

solemn promise to continue the catechism for a long time yet. It is thus, by perfecting yourselves with diligence and love in the knowledge of Christian doctrine, that you will learn, among the other truths of our holy religion, that the Divine Eucharist is the centre of faith, the final end of all other devotion, the source of all good, the consummation of all the other sacraments, the epitome of the divine mysteries, the stream of all the graces, the balm of all sorrows, the bread of life, the viaticum which strengthens us for the journey towards eternity, the promise and the enjoyment in anticipation of eternal happiness.

My dear children, my dear First Communicants, you have received our Lord for the first time, but that is not enough. Each day we ask God for the bread to sustain life in our bodies; so, too, we need the heavenly bread which gives life to our souls. Therefore, the second counsel I give you will be to approach frequently, if you cannot do so daily, the Eucharistic Table, to unite yourselves to your Saviour. And you will visit Him frequently in the solitude and silence of His tabernacle, whence you will hear Him addressing to you this invitation full of love: 'Come to Me all who are hungry and I will satisfy you: all who are burdened and oppressed, and I will give you relief, peace and consolation.'

Finally, my last wish, my dear children, is that the love of our Lord may so reign in you that it may transform you into so many apostles, zealous for His glory; you will be the treasure of your families, to whom your good conduct will be a consolation and whom your example alone will lead more frequently to Holy Communion; at school you will provoke by your piety the emulation of your fellows: in the parish all will look on you as guardian angels; everywhere indeed, all around you, by your prayers, your goodness, the very power of your modesty, you will contribute, so far as in you lies, to the conversion of sinners and the return to Jesus Christ of the unbelieving and the indifferent.

While addressing to you, my very dear children, this counsel and these wishes, I impart with all my heart to you, to your young companions, in France, to your fathers and mothers and all your relations, the Apostolic Benediction.

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### Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

June 4.

On Tuesday evening last a euchre tournament between teams representing the Westport Fire Brigade and St. Canice's Club was played in the Brigade rooms. After an interesting contest the firemen were declared the winners. Refreshments were then served, and several vocal and elocutionary items contributed. During the evening Lieutenant Hepburn proposed the toast of the club, which was responded to by the president (Mr. F. O'Gorman), who mentioned during the course of his remarks that the club was inviting delegates to attend a meeting for the purpose of forming an association for the promotion of social intercourse amongst the various societies of the town.

On Wednesday evening the members of the choir met in the club rooms for the purpose of saying farewell to the conductor, Mr. G. E. Simon, whose is leaving the district. A lengthy programme of vocal items was given, and during the evening Mr. Simon was presented with a travelling rug, and Mrs. Simon with an umbrella. Rev. Father McMenamín, who made the presentation, spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered by Mr. Simon during his connection with the choir. Messrs. R. Kiely and J. Matthews also spoke testifying to the admirable qualities of the guest of the evening.

On Sunday last a special meeting of St. Canice's Club was held to receive the report of Rev. Father McMenamín, Messrs. R. Kiely, and J. Matthews, who were appointed to report on a proposal to form a glee party in connection with the club. After discussion

on the report it was decided to form what is to be known as St. Canice's Musical Society, to which ladies are to be admitted.

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### Aramoho

(From our own correspondent.)

The Catholic School at Aramoho has been enlarged by the addition of another classroom—30 feet by 25 feet. The building is divided into two apartments by folding doors, which can be easily removed for special occasions, such as concerts, or social gatherings. The school is now up to date, and will meet the requirements of this part of Wanganui for some time to come.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. Joseph's Conference, Aramoho) received Holy Communion in a body on Sunday, June 2. The brothers of this conference teach Sunday school at Eastbrook and Fordell, which are outlying portions of the Wanganui parish.

Our choir is making good progress, and the conductor (Mr. Luxford) is to be complimented on the results of his painstaking efforts.

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### OBITUARY

#### MR. BERNARD O'REILLY, WAVERLEY.

(From our travelling correspondent.)

Quite a gloom was cast over Waverley and the district on Saturday, April 27, when it became known that Mr. Bernard O'Reilly had succumbed to injuries received by being thrown from his horse when returning from a sale on the previous night. The deceased was the second son of the late Mr. Gerald O'Reilly, one of the pioneers of the Momahaki district, and spent the greater part of his life in and around Momahaki. After leaving the paternal roof he and his brother, Gerald, took up a block of country at Momahaki, which they have successfully farmed for some years. Mr. O'Reilly's untimely death will be a sad blow to his aged mother, and to his loving sisters and brothers. The deceased will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends, as he was of the most genial disposition, generous, good-natured and one of the best of men. Sincere sympathy is felt for his sorrowing mother, brothers, and sisters. The funeral was a very representative one, friends from all over the district attending to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased.—R.I.P.

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August 14 will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Wilcannia. The occasion will mark the silver jubilee of the creation of the diocese. At a meeting of the Catholics of Broken Hill a committee was set up to make arrangements for the celebrations. An effort will be made to present to the Bishop as a jubilee gift the Cathedral free of debt, and the ceremony of its consecration will specially mark the celebration with his jubilee.

On May 24, Australia Day was enthusiastically celebrated all over New South Wales, more particularly in the Catholic schools, and it may be safely said that never before in this State were so many Australian flags flying at the same time (says the *Catholic Press*). Five thousand boys and girls united in the big demonstration at St. Mary's Cathedral. It was impossible for all the children to take part, owing to the limited accommodation, but each school in the metropolis was represented. After the celebration of Mass his Grace the Archbishop delivered an address, in the course of which he impressed on the children the duty of doing good to all for the love of God and the well-being of Australia.

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