

(where this was possible) fairly fast. On arrival at the Whangape River, the Maori launch party was found to have kept its tryst to the minute—another proof that the Native can, on occasion, be taught the virtue of punctuality. The Bishop and Fathers Bruning and Zangerl bade farewell to their Maori cavaliers, and set out in the launch for a trip of an hour and a-half to the Awaroa bridge, seven miles from Herekino. 'Six miracles of Native punctuality,' the Bishop remarked, 'have occurred to-day. It is hardly reasonable to expect the seventh.' In point of fact, the seventh event did not come off. Three Native families beyond Herekino had pledged themselves to meet the Bishop's party at 4.30 p.m., at the Awaroa bridge with pack and riding horses. They did not appear, so the little party arranged with a white contractor to pack their belongings to Herekino. Father Zangerl took charge of the operation, while the Bishop and Father Bruning set out, at a strong pace, to walk the seven miles of dusty clay road to Herekino. When near the latter place, the lagging Native mounts appeared. They were sent back to release the *pakeha's* (white man's) borrowed ponies. The Bishop and Father Bruning finished their dusty walk to Gartner's boarding-house at Herekino. A visit by the Bishop to the three Natives' houses (three miles north of Herekino) had been arranged on the understanding that the party was to have been met at the appointed time at the Awaroa bridge. In the circumstances, the episcopal visit did not take place. Instead, Father Zangerl was deputed to minister to the three families concerned. Next morning representatives of the Natives came to Herekino; there were many expressions of regret and affection on their part. The Bishop replied in suitable terms, explaining the necessity of punctuality in a series of engagements so interwoven that failure in one affected the remainder of the series. Expressions of cordial affection by his Lordship, and a promise to visit them on his next trip, provided they adhered to arrangements, left the deputation very happy. Some of them afterwards accompanied the Bishop a part of the way in his motor car, which had been 'stabled' in an open paddock adjoining Gartner's boarding house during the episcopal visit to the west coast settlements and the Hokianga.

A great quantity of sand and dirt was cleared off and out of the car, and the driving mechanism of the big Cadillac was in perfect order, despite the rough experiences through which it had gone in its long journeys over sand and swamp and through scrub and ti-tree.

The End.

Still accompanied by Father Bruning, the Bishop's course, on February 10, lay through Kataia, the Victoria and Peria valleys, and Mangonui, to Waitaruke. There the two travellers met with a warm welcome from the Natives at Father Bruning's home. Next day the two set out for Kawakawa. On their way they called to Mr. Swan's, at Kaeo, where the Bishop, by request, delivered a short and stirring address to a number of young men who were leaving for the Trentham Camp. The Bishop celebrated Mass and administered Confirmation at Kawakawa on February 11, and there bade good-bye to his genial travelling companion, Father Bruning. Accompanied by Father McDonald, the Bishop motored the same day to Whangarei, stopping at Hikurangi on the way. Confirmation was administered at Whangarei, and visitation made, on Sunday, February 14. In the afternoon of the same day members of local public bodies and a considerable concourse of people of various faiths gathered in the convent grounds to meet and greet the Bishop. The 'record' motor trip to the 'roadless North' was, throughout, the chief topic of conversation, and the Bishop's car was inspected by many motorists and others. On Tuesday, February 16, his Lordship left Whangarei, alone, for Onerahi, where he placed the car on board the steamer Manaia. This was done in order to avoid some miles of freshly-laid metal on the road from Whangarei to Auckland. On the same evening the Bishop reached Auckland. And thus ended the most

remarkable trip ever made by a motor car in New Zealand.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 8.

Rev. Father S. Mahony, of Wanganui, and Rev. Father Edge, of Auckland, were in Timaru during the week.

On Sunday, at the early Masses, the women of the Sacred Heart Society made their monthly Communion. At 11 o'clock there was a *Missa Cantata*, sung by Rev. Father Mahony, after which there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the evening devotions, when the usual procession, in which the various sodalities of the parish were largely represented, took place.

Great interest is being taken in the concert which is to be held on the evening of St. Patrick's Day. The programme, which is now almost completed, is a varied and high-class one, and promises to excel any that has been presented on similar occasions in Timaru. Besides singers from Christchurch and Dunedin, the children of both schools are to contribute items, consisting of songs, drills, and Irish dances in costume.

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