

W E L L I N G T O N .

(From our own Correspondent.)

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On Monday evening last some of the students at St Patrick's College gave an entertainment in the study hall for the amusement of the fellow students, and also to a few invited friends. The performance consisted of songs and musical items, and a farce, the vocalists being Masters J. O'Connell, W. Crombie, and P. Milligan. The second part consisted of a laughable farce called the "Darkey Photographer," which was productive of much merriment, the principal characters being—Collodion, J. O'Connell; Gumbo, G. Mahony; Adolphus, J. Butler. The entertainment was a very good one, and reflected much credit on those taking part in it, as well as on the Rev Father Clancy, under whose able direction the performance was carried out, the only thing regretted being that a larger audience of the general public could not be present to witness it.

I am glad to be able to state that the Literary and Debating Society in connection with the college is in a very flourishing condition, and that debates are carried on with a fluency of diction and a vigour that would throw many older and more pretentious associations into the shade. The subject for the last discussion was the relative merits of a republican or a monarchical form of Government. The subject, although apparently well threshed out at various times with other societies, was discussed in a very exhaustive manner, showing that many of the speakers had carefully prepared their addresses and marshalled their arguments in no careless style.

I understand that Mr S. Cimino has resigned the conductorship of St Mary of the Angel's choir, and has been offered, and I believe accepted, a similar position in St Mary's Cathedral, *vice* Mr M'Duff Boyd resigned.—The prettily situated church of St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott street, has been undergoing considerable repairs and renovations in the interior during the past month or so, and now presents a very altered appearance. The space around the high altar has been considerably enlarged, and the whole of the sanctuary has been very tastefully painted and picked out in suitable tints. The very unsightly painted windows which did duty for some years at the back of the high altar have been replaced by stained glass ones, which are a decided improvement on their predecessors, helping to give the building more of a devotional and ecclesiastical appearance than formerly. The improvements have been carried out by Mr J. Delaney, contractor, in a thoroughly efficient and satisfactory manner, his very successful completion of several ecclesiastical contracts in Canterbury being a guarantee of the excellence of his work. The Very Rev Father Devoy has purchased a new organ for the church, through Mr Pinny of Manners street, which is now being erected, and will be opened next Sunday at the eleven o'clock Mass, when it is expected that his Grace the Archbishop will preach, should he have returned from Nelson, where he went on Thursday last to attend the obsequies of the late Judge Broad.

Since writing the above I have learned that the Archbishop will not be back, and consequently the opening of the organ will not take place until next Sunday.

The great event of the week, from a Catholic standpoint, has been the visit of the Governor and Lady Glasgow to St Patrick's College on Thursday afternoon. Great preparations had been made for the proper reception of so distinguished guests, and from the turrets of the tower flew the Royal standard, the Union Jack, the green flag of Ireland with harp and crown, and the College flag, and the Royal ensign floated also from the flag staff in front of the main entrance. This has been one of the first public functions of this nature which his Excellency has undertaken since his reception here, and it is said that there are some heartburnings over it, too, as a scholastic institution not many miles away considered they had prior claims on Lord Glasgow. However that may be, it is evident that the rector of St Patrick's was not likely to let a golden opportunity slip, and he certainly scored a point on this occasion. Long before the hour appointed for the arrival of his Excellency and party, the rector, the professors and students were on the *qui vive*. The latter were drawn up in two lines in front of the College, and an intelligent, healthy and sprightly looking lot of boys they looked. Lord Glasgow is the essence of punctuality, and at a few minutes past three, the vice-regal party, in two carriages and consisting of the Governor, Lady Glasgow, Ladies Alice, Augusta, and Dorothy Boyle, Miss Hallows, and Mr K. Clayton, drove up—the students saluting and the College band, under the conductorship of Mr S. Cimino, playing the National Anthem. The distinguished party were received at the main entrance by the Very Rev Dr Waters and the Very Rev Father Devoy, V.G. The vice-regal party were then shown over the building by the rector and the Vicar-General. Among those present I noticed the Hon the Postmaster-General and Mrs Ward, the Hon the Minister for Labour, the Hon Dr Grace and Mrs Grace, Messrs M. Kennedy, N. Reid, W. M. Maskell, E. A. Loughnan, P. S. Garvey, J. J. Devine, J. P. McAlister, O'Connor, C. E. Crombie, J. Barrett (Christchurch), Collins, Captain Collins and Dr Cahill. After the Governor and party were shown through the College, they were en-

tertained in the study hall by the College choir, under the conductorship of the Rev Father Braxmaier, and the College orchestra, under Mr S. Cimino, with the following excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music:—Nautical fantasia, "Trafalgar"; overture on national air, "The Union Jack"; part song, "The Blue Bells of Scotland"; piano duet, "Marche Hongroise," Masters E. K. Kimbell and N. B. Maloney; waltz, "Buds and Blossoms"; part song, "'Tis the Last Rose of Summer"; finale, Tyrolean, "Klange vom Gebirge." At the conclusion of the musical entertainment, which, by the way, was very warmly applauded by his Excellency, the Rev Dr Waters, addressing the Governor and Lady Glasgow, said he begged on behalf of the staff, the students and those present, to extend a hearty, genial, and kindly welcome to them. Many distinguished visitors had been within the walls of the institution since its foundation seven years ago, but they would look upon this as a "red letter" day to be recorded in the college books at all times to come. Previous Governors had honoured them by their visits, and had condescended to give the prestige of their position to college entertainments, but it was reserved to Lady Glasgow to show her kindness and interest in the institution by being the first lady of her rank to honour the college with her presence. He regretted very much the absence of his Grace the Archbishop who by his position would give more *colat* to the reception of his Excellency, but he was unavoidably absent in Nelson attending the obsequies of the late Judge Broad. They welcomed his Excellency for many reasons, the principal motive being the distinguished position which he filled, and also because they were proud of the progress which the college had made. They were proud of it as an institution which had been built and equipped at such great expense and sacrifice, for the purpose of imparting all the branches of a higher education to their youth. They were proud too of their boys who had succeeded in literature, science, athletics, and music; and where they had not been successful they tried to be so, which was nearly just as good. The boys were very proud to welcome his Excellency for the honour conferred on their college, and also because it was a pleasing innovation on their studies, and they had implicit faith, justified by past experience, that such a visit would result in a certain amount of juvenile liberty. These were a few of the reasons which actuated them in giving his Excellency a genial, kindly, and affectionate welcome. The sentiments of the college faculty and the boys were contained in the address which his Excellency had so kindly consented to receive, and he would now call upon Master Francis J. Grace to read it. Master F. J. Grace, son of the hon Dr Grace, who was supported by Masters F. Crombie and J. Butler, then read the following address, which he afterwards presented to His Excellency:—"May it please Your Excellency,—We, the masters and students of St Patrick's College, desire to bid you respectful and cordial welcome. The visit of a distinguished stranger is always to us a source of pleasure and legitimate pride, showing, as it does, the interest taken in the work in which we are engaged. This pleasure and pride are much enhanced when, in this hall, the scene of our daily labours, we greet the Governor of the Colony, who, coming fresh from Home as the representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty in these seas, compels there respect and homage of all subjects of the Crown. In a young country like New Zealand, however enterprising and progressive, Your Excellency will not yet look to her children for that mature fund of scientific, literary, or classic scholarship which is the rightful outcome of ages of study, and the peculiar birthright of those time-honoured institutions at Home—well known to Your Excellency—that have written their fame down deep in the hearts and minds of thinking men. Our aim, however, and our ambition it is to follow, feebly it may be, in the path so clearly marked out for us by the great seats of learning in the Old Country, and, like them, on the solid bed-rock of faith and religion, to contribute our share in raising, forming and moulding in this colony a race of men who, in virtue and knowledge, in wisdom and culture, in true patriotism and practical Christianity, will not be unworthy of our ancestors. We beg to thank Your Excellency for coming amongst us. We desire, also, unaffectedly, to thank Lady Glasgow and the members of Your Excellency's family for the honour done our college by your visit. We hope during your Excellency's years of high office it will, at times, be our privilege to extend a hearty welcome within these walls to Your Excellency, to Lady Glasgow, and to the members of your distinguished family.—Signed, on behalf of the college faculty by Felix Joseph Waters, S.M., D.D., rector, and A. Braxmaier, vice-rector; on behalf of the students by John J. Casey, John M. O'Connor, Joseph Sheridan, William Organ, Bernard McCarthy, Melville J. Crombie, and Francis J. Grace." At the conclusion of the address Master F. Crombie presented Lady Glasgow with a very fine bouquet, and Master J. Butler presented a copy of the College Calendar to the Governor and his suite. His Excellency, who on rising was received with continued applause, said, in addressing Dr Waters, the staff and students of the college, that it was with feelings of no ordinary character that he rose to return thanks for the address which had just been presented to him and had been so well read by Master Grace, and which he was given to understand reflected the feelings of the staff and students of St Patrick's College. It was not only with feelings of great pleasure,