

conclusion of Mass there was exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day. In the evening the Bishop again attended and preached before a large congregation. Rev. Father Brodie sang Vespers. The church was beautifully decorated. The altar was resplendent with lights and flowers, the decorations reflecting the highest credit on Miss Rita Toie. A word of praise is due to the choir, who sang Gounod's Mass in the morning, and in the evening rendered exquisite devotional music under the conductorship of Mr. Calon.

Rev. Father Dawson preached morning and evening on Sunday at the Cathedral on the Blessed Sacrament. He left on Monday for a short stay at Wellington on private business. He expects to return next Saturday.

The Parnell parishioners intend enlarging the parochial church and auxiliary chapel, Newmarket. Rev. Father Kehoe and his people pull together amicably, with beneficial results.

After first Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday several new members were received into the Guard of Honour Society by Rev. Father Croke. The statue of the Sacred Heart was tastefully decorated under the supervision of Miss Gough. General satisfaction was expressed at Rev. Father Croke's recovery from his recent illness.

The Hibernian male and female branches are working assiduously to make a success of the social to be held on July 8, for the benefit of the widow and family of late District Secretary Kearney. The Society are endeavouring to purchase the house, which has on it a mortgage of two hundred pounds. They appeal for members' assistance throughout the Colony.

The Police Commission enquiry here is thought by many to be a huge farce, affording the promoters notoriety at the Colony's expense, with barren results. Bishop Lenihan was summoned to give evidence. The Prohibition pleaders refrained from examining him.

A benefit entertainment was held last Friday evening at Ponsonby in aid of the Sisters of Mercy Convent. There was a large gathering, a result due to the hard work of the committee, who deserve congratulations.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

ON Sunday last the Vicar-General celebrated High Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, and at the Gospel read the following circular, a copy of which will be forwarded to each priest in the diocese:—

Very Rev. and dear Father,—For the last twelve months his Lordship has been untiring in his efforts to collect money for the building of a cathedral in this beautiful city of Christchurch. In his letters he tells us he has every day been mindful of his devoted flock and clergy in his prayers and at the altar. He has visited the principal Irish colleges, and taken steps to secure zealous and able priests for this diocese; two of them have already come, and others will soon follow, so that in the near future every parish will be sufficiently supplied with devoted clergymen. His travels through Eng and, Ireland, Scotland, France, and other countries have won the sympathy of the clergy and laity to our cause, and made this young colony better known. His Lordship expresses great joy at the prospect of being soon again in our midst to resume his apostolic labours. We owe him a debt of gratitude for all he has done and intends doing for us, and I am sure that both the clergy of the diocese and the laity will vie with each other in giving him a hearty welcome. Although the calls on your charity are many and great, I think we should be failing in our duty if we were not to give our Bishop a tangible proof of our appreciation of his solicitude for our temporal and spiritual welfare. Wherefore, I exhort you to form a committee, as soon as possible, to collect offerings to be presented to his Lordship on his return to his diocese after such a prolonged absence, and so have the merit of putting a stone in the Christchurch Cathedral, in which, when we are dead, the soul-stirring ceremonies of our liturgy will be carried out and prayers offered for those who contribute to raise in this city a lasting monument of their faith and generosity. Along with the offerings of each parish, an address from the clergy and laity, with the names of the subscribers, will be presented to his Lordship. His advent cannot be far distant, and any day we may hear of his having set sail for New Zealand. Therefore, we should lose no time in preparing for his reception. I hope this appeal will be responded to in a warm and enthusiastic manner. I invite you, dear Father, to have this appeal read in all the churches and chapels of your district, and to encourage your people to take up this matter in a loving and Christian way.—TH. LE MENANT DES CHESNAIS, S.M., V.G., Adm.

The Vicar-General also announced that a large gathering of the faithful of both parishes will take place on next Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m., in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, in Barbadoes street, in order to form a committee, who will arrange every matter in connection with the due reception of the Bishop. The Vicar-General will preside at the meeting. At Vespers, in the evening, the principal of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, preached an impressive sermon to a large and appreciative congregation.

After Vespers had been sung at St. Mary's, there was a very beautiful and solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the interior of the Church.

Sunday week, which was the Sunday within the octave of the feast of Corpus Christi, was celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral with great solemnity. After High Mass there was exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and at 3 p.m. a solemn procession of the same took place in the beautiful grounds adjoining the convent of the Sisters of our Lady of Missions. In addition to the local clergy, several from other parishes took part in the august ceremony. There were also a number of acolytes, the members of the Hibernian Society, and of the other societies and sodalities, and a large concourse of the faithful present. Very beautiful altars and arches

were erected on the route along which the Blessed Sacrament, which was preceded by the Sisters carrying lighted tapers, was borne. On the return of the procession to the Pro-Cathedral the Rev. Father Servajean delivered a very devotional discourse on the great advantage of frequently and worthily receiving the holy Eucharist, and the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the day ended with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Sunday afternoon last a large and ardent meeting of the Catholic people in Addington took place in the local school chapel to arrange for the erection of a new church in the suburb in place of the wretched building that has now served for a church for some years back. The Rev. Father Servajean occupied the chair, and explained the object of the meeting. He showed a photo of a very pretty little church which has recently been erected on the West Coast, and explained that one somewhat similar, though a little larger, could easily be built in Addington for about £350. But before any steps were taken at least two-thirds of the money necessary to complete the work would have to be forthcoming. Mr. McKeown, Mr. J. Steel, Mr. Power, Mr. J. Rennell, and Mr. W. Hayward also addressed the meeting, and the latter gentleman ended by proposing that all present should be formed into a committee to carry out the work of the erection of a church forthwith, and that a subscription list should be at once opened in order to obtain a general estimate of what money could be raised at present. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rennell and carried. The Rev. Father Servajean was appointed treasurer. Mr. Steel was also appointed assistant treasurer and vice-chairman of the committee. Mr. F. Milner was appointed secretary. The following ladies and gentlemen were likewise formed into an executive committee:—Mesdames Rennell and Campbell, Misses Hickey, Hoy, Rowe and Jones, and Messrs. Rennell, McKeown, Milner, Steel, Plunket, Pope, Burke, Barker, McCloy and Hickey. The secretary, accompanied with Mr. McKeown, then proceeded with the subscription list, which resulted in nearly a hundred pounds being promised. Most of the subscriptions were £5 donations and the rev. chairman expressed himself well satisfied with the canvass. With this amount of money in hand the work of the erection of a church could be at once commenced. The next meeting of the executive committee will take place on Tuesday evening next in the local school chapel. When a cordial vote of thanks, which was proposed by Mr. Hayward and seconded by Mr. Rennell, had been accorded to the Rev. Father Servajean for presiding at the meeting and for the great interest he displays in the matter, the gathering dispersed. In a short time Father Servajean proposes to make a house to house visitation of the suburb. I am sorry to add that at the time of the meeting he was still suffering from the effects of a fall from his bicycle. It appears that on Friday last, while returning from Mount Magdala and while crossing the bridge over the river Halswell, one wheel of his bicycle dropped unexpectedly into a deep rut, and he was thrown from the machine violently on to the ground and was not a little bruised on one knee. He is, however, recovering from the results of the fall, and will shortly be well again.

On Sunday week the Rev. Father Rafferty said Mass at Halswell, and also at Addington, where there was a large congregation assembled. I regret very much to hear that since then he has suffered from a severe indisposition, and that at present he is located in a private hospital in the city.

The sodalities at the Pro-Cathedral, known as the Society of the Sacred Heart, the Living Rosary, and the Apostleship of Prayer, have been organised into a regular confraternity, and each circle consists of 15 members. A diploma will be given to the promoter of each circle. He will, moreover, wear a ribbon which will have embroidered on it the name of the patron saint of the circle. After the monthly meeting all the members will be given Rosary tickets. On the first Friday evening in each month the promoters will be given each a number of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart, which will be given to the members to read in turn, and will afterwards become the property of the promoters. On the third Sunday in every month there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in which all the members of the confraternity will take part.

HOW TO SPOIL A CHILD.

1. BEGIN young, by giving him whatever he cries for.
2. Talk freely before him of his great cleverness.
3. Tell him he is too much for you—that you can do nothing with him.
4. Let him learn to regard his father as a creature of unlimited power, capricious and tyrannical; or a mere whipping machine.
5. Let him learn, from father's example, to despise his mother.
6. Do not care who or what his companions may be.
7. Let him read stories about pirates, Indian fighters, and so on.
8. Let him roam the streets in the evening and go to bed late.
9. Devote yourself to making money; remember always that wealth is a better legacy for your child than principles in the heart and habits in the life, and let him have plenty of money to spend.—Exchange.

There is but one man living who has sat in the House of Lords since the beginning of the first Parliament of William IV., and that is the Earl of Mansfield. He is now ninety-one years old.

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 Worcestershire Sauce, the demand has kept pace with his capacity to supply it. He makes a really good thing, indistinguishable from the famous Lea and Perrins, 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.—*.*

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