

people of Southland, I can testify, are waiting for them, and the people of Dunedin are waiting for them. I wrote in my manuscript "waiting," but your compositor and proof-readers, reflecting, no doubt, the sentiment in Dunedin, turned it into "wailing." Would his Lordship kindly remember his obligation in logic, law, common sense, and the principles of historical investigation, to come out with his excessive information, and to relieve this strained popular expectancy?

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 5.

Rev. Father Servajean was in Wellington this week in connection with the plans for the erection of a high school for the Sisters of Mercy, which is to be built in Blenheim shortly.

Rev. Father Marnane passed through Wellington this week on his return from Australia, where he had been on a holiday for the benefit of his health.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood is attending the Rhodes Scholarship Conference, which is now sitting in Wellington in the interests of New Zealand students.

The half-yearly meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Monday evening last. A large attendance of members was present. The report and balance showed the Association to be in a sound condition. A new billiard table had been procured, the debt on which had been reduced to less than half the cost during the half year. It was decided that the Association would in future be known as the 'Catholic Young Men's Club.' The officers remain the same as for the last half-year.

The 'At Home' given in the Druid's Hall on Friday evening in aid of the organ fund by the members of St. Mary of the Angels' choir, was a most enjoyable function. The hall was nicely decorated for the occasion. During the evening a vocal quartette was contributed by Messrs. Ross, Farr, Kenny, and Oakes, and solos were given by Messrs. G. Farr and Duff. Messrs. Ross, Kenny, Seivers, and Tabor acted as M.C.'s. Mr. A. McDonald made an efficient secretary.

Sister M. Vincent Lane, who died on the Feast of St. Augustine at St. Mary's Convent, Hill street, was born in Mallow, County Cork, in 1858. She left Ireland for New Zealand in 1880, with the intention of laboring for the good cause by becoming a Sister of Mercy. Accordingly, upon her arrival Miss Lane entered the above convent, where she was professed in 1882. In 1891 her health began to fail, yet she worked with unflagging energy in all scholastic duties until her appointment as Mother Bursar in 1898. In this capacity Mother Vincent was noted for her charity, patience, and sympathy, as well as for a delicate thoughtfulness which displayed itself in a thousand ways. During the past three years her constitutional delicacy increased so much that life must have been to her a perfect martyrdom, and yet she was present at every duty. The dear departed never spoke of her own sufferings, not a murmur of complaint was ever known to escape her, though her heart would melt in tender sympathy with the lesser sorrows of those around her. But it was especially during those last sad days that her virtues shone forth, and then only, did the Sisters fully realise the depth of piety in the treasure whose bright example they were about to lose. How often during life did she not long and long for that 'eternal rest' towards which we hope we are all hastening! And now that she felt that she was at last about to bid farewell to her painful exile no pen can depict, no words describe, the radiance that settled on her countenance. So through what we call 'this last sad passage,' her gentle spirit passed peacefully, nay triumphantly, away to claim 'the crown of eternal life' promised to those who have been faithful unto death.

On Saturday a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel of the Sisters of Mercy for the repose of the soul of the late Mother Mary Vincent. The Very Rev. Father Keogh, rector of St. Patrick's College, was celebrant; the Very Rev. Father McNamara, deacon; the Rev. Father O'Shea, sub-deacon; and the Very Rev. Father Lewis, master of ceremonies. The requiem was chanted by the priests present in the choir. On Sunday the remains were borne to the Sacred Heart Church, the pall-bearers being four members of the Hibernian Society, while the Sisters of the community followed in processional order. The burial service was recited by the Rev. Father Lewis, who also preached a short panegyric on the deceased nun. At 3 p.m. the funeral took place to Karori Cemetery, the chief mourner

being Very Rev. Father Lane, P.P., Lower Hutt, brother of the deceased lady. About 30 of the Sisters of Mercy attended the last obsequies, in addition to a large number of clergy. Amongst those present at the interment were the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, several members of the Legislature, and a representative concourse of the public.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 7.

The Rev. Father Marnane returned to Christchurch on Saturday last in renewed health.

His Lordship the Bishop is to be entertained at a conversazione in the Alexandra Hall, Canterbury Hall buildings, on Tuesday evening, in honor of his return to Christchurch after several months' absence on the West Coast.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday from High Mass till Vespers. After the sermon, preached by his Lordship the Bishop, there was the customary procession, taken part in by the various Confraternities in the presence of a crowded congregation.

With the sanction of the ecclesiastical authorities, members of the Pro-Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul intend organising a Sunday school at Woolston for the benefit of the Catholic children of that locality. It has been arranged that two ladies each Sunday afternoon will attend to the younger boys and girls, and a Brother to the elder boys. This is probably a prelude to the opening of a church in the thickly populated suburb.

Mr. H. McSherry, of Ashburton, who is leaving the district to practise his profession in Pahiata, was the recipient of a gold fountain pen and a brief bag from the members of the local Catholic Literary Society in appreciation of his many excellent qualities, and services rendered as an officer of that Society, conductor of the choir, and foremost part taken by him in all matters connected with the Church. Miss Bournique, who has for some years filled the position of church organist, was at the same time presented with several valuable articles of plate on the occasion of her approaching marriage.

His Lordship the Bishop, who returned to the city last week, expresses himself as more than pleased at the generosity of the people on the West Coast in connection with the Cathedral building fund. They contributed with remarkable liberality, and this too in face of the fact that in regard to Greymouth subscriptions were being received to complete the fine church there, which is looked upon as the West Coast Cathedral. Although not experiencing the same discomforts and perils by land and sea as beset him two years previously, still by train, horse, and vehicle he covered a great deal of ground, and visited all the important centres of the Coast. His Lordship publicly addressed the people over seventy times, spoke in eighteen churches and chapels, and visited the schools, convents, etc. As a result of his Lordship's efforts and those of the Very Rev. Dean Foley, who accompanied him, the system of weekly collections for the fund is firmly established. Although his appeals were everywhere generously responded to, it is most unlikely, humanly speaking, that many of the donors will ever see the Cathedral itself, this fact, however, did not evidently deter them from contributing generously. Among interesting souvenirs of the Bishop's visit were two pieces of rata and fern tree discovered by a miner in a tunnel 600 feet under a mountain. The wood, which is in a perfect state of preservation, must have been in the earth for centuries.

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