

with a purse, suitably inscribed, and filled with sovereigns. Under ordinary circumstances, said the Bishop, the duty which devolved upon him would have been a pleasing one, but disavowing rhetorical phrasing, it was a duty he performed with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure. The present was the first occasion on which he had appeared in public for more than a month, but it was one he felt he could not absent himself from; he would have even arisen from a sick bed rather than allow such an excellent opportunity pass of testifying the great regard in which Miss Funston was held by both clergy and people. He (the Bishop) and the priests always had such absolute confidence in Miss Funston that no misgivings were ever entertained, but that under her discreet and skilful guidance things would be right. His Lordship reiterated much that has been on recent occasions expressed regarding Miss Funston, and asked her acceptance of the gift as an expression of the greatest possible esteem and gratitude, at the same time most heartily wishing her long years of health, strength, and happiness in her new career. Mr. H. H. Loughnan, after paying a tribute to Miss Funston's invaluable services and talents, explained that the presentation was but a small token of esteem on the part of the choir, and arranged at short notice. Mr. James Mercer, on behalf of Miss Funston, cordially thanked those present for their expressions of good-will and their valuable gift. He was directed to say that Miss Funston's efforts were truly a labor of love and duty, and that such a tangible proof of their appreciation was wholly unexpected. At the termination of the proceedings, Mr. E. O'Connor spoke eulogistically of Miss Funston on behalf of the parishioners.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 23.

The Rev. Father Furlong is at present on a visit to Rotoua.

Amongst the passengers who passed through by the Ventura for Sydney on Monday was the Right Rev. Dr. Broyer, Vicar-Apostolic of the Navigator Islands, who is making his periodical visitation to the portion of the Solomon Group owned by Germany.

At the Foresters' Hall, Newton, on Saturday evening the bazaar promoted in aid of St. Joseph's Convent building fund was again largely attended. The sales were most satisfactory. On Monday the remaining goods were sold by auction. The Rev. Father Gillan acknowledged with many thanks the kindness of his friends who had contributed to bring the bazaar to such a successful issue. The net proceeds for the week's fair are expected to amount to £400.

On board the Mapourika, which sailed on her Parliamentary trip to the Islands on Sunday, I was introduced to Mr. Parata, M.H.R., by the Hon. T. Thompson, M.L.C., who said speak to my friend. I was addressed then by the Maori in a tongue I knew not to be Maori. Upon inquiry I found that Mr. Parata had said: 'How are you, shake hands?' He had spoken in Irish. I felt very much humbled indeed, because I knew not my own native tongue. It seems Mr. Thompson had instructed Mr. Parata, who, in addition to commonplace remarks, had learned several old Irish songs, with which he used to please very much the late Sir Patrick Buckley.

The drawing in connection with the St. Patrick's Day art union was held in the Hibernian Hall on Wednesday evening. The supervisors were: Rev. Dr. Egan, Messrs. P. J. Nerheny, Mr. Treton, and J. Stead.

Mr. W. Ormond, who is studying for the priesthood at Propaganda College, Rome, writing to his parents in Auckland, says:— 'We celebrated, on the 3rd March, the Holy Father's jubilee. It was a great day in Rome. Preparations were made for the occasion on all sides. Sixty thousand tickets of admission to St. Peter's were issued, I was told. No one could enter without a ticket. Early in the morning cabs were flying in all directions, and I knew the day was going to be a memorable one. The ceremonies were timed to begin at 10 a.m. The doors of the basilica were opened two hours before the time, and when I got there at half-past eight the place was well filled. Outside St. Peter's there were scores of soldiers keeping order; inside the Swiss and Palatine Guards, etc., were kept busy in trying to prevent confusion. By 10 o'clock it was utterly impossible to get standing room in many parts of the church—people were crushed into every nook and corner. The heat was awful, and little infirmaries (inside St. Peter's) were erected for those who fainted, as it was utterly impossible to bring them into the open air through the masses of people. It was after 11 when the Holy Father appeared in his chair. Such a reception as he got! The effect was magnificent. The Pope was carried slowly towards the altar, amidst the wildest excitement. Mass was then begun. While it was going on the Pope remained near the altar. At the conclusion of the Mass he gave his blessing. Immediately afterwards a Te Deum was sung; the Holy Father was again placed in his chair, wearing his new tiara, and was again carried through the excited crowd back to the Vatican. It was half-past one when the crowd left St. Peter's. There were immense numbers of English people there. The illuminations at night were more or less spoiled by the rain. On the whole, the ceremony was something to be remembered, and the jubilee of a Pope is an event that history cannot often record.'

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Southland News Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

A grand carnival is to be held in a few months' time in Invercargill for the purpose of augmenting the building fund of the new church. Signor Borzoni will have charge of the spectacular effects, which will be a prominent feature of the undertaking.

'Playing the ghost' has become a favorite pastime amongst a youthful section of the community in Invercargill, and the frightening of women and children has in several instances been attended with serious consequences. The police have as yet been unable to bring the offenders to justice, but it is hoped they will eventually be successful. It is only a few years ago since a 'ghost' was shot by a citizen in Forth street, so it is evidently a risky game to play.

During the past week the demise of Mr. McIntyre cast a gloom over the Catholic community. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, of studious habits, and was a good classical scholar. He took a deep interest in everything appertaining to the welfare of the Church, and was always found where good and charitable works were being carried out. He was secretary for many years of the Catholic Literary Society, the Hibernian Society, the Irish Athletic Society, and the Bootmakers' Union. Mr. McIntyre was one of the pioneers of the Southland Trades and Labor Council, and held the position of treasurer till his demise. Very Rev. Dean Burke officiated at the funeral.—R.I.P.

The erection of a new Catholic church at Otatau is to be commenced very soon. The new building will, when completed, be an ornament to the town.

Readers in country districts will do well to guard against stock being allowed to feed where ragwort has put in an appearance. It is not generally known that cattle are liable to become affected as well as horses. Mr. Scott, of Merrivale, near Otatau, recently lost 23 cows through ragwort. About Winton horses are dying every week, so there is good reason for dreading it.

The Late Hon. Dr. Grace

The funeral of the late Hon. Dr. Grace (writes our Wellington correspondent) took place on Tuesday morning, and was one of the largest yet seen in Wellington. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart at nine o'clock by the Very Rev. Father Lewis, Adm., with Rev. Father Hills deacon, Rev. Father O'Shea sub-deacon, and Very Rev. Dean McKenna, of Masterton, master of ceremonies. His Grace the Archbishop, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Dean Grogan (Wanganui), Very Rev. Dean Binsfield (Mearns), Very Rev. Father Lane and Rev. Father Walsh (Hutt), and Rev. Fathers Delach (Otaki), O'Meara (Feilding), and Cahill (Carterton) were present in the sanctuary. The following priests, assisted by Mr. R. Loughnan and other members of the choir, rendered the Gregorian music during the Mass: Rev. Fathers Ainsworth, Moloney, Holley, Servajan (Blenheim), Maples (Petone), Power (Hawera), and Dean Lighthouse. Rev. Father Kimbell presided at the organ. The church was crowded. Among the many leading citizens were the members of Dr. Grace's family, the Hon. W. W. Johnston, the Hon. C. J. Johnston, the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon (Premier), the Hon. Sir Joseph Ward and Lady Ward, the Hon. W. C. Walker, the Hon. T. Y. Duncan, Captain Alexander (representing his Excellency the Governor), the Chief Justice (Sir Robert Stout), Major-General Babbington, the Mayor of Wellington (Mr. J. G. W. Aitken, M.H.R.), and a number of members of the City Council, the Rev. C. S. Ogg, Mr. J. W. Joynt (Registrar of the New Zealand University), Mr. H. Otterson (Clerk of the House of Representatives), and many members of the medical and legal professions. St. Patrick's College, of which Dr. Grace was a firm friend, was represented by about 30 of the senior students, under the direction of the Rev. Father Hills (acting-rector). There was also present in the church a number of the children of St. Joseph's Orphanage, an institution of which Dr. Grace was a generous benefactor.

At the conclusion of the Mass the Archbishop, in the course of

An Address,

said: 'Before we consign these remains of one we love so much, and who is so highly respected, allow me to address you briefly on this very mournful occasion. I feel, indeed, that no words of mine have any weight to express the sorrow we all feel here this morning at so great a loss. I think the loss is irreparable for his own beloved family, with whom we all feel the most sincere sympathy. It is a great loss for a large and influential circle of relatives and friends of every class and creed; a great loss to this city in which he was engaged on so many useful and far-reaching undertakings; a loss to the legislature which he honored and endeavored to assist in the best laws enacted for the government of this Colony; a great loss to society at large; a loss to the whole of this Colony, and, I may say, in a certain degree, to the Empire—the one whom we regret to-day and whose remains are about to be buried in mother earth, from which he proceeded, until the day comes when they will arise in glory. I feel, my dear brethren, that a personality so dear to us, so well known for so long a period throughout the Colony, occupies a place in our hearts, in our undertakings, and in our business. He occupies a place that when he has departed he leaves a