

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Mass until Vespers, adoration by the children at 3 o'clock and by the congregation generally throughout the afternoon.

In the evening there were Pontifical Vespers. His Lordship the Bishop officiated, attended by the Rev. Fathers Mahony and Hoare, the Very Rev. Vicar-General being assistant priest. The preacher was the Rev. Father Hickson, who, from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, v., 1., delivered a discourse appropriate to the day's solemnities. After the usual procession Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by the Rev. Father Hoare, attended by the Rev. Fathers Lezer and Mahony.

The Rev. Father Hoare celebrated his first Mass in the Cathedral this (Monday) morning.

## NEW BOOKS

One of the very best books of religious instruction that we know of is Father de Zulueta's recently published 'Letters on Christian Doctrine.' The letters were originally penned for seamen, and appeared in a supplement to the English 'Messenger of the Sacred Heart.' The gratifying success of the earlier letters of the series led to their being remodelled and rewritten, so that they, and those that followed, were adapted to the needs of a wider and more miscellaneous audience. The instructions cover the whole ground of the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church. Useful appendices are added on the grace of the Sacraments, the age of exemption from fasting for women, and the New Testament and divorce. The instructions are full, luminously clear, eminently practical, and written in an interesting and attractive style. We commend in a special way the author's treatment of the superstitions of our time, and strongly recommend the work to our clergy, our educational institutions, and the faithful generally as an admirable book of instructions on the Commandments of God and of the Church. In regard to paper, type, binding, marginal headings, index, etc., the publishers have done their part of the work in a manner that leaves nothing to be desired. (R. and T. Washbourne, 4 Paternoster Row, London, and all book-sellers. Pp. viii.—414, demy 8vo.; cloth, 2s 6d nett).

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## WEDDING BELLS

SCULLY—ALLAN.

A very pretty wedding (writes a correspondent) took place at St. Mary's Church, Invercargill, on Tuesday, November 28, the contracting parties being Mr. Patrick Joseph Scully, third son of Mr. Michael Scully, Georgetown, Invercargill, and Miss Nelly Jane Allan, eldest daughter of Mr. William Allan, Clyde. As the wedding party entered the church the 'Bridal March' was played by Miss Hishon. The bridesmaid was Miss Allan, sister of the bride, while Mr. Martin Scully, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, at which a very large number of relatives and friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Scully left by the afternoon express for Dunedin. The presents were numerous and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Scully's future home will be Georgetown, Invercargill.

## NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

Potatoes were sold at from 20s to 25s a sack in Ashburton on Saturday. The supply was limited.

Friday last was the anniversary of the opening, in 1863, of the first railway in New Zealand, the Ferry-mead branch of the Christchurch-Lyttelton line.

'Some foremen in big quarries,' said Mr. J. A. Valentine, at a meeting of the Teachers' Institute in Timaru on Saturday, 'receive higher pay than any primary school teacher in South Canterbury.'

It is not often a lady is appointed a judge of horses at an agricultural show, but at Courtney Show, in Canterbury, the other day, Miss Button had the honor of being one of the horse judges.

On August 1 there were half a million dairy cows in New Zealand, and 1200 dairy establishments of all descriptions. Of the latter 84 were cheese factories, 214 butter factories, 448 skimming stations, 403 private butter factories, 70 private cheese factories, and 195 packing houses.

A disastrous fire occurred on Friday night in the Woolston tannery, near Christchurch, owned by Messrs. Bowron Brothers. Out of all the buildings, covering six acres, the only portion not absolutely gutted was the carriers' shed, which was itself badly damaged by fire. A great stock of leather and hides and most of the machinery were destroyed, and Messrs. Bowron Brothers state that the insurances, which are close on £30,000, will certainly not cover the losses. Fully 150 men were employed at the tannery, and as the busy season was just commencing, the loss to the wage-earners will be serious. The fire is supposed to have started in the vicinity of the boiler-house, but the cause of the outbreak is a mystery. The chemical engine and steamer and the railway steamer were soon on the spot, but all chance of saving the building was hopeless from the start.

The egg grading by the Government Expert (Mr. Burke) at the Taieri and Peninsula Milk Depot has this season been prolonged far beyond the anticipated time—viz., the end of October—and promises to continue for a fortnight or so yet (says the 'Otago Daily Times'). Against 15,210 dozen eggs stored last year there are already in the cool stores this season over 1000 cases of 25 dozen each—i.e., more than 300,000 eggs—every one of which, not to speak of those found for various reasons unsuitable for storage, has passed through Mr. Burke's own hands. In addition to the above, the grader has graded a large number of eggs for purchasers willing to pay 1d per dozen extra for graded eggs for immediate consumption or for preserving in waterglass, lime, etc. This last-mentioned practice, which is growing without municipal or Government regulations, points the readiness with which people are prepared to avail themselves of any means whereby guarantee of purity may be secured. Before long consumers, in addition to the stamp mark of the abattoirs upon meat and the grader's certificate with eggs, may come to look for similar guarantees as regards poultry, rabbits, and fish.

The Maoris in many parts of the North Island are in a bad way as regards food owing to the failure of the potato crop. The Rev. Father Maillard, Jerusalem, writes as follows to the Wanganui 'Herald,' regarding the condition of the natives in that district: 'As the New Zealand people seem very charitably disposed towards the Japs., I wonder if the Maoris could not share their generosity? All along the river the natives are on one meal a day, even the little children of 9 and 10, and judging by the present state of affairs they will soon be reduced to less, for the early potatoes are blighted and they have no seed left to try a late crop. So without going to Japan, we have urgent need in our own midst, and we should not forget that 'charity begins at home,' and surely the Maoris have more right to our charitable aid than the Japs. So I would suggest that a liberal supply of potato seeds should be sent to the natives, to let them try a late crop and brighten their future.' Mr. Hatrick, writing to the same paper, bears out Father Maillard's statement as to the serious straits to which many of the natives are reduced, and in conclusion says:—'Any food, such as tea, flour, sugar, potatoes, rice, cabin bread, etc., etc., sent to me I will forward free of cost to the schoolmaster at Pipiriki, and to Father Maillard, at Jerusalem. Mr. Gibson, schoolmaster at Pipiriki, assured me that many children were attending school without food, save such as I have mentioned, and Father Maillard writes you that little children are practically foodless. I hope, sir, you will bring this matter promptly and prominently before the public.'

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