

of nothing made the world, the power that fed thousands in the desert, changed water into wine, cured the living and raised the dead—the same—changed bread and wine into His very self, into the very Body and Blood of Christ; and unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will have no life in you. But though Christ as God effected this miracle, what then? He was God; God commands nothing impossible; when He commands beyond our power, He gives the power to execute. What then He said—O hear it high Heavens—He said to lonely man, *Do this that I have done*, great miracle of my power, *do this in commemoration of me*. His delight was to be with the children of men. For the sake of His elect, He tarries in their midst, and leaves to creative man—His priest alone—the power to bring Him on our altars. Hence Paul's word to the Corinthians; hence his warning to prepare and worthily receive; hence the decrees of our Councils; hence the love, esteem, and veneration for our sanctuaries; hence Catholics know and feel never enough can be spent on our temples, never enough can be done for our altars. Coming to the more immediate object of their assembling that day, the Rev Father said: This, then, is a day of joy for Wellington. An aged Father's heart is filled with joy to overflowing, and his children are thronged around him to participate in his joy and give echo to his emotions. People of Wellington, have you known and loved your pastor, who has many times and oft, like another victim, ascended the Calvary to his present dwelling, and, like another Moses, with uplifted hands, gained for you the battle. How often, heedless of self, he forgot all about food and raiment, to seek and uplift the fallen and degraded sinner. By day, in wet and cold, he has penetrated the courts and alleys, the public-houses, to recover the lost sheep and raise the fallen drunkard—the orphan's father, the widow's guide and protector—and when the dark, dead night fell on our city and the western wave rolled on, and chill winds warned the travellers, he, the man of God, might be seen with his lantern going from street to street in search of the sinner, the lonely, the afflicted, the needy. Oh, Wellington, raise your eyes and see. The shades of evening are gathering over the hoary locks of your loved and cherished father; the hand of old age is upon him; will you suffer his warm heart to chill the sooner? He could have had temples ere now. He could have had altars, but love of God and love of his neighbour are one with him, though each has contended in his heart for priority. He could have built a shelter for himself and an altar to God, but there were lonely and poor ones in need of his assistance, and he gave it to them. He stripped himself and shared whatever he had with them, and now God has gratified the wish of his heart. The dream of his life was to build a church for God and His altar. That dream is realised to-day; but one dark spot is upon it—a debt, small though it may be. People of Wellington, will you leave that as a burden upon the bosom of one who loves you? Creed or class was not with him a reason why he should withhold his hand. He gave to all who were in need, and will you in your turn not assist him? He has raised a temple and altar to God, but do not let it be said that he has added a debt to the burden of the diocese. His hand has often been raised to Heaven to stay justice and call for mercy; do not let him sink to the cold grave with the thought that his children had been ungrateful. Catholics and Protestants, rally round the aged man, and when departing in peace he will leave you all the blessing that will, I hope, unite you all in Heaven.

The choir, under the able direction of Mr F. Weber, late of Christchurch, sang Winter's Mass, the Sisters of the Convent lending very material aid. The Mass was not, however, taken in its entirety, the Benedictus from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, and the Incarnatus from Haydn's Third Mass being substituted for Winter in those portions of the service.

At the conclusion of the sermon, £84 were collected. The debt still remaining upon the church amounts to between £400 and £500.

ENGLISH NEWS.

By the arrival of the Cyphrenes, which reached Auckland on the 2nd inst, we have English dates to 13th March, but the intelligence is of a meagre and uninteresting character. The following are the principal items:—

Dr Featherston has proceeded to Plymouth to inquire into the cause of the return of the *Atrato*, which left London on February 10 with the New Zealand immigrants, and returned to Plymouth on March 6. It appears that the low-pressure piston broke. The cylinder cracked will have to be removed and repaired.

The Earl of Pembroke has been appointed Under-Secretary at War. The appointment causes a great deal of surprise owing to his youth and inexperience. The Duke of Edinburgh and his bride's journey from St. Petersburg to London was one of triumph. There were demonstrations of rejoicing in Germany and Belgium. At Gravesend a band of ladies dropped flowers in their path.

Despatches from Ashantee show that Sir Garnet Wolseley was unable to get an interview with the King to negotiate a treaty of peace. He was compelled, therefore, to burn Coomassie, and make a return march as speedily as possible, as the rainy season was advancing. When returning, the King sent a messenger for the expedition to halt, that he might send in his submission. A strong party, under Captain Glover, was left, but no intelligence has yet been received from him. General Wolseley states that the Ashantee policy is so treacherous that it is impossible to rely upon any negotiations; but their defeat and the burning of Coomassie, it is thought will give them the desired lesson.

Since his imprisonment in Newgate, the Tichborne claimant refuses to answer any name but that of Tichborne. His hair has been cropped, and he has been dressed in the prison clothes. He seems to take kindly to picking oakum.

A gigantic exhibition is to be held in Paris in 1875. It is to be supported by private means, with the patronage of the Government.

Plimsoll has been presented with an illuminated address by a large number of seamen.

Captain Blake, of H.M.S. *Traid*, who took part and was wounded in the Maori war, died while on service in the Ashantee expedition. After death the wound was probed, and the Maori bullet was found near his heart.

In the House of Commons, a motion tabled by an Irish member, that Parliament should take some measures to remove the mistrust in Ireland in the present system of Government, was rejected.

A remarkably high tide caused flooding at London, Hull, and Falmouth. The Thames overflowed its banks, and flooded the Putney district. Warehouses were filled with water, and many sewers burst. A large number of children and horses were drowned. Houses filled with water, and families had to abandon them.

The return of the Ashantee troops was attended with many affecting scenes in the streets. They were enthusiastically received. Ten thousand people witnessed the landing of the Highlanders. The pressure of the crowd caused several accidents.

Mr Mundella, M.P., at a meeting, said the party that abolished slavery would yet succeed in getting all international disputes referred to arbitration.

Emerson, the American author, is a favourite candidate for the Lord Rectorship of Glasgow University.

AMERICAN NEWS.

The general American news is most meagre. There is great excitement regarding the strike among the machinists on the Erie Railway. A detachment of troops, and the Wyoming Artillery, with four field-pieces, accompanied the pickets, and were stationed about the town and depot, and the depot property was taken possession of. Trains were despatched guarded by 400 soldiers.

The Trade Unions are united in an appeal on the subject of the labor organizations of the country, and insist upon making eight hours a day's labor. They held mass meetings on the 11th May to express their opposition to the contract system at Government buildings.

Tyrrel, the correspondent of the 'Cincinnati Commercial,' shot at and killed the Hon. Harry Meyers in Conviction. He was law partner with the United States Senator Stevenson. Meyers was counsel for Tyrrel's wife, who had applied for a divorce. The shooting occurred at Meyers's office while he was taking the deposition.

The Louisiana House of Representatives voted 100,000dols. to capture the outlaws in the western portions of the State.

King Kalakua, of Honolulu, and suite, were enthusiastically received on a State visit to the various islands. They were entertained by the officers of the U.S. *Benedic*. A number of those who took part in the disturbance on the election of the King will be tried.

At a fire at Charleston, damage was done to the extent of 200,000dols.

Cuban despatches announce the killing of an insurgent colonel and sixteen insurgents by the Spaniards.

The New York strike continues.

There were several earthquakes at Bald Mount, North Carolina, accompanied with constant loud noise. The citizens in the vicinity are fleeing. Religious meetings are held nightly, and large numbers have made preparations for the end of the world.

The temperance agitation continues, and there is great religious excitement. People are leaving their cattle and crops to take care of themselves.

The Mississippi steamer *Crescent City* exploded. Sixteen were killed. The loss is 300,000dols.

A large house on New York caught fire. The firemen heroically saved 11 families. A woman and three children, whom it was impossible to save, were burned to death.

General Wolseley will be rewarded with the rank of Major-General, and a pension of £7,500 per annum for two lives.

LATER AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

By the *Alhambra*, which arrived at Hokitika, on the 5th instant, we have Australian news to the 28th ult., but the English items have been anticipated by the Cyphrenes:—

The elections concluded last week, and the results are generally satisfactory.

Sir James McCulloch had an easy victory over his opponents at Warrnambool; but Sir John O'Shanassy was beaten by a local candidate.

All the Ministers are re-elected. The Minister of Mines was the most closely run of any. Langton was returned over the head of Sichel, the free-trade candidate. Coppin was returned for East Melbourne with Cohen.

The 'Argus' in its list gives a majority to the Opposition, but, as the Ministerial papers show the result to be the other way, but it is difficult to arrive at the conclusion.

There are 14 new members returned this Assembly, and nine who had been in previous Assemblies.

Parliament will meet towards the end of May, when Reform Bills will be introduced.

It has transpired that Mr Francis, Chief Secretary, has thrice declined the offer of Knighthood.

The New Zealand mails per *Alhambra* arrived several hours after the *Baroda* had left the Heads, but the steamship *Aldinga* remained at the Heads, transhipped the mails, and caught the *Baroda* at Adelaide, making the passage in 39 hours.

It is stated that Sir Arthur Gordon, Governor of the Mauritius, succeeds Mr Du Cane in Tasmania.

The Satsuma mutineers have been further remanded to allow the Government to telegraph Home to the authorities.

The barque *Naworth*, from Whangaroa, while lying at the Australian Wharf, was found to be on fire, which was, however confined to the fore-castle and rope locker.

A brutal murder has been committed by a German digger near Beaufort. He struck Dixon, his victim, repeatedly on the head with a heavy hammer. The murderer is believed to be insane.