

been built at Mangawhare, N.W., and Otahuhu, and Gisborne, and a new system of support for the teachers has been inaugurated at Hamilton and, I believe, Gisborne.

You will see by this record how the diocese has progressed in my absence, and while offering my good wishes to all those taking part in these good works, I feel that you will readily join with me in congratulating the Vicar-General, who is entitled to all the honor due to any leader of a cause. Indeed so satisfied am I with his work and (from letters that I received) so pleased are most of you with his energy, zeal, and devotion, that I now quite understand, in my case, the force of the saying, 'Some of us never will be missed.' So wisely has he administered the diocese that my absence was in no way a detriment to its progress, and so content am I with his work that I propose to leave in his hands much of the detail of operation, leaving myself free for other duties. Ungracious and ungrateful would I be if I had not tried to obtain some mark of commendation of his zeal from his Holiness, and I hold in my hands the Brief from Rome, appointing him the Right Reverend Monsignor Gillan, Domestic Prelate of the Holy See. I would hand him over the Brief at once, but I feel that his people of St. Benedict's will rejoice most of all at his elevation, and that they would like to signalise this happy event by inviting us to meet our new Monsignore in St. Benedict's Hall, allowing us to join with them in any presentation they would wish to make him, when I could formally hand him the Brief he has so richly deserved. For our churches built in brick and for the mother houses of our communities, I have obtained the indulgences of a 'Privileged altar,' so that our dead may be greatly benefited by our prayers. For all our communities, for our societies, and for all those joining in Church work, I have obtained the special blessing of his Holiness, and while you kneel down this I will gladly impart.

At the conclusion of the address there was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by his Lordship the Bishop, Dean Hackett being deacon, Father Mahoney sub-deacon, and Dean Gillan master of ceremonies. The

choir, under Mr. Hiscocks, sang the 'Te Deum. The high altar was artistically decorated for the occasion. The members of the Hibernian Society again acted as a guard of honor as the Bishop left the church, and his Lordship took occasion to thank them heartily. The function on the whole was a great success. The attendance was very large, in fact the Cathedral was crowded long before the commencement of the ceremonies.

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