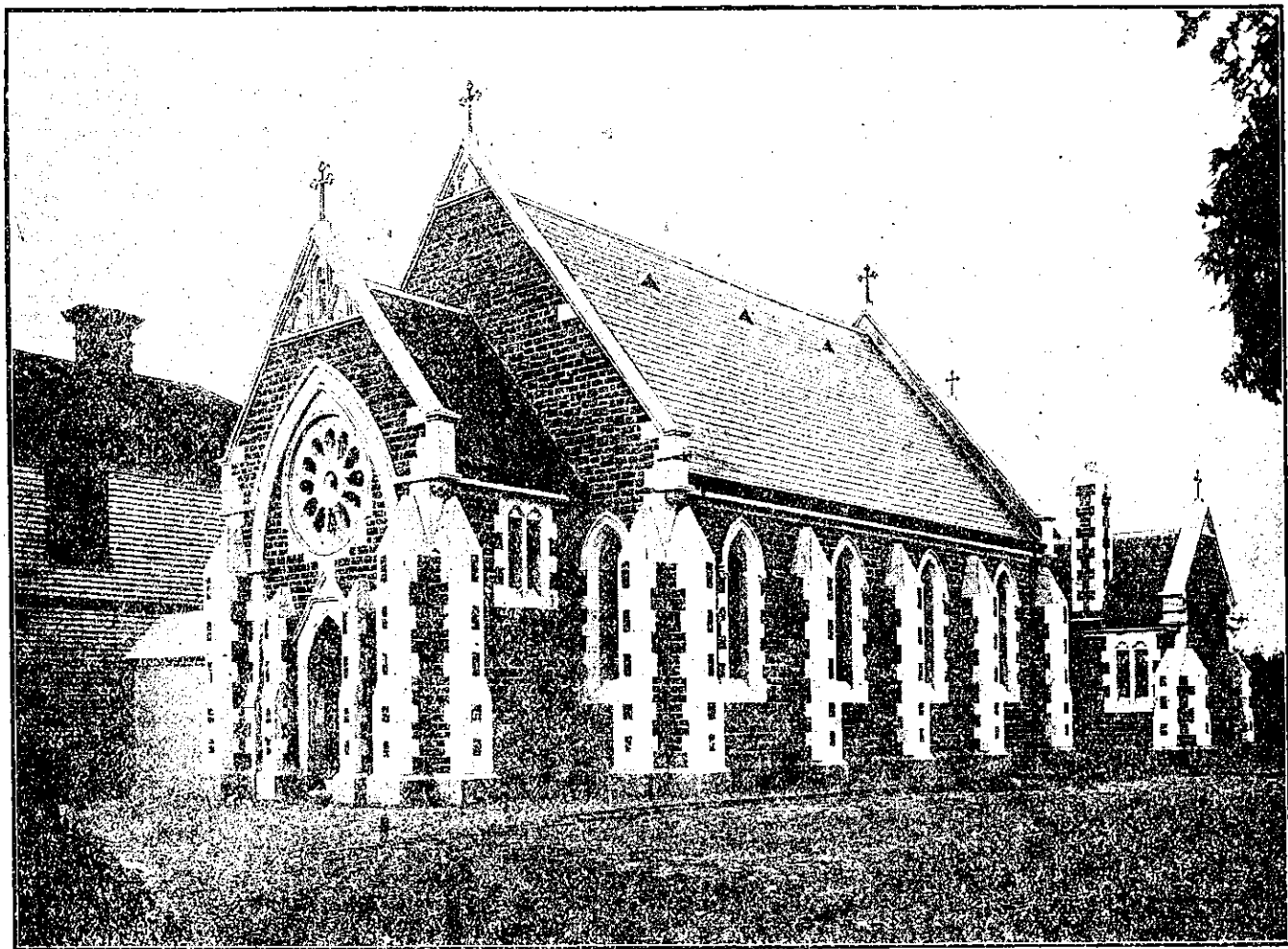


In honor of one of his feast days, that of St. Joseph, his Lordship the Bishop was entertained on last Thursday by the Sisters of Mercy and pupils of St. Mary's Convent, Colombo street, the occasion being also availed of to make a suitable presentation to his Lordship. Among the clergy present were the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, the Rev. Fathers Creagh, C.S.S.R., Lynch, C.S.S.R., Whelan, C.S.S.R., Daull, S.M.A., Hoare, S.M., Graham, S.M., Quinn, S.M., Dignan, S.M., McDonnell, and Hanrahan. A fair gathering of the laity attended an enjoyable concert in St. Mary's Hall, at which his Lordship the Bishop sincerely thanked the Sisters and pupils for their very valued gift and the thoughtfulness which thus prompted them in arranging so pleasing a function in his honor. He warmly complimented the Sisters and pupils on the excellence of the programme and perfection in its performance. The following was the programme:—'Many happy returns,' pupils; address, Miss M. Hayward; pianoforte duet, Misses V. Wilson, M. Young, L. Sunley, and Master H. Moody; floral drill, pupils; violin solo, Miss I. Burrows; pianoforte duet, Misses J. Donnelly, H. Ryan, M. Simpson, and A. McDavitt; recitation, Miss F. Storey; pianoforte duet, Misses E. Grant, F. Storey, F. McDonald, and M. C. Goggin; chorus, pupils.

E. O'Connor represented the Catholic body at the funeral, and his Lordship wrote a letter of condolence to the family on their bereavement. At the conclusion of the mission sermon in the Cathedral last evening, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., addressing the immense congregation, made reference to the late Mr. George Hart. 'A few days ago,' he said, 'we learnt with sincere regret of the sudden death of one of our oldest residents and most eminent journalists. I refer to the late Mr. George Hart. Although not a Catholic himself, the late Mr. Hart was identified with every Catholic work in the city, notably with the flourishing institution now known as Nazareth House. His connection with the Church, however, dates from the earliest days of the province, when he was the friend and counsellor of the pioneer priests. In the name of his Lordship Bishop Grimes, the priests and Catholic laity of Christchurch, I take this opportunity of returning thanks to the family of the deceased for the practical sympathy and interest which Mr. Hart took in all Catholic matters during his long and distinguished career. A genial and familiar personality has now been taken from us; the great Gulf has now been passed, and we shall never meet the well-known figure again until we meet before the judgment seat of God. Whilst the sense of his passing



#### NEW CHAPEL OF THE CONVENT OF MERCY, COLOMBO STREET, CHRISTCHURCH

which was recently dedicated by his Lordship Bishop Grimes. The Chapel, which is of blue stone with white stone facings, was designed and erected by Messrs. Luttrell Brothers.

Widespread sorrow is felt at the death of Mr. George R. Hart, the well-known journalist of this city, which occurred very suddenly on last Wednesday. The late Mr. Hart proved himself a staunch friend of the Catholic community, and was ever foremost in promoting or helping in any movement in the interests of the Church or its charitable institutions. He was most intimately associated with the work in connection with Nazareth House in its establishment in this city, and probably the warmest and most sincere non-Catholic friend possessed by the Sisters of Nazareth, who greatly deplore his loss. Even before their advent to New Zealand, the late Mr. Hart associated himself with the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee, which ten years ago was formed by his Lordship the Bishop to promote an annual entertainment in their interests; first to secure a temporary home, and later to aid the funds of the community generally. The recent concert on St. Patrick's night was the last public function the late Mr. Hart was associated with, and which he attended with all his wonted energy and geniality. The late Mr. Hart reported in the columns of the *Press* most of the great events connected with the Church in this city, and met and enjoyed the friendship of very many Catholic dignitaries. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and Mr.

is strong upon us let us supplicate Almighty God that as He led him safely through life until he stood on the brink of the grave He may lead him yet further into realms of eternal peace and happiness.' At the conclusion of devotions, the organist (Mr. Alfred Bunz) played the 'Dead March' from 'Saul.'

#### Meance

(From an occasional correspondent.)

By the last English mail, Elsie McElwee, Annie Lawton, Agnes Dooney, and Daniel O'Sullivan, pupils of the Convent School, Meance, received shorthand certificates from Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, London.

The following six members have the longest record of continuous membership in the present Parliament: Mr. Chamberlain, elected 1876; Mr. Burt (the present Father of the House), elected 1874; Mr. Akers-Douglas, elected 1880; Mr. Stuart Wortley, elected 1880; Mr. T. P. O'Connor, elected 1880; and Mr. William Redmond, elected 1883.