

'13. "Catholicism" and Catholicism.—On the death of the Pope some weeks ago his Lordship made the welkin of Otago and Southland ring with his challenge to all and sundry to controvert with him this Petrine fact. He has since strung together in your columns an immense quantity of words and words and loosely constructed paragraphs, but he has not, I submit, thrown one glimpse of light on the subject. The people of Southland are still "waiting," and the people of Otago are still "wailing" for his evidence, positive, clear, convincing. But he wound up his last long letter in, at all events, an edifying way—that is, with a "hearty prayer" that the veil should fall from our "faces" so that we could all see the beautiful lineaments of his insular "Catholic" sect. It will, I know, take a good many "hearty prayers" from Bishop Nevill to make your humble servant set much value upon his Royal-Supremacy, Act-of-Parliament, rather many-colored affair. A recent scholarly Protestant historian, Mr. G. W. Child, tells us that the Church of England, having separated under its first popes, Henry VIII., Edward VI., and Elizabeth, from the rest of Christendom, "became for the first time in its history a separate Christian community, of which little could be affirmed, but that, for the time being at any rate, it agreed with no other, that it retained

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and that in practice, if not in theory too, it owed its doctrine as well as whatever of discipline it retained to its lay Supreme Head" ("Church and State," London, 1890, p. 264).

'To this "anomalous and decapitated Catholicism" I prefer that Catholicism of which the great Augustine of Africa said, more than 1500 years ago: "The agreement of all peoples and nations keeps me there. Authority—begun in miracle, nurtured in hope, increased by charity, and confirmed by antiquity—keeps me there. The succession of bishops from the See itself of Peter (to whom the Lord committed the feeding of His sheep) down to the present episcopate, keeps me there. Lastly, I am kept there by the very name of Catholic, which, among so many heresies, that Church has, not without reason, alone held in possession. So much so, that though all heretics wish themselves to be called 'Catholic,' yet when any stranger asks where the Catholic service is held no one of them dares point to his own church or house." And again: "I am held in the communion of the Catholic Church by the succession of bishops from the very chair of the Apostle Peter. . . . For if the order of bishops succeeding to one another is to be considered, how much more surely and beneficially do we reckon from Peter himself. . . . And to Peter succeeded Linus," etc. (Ep. contra Man. and Ep. 53, Gener. n. 2).'

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 12.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood leaves next week for Westport to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and to open the new school.

The Very Rev. Father Olier, Provincial of the Marist Fathers in Australia, arrived from Sydney by the Mokoia this week on a visit to New Zealand.

Mr. W. Edward Butler has been appointed hon. captain of No. 1 Company of St. Patrick's College Rifle Cadets, and Mr. Richard Timmins, hon. captain of No. 2 Company.

The generosity of Mrs. Segrief, one of our highly-esteemed Catholics, has again been shown by the gift of an organ for the convent chapel, Hill street, and a donation of £30 towards the new music rooms which will be built shortly.

At the Foresters' Hall on Thursday evening the Hon. W. Beehan, who has been recently appointed to the Legislative Council, was the recipient of a presentation from the Irishmen of Wellington. The affair was most successfully carried out. Mr. P. J. O'Regan occupied the chair, and spoke in terms of praise regarding the guest of the evening. He felt quite sure Mr. Beehan would give a good account of himself in Parliament and act up to the traditions of the race from which he had sprung. Mr. E. Arnold paid a tribute to Mr. Beehan and to the Irish race. Other speakers were Messrs. F. McParland, J. Stratford, J. McInerney, and M. Bohan. The health of the guest was drunk with musical honors. Mr. Beehan replied with a few appropriate words. During the evening songs were given by Messrs. Smith, Hanifan, and Corliss, Mr. Corliss also contributing a recitation. Mr.

Sawtell gave some amusing imitations. Miss Lawlor danced an Irish jig. Mr. D. Murphy was secretary of the gathering.

It is with deep regret I announce the death of a second beloved sister of the Very Rev. Father Lane, Lower Hutt, which took place at St. Mary's Convent, Hill street, on Sunday morning, September 6. Sister Mary Catherine entered St. Mary's in 1890, and was professed in 1894. During her voyage out from the Old Country, Miss Lane seemed to have caught a chill and never to have been able to shake it off. This eventually undermined her constitution so much that none, not even those who came in daily contact with her, understood the full extent of her sufferings. However, with the bravest of hearts, she was ever at her post till the beginning of the present year, when obedience exchanged her school duties for others of a lighter nature. Sister Mary Catherine was best known amongst the junior pupils of St. Mary's High School, where she will long be remembered for the sweetness and gentleness with which she ruled the little ones confided to her care. She was two years younger than her late sister—Sister Mary Vincent. During life they were both so remarkable for their spirit of perfect detachment that few were aware of the deep affection existing between them. But now even death seemed anxious to compensate them by placing them side by side on the lonely hillside, never more to be separated. Sister Mary Catherine died on the feast of our Lady Consoler of the Afflicted, and truly she could not have had a more appropriate day than that on which our consoling Mother chose to take to herself one of the most afflicted of her lowly children. On Monday a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel for the repose of the soul of the late Sister Mary Catherine. Rev. Father McNamara was celebrant, the Very Rev. Father Keogh deacon, Rev. Father O'Shea sub-deacon, the Very Rev. Father Lewis master of ceremonies. Very Rev. Father Lane and Rev. Father Walsh were present in the sanctuary. The requiem was chanted by the priests present in the choir. Mr. D. Kenny presided at the organ. In the afternoon the remains were borne to the Church of the Sacred Heart, the pall-bearers being four members of the Hibernian Society, while the Sisters followed in processional order. The Very Rev. Father Lewis read the burial service and also preached a short panegyric on the deceased. The funeral then left for the Karori cemetery, the chief mourner being the Very Rev. Father Lane, of the Lower Hutt. About thirty of the Sisters of Mercy attended the last obsequies in addition to a large number of clergy and a representative gathering of the public.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 14.

The Very Rev. Dean Foley, who remained on the West Coast laboring in the interests of the Cathedral and diocese, has telegraphed to the Bishop to the effect that he had succeeded in securing a site and was arranging for the building of a church in the locality where one does not exist but is urgently needed.

Sunday last being the feast of the Holy Name of Mary and patronal feast of the Marist Order, his Lordship the Bishop preached on Sunday evening at Vespers an occasional sermon at St. Mary's, Manchester street.

Speaking at the complimentary conversazione on last Tuesday evening, his Lordship the Bishop said that despite the numerous calls recently made on the people of the West Coast, and the appeal made by himself for the Cathedral building fund was the third for that object, he had received over £600 during the visitation.

In carrying out the expressed desire of the late Mr. Quinn an iron arch and lamp have been erected over the gateway of St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, the cost being borne by the estate of the deceased gentleman.

Very deep sorrow is felt by all who knew him at the death, which occurred last week, of Mr. Michael McNamara, at the early age of 30 years, after a brief illness. The deceased was a general favorite with the many who enjoyed his acquaintance, and was, on account of strict adherence to religious duty, unimpeachable character, and praiseworthy zeal in all good works, universally respected. He was a member of the Catholic Club, of the H.A.C.B. Society, and Pro-Cathedral Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society, all of which bodies were represented at his funeral on Saturday last. He was the life of all social functions in connection with the Catholic Club, and many former members of the Catholic Literary Society will long entertain pleasant recollections of the part he took in its pursuits, combined with his unobtrusive and genial manner. Prior to the interment in the Linwood Cemetery a Requiem Mass was