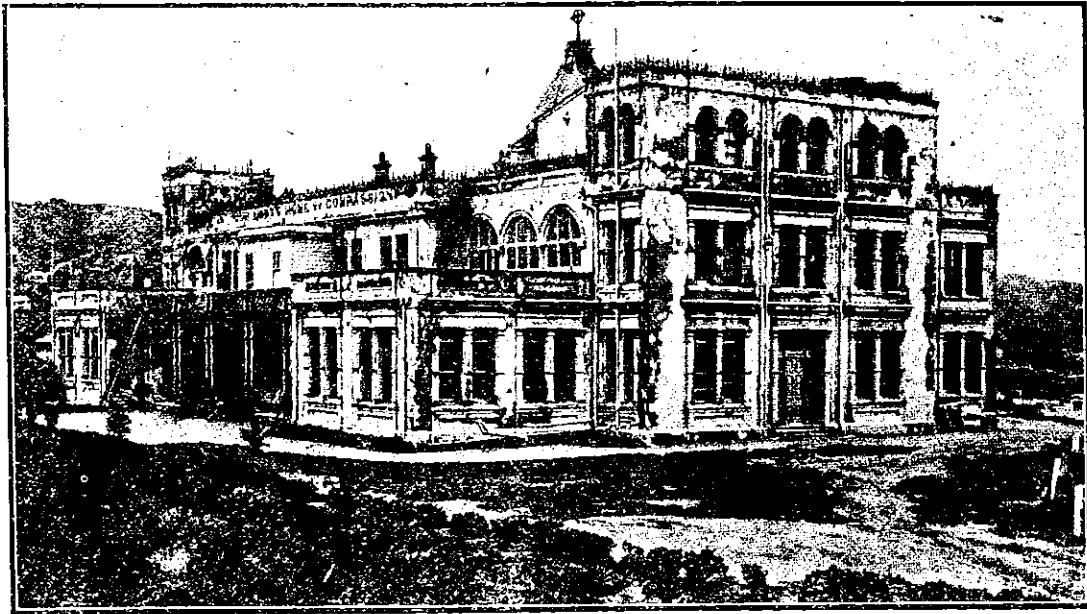


deacons of honor at the throne, and, assisted by Rev. Fathers McGrath, S.M., and Outtrim, S.M., proceeded with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction over, the Blessed Sacrament was removed from the tabernacle, and Rev. Father O'Connell officially welcomed the Delegate, and presented him with a little souvenir of Wanganui—a photographic history of our church and schools here, right away back to the first establishment in the early fifties. His Excellency replied, and once more we received the Papal Benediction. Then we scurried up to the "Villa" for the civic reception, and, in the big schoolroom which had been transformed into a reception-room, we lined up in twos and twos, for presentation. It was a lengthy performance, but even when it was over,

visit to the meeting house. This, by the way, has been transformed into a permanent chapel, and is no longer put to any other use. In replying, his Excellency asked Father Ginisty to convey to the Maoris his great appreciation of their welcome, and to tell them how he admired their action in giving over the meeting-house for the exclusive purposes of devotion, in making it a place where Europeans and Maoris could receive, each in his own tongue, religious instruction. All received the Papal Blessing, and the little function, hurried as it was and necessarily stripped of all formality and display, was undoubtedly a joy to his Excellency and Kai Iwi. The party then took the road for Waverley, Patea, and the Taranaki trip generally.



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his Excellency lingered among the people chatting to them. I should have mentioned that the Hibernians acted as guard of honor at the church door and at the "Villa," and they came in for a special little word of commendation. Everything went off very easily and nicely, thanks in large measure to the very good arrangements by Father O'Connell and the help given by the Sisters and the Brothers. This finished the ceremonies in town, and, as I said at the beginning, our memories of Archbishop Cattaneo are happy indeed.

Early on Thursday morning, a visit was paid to the Sacred Heart Convent, St. John's Hill, and Mass was celebrated in the chapel by his Excellency. The great honor conferred on the community was appreciated in full by them, and everyone, Sisters and students, as well as the Catholics who live on the Hill, received Holy Communion at the hands of his Excellency. After Mass, the party, consisting of his Excellency, Archbishop O'Shea, Monsignor McKenna, Dr. Farrelly, Fathers O'Connell, Outtrim, and Venning, were entertained to breakfast at the convent, and then they adjourned to the hall for a very short entertainment. An address of welcome was recited by Miss Victorine Ruscoe, there were one or two musical items, the children sang once more "Pastor Bonus," and the whole thing was over in a brief quarter-hour or so. His Excellency spoke to the children, and captivated their hearts as he did ours, gave them a holiday, said good-bye, and went his way.

Followed an impromptu visit to Kai Iwi, where a gathering of local Maoris and Europeans took place. His Excellency arrived at about 10 o'clock, and was welcomed by Rev. Father Ginisty, who interpreted the words of the Maoris. "Greetings to you, the shepherd of the flock," they said, and his Excellency, much interested, made a

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(From our own correspondent.)

November 25.

St. Mary's (ladies) branch of the Hibernian Society will hold a social on December 8, at the Alexandra Hall.

The address from the Catholic Federation presented to his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate on the occasion of his first visit to Wellington was from the Diocesan Council, and not, as erroneously stated, from the Dominion Executive of the Federation.

Rev. Father Gondringer, S.M., M.A., of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, who is going on an extended tour of the Continent and the United Kingdom, will leave New Zealand by the s.s. Ulimaroa, on December 9 *en route* for Sydney, where he will connect with the s.s. Omar.

Rehearsals are progressing apace for what promises to be an exceedingly beautiful pageant in connection with the coronation of Miss Mary McEvedy, the small daughter of Dr. McEvedy, who was the successful queen candidate in the recent bazaar held in aid of the St. Mary's Church rebuilding fund. The coronation will be followed immediately by a plain and fancy-dress children's social and will be held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, December 6.

Miss H. McMahon, a popular member of the St. Mary of the Angels' Choir for some years, was presented, on the eve of her marriage, with a handsome silver table centre, suitably engraved, by the members of the choir. Rev. Father Mahony made the presentation.

The half-yearly meeting of the Wellington Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation will be held at New Plymouth on Friday, February 10, and not in January as first proposed, owing to that time not being suitable.

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