

ing:—The Oratory, Birmingham, October 23, 1890.—Rev. Dear Father,—Our Fathers here have desired me to ask your Reverence to be so good as to thank the members of the Dunedin Catholic Literary Association for their kind and sympathetic address of condolence on the great loss they have sustained by the death of their venerated Superior, his Eminence Cardinal Newman. We beg also to thank you for your cordial sympathy with our grief on the occasion—a grief felt so much the more by us on account of our having been privileged to live so many years under the same roof with him, and to enjoy his familiar intercourse. We all loved and revered him as our Superior, and we hope that, treading in his footsteps as well as we may be able, through your prayers and those of the Association, we may one day be all united in the possession of that happiness which we trust he already enjoys in heaven.—Believe me, in the name of my *confrères*, yours most truly in Christ, HENRY AUSTIN MILLS, Dean of the Congregation.

It is announced that the Rev. Father Paul has been appointed to succeed the late Very Rev. Father Mahoney as Vicar-General of the diocese of Auckland. Father Paul is an ecclesiastic whose repute is very well known throughout the colony. Father Paul has served as a priest in New Zealand for thirty-five years, thirty-three of which have been spent by him as parish priest of Onehunga, and the length of his priestly career has been equalled by its success and merit. His very special distinction has been won as a pioneer and a constant champion of Catholic education, for which he has made many sacrifices. The appointment now conferred upon him will cause general satisfaction, and will be regarded everywhere as an honour wisely bestowed and well deserved.

THERE is a nice piece of information. Our worthy, literary, and, if not lovely, at least accomplished, fellow townsman, Mr. R. N. Adams, has been speaking in the capacity of an Orange G. M., whatever that may mean, at Timaru. And says Mr. Adams says he. "The Orange institution was political to the backbone, and they interested themselves in all the institutions of the country, from the fireside to the Houses of Parliament." Now we put it to all who have any knowledge of Mr. Adams, even if it be only by sight, whether they would regard him as a pleasant sort of a person to have prying about their "firesides." We are inclined, for our own part, to begin an agitation against the dog-tax, as opposed to legitimate measures for keeping a man's premises free from objectionable characters. Why, we would not on any account have Mr. R. N. Adams, whether as an Orange G. M., or anything else, smelling about among our pots and saucepans. By the way, as we have suggested before, might not a crop of good juicy thistles cultivated, say in the back garden, keep Mr. Adams from a nearer approach?

HERE is a piece of good news for the dear missionaries. It has been lately received at Sydney by a steamer from the islands:—Two new Roman Catholic mission stations are about being established on the west side of Mallicolo. These, when settled, will make the ninth Catholic station in the group. The Marist Brothers (Fathers!) have been very active of late in exploiting both Santo and Mallicolo. Why, if the dear missionaries and their friends do not bestir themselves, the Pope will have the whole New Hebrides. Cannot an expedition be organised to drive out the French? According to the boasting we have heard nothing should prove more easy.

SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY has been returned for North Kilkenny, beating Mr. Vincent Scully, brought forward by Mr. Parnell, by a majority of 1,146. In round numbers there are about 6,000 electors in the constituency, the voting, therefore, was as follows:—Pope Hennessy, 3,573; Scully, 2,427. We are not quite sure as to the identity of Mr. Vincent Scully. Is he the gentleman of the name who was a good many years ago a scourge of Tipperary, and exceeded in brutality as an evictor, and who subsequently acquired large estates in America—there also showing his qualities as a landlord? We fancy this gentleman would be rather too far advanced in age for the contest in question. Sir John Pope Hennessy everyone knows.—Both as a barrister and a Member of the House of Commons he gained distinction, afterwards as a colonial Governor proving successful, and fulfilling his duties with marked ability. The last position of the kind occupied by him was the governorship of Mauritius, where his popularity was great, as shown especially by the indignation expressed at certain false charges made against him, and the discreditable manner in which Sir Hercules Robinson as a special commissioner acted towards him. Sir John has also gained distinction as a writer, one of his principal works being a *Life of Sir Walter Raleigh*.

IN reference to several letters received by us relative to the prize list of an art-union lately held in Cork, we beg to say that we were in no degree accountable for anything published on the tickets. We had no knowledge of the art-union until some of the letters in ques-

tion were received by us. The prize list alluded to was, however, published in our issue of December 19—that is in the issue of our paper next after we had received the list with an order for its insertion. Further than this we had nothing to do with the matter.

ST. MARY'S School, Howick, under the successful management of Miss Mulkere (says the Auckland *Evening Star* of December 19), was examined on Wednesday by Father Walter, a number of the pupil's friends being also present. The answering was satisfactory, and the teacher deserves much credit for the success of the day's proceedings. The copy-books shown were highly spoken of by those present, and they were particularly pleased with the singing of the children. A happy feature in connection with the afternoon's work was the presentation by the scholars of a very pretty writing desk to the teacher as a small token of their esteem and lasting gratitude. There were 29 pupils present, four being unavoidably absent. After the usual regaling with cakes and strawberries, the duties of the school concluded for the present year. It is needless to say that cheer after cheer was heartily given for Monsignor McDonald and the teacher.

WE have received the following card. We heartily reciprocate the good wishes so gracefully expressed:—"Kindly greeting and all good wishes for the coming year from the *Evening News* staff, Napier, New Zealand. Christmas, 1890."

SPECIAL praise is due to the Rev. Fathers Lynch and Golden, and Messrs. J. O'Connor, J. O'Neill, D. O'Driscoll, M. Fenton, J. Perkins, D. Mahoney, W. Carr, E. Carroll, M. Connellan, H. Mulloy, S. Whitty, J. Hally, E. Kirk, T. Curtain, J. Fitzpatrick, T. Sheridan, and S. Simmonds for the able manner in which they worked for the success of the Hibernian Society's Pic-nic and Sports at Sawyer's Bay on Boxing Day. The suite of furniture will be given away next week at a meeting of ticket-holders to be called.

THE annual dinner of the New Zealand Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Association was held at the Grand Hotel, Dunedin, on Monday evening, and went off, as on previous occasions, with *ecclat*. Mr. Robert Wilson, retiring President, filled the chair, and among those present were his Worship the Mayor, Sir Robert Stout, Mr. J. B. Callan, Mr. T. A. Harty, Mr. John Ross, and Mr. J. McRae Galloway. Several excellent speeches were made in proposing toasts or returning thanks, and the evening was spent in a very agreeable manner. A feature connected with the matter that must prove agreeable to us all is the hopeful manner in which several of the speakers, gentlemen whose opinion must necessarily carry weight with it, expressed themselves as to the position and prospects of the colony.

ANOTHER mark of Catholicism, is it? "A new phase of the ritualistic controversy at St. John's Roslyn, (says the *Daily Times*) cropped up on Christmas Day. When the churchwardens opened the chest that contained the candlesticks which were to be used on the communion table for the early celebration, they found that these had been abstracted and a large stone put in their place. It is understood that the matter will come up again shortly." But was it a miracle worked in support of the Evangelical party? We hope, as our contemporary promises, that the matter will actually come up again shortly—for it is on many points exceedingly interesting—and we anxiously await elucidations. Above all, we are breathless in our expectation as to what Bishop Nevill has to say about it, and especially as to his Lordship's methods of giving it a Catholic significance. Still, as we already perceive, it is quite as clear a mark of Catholicism as many of those from time to time cited by the Bishop.

AT the Garrison Hall, Dunedin, on Monday evening, the Dunedin Irish Rifles presented a beautiful breakfast set to Captain Fairbairn, on the occasion of his marriage. Lieutenant Murray made the presentation, and alluded to the many happy hours the company had spent with their captain, and assured him of the hearty goodwill of every member of the corps. On their behalf he wished him and his future bride a long and happy life together. Lieutenant Dunne, in a few words, spoke of the good feeling which had always existed between the corps and Captain Fairbairn, and joined with Lieutenant Murray in wishing their captain every happiness in his married life. Captain Fairbairn, in reply, thanked the officers and men, on behalf of himself and his future wife, for their kind present, and said that in the time to come it would act as a happy reminder of the many pleasant hours which he had spent with the corps, and in conclusion wished them a very Happy New Year. The plate was very handsomely engraved by Messrs. Kemnitz and Nicholson, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Captain Fairbairn by the Dunedin Irish Rifles on the occasion of his marriage. December 30th, 1890."

AN attempt on the life of the Bishop of Killaloe has been reported and contradicted by the cable. The "rev. gentleman,"