

(From our WESTPORT correspondent.)

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, during his visit to Westport, was presented with an address of welcome at St. Canice's Church. The address was couched in the following terms:—"To his Grace the Most Rev. Francis Redwood, D.D., Archbishop of Wellington. May it please your Grace.—We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Catholic congregation of Westport respectfully tender your Grace a most cordial and hearty welcome on the occasion of your present official visit to this district. Since you last visited us you have been to Rome 'Ad Limina Apostolorum,' and have been admitted to an audience with the Holy Father Leo XIII., the great Pontiff who for so many years has ruled and governed the Universal Church, and we now beg to heartily congratulate your Grace on your safe and speedy return to your Archiepiscopal See. We beg to assure your Grace that we are always very pleased and rejoiced to receive you amongst us, and we would be delighted if circumstances would permit you to make more frequent visits to this district. Your Grace will be pleased to learn that our Catholic school, which is now under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, has attained a high standard of efficiency and received very favourable reports from the Government inspector, who now inspects and examines our school the same as the State schools. For this great boon we are indebted to the liberality of the Nelson Board of Education. In this connection we desire to record our grateful sense of the obligations we are under to the good Sisters of Mercy for the zealous and able manner in which they conduct the schools of the parish. It will no doubt be very pleasing to your Grace to see our new presbytery now progressing towards completion, a building which was much needed to afford suitable accommodation to the priests of the parish and visiting clergy, and it will be found very advantageous on account of being more convenient to the church and convent than the old presbytery was. We are happy in being able to bear willing testimony to the zealous manner in which our two devoted priests discharge the onerous duties of their sacred ministry. We have to gratefully acknowledge the many benefits derived from the mission which your Grace so kindly preached on the occasion of your last visit to the district. Since you were last with us we regret to notice that the Catholics of the Colony have suffered a great loss, through the decease of two eminent prelates, Bishop Moran of Dunedin and Bishop Luck of Auckland. In conclusion we sincerely wish your Grace many years of happiness, and that prudence and wisdom, with which you so perseveringly labour for the glory of God and the salvation of souls in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, will ever continue to be blessed with fruitful results. We beg to remain your most dutiful and obedient children in Christ, Frank Sontgen, J. J. Moloney, Thomas Scanlon, Robert Carr, John Beirne, James Lawson, Thomas James, W. F. G. Scott, members of reception committee.

In reply, his Grace cordially thanked the congregation for their kind words, and briefly touched on the various parts of the address, eulogising the Sisters of Mercy, who, he said, were invariably successful in the work to which they have devoted their lives.

Mass was then celebrated by the Rev. Father Walshe, during which the Archbishop occupied a throne on the gospel side of the sanctuary. At the conclusion he ascended the high altar and delivered a discourse of marked culture on the Sacrament of Confirmation, its meaning and spiritual effects, dwelling particularly on sanctifying grace, which was to the soul in the supernatural order what sunshine was to the rosebud in the natural order, enabling it to blossom into eternal beauty. Men were often reminded of the punishment of sin, but were seldom brought to realise their own dignity, in itself one of the noblest incentives to good.

At the conclusion of his discourse, his Grace administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to some children, and concluded by giving his episcopal benediction.

At Vespers, his Grace preached an eloquent sermon on the Blessed Virgin, showing in what manner she transcends all created beings, setting forth the reasons for Catholic devotion to her, and proving that she is not worshipped as a divinity, but because of her superlative dignity as the mother of Christ's humanity, and the most favoured of God's creatures. His Grace concluded by exhorting his hearers to cultivate devotion to her.

During the evening he gave the Papal benediction. The choir, in addition to the usual psalms, rendered Lanby's "Magnificat" and during the procession a "Pange Lingua." Mrs. Sontgen and Mr. Pain sang Rossi's "Tantum Ergo," and Mr. Coughlan an "O Salutaris." Miss Pain presided at the organ.

His Grace, it may be added, expressed his satisfaction at the thorough manner in which the children were prepared for Confirmation, and his remarks in this respect also referred to the children at Cape Foulwind, Waimangaroa, Denniston, Mokihinui, etc.

His Grace particularly recommends the congregation to assist the Altar Society in their endeavours by liberally subscribing, so that they could obtain the necessary accessories for such a beautiful church and vestments for the clergy.

The address presented to his Grace was prepared by Mr. James Maloney, and the reading of it was entrusted to Mr. John Bierne.

In a thunder storm the safest place indoors is said to be on a thick rug in the centre of the room, well away from such metal objects as fenders, bell-pulls, and wires. Dry spots are always safest.

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Correspondence.

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RE POPIISH, PAPIST, ETC.

TO THE EDITOR, N.Z. TABLET.

SIR,—The edification given, in which was instilled a good deal of humour, in your pages last week on this subject, leads me to further take advantage of your good nature and ask insertion for these few lines in which I must break a lance with Mr. Dobbin over one matter he has mentioned.

It is perfectly obvious that Mr. Dobbin has had the singular advantage of being brought up under the rule of the Jesuits—in fact, if any proof was wanting, have we not your own authority as to the "praiseworthy patience and sweetness of temper" which could only be displayed by an old pupil of that illustrious and learned Society? Therefore I must accept Mr. Dobbin's remarks in so far as the Jesuits and Jesuit schools are concerned. But, why pray, introduce the Benedictines? No, Mr. Dobbin, speak for your old friends by all means, but leave *mine* alone.—I am, etc.,

O.S.B.

P.S.—By the bye, Mr. Editor, have you any objection to the words "papal," and "papacy"?

Dunedin, May 9, 1898.

[We think we have already dealt with the above subject with sufficient fulness. We will only add that the terms "papal" and "papacy" are recognised by all as being used without any offensive signification.—Ed. N.Z. TABLET.]

A GIRL SAVED FROM THE GRAVE.

"I AM 19 years of age," said Miss Petrea Peterson, of Featherston, North Island, New Zealand, to a press representative who interviewed her last month, "and since I was 15 I have been suffering more or less. I had acute palpitation of the heart, which was brought about by anæmia or bloodlessness, to which I was long a martyr. Whenever I ran upstairs my heart would thump violently against my sides, and I would be quite speechless for several moments until I recovered my breath. Night after night I tossed, weary and worn-out, on my bed, trying vainly to sleep. I had fearful attacks of cramp in my legs, and so great was the agony that frequently it caused me to scream out in very desperation. I was always in a weak, low state, and never felt fit for my work. My legs would at times swell up to a considerable extent, and this naturally occasioned myself and my mother great suspense. Thus, as I grew older I grew worse and worse, being subject also to periods of giddiness which many a time caused me to almost fall down. I tried plenty of medicines, and I had several doctors, but they gave no relief. I also consulted three doctors regarding an affliction of the eye from which I suffered. Having almost given up my case as hopeless, I one day noticed an advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in the *Evening Post*. Gathering hope from this, in June, 1897, I commenced taking them strictly according to directions. After the third dose I found a change for the better. I continued with them until I, bit by bit, improved so much that four months ago I left them off altogether. I have taken a total of nine boxes, and am now in every way in the most perfect health. Insomnia, weakness, giddiness, heart palpitation, cramps, and swellings in the legs have all disappeared, and the affection in my eye has likewise ceased. As there has been no recurrence of these ailments at all during the past four months, it is evident that my cure is a permanent one. The pills have absolutely cured me, and I will always keep some of them by me. I feel fit for my work and for anything. My mother thinks the world of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and she has tried several boxes herself. I am awfully thankful to them, and I have recommended them to all my friends. Four of them speak exactly as I do of the Pills, and cannot praise them too highly. I am well-known here, and numbers of people have been watching my case with interest. You can use this testimonial in any way you desire."

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