

ferred. He will be greatly missed here, for during his stay in our midst he has made a host of friends, non-Catholic as well as Catholic. In the parish itself he proved himself a splendid organiser, as the results of the many works in which he was interested amply testify. He was much interested in Hibernian matters, and the branches here and at Timaru (where he recently gave a most successful mission) are greatly indebted to him for the stimulus given by him. By his efforts the roll of the local branch was doubled. Outside of Church matters the recruiting committee will feel his loss, for on all occasions and at all patriotic gatherings Father Ainsworth always succeeded in raising by his splendid addresses the enthusiasm of the audiences. Farewell sermons were preached yesterday at the two Masses at Pleasant Point; and at the evening devotions in St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, when very large congregations were present. Immediately after Benediction Father Ainsworth thanked the congregation and parishioners for the way they had treated him during his stay here. He paid a special tribute to the parish priest (Rev. Father Kerley). He also had a few words of praise for the Hibernians, and wished them continued success. The whole parish, while congratulating Napier on its great gain, regret that its gain is such a loss to this parish. Owing to the very short notice received, it has been impossible for the parishioners to show their esteem for him before his departure, nevertheless they trust his efforts in his new home will be crowned with success.

THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

VISITS TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The duration of his Excellency's stay in this city was crowded with appointments. On last Monday morning the Apostolic Delegate (accompanied by his secretary, Rev. Dr. Ormond) celebrated Mass in the chapel of the Marist Brothers' Monastery. During the morning his Excellency, accompanied by Bishop Brodie and other prelates and priests, visited the convent of the Sisters of the Missions in Lower High street, and the Sacred Heart College, where he was presented with an address, beautifully bound in suede, and a large floral joy bell, carried by two little girls dressed as angels. Afterwards the children gave a short musical programme, which greatly pleased his Excellency, who acknowledged his reception in a few kindly words, and praised the work of the school. Afterwards the visitors dined at the convent.

On Tuesday morning his Excellency visited St. Mary's Convent and School of the Sisters of Mercy in Colombo street, where a pretty entertainment was given, and a streamer over the Collegiate School building proclaimed a 'welcome to Maoriland.' Later his Excellency visited Mount Magdala, accompanied by his Lordship Bishop Brodie and a large party of visiting priests. On arrival the party was met by the children from all classes, who lined the avenue and gave hearty cheers as the visitors drove in. The entrance was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The party was received in the main corridor by the Sisters in charge, and proceeded to the chapel, where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given. Afterwards a number of children gave tableaux and musical items, and the party was entertained at luncheon. His Excellency in a speech of thanks for the welcome, expressed himself as most impressed with the organisation at Mount Magdala, and paid a high tribute to the work being done by the Sisters.

On Wednesday morning a visit was made to the Marist Brothers' School, where the boys lustily cheered the distinguished visitors, and afterwards gave a bright entertainment for which they were warmly complimented.

With a thoughtfulness that was exceedingly ap-

preciated, his Excellency next paid a visit to Mr. W. Hayward, sen., on Cashmere Hills, who is very seriously ill.

Nazareth House was next visited, where his Excellency gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and was entertained by the Sisters of Nazareth and children.

He subsequently dined at St. Mary's presbytery, Manchester street, as the guest of the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., and Marist Fathers, and left by the 5.20 p.m. train for Lyttelton, boarding the ferry steamer for Wellington. His Excellency was accompanied to the port by his Lordship Bishop Brodie, and a number of prelates, the latter going on by the same steamer.

His Excellency expressed his delight at his visit to Christchurch, and amazement at the advance made by the diocese.

The many magnificent institutions greatly impressed him, and he takes away the pleasantest possible recollections of his tour in New Zealand.

A CATHOLIC WEEK.

Just as Saturday, February 26, which will be ever memorable because of the arrival in our city of his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate on his first official visit, was essentially a Catholic day, so the ensuing week may be justly regarded as a Catholic week. Catholic clergy in their numbers were to be seen viewing the sights of the city, and seemed almost as numerous as the khaki-clad fighting men with whose appearance we have become so familiar.

The daily newspapers have well earned our most sincere appreciation for the able and liberal manner in which they have kept the constantly succeeding events well in the forefront, devoting columns and columns of space to the chronicling of every detail. Our many distinguished visitors have been most favorably impressed with the liberality displayed in this regard by the newspaper press of this city, and are amazed beyond measure at the generosity exhibited, especially in these strenuous times with the amount of matter to be dealt with in so many connections.

The kindness extended by the citizens generally too, and the deep interest manifested in all our doings have all likewise tended to add great pleasure to the stay of so many visitors to our midst, and enabled them to carry away happy recollections of their all too brief sojourn in Christchurch.

On our own part, so much having to be recorded in a short space of time, and the most important features having of necessity to receive first consideration, many minor details were excluded from our last week's report.

To enumerate a few of these it may be stated that the reception to his Excellency was most cordial and enthusiastic, vociferous cheers greeting him on stepping from the train, on his appearance in front of the station, and along the entire route. At night the grounds of the Cathedral and episcopal residence were electrically illuminated, many pretty designs being effectively worked out with white and gold bulbs (the Papal colors), this phase of the decorations being carried out by Mr. A. Wedderspoon. The decorated archways were supervised in their erection and adornment by Messrs. T. Cahill and P. A. O'Connell, under the direction of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. A fine Papal ensign was hung near the entrance to the episcopal residence, whilst on the day of arrival the Irish national flag was flown from the Hibernian Hall, and the New Zealand ensign from the Marist Brothers' School. The Papal colors were everywhere in evidence, and at every function attended by his Excellency, probably the most prominent display being that at the Theatre Royal.

For the consecration ceremony on Sunday large numbers of chairs were obtained and placed in the galleries, aisles, and, indeed, in every vacant space in the Cathedral, and all were soon occupied, so dense