

On receipt of telegraphic advice from the Acting-Premier, Sir Joseph Ward, announcing the declaration of peace, his Lordship the Bishop visited the schools, and after disclosing the welcome intelligence granted a holiday for the rest of the day. Subsequently whilst in the neighbourhood of the new cathedral building and noticing the workmen engaged in erecting the base of the stone pulpit the Bishop at once mounted the scaffolding and taking possession of the pulpit read the telegram just received remarking that it was a most happy coincidence that the first message it was his privilege to deliver from that spot was a message of peace. The workmen, who were summoned by the contractor, listened with uncovered heads to the Acting-Premier's message declaring the proclamation of peace. The Bishop said he felt sure that their first thought was one of gratitude to the Almighty that the hostilities were at length at an end, then of thankfulness to those through whose instrumentality peace was brought about. Doubtless, too, their thoughts went back like his to the first message which ushered in the dawn of the Redemption, when angelic hosts proclaimed: 'Glory to God in the highest, peace and goodwill towards men.'

WAIMATE.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 8.

From the proceeds of the late concert held at Morven, a splendid-toned American organ has been obtained for the church there. It is to be hoped that a choir will soon be started as there is plenty of talent in the district.

The quarterly conference of the clergy of South Canterbury was held in the presbytery last Tuesday when the following priests were present:—Rev. Fathers O'Donnell, Kennedy (Ashburton), Kerley (Temuka), Bowers (Geraldine), Tubman, Aubry, Le Petit (Timaru), Regnault and O'Connell (Waimate).

The Rev. Father O'Connell is at present on a short visit to Temuka, in order to assist in the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration. The Rev. Father Kerley of that town has taken his place here for the time being.

At both Masses on Sunday, the Rev. Father Regnault thanked the people for the way in which they assisted at the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration, especially those who decorated the altar and also those who gave donations of flowers and candles. He complimented the choir for their valuable assistance.

The fortnightly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society takes place next Monday evening in the school-room.

TIMARU.

(From our own correspondent.)

Timaru has regained its normal state after the peace celebrations. When the tolling of the Town bell first announced that peace was proclaimed the town suddenly seemed to be turned into a Bedlam, with the whole population doing its utmost to keep up the credit of the place. The bells and mill whistles were aided by the railway engines and steamers, while dinner gongs, kero-ene tins, and several kinds of improvised instruments that noise could be produced from were called into requisition to increase the din, which became so furious that the very birds flew excitedly around alarmed at the unusual uproar. When matters calmed slightly the Mayor and some leading citizens met at the Post Office, and after reading the telegram announcing peace and listening to a short speech, an impromptu procession took place through the town headed by the Garrison Band. This latter ceremony had to be repeated in the afternoon and again in the evening before the enthusiasm of the people was satisfied. Rain coming on put a stop to the fireworks celebration, and fortunately a most exciting day was got over without an accident of any moment occurring.

Temuka was less fortunate as a very sad accident put a stop to the intended ceremonies there. A young man named Batres, who was well known and highly respected, improvised a cannon out of a drain pipe. He fired this cannon on many previous occasions, but on Peace Day when letting it off it exploded and partially severed his head from his body, the unfortunate young man dying almost immediately. Great regret was felt throughout Temuka and Timaru, and the rejoicings at Temuka were stopped on account of the sad accident.

A *Te Deum* was sung at the Church of the Sacred Heart at Vespers on Sunday evening in thanksgiving for peace being proclaimed.

Elaborate preparations are being made to celebrate Coronation Day, and considerable emulation exists between several firms in getting up displays.

The Government Inspector is at present examining the parish schools. The result of the examinations will be known during the week.

The Christy Minstrel Club connected with the parish in their recent entertainment towards the Priory Wall Fund realised £9—a most satisfactory result for an entertainment held in the school-room.

The executors of the estate of the late Mr Richard M'Anley, of Forest Lodge, Sydney, have announced that the deceased had made the following bequests to religious and charitable institutions:—St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. James' Conference), £212; St. James' Church, Forest Lodge, £192; St. Ita's School Church, Glebe, £192; Little Sisters of the Poor, Randwick, £192; Westmead Home for Boys, £192; St. Joseph's Providence, North Sydney, £192; Institute for Deaf and Dumb, Waratah (N.S.W.), £192; St. Vincent's Hospital, £192; the Blind Institute, Lewisham, £192. Total, £1748.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

May 29.

The sanctuary of St. Patrick's Cathedral has just been renovated. A beautiful rich background helps to throw into strong relief the high altar. The Rev. Father Patterson also contemplates other improvements.

Rev. Father Gulian has, I regret to say, been indisposed for some days. His absence from his parish, in which he labors with such zeal, is greatly regretted, and it is the earnest wish of all that he may soon be restored to health.

On Sunday evening at St. Patrick's Cathedral Mdle. Dolores assisted the choir and sang an 'Ave Maria,' being accompanied on the organ by the Rev. Father Patterson, Adm. There was a very large congregation. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father McCarthy, C.M.

The Very Rev. Father Boyle, and the Rev. Fathers McCarthy, McEnroe, and Henry left by the Zealandia on Monday evening for Sydney. A large number of people assembled on the wharf to bid goodbye to the Vincentian Fathers who have been very popular wherever they have given missions. It is understood that the Rev. Father McCarthy and another member of the Order will return to New Zealand early in the new year to conduct a retreat for the clergy of the Christchurch diocese.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan was present at Vespers at St. Benedict's Church on Sunday, when he preached an impressive discourse. After Vespers there was a procession at the head of which was borne a statue of the Blessed Virgin. The 11 o'clock Mass at the same church was celebrated by the Rev. Father McCarthy, C.M., Rev. Father Russell being deacon, and Rev. Father McGuinness subdeacon.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration committee, after meeting the heavy expenses in connection with the National celebrations, had a net result of £143. It has been decided to forward his Lordship the Bishop £120 with direction to give £30 each to St. Patrick's, St. Benedict's, Sacred Heart, and St. John the Baptist parishes. Of this amount the National concert was responsible for £41. The committee is to be warmly congratulated on the success of the celebration.

The Rev. Father Costello, who left for the Old Country nearly a year ago, arrived here on Tuesday morning from Sydney by the Elingamite. The Rev. Father looked exceedingly well, and has thoroughly benefited by and enjoyed his trip. He speaks in grateful terms of the kindness everywhere extended to him, particularly while in Melbourne, where he was temporarily laid up, during which time the Archbishop, clergy, and Sisters were most attentive to him. Being due in Wellington at the end of the month, Father Costello went south by the Elingamite on Monday. Whilst in Auckland he stayed at the Bishop's House, where he was visited by many of his old friends.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Wellington.

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

THE third annual meeting of the Cathedral Building Committee was held at St. Patrick's Hall, Wellington, on Sunday, June 1. There was a large attendance. His Grace Archbishop Redwood presided. The trustees presented an audited balance-sheet showing the receipts and expenditure for the 12 months ending April 30, 1902. This was read by the hon. treasurer of the fund, Rev. Father O'Shea. The net receipts for the year were £1188 14s 8d, and the total assets £6373 18s 5d, £4281 of which are placed on deposit, bearing five per cent. interest. The Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., was appointed an additional ex-officio trustee and member of all committees. As two of the seven trustees retire annually an election was held to fill the vacancies and resulted in the return of Mr W. C. Gascoigne (re-elected) and the Rev. Father O'Shea. Mr M. Kennedy, chairman of trustees, speaking as to the collection of instalments, said, the progress of the collection had been interrupted by Father Ainsworth's departure for Europe, and by the time of his return to the Colony, it was found that the enthusiasm had cooled somewhat and hence the receipts for the year were not as large as might be expected.

His Grace the Archbishop stated that there were many reasons to account for the falling off in the payment of subscriptions. There had been numerous calls on the parishioners throughout the archdiocese, besides which there was the great fall in the price of wool which had prevented many in the farming districts from fulfilling their promises. His Grace also informed the meeting that Father Ainsworth was now collecting in Westport and the collecting there was proceeding satisfactorily.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to his Grace for presiding.

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