

therefore, will have one notable loss. We do not, however, doubt that they will be able to fill Mr Davitt's place in a satisfactory manner. The costs referred to, meantime, were certainly not Mr Davitt's sole affair. It was his party that was, in fact, responsible for them.

OUR information respecting the condition of the Archbishop of Adelaide is up to a late hour on Wednesday night (says the Melbourne *Advocate* of May 6), and it left, we regret to say, no hope that his Grace's illness would take a favourable turn. The venerable patient was on Sunday last supposed to be in *extremis*, but unexpectedly he improved somewhat on Monday. The change for the better was, however, of short duration; on Tuesday he relapsed again into a state of great prostration, and on Wednesday night, when our message was despatched, he was in a very low state, from which recovery seemed scarcely possible. Deep sympathy for Dr Reynolds was expressed by the Anglican Bishop in Synod yesterday, and that sentiment prevails very widely among all classes and denominations.

THE dodge of our Hebrew friend, who shares the design ascribed by M. Leroy-Beaulieu, a champion, nevertheless, of the Jews, to unbelieving Israelites in Europe, that, namely, of destroying Christianity, is to persuade the public that Catholics would be delighted to accept the godless schools, if only their clergy, and Bishop Moran especially, would, under the circumstances, admit them to the rites of the Church. But surely the advantages of every society are dependent on the fulfilment of its obligations by members. An obligation of the Catholic Church is that Catholics should give their children a Catholic education. And is it not a duty of the officials of every society to remind members of their obligations and the penalties of violating them? Catholic bishops and priests act no exceptional part in keeping their duty and the consequences of its violation before the eyes of members of their Church. But if they were guilty of neglect in the matter? Why, Catholics themselves would be the first to reproach them. And, may we ask, is it the custom of even the Protestant sects to admit to their "sacrament" all who present themselves, whatever may be their system of belief or their course of life? Nay, surely even the rabbies themselves must make some distinction in their ministry, unless they exercise it as a mockery. Really our Hebrew friend's argument has nothing in it, though he may have the cunning to make his dodge tell among a prejudiced and bigoted people. Our Hebrew friend, as we have said elsewhere, has at present much cause for laughter.

WELLINGTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

May 12th, 1893

WE are advancing here in the hub of New Zealand. On all sides are to be seen evidences of increasing wealth, prosperity, and, last, but not least, population. To provide accommodation for the ever-growing numbers of Catholic children, a new school was blessed by his Grace Archbishop Redwood, on Sunday, April 30th, in the presence of a numerous body of Catholics. Only one wing of the building has been completed, which is sufficient to relieve the immediate pressure for school space which the Newtown district requires. After the ceremony his Grace delivered a characteristic and stirring address, denouncing the law which compels Catholics to support a godless system of education. The school opened on Monday, May 1st, with attendance, 150, which increased by the end of the week to 175. The Archbishop passed a high eulogium on the Very Rev Father Devoy, V.G., the popular P.P. of Te Aro and Newtown, for his untiring zeal and energy in this good work. His Grace has since left Wellington for Nelson.

On Sunday last at the church of St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott street, High Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev Father Devoy, after which the Blessed Sacrament was exposed until Vespers. The choir sang Gounod's *Messe Solennelle*, and at the offertory Miss Ross sang Cherubini's "Ave Maria," with violin obbligato by Mr Hingott. Several members of the London Gaiety Company's orchestra assisted the local choir. At the end of Mass the orchestra played a brilliant march.

The numerous friends of the Rev Father Briand, S.M., will be interested to learn that, after having been stationed here as curate at St Mary of the Angels', he has been removed to Christchurch. The Te Aro people will feel his loss very much, as he was a most zealous and kind priest.

The reference in the leading columns of your excellent journal to the sad death of the Premier, Hon John Ballance, was a graceful and well deserved tribute. Only a few among the many who mourn the great man's demise can realise what a loss the country has suffered, for he had a giant intellect and a most kind and loving nature. His colleagues, old and grizzled politicians some of them, whose feelings one would think steeled against the ordinary weaknesses of our nature, were so overcome as to shed tears over his grave at the burial;

of this I am assured by a bystander. In any country under the sun possessing free institutions, Mr Ballance would have risen to eminence for his talents were combined with unflagging energy and a temper that nothing could ruffle. May his memory remain ever green in New Zealand! and may the movement which has been started in Wellington to erect a national memorial to the deceased statesman meet with the highest success! By generously responding to it the people of New Zealand will show the world that they are not ungrateful for the great talents devoted to their service and the noble life laid down in their cause. This tribute from the people will be some consolation to Mrs Ballance in her terrible bereavement.

The Very Rev Dr Watters, S.M., rector of St Patrick's College must have felt very happy on the eve of his departure for France to attend the general chapter of the Marist Order. He was the recipient of two addresses, one from the students, and one from a committee of gentlemen representing the Catholics of Wellington. Irishmen all over New Zealand can see by reading the address of the students how faithfully and well the rev rector has endeavoured to inculcate a love and respect for Ireland, and will join in wishing him God speed and a safe return. I append an account of the proceedings taken from the *Post*:—

The first address presented to the rector was from the scholars, and was read by Master Bernard McCarthy as follows:—

"Very Rev and Dear Father,—A few days ago it was our privilege and joy to tender you our heartfelt congratulations on your festival day; now it is with feelings of regret that on this occasion of your departure we gather fondly round you to present this address as a token of our affection. We shall feel your loss the more keenly as it was from you that we have ever received advice in our difficulties, sympathy in our anxieties. You have always had the reasonable word to counsel, check, or reprove us when erring, to cheer and animate our zeal when flagging, either in the study hall or upon the athletic field. We will ever cherish those principles of rectitude which by your word and example have been impressed upon us—to love our books as we love our neighbours, to love our neighbours as ourselves, fidelity to our cause, constancy of purpose, unremitting application, respect for our masters, all based upon the vivifying virtue of faith—the faith of our fathers. Another feeling we treasure, one that has waxed strong beneath your rule; we mean our love for Ireland. 'We look to a land both old and young. Old in its Christianity, young in the promise of the future; a nation which received grace before the Saxon came to Britain, and which has never quenched it; a Church which comprehends in its history the rise and fall of Canterbury and York.' At present the eyes of the world are upon her. 'The whole faculty of the nation,' as Grattan said, 'is braced to the act of her own deliverance.' May it be your happy lot to salute her a nation once again. In conclusion, dear Rev Father, accept our feelings of sincere regret at your departure, temporary though it be, our prayers for a prosperous voyage and a speedy return and this small memento as a souvenir of the students of St Patrick's. Signed on behalf of the students by Eugene E. K. M. Bell, John A. O'Connell, Patrick Fay, James Taylor, Melville Crombie, George Mahoney, Hugh McDonnell, W. Tallon, Bernard McCarthy, F. Grace, Martin J. Ryan, J. Butler, P. J. Garvey, J. McArdie, F. K. Kennedy L. J. Ryan, May 9th, 1893.' The Rector was also presented by Master R. Loughman with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and by Master John Brady with a black silk watch chain, bearing three gold bands. On the centre band was on one side the inscription: 'From the students of St Patrick's College' and on the other the Rector's monogram, "F. J. W." On the band at one end was engraved on one side the date "1885" (the year in which the college was established), and on the other the welcome "Ave," while the band at the other end of the chain bore on one side "1893" and on the other the farewell "Vale." Sir Patrick Buckley then presented an address to the Rector by the request of the members of the committee who had prepared it. The address was as follows:—

"Dear Dr Watters,—On the eve of your departure for the old country we desire to express to you the respect and gratitude which we owe to you. We should indeed be wanting in our duty if we did not cordially recognise the qualities and the ability of which, in your residence among us for eight years, you have given ample evidence. You have been not only the guide and the teacher, but for many of us the companion and the friend. Zealous and energetic to the utmost in the cause of Catholic education in the Colony, you have devoted yourself heart and soul to its advancement; and it is to your ceaseless and unwearied efforts that St Patrick's College owes its wonderful success. When in 1884 we saw its foundation laid and its walls raised up we could not help feeling a legitimate pride in the thought that the difficulties under which Catholics labour here had not prevented us from making so great an effort. But now we can approach you with greater pride and thankfulness; pride, because the institution established by our people has prospered beyond our hopes; thankfulness, because by your energy and ability it has been raised to a level where it holds its own even with the highly endowed secondary schools of New Zealand. We recognise also thoroughly that you have not confined yourself to imparting to our boys the mere dry, ordinary scholastic tuition; you have followed the highest