

Archdiocese of Wellington.

(From our own correspondent.)

August 21, 1897.

SUNDAY being the Feast of the Assumption, the festival was observed in a fitting manner at St. Mary's Cathedral. High Mass, *coram archiepiscopo* was celebrated by the Rev. Father Hickson, the Rev. Father Holly being deacon, Rev. Father O'Meara, sub-deacon; and Rev. Father Gallagher master of ceremonies. His Grace had for assistant priest at the throne, the Very Rev. Dr. Watters. The choir gave a devotional rendering of Mozart's Seventh Mass, Smith's "Tota pulchra es Maria" being sung as an offertory, Cross's "O Salutaris" was sung at the Benediction after the Mass. His Grace preached an eloquent sermon appropriate to the festival. The choir was under the conductorship of Mr. M. C. Rowe, and Mr. J. Kearsley, junr., acted as organist.

Miss Kitty Blaney of Dunedin assisted the choir of St. Mary of the Angels' on Sunday evening, when she sang Luzzi's very fine setting of the "Ave Maria."

The new organ, now in course of erection at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, will be opened on Sunday, the 19th proximo. Mr. Navanos of Nelson has kindly consented to preside at the instrument on the occasion of the opening ceremony.

A meeting of the local branch of the Irish National Federation was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Monday night, Mr. E. Carrigan presiding. A letter was received from the secretary of the Irish Parliamentary party, acknowledging the receipt of £100 sent Home recently in aid of the funds, and heartily thanking the branch for its assistance. A number of pamphlets containing the speech of the Hon. E. Blake on the over-taxation of Ireland were received, and also copies of the *Freeman's Journal* containing a list of subscribers to the amount forwarded. After the transaction of some routine business it was decided that the branch should hold a social at an early date.

The Catholics of Palmerston North took occasion of the birthday of their popular pastor, the Very Rev. Father Patterson, to present him on Monday evening with an address and a purse of sovereigns. The presentation was made by Messrs. Hanlon, Murphy and Gamble and Mesdames Hanlon and Sellars. The address was read by Mr. Hanlon, who said that the parishioners decided not to let Father Patterson's birthday pass without expressing their sense of the manner in which he had performed his duties as their spiritual director. Father Patterson, in reply, thanked the donors for their gift and for the kind manner in which they had spoken of his work. He had not hoped for any such gift, being satisfied to get his reward hereafter. His people were faithful, affectionate and dutiful, and he was proud of them. The present position of the church in Palmerston was the work of his lifetime, and he had been amply compensated for his labours by the thought that his people were well worthy of them.

A well-attended Catholic "social" was held in the Skating Rink on Wednesday evening, which was very satisfactory, considering that the weather was not pleasant and that the conversation in honour of the Governor was held on the same date. The first part of the programme was devoted to comic and sentimental songs and incidental humour by the Excelsior Minstrels, the contributors being Messrs. P. Jeffries, J. North, T. Smith, W. Russell, C. Lightfoot, H. Grimstone, G. Morgan, A. Craig, P. Briggs and H. Airth.

I understand that the Hawkes' Bay Education Board has acceded to a request of the Rev. Father Grogan that the Catholic schools in the district be examined by the Board's inspectors. A similar request was made to the Wellington Board some time ago, but it was refused on the ground that the inspectors had too much to do already, and the Board had no funds to employ extra assistance.

A private entertainment was given in St. Patrick's College on Thursday night, the items consisting of instrumental selections by the College Band, songs by two of the professors, and a lecture by the Very Rev. Dr. Watters on his recent trip to the South Sea Islands, with some supplementary remarks by Dr. Martin. The Very Rev. Father Devoy presided, and amongst these present were the Very Rev. Father Lane, Rev. Father O'Meara, Dr. Mackin, etc. Dr. Watters, in the course of his remarks, said that the trip, extending over some weeks, which he made in company with Dr. Martin, was the most enjoyable holiday he ever had. It was a new world to them—the inhabitants, the scenery, the tropical vegetation, the geological formation of the islands, and many other matters could not fail to interest the most unobservant visitor, and leave a lasting impression on his mind. Tonga was the first island of the group visited, and here the first sight they beheld was a number of native lads engaged in the British game of cricket, a pastime which is very much in favour with the rising generation. Our visitors next proceeded to the Catholic mission station, where they were most heartily welcomed and hospitably entertained. There was a fine stone church, with stained glass windows, in connection with this mission, and in passing, Dr. Watters remarked that many of the churches which were visited during their trip would put to shame a number of those in this Colony. Dr. Watters then gave a very interesting description of the mode of living of the Tonga Islanders, their dress, food, the manner of preparing the national beverage, the making of tapa cloth, from which the greater part of their clothing is made, and the preparation of copra, which is one of the principal articles of export, and is manufactured from the cocoa nut. Of the Islanders he spoke in very complimentary terms; they are hospitable, gracious, courteous, and intelligent. He was particularly struck with the earnest and reverent manner in which the natives assisted at an early service in one of the churches, and referred to the noble and self-sacrificing work done by the missionaries, some of whom had lived there for thirty or forty years ministering to the spiritual wants of the natives, whilst others who had breathed their last in those remote lands had been laid to rest amidst the

scene of their labours, and amongst a strange people for whom they had sacrificed much. Apaia and Babia were also described and here a finish was made, until some future occasion, when Dr. Watters means to describe what he saw in the other islands which he and Dr. Martin called at. Dr. Martin was also to have spoken at some length, but as he was suffering from a relaxed throat his remarks had to be brief. The few words he did speak showed that he was thoroughly at home on the lecture platform. His style is fluent and exceedingly humorous, so that should he consent to take up the subject on a future occasion there will be an intellectual treat in store for those who will have the good fortune to be present. In concluding his remarks he asked the rector to grant the students a holiday as a set off to that pleasant one which Dr. Watters and he had enjoyed so much. Besides the instrumental selections given by the College orchestra during the evening Father Mahony gave a vocal item, which was done justice to by the singer's fine rich voice, and Father Clancy contributed "Raratonga," a rollicking composition after the style of "I'm off to Philadelphia," which had been written by the Rev. Father on the occasion of the starting of the Rector and Dr. Martin on their holiday trip. Needless to say this item brought down the house and the inevitable encore was demanded and acceded to. At the conclusion of the proceedings a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of the Very Rev. Father Devoy, was accorded to Dr. Watters and Dr. Martin. Dr. Watters, in returning thanks, said he was very happy to accede to the request of Dr. Martin that the students should get a holiday. The selection of the day would be left to the Rev. Fathers Bowers and O'Sullivan. Hearty cheers were then given for Dr. Martin, the Rector and the Very Rev. Father Devoy.

DUNEDIN CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE usual weekly meeting of the Dunedin Catholic Literary Society was held in the rooms, Rattray street, on Friday last.

Rev. Father Murphy, president, occupied the chair, and, despite the boisterous evening, a fair number of members put in an appearance. Mr. W. J. Fitzpatrick was elected a member of the Society.

Mr. R. Dobbin occupied the Society's attention for upwards of an hour and a half in his recital or lecture entitled "A Story from the Classics." The recital was admirable, and one of the best efforts yet made before the Society. Mr. Dobbin showed that he was possessed of a wonderful memory and dramatic ability of no mean order.

The speaker received a hearty round of applause at the conclusion of his lecture, and on the motion of Messrs. Marlow and J. J. Connor, Mr. Dobbin was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his able and highly instructive lecture.

A HINT TO YOUNG FOLK.

THEY ARE APT TO BE CARELESS WHERE HEALTH IS CONCERNED.

A GREAT many people, and especially young people, are too careless of their health. They will sit in a draught when they know they are taking cold, and in numerous other ways show their indifference to the rules that govern health, realising, sometimes when it is too late, the serious cost of their carelessness. Never neglect an illness, no matter how trivial it may appear. It is to this class of persons that Miss Annie Ramsdell, of Whitehead, N.B., wishes to speak. "In June, 1895," she says, "I contracted a cold, but did not take anything for it, thinking that it would soon pass away. In this, however, I was disappointed, and I finally realised that it had settled on my lungs, and I was obliged to take to bed. A doctor was called in, and he said I was a very sick girl, which truth it is needless to say I had realised before he was sent for. At the outset his medicine helped me somewhat, but the improvement was not lasting, and I found myself growing weaker and weaker. At last I reached that stage when I despaired of getting better. My appetite had almost entirely failed; I was reduced nearly to a skeleton, had a hacking cough, and suffered from headache and fluttering or palpitation of the heart. As a matter of fact both myself and friends thought I was at death's door. While in this condition I read in a newspaper of a case similar to mine cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I procured a supply, and by the time I had taken six boxes I was almost completely recovered. My appetite had returned, a healthy colour came back to my face and my cough ceased troubling me. I am still occasionally using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and my recovery through their use has made for them hosts of friends in this locality, who look upon what they have done for me as little short of miraculous."

The Picanniny Post—A Birmingham working man who had been out of town with his three-year-old child arrived back in Birmingham in time to reach his work, but not in time to take the child home. So he walked into the nearest post-office, tendered the youngster as an express parcel, and the authorities, under the rule regulating the delivery of live animals, accepted the child and duly delivered it at a charge of 9d.

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.—ADVT.

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