

man, the late Very Rev. Dean Mahoney. He said that he well knew that the late Dean required no memorial of the kind to keep his memory fresh in the minds of those who knew him and their children, but the building to be erected would be a permanent memorial, and not only would it be more serviceable than the old one for its purpose, but it would also, in point of architecture, be an ornament to the district. He regarded it as a happy circumstance that all creeds were uniting in the fair. They, and those who assisted by their attendance and support, would have the satisfaction of knowing that they were assisting a good cause. Having mentioned the fact that his Excellency Lord Ranfurly was very pleased with the temporary arrangements made by Father Mahony for the boys at the Orphanage, Colonel Pitt proceeded to refer to the nature of the entertainment to be produced under Signor Borzoni's guidance, and then formally declared the fair open, wishing that the promoters would meet with all the success they deserved.

The programme of the Birth of the Empire was then proceeded with, some 120 performers taking part in it. The following is a list of stallholders and assistants —

'New Zealand and Australia' plain and fancy work stall, in charge of Mrs. L. Frank, and Misses Damant and Mollumb; assistants, Misses McCabe, E. East, Nixon, Townsley, Butler, M. Frank, C. Armstrong, Sandel, Fowler, Watson, Scott, and Brown.

'England and America' produce stall: Stallholders, Mesdames Berkeley and Haydon and Miss Clara Frank, assistants, Misses Garrard (2), Watson, L. Hall, M. Seymour, Day (2), Constable, Sheldon, Watson, and M. Hanron.

'India and Canada' plain and fancy stall, in charge of Mrs. T. Louisson, Misses R. Frank, M. Frank, and E. Young; assistants, Misses Leggatt, Kelly, Fraser, Mercer, R. Frank, Robinson, E. Young, Henry, A. Ladley, Baigent, Oakey, and Collings.

'Spain' flower and sweet stall, under the presidency of Mrs. A. P. Burnes, assisted by Misses Gully, Coster, Stallard, Johnston, Sealy, R. Young, Moynihan, and B. Seymour.

Tea Kiosk: Mrs. Redmond and Mrs. S. Trask, assisted by Misses Bunny, Twohill, Flanagan (2), Driscoll (2), Robertson, Sealy, Gribben, Coster, Duff, and Hodson.

As side shows there were a 'Fairy Well,' where Miss Niall was assisted by Miss and Master Clark; an art gallery, in charge of Sergt.-Major Redmond and Mr. Wilfrid Redwood; and a telegraph, in charge of Messrs. E. W. Rudman and N. V. Jones.

Return of the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay

There was a representative gathering of the Catholics of Dunedin in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week for the purpose of welcoming the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, who had returned on the previous day from an extended trip to Europe. His Lordship the Bishop and Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., on behalf of the clergy and people of Dunedin, welcomed Monsignor Mackay, as one of the pioneer priests of Otago and as one who had by the example of his life and his zeal for the beauty of God's house, done much for the advancement of the Church in the diocese during the past thirty years. Monsignor Mackay, after returning thanks for his reception, gave an interesting account of his travels. He referred in brief words to the Pacific paradise of Honolulu, and then entertained the audience with an account of the scenic splendors through which he passed in his journey through 600 miles of the Canadian Rockies. He dwelt particularly upon the magnificent scenery in and around Field, with its twin soaring heights of Mounts Stephen and Donald. The beauties of the fascinating journey, said he, had been described in language of great eloquence in the 'N.Z. Tablet,' and been read by him with the greatest interest. He said the description that had appeared in the 'Tablet' made further reference to the scenic grandeur of those regions unnecessary. He would merely add that the description in the 'Tablet' was by no means overdrawn or exaggerated, but was, if anything, rather under than over the mark. He was specially interested in the magnificent expanses of pastoral and agricultural land in Alberta, Assiniboia, and Manitoba, and with the methods of cultivation in those provinces. On arriving at the Great Lakes he took steamer at Fort William and crossed those great ocean-like waters to Sault Ste. Marie and on to Toronto. From there he paid a visit to the far-famed Falls of Niagara, and then proceeded to Montreal, where one of the first people he met was an old college companion, who had been with him many years ago in St. Sulpice, Paris. The Monsignor dwelt at some length on the magnificence of the churches in Montreal, especially the Cathedral of Notre

Dame. He described Mount Royal, which surmounts the city, as one of the finest points of view that he had seen in his long journey around the world. He next gave a brief description of his journey to New York by the Adirondacks and of his slow and stormy voyage across the Atlantic in the Cunard liner 'Etruria.' On arriving at Queenstown he found the town veiled in a mist of a tropical downpour of rain. From there the Monsignor proceeded to Clonakilty and Killarney, where he was favored with beautiful weather to enjoy the magnificent views of that far-famed resort. Limerick and Roscrea were next visited, the Monsignor making a stay of some hours at the latter place with the Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., formerly of Dunedin, who was conducting a mission there. Monsignor Mackay was in Dublin during the Gordon-Bennett week, much of his time in the old city on the Liffey being spent in dodging the multitude of motor cars from all parts of Europe that went whizzing through the streets at high velocities. From Dublin he went across to Glasgow and was soon among old friends and old scenes in Bonnie Scotland. Lourdes was the next point of interest, and this he described as one of the most beautiful spots he had seen in his journeys through Europe. Then on to Rome by the Riviera, spending seven weeks in the Eternal City. During that time he was industrious in his visits to the thousands of points of interest and attraction in and around the great centre of Christian unity and civilisation. On two occasions he had the advantage of an audience with the Holy Father, the first being at a Consistory at which several new Cardinals were created. Monsignor Mackay caused much amusement by the interesting and witty manner in which he described how during each of these audiences, a succession of favoring circumstances combined to place him beside, or almost beside, the Holy Father. He returned to England and Scotland by Mt. Cenis and Chambery, and after a brief stay in the making of farewell visits, the Monsignor set out on his long journey to Melbourne by the Cape. His remarks were listened to with great interest, and were received at frequent intervals with applause. The reception was organised by the members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, who had also arranged an attractive musical programme, which was greatly enjoyed. Light refreshments were also served during the evening. Monsignor Mackay left for the north on Friday morning, and on the arrival of the express at Oamaru he was met at the station by a representative gathering of his parishioners, from whom he received an enthusiastic reception, one and all being highly delighted at having their popular pastor once more amongst them. From the station Monsignor Mackay was driven in a carriage, drawn by four greys, to his residence, where Mr. O'Grady, in a brief speech, extended to him a cordial welcome on behalf of the Catholics of Oamaru. Monsignor Mackay acknowledged in appropriate terms the cordiality of his welcome both in Oamaru and Dunedin.

Monsignor Mackay will be entertained at a social gathering in Oamaru this (Thursday) evening.

Owing to pressure on our space we have been again obliged to hold over several communications that reached us on Wednesday morning.

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REV. JOHN A. O'CONNELL, S.M.