

We are thankful to be able to announce that his Eminence the Cardinal has recovered from his late heavy cold, and has gained renewed vigour from his forced few days rest.—*Catholic Press*.

OWING to the pressure on our space a letter to the editor and other matter is unavoidably held over.

BISHOP LENIHAN AT CHRISTCHURCH.

PROCEEDINGS AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL.

SUNDAY last, says a Christchurch paper, was quite a red-letter day at the Pro-Cathedral, Barbadoes street, and very large congregations were present to do honour to Bishop Lenihan of Auckland, who is at present on a visit to Christchurch.

At the morning service Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by Bishop Lenihan, and the Rev. Father Cummings, V.G., preached. Miss Hayward sang the "Veni Creator Spiritus," and Mr. C. Read the "Sanctus."

In the evening Pontifical Vespers were celebrated, and so great was the attendance that many were unable to gain admission to the church. The Bishop of Auckland preached, the Very Rev. Father Cummings was assistant priest at the throne, and the deacon and sub-deacons were the Rev. Fathers Goggan and Rafferty. During the service the Te Deum was sung as a thanksgiving and Mr C. Read sang "The Holy City." The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan preached a most eloquent sermon from St. Luke vii., dealing at length with the use of the confessional and the sacrament of penance. After the sermon, the procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament took place; it was an imposing spectacle, the Hibernian Society taking part with their handsome banner. At the conclusion of the service, the Rev. Father Cummings asked Mr. E. O'Connor to present an address to the Bishop of Auckland in the name of the Catholics of Christchurch, who were most anxious to welcome his Lordship in a tangible manner, and he was sure that the address contained the heartfelt expressions of opinions of the people of the church.

Mr. E. O'Connor then read the following address:—"To the Right Rev. G. M. Lenihan, D.D., Bishop of Auckland. My Lord,—We, the Catholics of Christchurch, desire to express our feelings of respect and veneration to your Lordship on your first visit to Christchurch since your elevation to the Episcopate. It was with intense satisfaction we learnt that you were chosen from the clergy of Auckland to guide the helm of that important diocese vacated by the death of the late lamented Dr. Luck, O.S.B. We are aware of the affection and strong mutual attachment existing between your Lordship and our beloved pastor the Vicar-General and Administrator of this diocese, the Very Rev. Stephen Cummings, S.M. Still we are very grateful to you for the goodness of heart that prompted you to journey here from your own episcopal city to inaugurate an important event by which it is hoped to remove a great burden from the devoted Sisters of the Missions. This suffices to prove the absorbing interest you manifest in the welfare of religious communities. We are fully aware of the firm, fearless and noble stand you take, shoulder to shoulder with the hierarchy of New Zealand, in the cause of Catholic education. On behalf of our beloved and reverend Bishop, now absent in Europe, we express our sincere gratitude to you for the deep interest you take in the work of Catholicity in New Zealand. We pray God that you may be spared *ad multos multosque annos* to guide the destinies of the see over which you have been placed. We beg to subscribe ourselves in the name of the Catholics of Christchurch, your Lordship's devoted servants. —T. M. Lonergan, J. J. Wilson, G. J. Sellars, E. O'Connor, Patrick Burke. *S. Petri ad Vincula*, August 1, 1897.

Bishop Lenihan then replied as follows:—"My dear friends,—Your kind words and expressions of goodwill deeply touch my heart. The inhabitants of Christchurch have always been noted for their warm-hearted generous hospitality. A little less than fifteen months ago I witnessed the enthusiastic reception accorded to the Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney and the illustrious party that accompanied him, and to-night you meet to do honour to one who has been raised to the Episcopate through no merit of his own. In former years I had the good fortune to spend an occasional holiday in your midst and made many friends. Contented with your valued friendship, I cherished most fond memories of the happy days I passed amongst you. And now, to crown all, you are assembled this evening to renew, I trust, your feelings of friendship and to offer this tribute of such excellent workmanship and design, and thus to show the feelings of respect and reverence for the high dignity to which I have been called. You who had the good fortune of meeting the late Bishop of Auckland, the Right Rev. Dr. Luck, will realise the difficult position I have to fill. A saintly prelate, endowed with great intellectual attainments, ruled over us, and led us in the path of virtue. Of his interior spiritual life God must be his judge, but of his works in our diocese there are such manifest proofs that his revered memory will never be forgotten. He lived for God, and gave his life willingly for the benefit of souls; and when I compare his ability with the limited attainments I possess, I grieve for the loss the diocese of Auckland has sustained. You kindly refer to the excellent work being done by the Sisters of the Mission, and my willingness to come and assist them. Wherever the Sisters are to be found, there we find the work of God prospering. These consecrated virgins give up the comfort of their homes, they leave all that the world holds most dear, and lose their health and their lives in the service of the poor and indigent, and help you in adorning the minds of the little ones with those virtues that make your children the tabernacles of the Holy Ghost. Apart from the world, they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth." The admiration we have for their exceeding purity and holiness makes us rejoice to help and assist them in their troubles, and gladly I came to encourage them in any way. To

your sorrow and mine your good Bishop is absent. I can never forget the kindness he manifested towards the diocese of Auckland when our late Bishop died, and during the interregnum until the appointment of a successor. He was present with us when our chief was being consigned to the tomb, and did his utmost to assuage the sorrow which still rends our hearts. He journeyed to Auckland to be the bearer of the Apostolic Briefs appointing a new bishop to that See. He presided at the consecration services that took place a little later on and by his kindness of heart and gentle manner has secured so great a meed of gratitude at our hands that we can never hope to repay. Beloved as he is in Christchurch, we in Auckland are ready to prove that our affection for him is no less than yours, and we are anxious to show him that honour and respect which is due to a noble prelate, a sympathetic adviser and a kind friend. To help and assist in any work in his diocese will always be a pleasure and an honour to me. You do well to speak of the mutual attachment and affection existing between your administrator, Father Cummings, and myself. If old friendships are considered the best, then our friendship for one another is deserving of recognition. For three and thirty years we have known one another and I am proud of the fact that he still shows affection and love for me. He spoke this morning of my kindness in coming down during this inclement season to do some little service for him. His wish is a command for me and the royal reception I have received at his hands has more than compensated me for my trouble. I felt considerable diffidence in taking the high position to which I have been called, but decided to take it on the call of my superiors, and I look to my friends, amongst whom I count you, to assist me in my endeavours to do good, so that I may lead others on to glory in the work of God, to spend and be spent in His holy service, and to be able to give a good account of my stewardship when I go before the judgment seat of the Almighty. I need not add how greatly I shall treasure this excellent but unexpected address which you have so kindly offered me." In conclusion, his Lordship said that he had been much impressed by the beautiful ceremony of the evening, and could not help remarking the reverent demeanour of the congregation, more especially of those who were not of the Catholic faith; and he wished to thank all those who had assisted for the manner in which they had fulfilled their various duties.

Miss Funston presided at the organ at both services, and G. D. Cronin conducted the choir, which was considerably augmented for the occasion.

The address, which was an exceedingly handsome one, was illuminated by Mr. A. H. Hart, and was bound in Russian leather by Mr. McIntosh, the Bishop's arms being beautifully embossed on the cover.

Archdiocese of Wellington.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 31, 1897.

A WEDDING which attracted a considerable amount of attention and brought a large congregation to St. Mary's Cathedral took place on Wednesday. It was an event unique of its kind, inasmuch as the bride, Miss Rosalinda Brady, had been a resident at St. Mary's Convent for a number of years—in fact to be precise she had resided there since she was five years of age. Miss Brady, "Dolly" as she was fondly called by the Rev. Mother and the Sisters and her companions, had the happiness of being married from the convent, where she had obtained many scholastic successes, and where, especially in late years, she had distinguished herself as a vocalist gaining credit, not alone for herself, but for her *Alma Mater*. It may be here mentioned that the Council of Trinity College, London, during the present year awarded her the solo exhibition prize, which is equal to one year's free tuition in singing, as she had attained the highest position in that subject in the examination held in October, 1895. It is needless to say that it was with feelings of deep regret, tempered, however, with prayers for her future welfare and happiness, that the Rev. Mother and the kind Sisters saw Miss Brady go forth from the home which had sheltered her so long, to begin a new life with one who pledged himself to be her protector and comforter. The chosen one was Mr. Samuel Price of Waverley, and step-son of Mr. Ellis of the same place. The engagement was nearly of two years' standing, so that both parties had had plenty of time to think over the important step they were about to take. The Rev. Father Power, Waipawa, came to Wellington to perform the ceremony, and was celebrant of the Nuptial Mass, being assisted by the Rev. Father O'Meara. There were also present the Rev. Fathers Gallagher, O'Shea, O'Sullivan and Ainsworth, the two latter having been fellow students with the bridegroom at St. Patrick's College. The bride-maid was Miss Marion Brady, only sister of the bride, who is also a resident of the convent. The duties of best man were filled by Mr. Hutchison, son of Mr. George Hutchison, M.H.R. The bride was given away by her guardian, Mr. John O'Meara, as both her parents have been dead several years. The musical portion of the Mass was splendidly rendered by St. Cecilia's choir, composed mainly of the bride's companions in the convent. The bride looked charming in a lovely dress of white Irish poplin trimmed with chiffon, and the usual orange blossoms, whilst the bridesmaid wore an Indian mu-lin gown trimmed with valenciennes lace, and a white picture hat. The wedding breakfast was held in a house close to the cathedral, which was engaged for the occasion, and where a numerous party of guests attended. Several toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The Rev. Father Power in the course of a humorous speech said that it was a mistake to attribute the many amiable qualities of the bride to the training and watchful care of the good Sisters of the convent, as he had

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