

His Lordship the Bishop on last Wednesday celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of his consecration as first Bishop of Christchurch.

Dr. Arthur B. O'Brien, son of Mr. M. O'Brien of this city, has been appointed assistant house surgeon at Guy's Hospital, London.

The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., Vicar-General, has gone to the North Island on a few weeks' holiday.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M. (Provincial), accompanied the Vicar-General north last week. They both proceed to Auckland to see the Very Rev. Dean Foley.

His Lordship the Bishop returned to the city during the week. On Sunday last his Lordship made a pastoral visitation to Ashburton. He is next to visit Lyttelton, and afterwards the Leeston parish, where he will re-open the recently enlarged and improved church at Southbridge.

Whilst at the Lyttelton cemetery, and after the funeral ceremonies of the late Sister Mary Anthony (reported elsewhere) all the clergy present assembled at the grave of the late Rev. Father Donovan, a former pastor of the seaport parish, who passed away in 1881, and recited the 'De Profundis.'

Contributions were received at the Cathedral on Sunday by the energetic committee who have in hand the improvement and equipment of the late Pro-Cathedral for the Sisters of the Missions as the girls' parish school. The appeal in aid of the expenses already incurred was liberally responded to.

Intelligence was received in Christchurch last week to the effect that the illness of the Very Rev. Dean Foley had reached that stage when his medical adviser holds out no hope of his recovery. Acting on this advice, the last Sacraments were administered. Later news announced in the Cathedral on Sunday was, however, somewhat re-assuring.

Among recent visitors at the episcopal residence were the Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., on his return from Australia, and the Rev. Father Hills, S.M., Vice-Rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington. Accompanied by his Lordship the Bishop places of interest visited included the girls' parish school, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, which is newly fitted up into convenient class-rooms, and bears evidence of greatly improved conditions.

The building known as St. Aloysius' Hall, has been taken to pieces and transferred to form an addition to Nazareth House, where, on re-erection, it will comfortably accommodate quite a large number of aged men. Notwithstanding several recent additions to this institution, all the available present space is occupied, there being now about forty inmates. Applications are almost daily being received from far and wide for admission, and a permanent structure on the liberal dimensions usually assumed by Nazareth Houses elsewhere must soon occupy the attention of the devoted Sisters. The growth so far of their noble work in this city is truly phenomenal, and they have acquired a great number of sincere friends. Two of the Sisters have recently visited the country districts and latterly Akaroa. They are everywhere well received, and their appeals generously responded to.

The Rev. Father O'Connell at the Cathedral on Sunday had a word to say concerning the local Catholic schools. The lesson conveyed in the day's Gospel, he said, was peculiarly applicable to the subject under review. 'By their fruits ye shall know them,' and the results attained in the recent examination, the eminently favorable comments, and generally satisfactory progress in matters of education referred to by the Inspector in his reports, from which he (the rev. preacher) quoted extracts, were indeed most gratifying. His principal reasons for placing these facts before them was to re-assure those malcontents—some of whom formed part of every congregation who do least and criticise most—that their fears in regard to their children receiving a thorough sound education in our schools were absolutely groundless. Results attested that our children were not only receiving a splendid secular education but were at the same time receiving those moral and religious lessons, which would stand by them for all time. Although perhaps not immediately manifest, the time would inevitably come in after life when the moral and religious training would be severely tested; it would be then, that the great boon, now so lightly thought of and scarcely appreciated, would be estimated at its full value. For these sentiments he had the authority of the late revered Bishop Moran, the greatest advocate and most strenuous defender of Catholic education we have had in this Colony.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

July 27.

Rev. Father Furlong left for Gisborne last Tuesday to settle up his affairs there, and will return shortly to his parish of Devonport.

Arrangements for a social in aid of the Surry Hills convent are in hand. The Sisters of St. Joseph deserve every assistance.

The purchase of Gladstone Hall and adjoining ground at Birkenhead has been completed by his Lordship the Bishop. It is intended for school purposes.

Next Monday evening the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society will celebrate its 32nd anniversary in the Hibernian Hall by a social gathering.

The committee of St. Benedict's bazaar is hard at work. A young lady from Wellington has been engaged to coach the young girls who are to take part in the various dances and marches.

A collection in aid of the fund for aged and infirm priests was taken up last Sunday. The Bishop spoke strongly in its favor at 11 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

His Lordship the Bishop has made the following changes:—Rev. Father Meagher goes from Devonport to take charge of Puhol, Rev. Father Furlong from Gisborne to take charge of Devonport, and Rev. Father Duffey goes to Gisborne in place of Rev. Father Furlong.

Rev. Father McMillan has been appointed chaplain to St. Ibar's branch (Newton) of the H.A.C.B. Society. Last Monday evening some of the district officers attended and urged all to work hard to make the branch what it should be, one of the foremost in New Zealand.

The net result of the Avondale bazaar amounted to £125, a very creditable return indeed. Too much praise cannot be given to the committee of ladies and gentlemen who by their zeal and enthusiasm brought this about. It is to be hoped that they will all be rewarded for their work by seeing in their midst very soon a much-needed church.

The following sympathetic notice on the death of Dr. Kevin Izod O'Doherty appeared in the 'Auckland Star' on Saturday, July 22:—Dr. O'Doherty was born in Dublin in June, 1824. He received a good liberal education, and even in his school days evidenced exceptional abilities. He decided for the medical profession, and was in the midst of lectures and hospital attendances when, in the year 1848, one of those periodical upheavings took place in Ireland, into which young O'Doherty was drawn. In the ranks of the Young Ireland Party, which included Mitchell, Martin, John Blake Dillon (father of the present John Dillon), Davis, C. G. Duffy (afterwards Sir Charles Gavan Duffy), O'Doherty became an enthusiastic worker. When Mitchell was convicted O'Doherty was amongst those who controlled the newspaper the 'United Irishman.' He subsequently established the 'Irish Tribune,' the first number appearing on June 10, 1848. On July 10th following the authorities had O'Doherty under lock and key in Newgate prison, and had suppressed his paper. On August 10, 1848, O'Doherty was tried in Green street Courthouse on a charge of treason-felony. At this and the subsequent trial the juries disagreed, but at the third trial the Crown succeeded, and O'Doherty was exiled to Van Diemen's Land. In the course of time he was given his liberty conditionally upon residing anywhere out of the United Kingdom. He went to Paris and there finished his medical course. He paid a secret visit to Ireland, and married his early love, 'Eva,' the patriotic poetess of the 'Nation.' In 1856 his pardon was made unconditional, and in the next year he returned to Ireland, where he took out his medical degrees with great eclat. He practised his profession, and attained to its front rank. 'Dearly, however, as he loved Ireland, the land of the Southern Cross had for him an irresistible charm, and in a few years he was back again in Australia. Like Duffy in Victoria, he served well the cause of his adopted country, and gave it ungrudgingly those talents which a democracy welcomed, and treasured and honored.

There's the sneezy cold, the wheezy cold,

The tickler in the glottis;

The chilly cold, the killy cold,

The cold that burning hot is;

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