

Ecclesiastical and Educational Statistics

The *Catholic Directory (Ordo)* for 1922 supplies the following interesting ecclesiastical and educational statistics in respect to New Zealand:—

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

Number of districts, 45; churches, 127; priests, regular 54, secular 47, total 101; religious Brothers, 30; nuns, 513; colleges, 2; boarding and high schools, 18; primary schools, 55; orphanages, 4; inmates, 432; homes for incurable, 2; inmates, 140; creche, 1; inmates, 30; total number of children receiving Catholic education in the archdiocese, 8483; total Catholic population of the archdiocese, 55,437 (census of 1916), exclusive of Maoris; Maori Catholic population, 2071.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

Parishes, 48; diocesan clergy, 49; Fathers of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society, 22; religious Brothers, 15; Sisters, 290; schools (boarding) for boys, 1; for girls, 16; superior and primary day schools, 39; teachers, 169; orphanages, 2; home for the poor, 1; hospital and convalescent home, 1; total number of children receiving Catholic education, 5734; total Catholic population of the diocese (census of 1916), about 40,000; Catholic Maoris, about 3000.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

Number of districts, 21; churches, 63; priests, 50; secular, 22; regular, 28; religious Brothers, 11; nuns, 296; boarding and high schools, 8; primary schools, 29; Magdalen Asylum, 1; Industrial and preservation school, 1; orphanage, 1; Nazareth House, 1; Girls' hostel, 2; number of Catholics in diocese, 30,000.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

Districts, 24; churches, 70; stations, 45; secular priests, 42; religious Brothers, 8; nuns, 222; boarding schools (girls), 6; boarding school (boys), 1; superior day schools, 6; primary schools, 23; ecclesiastical seminary, 1; orphanages, 2; home for the aged poor, 1; children in Catholic schools, 3163; Catholic population, 24,500.

Advertising Religious Teaching

Two unnamed and unknown Pittsburgh (U.S.A.) Catholic business men, who have prospered because of their belief that "it pays to advertise," are testing the merits of publicity in a religious way (says the *Missionary*). Having contracted for six inches of space each day for one year in three daily newspapers with an aggregate circulation of 290,000, they have begun a series of 365 advertisements explaining Catholic belief, faith, and dogma.

The first advertisement was an argument why all Americans should be Catholics and an exposition of the debt they owe to the Church whose son-going sons were inspired by religious zeal to attempt the great adventure of searching for a new continent on the other side of the world, and whose Spanish missionaries were the first martyrs and pioneers of North America.

An explanation of Catholic belief was given in the second advertisement, which included the Apostles' Creed. A third advertisement appeared the day before the big Holy Name parade and fully explained the purpose of that demonstration. Each advertisement carries the following announcement: "Contributed by two Catholic business men who believe in their religion."

Manifestly the day is dawning when Catholic laymen will apply more often their business brains to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The time is rapidly approaching when they will try to use part of their wealth to clear up the doubts and prejudices in the minds of millions who have never had the opportunity to hear the truth regarding the Catholic religion.

There could be no Ku Klux Klan in America if a systematic campaign to enlighten all the people with respect to the Catholic attitude were carried on by zealous Catholics. Wholesale conversions never can result from

any system that does not preach in the "highways and byways" where the masses of the people are seeking the right way toward eternal happiness."

Moore and His Music

Of Moore and his music, Father Burke, O.P., has eloquently said: "The hour is yet near when God gave to our native land one of its highest gifts, a truly poetic child. When Ireland's poet came to find fame and immortality in Ireland, nothing was required of him but to take the ancient melodies floating in the land, to interpret the Celtic in which they were found into the language of to-day. Tom Moore, Ireland's poet, was a lover of his country. He made every true heart and every noble mind in the world melt into sorrow at the contemplation of Ireland's wrongs and the injustice that she suffered, as they came home to every sympathetic heart on the wings of Ireland's ancient melody."

The Famous "Diggers"

(Under the direction of Messrs. Fama and Lawson.)

The Original Soldier Combination whose Performances have gained an International Reputation.

Watch out for the arrival of the "Diggers" in your town, and DON'T MISS THEIR UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Famous "Diggers" believe in honest Advertising, and you may take their word for it:—

That the programme they are presenting now is the Best they have ever produced.

That it is Costing more than any programme they have yet produced.

That the Artists performing with them are the strongest they have yet introduced.

That the Dresses were made in London and the show is the Best Dressed of its kind now travelling.

That the Scenery and Lighting are the most Elaborate ever attempted outside Metropolitan areas.

That they have the Strongest Coterie of Comedians of any travelling company.

That no company in Australia has a Greater Quartette of Vocalists.

That the Baritone (Gwilym Davies) will appeal to you as one of the Best you have ever heard.

That the Vocal Quartette is thoroughly up-to-date and present the latest harmonious hits.

That the four Comedians are Messrs. Joe Valli, from the Palladium, London, Bert Barton (late of J. C. Williamson's Pantomime), Frank Moran, seven feet of laughter, and Tano Fama whom you all saw last time.

That the Sketch "Tickets Please" is the funniest you ever laughed at.

That the Egyptian scene is a Masterpiece of Good Scenery, Beautiful Dresses and Coloring.

That the Song Numbers in the show will undoubtedly prove to be all winners and all new to you.

That you will Laugh Louder and Longer at this Digger's show than you have ever done.

That the Diggers' show is Better than you have ever seen before.

The Famous "Diggers" are now touring Central Otago and will be at Kaitangata, Friday, January 20; Balclutha, Saturday, January 21; Palmerston, Monday, January 23; Oamaru, Tuesday, January 24.

Thine eyes may not behold the light of day,
Or pierce the cloud encompassing thy way,
But bright shall be thy heaven when death unfolds
The mysteries that life so long witholds!

W. Butcher

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