

appointed Rector of Southwark Diocesan Seminary in 1889. In 1895 he was named Domestic Prelate to the late Pope in recognition of his labors in promoting Catholic education in England, and became titular Bishop of Epiphania and Coadjutor to the late Bishop of Southwark in 1896. A year later, on the resignation of Dr. Butt through ill-health and advanced age, Dr. Bourne was appointed his successor in the bishopric. He has hitherto shown but little interest in political matters, but it is believed that his sympathies correspond rather to those of Cardinal Manning than those of his immediate predecessor. (We have been informed by cable that Dr. Bourne has created a Cardinal.—Ed. 'N.Z.T.')

The Diocese of Salford

The Catholics of Salford (says the 'Catholic Times') have been fortunate in the Bishops chosen to take charge of their spiritual interests. Dr. Vaughan, a man of strong character, resource, and apostolic zeal, was followed by Dr. Bilshorow, who was so devoted to his work that he spent himself in it, even declining to take necessary recreation. And now Dr. Bilshorow is succeeded by Dr. Casartelli, who enjoys the cordial esteem both of clergy and laity, and whose episcopate promises to be eminently successful. It is no secret that Dr. Casartelli was sincerely anxious to avoid the dignity and responsibilities that have been assigned to him. An Orientalist of European reputation, a member of a number of learned societies, the rector of a flourishing college, and a professor of Louvain University, it is not surprising that he shrank from the idea of accepting an office the duties of which cannot but lessen, if they do not entirely cut off, opportunities for study and literary labor. But though Dr. Casartelli has so far been largely occupied with academic and educational aims and achievements, those who have known him best and have been competent to judge have also discerned in him capacity as an administrator. One of the last and strongest recommendations of Cardinal Vaughan to the Holy See was that Dr. Casartelli should be appointed Bishop of Salford, and the authorities in Rome who have had the Salford appointment under consideration for a considerable time, have, by insisting on his acceptance of the post, shown that they are convinced of his exceptional fitness.

ROME.—An Encyclical

A cable message from Rome under date October 5 states that the Holy Father's first Encyclical refers to his reluctance to take office, since he felt dismayed at the present state of human society. He disclaims all secret tendencies, aims, and preoccupations, and deplores the war waged against God everywhere. When all things are restored in Christ, His Church will imply freedom from all external domination. The Pope especially recommends great care in training the young, and advocates the increase of Catholic societies. The whole Encyclical is characterised by humility and piety.

Cardinal Moran

The Pope received Cardinal Moran in private audience on Tuesday morning, August 25, and greeted him most cordially. His Holiness expressed his thanks for the warm congratulations which Cardinal Moran tendered to him. The Pope added that he had been most pleased to receive the congratulatory telegram sent by the Cardinal from Colombo on the occasion of his election. The audience lasted half an hour, and at its conclusion the Pope gave his apostolic benediction to be conveyed to the members of the Catholic Church in Australia. The conversation between his Holiness and the Cardinal was conducted in Italian. The Pope said his heart had already gone out to Australia. He added: I will order the Ecclesiastical Congregations to have pending Australian questions ready for settlement before you leave at the end of September. After the audience Cardinal Moran presented to the Pope his secretary, Dean O'Haran, and Father Byrne, Vice-Rector of the Irish College in Rome.

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CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC CLUB

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club was held in the Boys' Schoolroom on September 24. The Rev. Father McDonnell presided, and there was a good attendance of members. His Lordship the Bishop and Sir George Clifford granted their patronage for the ensuing year, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. R. O. Duncan; vice-presidents, Messrs. Messrs. R. Hayward, J. Shanley, and J. Quinlan; treasurer, Mr. W. Hayward, Jun.; secretary, Mr. G. Dobbs; executive committee, Messrs. M. O'Reilly, P. Nolan, J. Canavan, J. Cronin, and George Hayward; trustees, Messrs. J. R. Hayward, A. Mead, and M. O'Reilly. It was arranged to formally open the new club rooms on October 13, at which Sir George Clifford consented, if possible, to preside and deliver an inaugural address. Seven new members were nominated. The annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted, the following being a summary:—

Your committee beg to congratulate the Club on its financial position considering the many adverse circumstances under which it has worked during the past season. The receipts and expenditure compare very favorably with past years, and the balance sheet shows a balance of assets over liabilities to the extent of £120 10s 9d. Your committee trust that 12 months hence will undoubtedly show better attendance at the Club's winter session than what they experienced during the past year. Owing to the regrettable fire, which destroyed the premises previously occupied by the Club, your executive have been confronted with the necessity of acquiring suitable rooms for members' requirements, and have pleasure in reporting that satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Hibernian Society for a lease of a portion of the Hibernian Hall, which will unfortunately deprive us of the valuable library which our members had the advantage of using through the kindness of his Lordship the Bishop. Your executive would be pleased to receive donations in the form of pictures, or any other small articles, that would make the new rooms more cheerful, and they also hope within the near future that a gymnasium will be added. While on this subject you executive consider that the thanks of the members are due to his Lordship the Bishop, who has for many years so kindly placed his library at the disposal of members, and we are more than pleased to note that little loss was suffered at the late fire. In conclusion, your committee wish to tender their sincerest thanks to the Rev. Father McDonnell for the untiring energy and zeal displayed by him on every occasion in the interests of the Club. You will all agree that it is to the Rev. Father's efforts that much of our past success is due, and although he is retiring from active work in connection with the Club, it is gratifying to know we shall have his valuable services at our disposal should occasion require. It is with much regret we have to record the death of Mr. Michael McNamara, one of our first and most popular members. Our thanks are due to Sir George Clifford for his generous donation of £3 3s to the picnic fund, also to the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais and Rev. Father McDonnell for donations during the year.

The following cable (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal') has been received here: 'Father Robinson, of Melbourne, has delivered a lecture on Australia at the Rotunda, Dublin. The Lord Mayor, Mr. Timothy Harrington, M.P., presided. Miss Marie Narelle sang during the interval. So many people were unable to gain admission to the lecture that Father Robinson will repeat it.' Father Robinson (the popular pastor of Camberwell), who is at present on vacation, was, it will be remembered by your readers, mainly instrumental in the success of the movement which enabled Miss Amy Castles to enter upon her musical training under most favorable financial circumstances.

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