

Auckland to Great Britain

The Bishop of Auckland, New Zealand, the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, has reached England, having come home by way of America (writes the special correspondent of the 'Catholic Times'). He is accompanied by the Rev. Father Patterson. They left Auckland, New Zealand, on February 24, and travelled with his Eminence Cardinal Moran, Mgr. O'Haran, the Bishops of Armidale and Goulburn, Australia, and the Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand, to Sydney, where they were the guests of his Eminence at St. Mary's. On March 15 they left Sydney for Armidale and Goulburn, and met the splendid steamer Marama (then on her maiden trip) at Brisbane, whither she was bound for Suva, an island in the Pacific, Victoria, and Vancouver. At Suva a severe cyclone was encountered whilst the ship was fastened to the wharf. The Talune was on the other side of the wharf, and a large 5000-ton tramp was in the harbor. This vessel went aground, and the Marama and Talune escaped; but had the hurricane and rain continued half an hour longer no doubt the vessels would have been lost.

In about three weeks' time the Bishop of Auckland and Father Patterson arrived at Victoria, British Columbia, an immense and prosperous city, only established about fifteen years. Here they found a beautiful and majestic Catholic cathedral and other churches and various institutions. Then Vancouver, much larger than Victoria, was reached. This large city has been founded only about twenty years. The journey over the Rocky Mountains is the grandest for mountain scenery in the world, each mountain being capped with snow and ice. Arriving at St. Paul, Minnesota, they paid their visit to the illustrious Archbishop Ireland, who received them very warmly and hospitably. Father Patterson had not seen his Grace for twenty-three years. A week was spent at Dubuque, Iowa, with Mr. William Molo, who has a very fine residence, well equipped with electric light and appliances in electricity in every form. The Bishop consecrated the Holy Oils and sang the Mass of the Presanctified on Good Friday at the Cathedral, and sang Pontifical High Mass on Easter Sunday for his Grace Archbishop Kean, who was ill at the time. Rev. Father Patterson sang Mass and preached at 11 o'clock at St. Patrick's, Dubuque, on Easter Sunday. In travelling from St. Paul to Dubuque and Chicago they passed thousands of miles of cornfields, enough to supply the world with grain. They were the guests of the University at South Bend, and in Chicago they were most kindly and hospitably received by the Very Rev. Father Kelly, M.R. of St. Ann's Church, who is mentioned as Bishop-Elect for the diocese of Rockford, U.S.A., a priest most popular with clergy and laity. The Bishop and his companion visited Baltimore to attend the consecration of Bishop O'Connell.

The centenary of the foundation of the Catholic Church was being celebrated in New York at the same time, amongst those present being Cardinal Logue, Cardinal Gibbons, and the Papal Delegate, with innumerable Archbishops, Bishops, and priests. The members of the society called the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name, numbering 60,000 men, marched in the procession through the streets of New York, and among them were millionaires, judges, and other men of the highest position in the city, who were proud of their God and their Faith. The Bishop and Father Patterson were the guests of the Dominican Fathers at Lexington Avenue, New York, and here very great work for religion is done. There are nearly 2000 children under the care of Father Slinger, O.P., who attains wonderful success in teach-

ing little ones with the aid of the magic lantern. His method and style of catechetical instruction are original. The Bishop and Father Patterson both speak highly of the sobriety of the people of the United States. In all the thousands of miles traversed they did not see one case of insobriety amongst the people. They admired the remarkable fidelity of the faithful to their religion, as shown in their frequent Communion, and attendance at the morning daily Mass. They found some of the churches quite full at daily Mass. The work of the clergy in the confessional is enormous, but must be indeed a work of love, seeing how large is the attendance at Holy Communion. Most of the people were of Irish descent or directly Irish born. One sad sight the Bishop and Father Patterson witnessed in New York when they saw more than a thousand unemployed in Madison square. His Lordship and Father Patterson visited Montreal and Quebec, and found the people in Canada equally attentive to religious duty.

Dr. Lenihan is making his visit to Rome *ad limina Apostolorum*, and will remain in England and Ireland until January. He will make a stay on the Continent on his way to Rome. His Lordship will ordain the students at All Hallows College, Dublin, on June 24 next. He will be present at the Eucharistic Congress in London, at which it is expected Cardinal Moran from Australia will also attend. The Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand, is at present in Ireland, and will also be present in Rome for the Pope's Jubilee. In November Father Patterson intends to visit the Eternal City for the Jubilee.

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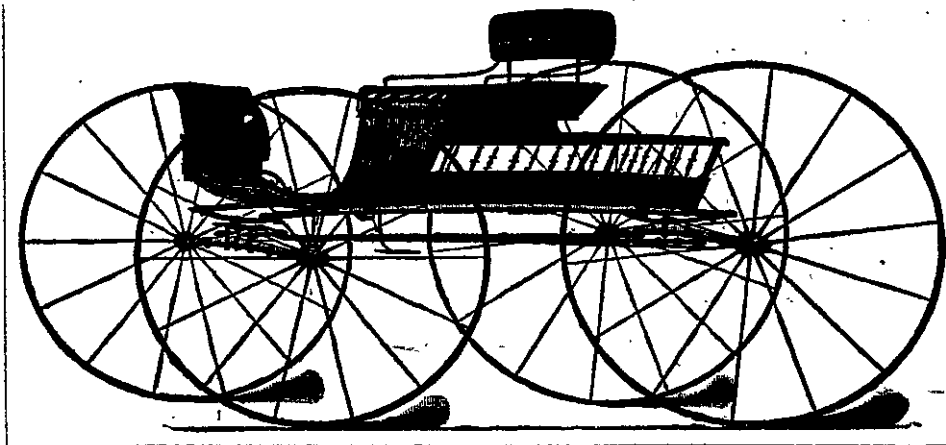
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