

our Dominion without being reminded of his late revered Majesty, Edward VII., from whom your Excellency received your appointment to New Zealand. Your Excellency is therefore a happy link between the reign of our present Sovereign and that of his illustrious predecessor. We sincerely hope that your Excellency will be favorably impressed with your first visit to our town and school, and that during your residence in our Dominion, we shall often have the pleasure of welcoming your Excellency to our midst. Under your Excellency's guardianship may our Dominion thrive and prosper, and may those over whom your Excellency is placed prove worthy subjects of the British Crown. With renewed greetings and hearty wishes for a pleasant sojourn on our Coast.

His Excellency, in reply, said that he had to thank the Dean, the Sisters, and the children of the Convent School, Greytown, for their very cordial welcome and for the very pretty song so admirably sung in his honor. He had to thank them also for the well expressed address which had been so well read by one of their leading members, and which had embodied sentiments of the deepest loyalty. As had been appropriately remarked, he was a link between the reign of his Majesty King George and the late illustrious King Edward, from whom he had received his appointment as Governor of New Zealand. He was gratified indeed to hear such loyal sentiments to King and Empire as were expressed by them in their address. He was pleased to see the children in the school looking so well and happy. He always made it his business to visit the schools wherever he could. He fully recognised the benefits of the sound moral, religious, and secular education they were receiving under the direction of their pastor and the good Sisters. They were developing that strength of character which would be of such inestimable value to them in their future lives. If the nation was to prosper, if New Zealand was to advance, it was not on its acres and acres of timber and on its great mineral resources and rich soil that its success depended, but on the moral character and upright lives of the people who occupied the country. His Excellency concluded by asking that a holiday should be granted.

The Mayor said that he could assure his Excellency that the pupils of the Convent School were obedient to their teachers, well behaved and diligent. The educational and musical training given to the pupils was second to none in the Dominion.

On the call of the Mayor the girls gave three hearty cheers for his Excellency. They then sang 'All Hail! Zealandia' and two verses of the National Anthem.

The Governor and party were then shown through the church and grounds.

Owing to the Marist Brothers' School being closed for the holidays, his Excellency had to omit that portion of his programme.

### Kerrytown

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very pleasant little function took place in the Kerrytown Schoolroom on November 30, when the Children of Mary, school children, parents, and friends gathered in large numbers to wish their popular parish priest, the Rev. Father Fay, S.M., many happy returns of the anniversary of his ordination. At the conclusion of a little concert given by the school children, the president, on behalf of the Children of Mary, presented their devoted director with a souvenir suitably inscribed, whilst the school children also made a little presentation.

Rev. Father Fay, who on rising was received with hearty applause, thanked all present for their kindness and goodwill, and expressed himself well pleased with the manner in which the Sodality of the Children of Mary was flourishing in Kerrytown, he having only established it there during the present year.

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### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 4.

A successful and enjoyable concert was given in the Institute Hall, Rangiora, on last Thursday evening in aid of the organ fund of the local Catholic Church, which, as a result, will profit to the extent of about £15.

Arrangements are well advanced for the annual Catholic outing and picnic at Riccarton racecourse on Boxing Day. Tickets for adults, which include train fare and entrance, are in circulation, and all children of the Catholic schools will be given free passes.

At the half-past 9 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday his Lordship the Bishop referred to the presence in this city of the commercial representative of the *Tablet*, and urged a generous support of the only Catholic paper in the Dominion. The very fine articles appearing in its pages each week, said the Bishop, should be read by our people regularly and carefully and passed on to others whom they would undoubtedly benefit.

A number of children made their First Communion at the half-past 9 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday. His Lordship the Bishop, who was celebrant of the Mass, addressed the children on the importance of the occasion in terms suitable and impressive. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon his Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 130 Candidates, the number eligible since the last occasion twelve months ago. Of these ten were adults, several being converts. Among the candidates were children from Nazareth House and the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Sumner. Prior to administering Confirmation, his Lordship fully explained the nature and significance of the sacrament, and at the conclusion impressively exhorted all to remain firm during life in the faith, now strengthened by the Holy Spirit. During Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which followed, all renewed their Baptismal vows, and the children, according to the usual custom, took the pledge of total abstinence until at least attaining their twenty-first year. His Lordship the Bishop was attended during the ceremony by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., Rev. Dr. Kennedy, and Rev. Father Daull, S.M.A. There was a large congregation.

### DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

December 4.

It is understood that the annual retreat of the diocesan clergy will commence on January 15.

Questions presented to parliamentary candidates with reference to grants to private schools, provided they satisfy the Government Inspectors, have met with varying success.

Rev. Father O'Connor, of Ross, is at present in Auckland. He intends to stay here for a short time for the benefit of his health.

Rev. Father Wright, who was acting in Ponsonby during Father Edge's illness, has gone to Waihi to assist Very Rev. Father Brodie, while Rev. Father Ormond, of the Cathedral, has gone temporarily to Ponsonby.

The many friends of the Rev. Father Edge will be pleased to hear that he has been able to leave the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. He left for Huntly on Saturday, where he will recuperate, and it is hoped he will soon be able to resume his spiritual labors.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary is not enamored of the roads in the country districts in his diocese, particularly in the Bay of Plenty. These, he said, are of a most primitive nature, and in many parts positively dangerous to life and limb.

His Lordship Bishop Carroll and the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran are expected to return from Rotorua via Thames this week. They will be the guests of his Lordship Bishop Cleary for a time before returning to Australia.