

for such a comparison than any country in the world. I have never seen any explanation other than that of the influence of religious beliefs which satisfactorily accounts for the enormous difference that exists, province by province and county by county, in respect to illegitimate births, between Catholics and non-Catholics in Ireland.

Accept my grateful thanks for the generous space which you have accorded to me for the discussion of this subject.—Yours, etc.,

Editor 'N.Z. Tablet.'

April 7.

Some further observations on this subject will be found among the 'Current Topics' in this issue.—Ed. ('N.Z.T.')

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 9.

The combined picnic of the St. Joseph's and St. Mary's choirs was held on Monday last and proved a most enjoyable outing.

Mr. A. H. Casey, a former pupil of St. Patrick's College, commenced practice this week in Wellington as a solicitor. Mr. Casey passed his examinations at a very early age, and is now probably the youngest practising solicitor in Wellington.

At St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on Easter Monday, Mr. John Joseph Kelly and Miss Ellen Mary Hogan were joined in the bonds of Matrimony by the Rev. Father Moloney. Miss Mary Kelly, sister of the bridegroom, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. C. Whelan as best man. The 'Wedding March' was played by Miss Kearsley. After the ceremony a large party sat down to breakfast at Godber's, where Mr. Anderson, in a felicitous speech, proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom. The wedding presents were numerous and costly.

The annual meeting of the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Tuesday evening and was attended by nearly forty members, among whom were representatives from various parts of the Colony. The Rector of St. Patrick's, Very Rev. Father Keogh, presided. The report presented by the honorary secretary, Mr. M. Crombie, showed that the Society had of late made great progress. The finances were in a satisfactory condition, the balance sheet showing a credit balance of £14. The rev. chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, referred with pleasure to the progress made during the year, and stated that branches would be formed in the various centres. On Wednesday evening a smoke concert was held under the auspices of the association, and a most pleasant time was spent.

The usual ceremonies for Holy Week were held in the various churches and were all largely attended. Very fine sermons were preached at Wellington South by Rev. Father Ainsworth. On Easter Sunday morning almost the whole of the congregation approached Holy Communion. At St. Joseph's the celebrations were carried out with the assistance of a choir which consisted of 15 boy sopranos and 8 boy altos, 5 tenors and 10 basses. The effects produced by the choir in the responses, and more particularly in the 'Jerusalem,' 'Miserere,' and 'Benedictus,' were very fine and were a revelation to the large congregations that attended throughout the services. Great praise is due to the Rev. Father Kimbell, who trained the boys, and also to the conductor, Mr. W. McLaughlin, who spares no effort to attain success. The Rev. Fathers J. Tynons, Graham, and McDonald preached impressive sermons on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings respectively. The services on Good Friday were carried out with the assistance of the combined choir of ladies, gentlemen, and boys, numbering over eighty voices. On Easter Sunday Solemn Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's by his Grace the Archbishop, who also preached. The Rev. Fathers Moloney and O'Shea officiated as deacon and subdeacon respectively. The choir gave an excellent rendering of Gounod's 'Cathedral Mass.' Webbe's 'Haec Dies' was given as an offertory. Mr. W. McLaughlin ably conducted and Mr. M. J. Ennis presided at the organ. At St. Mary's, Boulcott street, Mass was celebrated on Easter Sunday by Rev. Father McNamara. The music of the Mass given by the new choir, under the baton of Mr. G. D. Cronin, was Gounod's 'Messe Solennelle' (St. Cecilia), the soloists being Misses Sullivan and Segrief (soprano), Messrs M. C. Rowe (tenor), E. D. Dunne and G. D. Cronin (bass). Miss Kearsley was very successful as organist.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 12.

The Very Rev. Dean Foley returned to Christchurch last week and intends visiting the Very Rev. Dean Smyth prior to the latter leaving the Colony on a journey to Europe.

St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, was very tastefully adorned for the Easter festival. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Father O'Dwyer, who also preached. Owing to the recently expressed desire of his Holiness the Pope in regard to church music, Dumont's Mass was sung by the choir on the occasion. Mr. W. H. Corrigan conducted and Mr. G. R. Fleming was at the organ. The Rev. Father Marnane preached at Vespers.

His Lordship the Bishop and Rev. Father Price were at Hanmer last week. Whilst there the Bishop intended giving an illustrated lecture on Venice, in aid of the building fund of the local Catholic church. This lecture, into which many beautiful views are introduced, including one of St. Mark's, was given some years ago by the Bishop in this city. Since then, of course, the accession of his present Holiness the Pope, whose patriarchal city was that of the 'Queen of the Adriatic,' adds greatly to the interest of the event.

In apologising for absence from the valedictory banquet to Lord Ranfurly by the citizens last week, his Lordship Bishop Grimes, in a letter to the Mayor, paid the following tribute to the Governor and Lady Ranfurly:—'Dear Sir,—Unavoidable absence from Christchurch this week prevents my presence at the farewell gathering in honor of his Excellency the Governor. I regret this the more that I should have been glad, had the occasion occurred, to express my real sorrow at the approaching departure of one who has proved himself, not alone the most popular, but one of the most painstaking Governors New Zealand has ever had. No representative of our gracious Sovereign has kept more in touch with all classes of the community. Not to mention any other work in which Lord Ranfurly has shown great interest, the noble work of the Veterans' Home will, I am confident, be a standing memorial of his successful efforts on behalf of the needy and most deserving. The deep knowledge acquired by trying journeys in parts of the Colony hitherto considered almost inaccessible cannot but be of invaluable service to New Zealand when his Excellency takes his place in the councils of our beloved King at Home. The departure of Lady Ranfurly has already left a deep void in the hearts of thousands. So great were the charm of her personality and winning ways that she could not but endear herself to all whose privilege it was to come in contact with her. May I ask you to convey to his Excellency my best wishes for a happy and prosperous voyage, with the renewed expression of my regret at being forced to be absent to-morrow? Wishing the gathering every success.'

Waimate

(From our own correspondent.)

April 11.

At St. Patrick's, Church, Waimate, on Easter Sunday a Missa Cantata was celebrated at eleven o'clock by the Rev. Father O'Connor, who also preached on the Gospel of the Day. The choir, under the baton of Mr. C. J. Goldstone, rendered special music for the occasion. The church was beautifully decorated with wreaths, garlands, foliage, etc., for the occasion, the work being done by the Sisters of St. Joseph, who deserve every praise for the way in which they carried it out. In the evening the Rev. Father Regnault preached on the feast of the day. The church was crowded to the doors on both occasions.

On Thursday the annual outing of the children took place. About 250 children and friends journeyed to Oamaru by the excursion train, and an enjoyable day was spent. The children, who were in charge of the Rev. Fathers Regnault and O'Connor, visited the woollen mills, freezing works, gardens, etc., and all returned home well pleased with their outing.

MAKE NO MISTAKE!—You may fancy a cough is a trivial affair, but unless you take precautions you will find it rapidly develop into something very serious. Take warning, therefore, and at the first symptom of trouble try TUSSICURA, which everyone who has once taken it acknowledges to be the only certain remedy for complaints of the Throat and Lungs. There will be no difficulty in obtaining it, as all Chemists and Storekeepers keep TUSSICURA, and you should insist on having that and nothing else.—***