

After being shown through the convent, Mr. Donovan spoke a few words on the cause he was advocating, and expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of his own countrywomen doing the work of charity and religion in this far-off corner of the globe.

A very large audience (says the 'West Coast Times') greeted the delegate at the Princess Theatre in the evening. His Worship the Mayor was in the chair, and on the platform were the Rev. Fathers Graham, Quinn, Taylor, and Gilbert, Messrs. T. E. Y. Seddon, M.H.R., J. Crowley (Ross), E. O'Connor, J. McSherry, T. J. McGuigan, M. Cashman, J. Downey, J. Sullivan, A. Clifton, J. Toomey, J. J. Breeze, and J. J. Burke.

Mr. Michel, in introducing the delegate, said that on behalf of the people of the town and district he extended to Mr. Donovan a most sincere and hearty welcome on the occasion of his visit to this part of Westland. He was not the first able and distinguished Irishman who had left his home and crossed the seas for the purpose of advocating and advancing the cause of Home Rule for his country. Even this remote corner of the Empire had previously been visited by Mr. Redmond, Mr. Michael Davitt—that great patriot who only a few months ago had passed to his rest—Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, and Mr. John Dillon. In this connection he was reminded that when Mr. Dillon visited Hokitika, now over eighteen years ago, he not only had the privilege of acting on his reception committee, but he had the honor of reading and presenting in the presence of a large concourse of people the address of welcome which was tendered to him by the people of Westland. They had learned that the object of Mr. Donovan's mission was to arouse interest in New Zealand and the colonies in the cause of Home Rule for Ireland. It would be strange indeed if the people of New Zealand did not generally sympathise with such a movement, they having had Home Rule themselves for over forty years.

At the conclusion of Mr. Donovan's eloquent address, which was on the lines of those given elsewhere, subscriptions amounting to close on £100 were received.

Mr. T. E. Y. Seddon, M.H.R., proposed the following resolution:—"That this meeting, having heard Mr. Donovan, tenders its heartiest thanks to him for his able and instructive address, and sympathy for the cause he advocates, and also hopes that Ireland will in the near future enjoy the blessings of self-government, such as we in New Zealand so highly cherish." In moving the resolution Mr. Seddon said that as a free citizen of a free country he could hardly find words to express his high estimation of the noble words in which Mr. Donovan had revealed to them the wrongs, the hopes, and aspirations of the people of Ireland. It was an appeal which touched the hearts of the West Coast. Mr. Donovan's mission was not for Irish people alone, it was for the whole nation, who must face and settle this great problem before very long. It was that which made a nation great and strong, the privilege of free government. They had but to look at Canada and see the loyalty of the French Canadians to see what self-government did for a people's loyalty. The Government should trust the people of Ireland as they did with the Boers, and they would have in Ireland a loyal and contented people.

Mr. T. V. Byrne, County Chairman, said it gave him great pleasure that the duty had been allotted to him of seconding the motion. Mr. Donovan should be a proud man to be able to influence his audiences by his eloquence as he had done. To a New Zealander it seemed an extraordinary thing that people should have to labor so long for right and justice, liberty and progress against what he would term a close corporation of inflated aristocrats. The state of Ireland was absolutely wrong, and something would have to be done to change it ere long.

The resolution was put and carried by acclamation, three ringing cheers being given for Mr. Donovan at the call of the Mayor.

NAPIER.

On the arrival of Mr. Devlin in Napier he was accorded a hearty welcome at a gathering in the Gaiety Theatre. The Mayor presided, and an address, signed by Messrs. John Higgins and M. J. Gleeson, chairman and secretary respectively of the reception committee, was read by the latter gentleman, and to which the distinguished visitor replied in a felicitous speech.

At the public meeting in the Gaiety Theatre in the evening the Mayor (Mr. S. Carnell) presided, and seats on the platform were occupied by a number of citizens, including Father Goggan, Messrs. A. L. D. Fraser, M.H.R., A. Dillon, M.H.R., J. Higgins, W. J. McGrath, P. Barry, and Drs. Moore and Leahy.

The Mayor, in introducing Mr. Devlin, said that he was pleased to have the opportunity of identifying himself with the cause of Home Rule for Ireland.

Mr. Devlin's speech, which was frequently interrupted by applause, was similar to that delivered in other centres, and on resuming his seat Mr. A. L. D. Fraser moved—"That this meeting of Napier citizens, in welcoming Mr. Devlin, M.P., pledges itself to give both moral and material support to the Irish Parliamentary party so ably led by Mr. John E. Redmond in their grand struggle to secure the long-delayed measure, self-government for Ireland, the granting of which we are convinced would result, as in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, in strengthening and consolidating the British Empire."

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. J. McGrath, supported by Mr. J. Higgins, and carried with acclamation.

On the motion of Mr. J. C. Gleeson, seconded by Mr. Sinden, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Devlin for his splendid address. Mr. Devlin briefly returned thanks, and the proceedings closed with cheers for Mr. Devlin and the Mayor.

AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

January 25.

Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. for West Belfast, arrived in Auckland last Sunday afternoon. He was welcomed by the local committee, and Dr. Stopford (chairman), shortly after Mr. Devlin leaving the steamer, heartily bade him welcome in the name of his friends and sympathisers. Mr. Devlin suitably replied. The impression conveyed by the earnest, manly, and inspiring eloquence of our distinguished visitor was most marked. He was immediately driven to the Bishop's palace, where he was very cordially welcomed by his Lordship the Bishop, with whom were his Lordship Dr. O'Connor, of Maidland, and his Lordship Dr. Dunne, of Bathurst, and Rev. Fathers O'Donohue, Dunne, Marshall, Shanahan, and O'Reilly, all of whom belong to Australia. Mr. Devlin spent Monday in the company of the Australian Prelates. He had seen and conversed with every one of the Australian Prelates while on tour with the exception of Drs. O'Connor and Dunne.

On Tuesday he rested, and on Wednesday he journeyed to the Thames with several friends from Auckland, and spoke there the same evening. In the unavoidable absence of the Mayor in Auckland, the deputy Mayor (Councillor Scott) took the chair. The case for Ireland was shown in a manner that it was never before shown at the Thames, and the rounds of applause which at intervals the speech evoked, showed how impressed were the audience. A vote of thanks to Mr. Devlin, and also expressing a desire for Home Rule for Ireland was moved by Councillor Deeble and carried unanimously. Mr. Devlin returned thanks and concluded by highly eulogising the deputy Mayor, Mr. Scott, for his conduct of the meeting.

After the address a collection was taken in the hall. When all the lists throughout the Peninsula are handed in a good sum is expected. Mr. Devlin returned to Auckland last evening. On Tuesday afternoon he visited St. Mary's Orphanage, and was heartily welcomed by the Sisters and children. A nice musical programme was given, an address presented, and £5 5s subscribed to the fund. Mr. Devlin was deeply touched by the hearty welcome and generous offering, and expressed his sincere gratitude. To-day he is to be welcomed by the Sisters of Mercy at St. Mary's Convent, and will afterwards dine with the Bishop and priests at the Sacred Heart College at the conclusion of the retreat. On Monday night he speaks at Waihi, and a great meeting is expected there. On Wednesday next he speaks in Auckland City. The Mayor will take the chair. The Hamilton meeting was fixed for this evening, but owing to the break in the railway through the flood, it has been postponed until Thursday, 31st inst. The mail boat, it is thought, will be delayed one day in leaving, in which case a farewell social will be tendered the delegates in Auckland. Up to date the envoys have collected £17,000 in Australia, and over £4000 in New Zealand in six weeks—a record of which they and all concerned may well feel proud. At the outset of the tour it was thought that if £10,000 were collected it would be most satisfactory.

Miss Mary Woods, Licentiate Teacher of the Royal Academy of Music, London, pupil of Alberto Randegger, the distinguished teacher of singing, and of Oscar Boring, the celebrated German pianoforte professor, will resume teaching (after her return from London) on February 4, at Lancaster street, Lawrence.

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