contributed two pianoforte items: 'Volkslied (Hambourg, and 'A midsummer's night's dream' (Mendelssohn-Liszt). The 'cello items were 'Butterfly,' Chopin's 'Nocturne in E flat,' and an impromptu. It is needless to say that the playing of these gifted musicians was an intellectual treat of the highest order. The nuns were highly pleased with the all too brief concert, as were his Lordship the Bishop and the Rev. Fathers Murphy, Howard, and Cleary, who were also present. The Messrs. Hambourg subsequently dined with his Lordship the Bishop and the priests, who were charmed with the delightful company and interesting causerie of the talented brothers. It is rarely that one finds such wonderful musical talent in people so young—the pianist being only 24 and the 'cellist 18 years—both being very boyish looking.

AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 18.

The 'par,' which appeared in one of my letters concerning the incident on the Mapourika as she was about to leave Auckland upon her trip to the islands with the Parliamentary party, was copied into the Sydney 'Bulletin,' and was read with delight by Mr. Parata, M.H.R. and the Hon. Mr. Thompson at one of the islands.

Tram car fatalities occur with painful regularity. The latest victim was William O'Connell, struck down in Queen street. He was an old member of the Hibernian Society. He died in the hospital. Several of the Society attended his funeral. On the same day on which poor O'Connell was injured, a little girl, Eileen O'Connor, was run over, and now lies in a precarious condition in the hospital.

The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral with greater solemnity than usual. Solemn High Mass was sung at 11 o'clock, the celebrant being Rev. Father Patterson, deacon Father Buckley, and sub-deacon Father Holbrook. The high altar was beautifully decorated with flowers and candles. The music was Weber's 'Mass in G,' rendered in their usually efficient manner by the choir, under Mr. F. F. Hiscocks. After Mass a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place. The litany of the saints was sung by Monsignor Casier and the choir alternately. Adoration by the faithful was held throughout the day, and the children's devotions took place in the afternoon. At Vespers his Lordship the Bishop preached a fine sermon on the Blessed Sacrament. He said: You will note that our altars are decorated to-day. Non-Catholics wonder at all this, and we should always be in a position to tell them why we do it. We really and truly believe in the Real Presence. We look at the Blessed Sacrament and see there the species of bread and wine, and our questioning is put aside, as our holy Faith teaches us that by the power of the Almighty it has been transformed into the Body and Blood of our Blessed Lord. While on earth He performed miracles of just as great magnitude, notably the multiplying of the loaves and the fishes, and feeding from them thousands of people. Scientists and others scoff at this, and say that such a form is unworthy of His holy divinity, but He came upon this earth, and became Man. Non-Catholics only see our faith, as they do our churches, from the exterior. If they could but enter into it, and discover its beauty and consolation, how happy and surprised they would be. In the humblest of our churches, as well as in the greatest of our cathedrals, God is honored and adored. At the Pope's recent jubilee there was gathered the intellect of the world to do homage to the Blessed Sacrament held aloft in the venerable hands of our Holy Father. In St. Peter's four years ago, during the festival of Corpus Christi, he (his Lordship) was privileged to see 10,000 people assembled, including 85 bishops to do honor and to pray to the Blessed Sacrament. That night they should pray that through the Blessed Sacrament they might receive the grace to bear up against the temptations of the world. God is ever willing to listen to our prayers. Henceforward let us all attend church, and continue our prayers, not forgetting those who are outside of the Church that they may be enlightened, and thereby come to receive the blessing and happiness to be found in our Holy Church. The adoration was continued throughout Monday, and in the evening the Rev. Father Gillan, of St. Benedict's, delivered another fine discourse on the Blessed Sacrament. On Tuesday morning a large number approached the Holy Table. At 10 o'clock the Exposition terminated. The following priests attended: Rev. Fathers Patterson, Adm., Gillan, and Furlong, of St. Benedict's, and Rev. Fathers Kreymborg, Buckley, and Holbrook. The large attendance at the ceremonies was an evidence of the faith and earnestness of the people.

Presentation to Father Lane, Onehunga

Immediately after Vespers on Sunday evening, June 7, the congregation of the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, assembled in St. Mary's Hall for the purpose of making a presentation and saying farewell to the Rev. Father Lane, who had been assistant priest to the Right Rev. Mgr. Paul for about twelve months. The large attendance was evidence of the esteem in which Father Lane was held.

Mr. James Shaldrick, on behalf of the congregation (says the 'Manukau Chronicle') made a very appropriate speech, and conveyed the sincere regret all experienced at parting with such an energetic, devoted, and ideal priest. He concluded by wishing the reverend gentleman every success and happiness in his new sphere. Mr. Shaldrick then called upon Mr. R. Vance to read the following address:—

Dear and Rev. Father,—We, the undersigned members of the above church—on behalf of our beloved pastor and the congregation generally—beg of you to kindly accept this small token as a mark of the esteem and admiration which we feel for you on this the close of your spiritual labors amongst us. We cannot allow you to depart without conveying to you personally the grateful thanks of the congregation for the energy and devotion which you have thrown into your work. Your zeal in promoting the welfare of our Church, as well as the kindly interest you have taken in the youth of the congregation during the short time you have been amongst us have been—we assure you—highly appreciated, and will not soon be forgotten. In conclusion we can only express our sincere regret at your departure, and pray God that you may long be granted good health and strength to continue your holy and priestly labors. On behalf of the congregation we beg to hand you herewith this purse of sovereigns.—James Shaldrick, Dan McCarten, Hugh McGahan, Richard Donovan, Pat Kearin, Robert Vance.

Mr. Shaldrick then presented a purse of sovereigns to Father Lane, the reverend gentleman being so taken by surprise that he scarcely knew what to say. In reply he expressed how sincerely he felt towards the people of Onehunga for the kindness extended him, and that he would take away very kind and pleasant recollections to his new parish at Ormonde, Gisborne.

On Monday the children attending the Girls' Select and Convent Schools, also the pupils attending St. Mary's Boys' School, assembled in the hall to make presentations to Father Lane, and the following address was read by Master C. Dunn:—

Rev. and Dear Father Lane,—On behalf of the pupils of the Convent of St. Mary's Boys' Schools we beg to give expression to our deep regret at your departure from Onehunga. At the same time the knowledge that you are promoted to a larger and more prosperous part of our dear Lord's vineyard, has given a silver lining to the cloud of sorrow which has overshadowed our school at your loss. In the presence of this coming separation your many acts of kindness—notably the grand school picnic and the Friday evening amusements provided by you for your pleasure—stand out prominently, and reflect on you a genial light, which will make your memory shine ever brightly in our heart of hearts. In conclusion, dear Father Lane, we beg to offer you these little gifts which we ask you to accept as tokens of our esteem and affection for you, and, as the proverbial straw shows how the wind blows, we trust these little presents will show you how the current of our loving gratitude flows out towards you; and we pray that Almighty God may bless you and make your path through life pleasant and happy.

Presentations of useful articles were then made on behalf of the pupils of the Girls' Select School, the Convent school, and the boys attending Mr. Honan's school.

Father Lane gratefully acknowledged the great kindness of the little ones, and stated that along with their good parents they had over-estimated the importance and extent of his labors, but it would be always sweet to know that his services, such as they were, had been so appreciated. After a long and eloquent address, the reverend gentleman announced a half-holiday for the little ones, such having been granted by Monsignor Paul, and concluded by adopting the words of the expressive and beautiful song which had been rendered on the entrance of the visiting clergy and himself, and said with all sincerity of heart 'May God bless the friends we love.'

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