

who should be the first to support and encourage it. In this age of liberty and enlightenment it would be an extraordinary thing if any members were not to have an organisation such as the Catholics had in the Hibernian Society. In Ireland the society was working side by side with the national political organisation, the United Irish League. These two great organisations were working hand in hand, helping on the great political movement which had for its object the realisation of the aspirations of the Irish people. He was glad to recognise that here, no less than in Ireland, the society was doing its best to show its sympathy with the movement and with their mission to New Zealand to appeal for funds for the cause and the Irish Party. During his own two months' experience in New Zealand he had very often found that it was not the Irish-born people but those who were the sons of Irish-born people and had never seen the Old Country at all, who were most energetic and most enthusiastic in their support of the cause of Ireland. He hoped that many of them who had never been in Ireland would avail themselves of the opportunity which he believed would in the course of the next few years be given to them to go home to Ireland to join with the people there in the national celebrations on the occasion of the opening of the Irish Parliament. It had been said to him that it would be a splendid idea for the society in New Zealand to organise a great pilgrimage of people to Ireland for the opening of their Parliament. He hoped and believed this suggestion would materialise in the course of the comparatively short time, and that on

Hazleton, M.P., had come to explain the position in regard to a matter which was of great importance in the Old Country and was of a certain amount of importance to us in New Zealand—i.e., the question of Home Rule. It had been said that we had it here, and that therefore Ireland should have it. Here we were so far from the centre that we could not give an opinion on that until we had heard the evidence on both sides. We had already heard the evidence on one side. Mr. Hazleton had come to give us the evidence on the other side, and he (the Mayor) was certain that Mr. Hazleton would put it fairly and squarely before us. We in New Zealand were an intensely loyal people, and he could not help saying that he was exceedingly sorry to notice that when his Majesty the King intimated his intention of going to Ireland he was not to be accorded a reception in Dublin. That was a tactical error, and such things injured the Irish cause more perhaps than crimes. He hoped that this had not been an expression of the wish of the Irish people as a whole. He himself was half an Irishman, and he had lived for very many years among Irish people, and he had never met a more polite or a more kindly people. He concluded by again expressing pleasure at Mr. Hazleton's presence, adding that as a community we loved the truth, and were always glad of an opportunity of hearing it.

Mr. Hazleton expressed his sincere thanks for the welcome accorded him, and thanked his Worship, as the chief citizen of Dunedin, for the kind words he had spoken in regard to the work and mission of himself and his con-



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the occasion of their national celebrations in Dublin they would see a very large representation of their friends from the Emerald Isle of the Southern Ocean. He again thanked the society for its welcome and wished it every success and every prosperity in its future career.

During the evening the following contributed to the musical programme:—Mrs. Power, Misses Callan and Heffernan, Mr. T. J. Hussey, Messrs. Fogarty (4), and St. Joseph's Glee Club. The programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. At the close of the proceedings a liberal supply of light refreshments were handed round by a number of young ladies.

On Sunday his Lordship the Bishop entertained Mr. Hazleton to dinner at the Palace, among the other guests being the Mayor of Dunedin (Mr. W. Burnett), Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C., and representatives of the laity.

THE CIVIC RECEPTION.

On Monday forenoon Mr. Hazleton was accorded a civic reception in the City Council Chambers. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. W. Burnett) presided, having on his right Sir James Carroll (Acting-Premier) and Mr. Hazleton. Among the others present were the Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C., Hon. J. T. Paul, M.L.C., Mr. Arnold, M.P., several City Councillors, Rev. Fathers Coffey and Corcoran, Dr. O'Neill, Messrs. C. A. Shiel, A. R. Barclay, J. B. Callan, jun., J. J. Connor, J. O'Neill, F. Armstrong, and J. A. Scott.

The Mayor said they had met that morning to accord a welcome to a distinguished visitor from Ireland, Mr.

Freres. It was indeed gratifying to experience the kindnesses extended to them since their arrival in the Dominion by people of every shade of political opinion and of religious belief. The welcome given him in Dunedin this morning was only one more example of what had been extended to him and his friends in all the cities they had visited in New Zealand. The Mayor had expressed the position very fairly in saying that New Zealanders were ready to give them a fair and impartial hearing. A fair and impartial hearing was all that the people of Ireland asked for on the Irish question. There had been a very considerable amount of misunderstanding and misrepresentation in regard both to the situation in Ireland and the demands of the Irish people for self-government. He regretted to say that one of the sources of that misrepresentation, in this country particularly, had been the cable service, from both England and Ireland, which had not been at all as fair or impartial to Ireland or to their movement as justice demanded. Since coming here two months ago he had had this forced upon his mind. It was only matters unfavorable to Ireland—trivial, small instances, to which no importance was attached by either the people of Ireland or of the United Kingdom—that were cabled over as if they were of great importance. In general, anything that told against Ireland or the Irish movement was given prominence in the cable service; whereas contradictions of false reports or matters of that kind were not cabled out here, or placed before the people of this country. But in contradistinction to that, he must acknowledge the debt they owed to the press of this country for the splen-

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