wedding march" being also played by Mrs St Clair. The party then visited a sick relative who was unable to be present at the wedding. In the evening a large number of guests were entertained by Mr T. Darney in first-rate style. The toast of "The bride and bridegroom" was proposed by Mr T. M. Murphy, and responded to by Mr Temperley, in short speeches. The rest of the evening was devoted by the young people to dancing, singing, games, etc., a very pleasant evening's amusement being brought to a close at a late hour.

FANCY FAIR AT PANMURE.

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FOR considerably more than half a century the name of Father Walter has been a household word in the province of Auckland. His fame as a public man has extended over the length and breadth of the Colony, zealous in the discharge of his pastoral duties, an enthusiast in furtherance of all great public movements. In social circles he has always been a welcomed guest, a true spirit of Catholicity has marked all his public efforts. If any evidence were needed of the popularity he enjoys, of the esteem and regard entertained for him or of the respect in which he is held by all classes, it was shown on the evening of Easter Monday, when a Fancy Fair was held at Panmure for the purpose of enabling his people and friends of other denominations an opportunity of giving in a substantial manner proof of their respect and veneration for him, on whose behalf it was specially arranged. Much labour had been expended and considerable industry shown in the arrangements for the fair, and the committee had the satisfaction of having their labours crowned with success. Bright flags were suspended from the beams across the hall, and ferns and greenery were liberally disposed about the building. The platform was specially decorated. Altogether the interior of the building bore a charming aspect. The stalls were laden with large collections of articles, useful and ornamental, all displayed to best advantage. These goods were the result of a special effort of the ladies and were very varied. A special one shilling stall was conducted by Miss Funke and Miss Searchfield; Mrs I. Sanly was in charge of the flower stall. A fish pond was on the right of the main entrance and was an exciting feature of the fair, and was unable to withstand the high pressure brought to bear upon its resources. It was in charge of Mrs Doherty and Miss Lydia Bright, ably assisted by Mr Joseph Finnerty. A copper coin only being required for speculation.

The doors were opened at seven o'clock, and the hall was quickly crowded so that locomotion became difficult. Monsignor McDonald, in introducing Mr Morrin, who had kindly consented to open the Fair, spoke of the great kindness and encouragement the committee received and the noble success attained. The efforts of the promoters would not have been so successful if they had not been backed up by kind friends of other denominations. Miss McDonald presided at the pianoforte.

The Fair closed on Wednesday evening in circumstances which must be very gratifying to all connected with the undertaking, which involved considerable thought and energy and the expenditure of much labour. The promoters had the satisfaction of having a crowded house. The crowd gathered was so large that it was impossible to move about with any degree of freedom. The arrangements were in capable hands, and nothing occurred to mar the proceedings. A promenade concert was held, after which a dance took place, and all present enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content. Father Walter had a number of Maoris, in whose welfare he has taken a deep and abiding interest, on the stage, and addressed them in their native tongue. At an early stage of the proceedings Father Walter took occasion to thank one and all for the great effort made, and expressed his deep gratitude to the ladies who had so successfully managed the exhibition, and to the immense company of friends of all denominations who had met together to honour him.

Monsignor McDonald acknowledges with feelings of deep gratitude the sum of £3 from his Excellency the Governor in aid of the recent fancy Fair at Panmure.

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ON last Monday, April 30th at 3 p.m., St Patrick's new church was crowded to the doors the occasion being the marriage of our popular townsman Mr G. W. Temperley and Miss Clara Bridget Darney, second daughter of Mr Thomas Darney of Napier, contractor. Both the bride and bridegroom being held in much esteem it was but natural to see so many friends assemble to witness their marriage, especially being the first marriage celebrated in the new church. Before "the mystic knot was tied" the celebrant, Father Grogan, called the attention of the large audience to the meaning of the marriage ceremony, how sacred before God and in the eyes of the Church, being as it were the very fountain head of humanity. For the worthy reception of the sacrament of marriage the Catholic Church always impresses on her children, the indispensable necessity of a good Christian preparation without which a marriage cannot be blessed by God. Irreligious marriages are the bane of society, and bring incalculable misfortune not only on families but upon mankind generally. He knew no greater cause, he said of the spiritual disease and degradation of society and of religion than the ignorance of the sacrament of Matrimony together with the disrespect with which it is received by the great majority of men at the present time. The spirit of piety and devotion so manifest in preparing for the other sacraments is scarcely visible when there is question of the marriage ceremony and yet it is a sacrament as well as they are for our individual salvation as well as for the salvation of society. I may mention that Mr Temperley has been under instructions for several months and was received into the Catholic Church by Father Grogan a few days before his marriage. He is originally of Auckland and a man of considerable abilities. He and his young bride have the usual good wishes of his many friends in their new home.

Mr George Hutchison, M.H.R., and Member for Waitotara lectured here last Friday night. The theatre was crowded. He was, as expected, severe upon the present Government and their work of last session. During that time, he said, of the one hundred Bills they boast to have added to the laws of the land, better than 99 still remained out in the desert. There seems to be some truth in this; indeed we hear it said every day that if the New Zealand Legislature continues to legislate on every little nick-nack, and pile up act upon act, the future history of our politics will be found to be a veritable labyrinth or debating field for lawyers like Mr Hutchison in generations to come. Of course the Conservative papers here found no fault with him as he is of their party.

Extensive preparations are being made for the opening of the new Catholic church at Hastings which is to take place next Sunday, the 12th inst. His Grace Archbishop Redwood with his Lordship Bishop Grimes, of Christchurch, are expected by the express on Saturday, when addresses are to be presented by the congregation. His Grace will preach at Mass (Pontifical High Mass), and Dr Grimes is advertised to preach in the evening. On Monday evening a conversation is to take place in the Town Hall when the Bishop of Christchurch is to give one of his famous lectures. It is to be hoped the visit of the curates to Hawke's Bay will be accompanied by fine weather.

Mr Gawne, of Dunedin (says the *Southland Times* of April 13 1891), has just been on a visit to Invercargill to push business a little. Not that it wants much canvassing, for since he commenced the manufacture of his Worcester'shire Sauce, the demand has kept pace with his capacity to supply it. He makes a really good thing, indistinguishable from the famous Lea and Perrin's, which he places upon one's table at a much lower price, and trusts to that to secure a steadily growing trade. Those who have not yet tried the Colonial article should put their prejudice aside for a time and test the question with a bottle or two.—ADVR.

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