

pose of the insinuation. Twice in 1893 the members of the Centre voted against the Government's proposals, refusing to accept them even in a modified form. As a matter of fact, then, the little plan to gain support for Count Caprivi's military scheme miscarried. Neither Leo XIII. nor the Centre leaders in 1893 were men who would compromise their independence, and from the profound respect which the German Emperor always displayed towards the Pontiff it is clear that he knew him to be guided in his public policy as well as in his private life by the highest and purest motives.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Rev. Dr. Kavanagh from the Diocese of Maitland arrived in Dunedin last week to take up professorial duties in Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

The Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R., who conducted the retreat of the clergy at Holy Cross College, left for the north on Friday.

The name of Miss Aileen O'Donnell, Maheno, pupil of Rosary Convent, Oamaru, appeared on the credit list of the recent Junior Civil Service examinations.

The Right Rev. Dr. Reville, Bishop of Sandhurst, arrived in Dunedin from the north on Friday evening. During his stay in Dunedin his Lordship was the guest of the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon. Bishop Reville preached in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening, and left for Melbourne via the Bluff by the first express on Monday.

The Catholic schools picnic took place on Tuesday, when between 1100 and 1200 children and adults were conveyed to Waihola by a special train consisting of 16 carriages. His Lordship the Bishop was present during the day, as were also Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and Rev. Fathers Howard, Delany, Ahern, Corcoran, and Liston. The day was beautifully fine, and everything passed off successfully until about three o'clock, when a sad drowning fatality occurred, which cast a gloom over the assemblage.

A meeting was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the usual St. Patrick's Day entertainment. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a representative attendance. All present formed themselves into a general committee, with the Rev. Father Coffey as hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. P. Rodgers as hon. secretary, to forward the necessary arrangements. It was decided to hold the entertainment on Monday, March 18. A sub-committee was appointed to draw up a programme, and secure the services of those willing to contribute items on the occasion.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT

WELLINGTON

The following are the Regulations for Lent, which we make in virtue of special faculties received from the Holy See:—

1st.—We grant permission for the use of flesh meat, at dinner only, on all Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and also on all Saturdays except one; that is the second Saturday during Lent, and Monday in Holy Week.

2nd.—Lard and dripping may be used after the manner of butter, at dinner, on days of Fast and Abstinence during Lent, and also throughout the year, with the exception of the first and last Wednesdays of Lent and Good Friday.

3rd.—White meats—such as butter, milk, cheese—are allowed on all days at dinner and collation, with the exception of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Milk is not allowed in tea, coffee, or other beverage on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Eggs are allowed on all days, at dinner, except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

4th.—For those who, though not bound to fast, are bound to abstain, the kinds of food which are allowed at their chief meal to those who are bound to fast, are allowed at all times to those who are not so bound.

5th.—Fish and flesh are not allowed at the same meal during Lent.

There is neither fast nor abstinence on Sunday in Lent.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. has caused St. Patrick's Day to be no longer a fast day in Australasia, or a day of abstinence, unless it happens to fall on a Friday or during the Quatuor Tense.

All who have completed their 21st year are bound to fast and abstain—unless excused by the state of their health or the nature of their employment—according to the regulations stated above; and all who have arrived at the use of reason, though not bound to fast before the completion of their 21st year, are nevertheless bound to abstain from the use of flesh meats on the days appointed—unless exempted for a legitimate cause, of which the respective pastors are the judges.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Communion within Easter time, which, in this diocese, commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Octave of Saints Peter and Paul.

The collection for the Holy Father will take place on Good Friday.

The collection for the Seminary Fund will be held on Whit Sunday, or on the Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The collection for St. Mary's Orphanage, Stoke, and for the Holy Places in Palestine ($\frac{1}{2}$ of collection for the former object and $\frac{1}{4}$ for the latter) will take place on the first Sunday in October, or on Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The clergy are requested to read these Regulations from the several altars as soon as possible, and to cause a copy of them to be placed in a conspicuous place in their respective churches and chapels.

✠ FRANCIS,

Archbishop of Wellington.

Wellington, February 3, 1907.

DUNEDIN

Whilst the law of the Lenten Fast remains in full vigor, the following regulations are made in virtue of powers received from the Apostolic See and by special indulgent granted to all the Bishops of New Zealand on the 15th March, 1898, for ten years:—

1. Flesh meat is allowed at dinner on all days in Lent, except Wednesdays and Fridays, the Saturday in Ember Week, and the Monday in Holy Week.

2. On fasting days a little refectio is allowed in the morning and a collation in the evening, at which (except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) butter, cheese, and milk in moderation may be used.

3. Eggs may be used at dinner on all days except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

4. Lard and dripping may be used as a condiment instead of butter on all days except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

5. Fish and flesh meat cannot be used at the same meal during Lent.

6. Persons who are not bound to fast may take at all meals the kinds of food that are allowed at the chief meal.

7. There is neither fast nor abstinence on St. Patrick's Day (17th March).

8. We hereby authorise confessors, and priests having care of souls, to grant to the faithful such further dispensations as may be deemed necessary according to the circumstances of each case.

9. Persons not twenty-one years old, as well as those advanced in old age, and all persons who are unable to fast on account of sickness or hard labor, etc., are exempted from the general obligation of fasting.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Holy Communion within Easter time, which in this diocese commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on the octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

A collection for the Seminary Fund will be made on the second Sunday in Lent in every church where a priest officiates, and in all other churches on some Sunday during Lent. The faithful are earnestly solicited to contribute generously to this fund.

The collection for the Pope will be made in each church on some Sunday before the end of September next, and for the Aborigines and Holy Places on some convenient day.

✠ MICHAEL VERDON,

Bishop of Dunedin.

Dunedin, February 2, 1907.