

She had selected her own time for a stupendous war of aggression. We were much less prepared. Parenthetically, Germany had constructed a great system of strategical railways parallel to the Russian frontier. Russia had done no corresponding thing. Now, fully prepared for war, with colossal accumulations of war material, Germany decides upon the moment for war, and declares war. Is there any fairness, any chivalry, in her trying to prevent us in full accord with international usage from going into neutral markets to buy the implements that Germany's action causes us so direly to need? Germany supplied large quantities of munitions of war to Russia during the war with Japan, and thought it no breach of neutrality then. Why should it be such now?

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 5.

The Feast of Corpus Christi was appropriately observed in all the parishes.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and his energetic committee have the preliminary work of the bazaar, which is to take place towards the end of the year, well in hand. The lady stallholders are displaying much enthusiasm in the undertaking.

A very successful social was held at the Sydney Street School by the parishioners of St. Brigid's, Wadestown, last Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance, including the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. The committee, of which Mr. W. M. Ellis was secretary, deserve every praise for the successful results of their energetic work.

Mr. P. J. O'Regan will, on June 14, deliver a lecture on proportional representation, under the auspices of St. Joseph's parish committee of the Catholic Federation, at St. Peter's Schoolroom, Ghuznee street. As the subject is one which should appeal to all Catholics, it is to be hoped that large numbers will avail of the opportunity to hear the advantages of this mode of representation explained by such an able exponent as Mr. O'Regan.

The Rev. Father Daly, chaplain at the military camp, Trentham, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of magazines, books, etc., for the use of the Catholic soldiers, from Mr. J. Corry (Wellington), Mrs. J. Kennedy (Rona Bay), and Mrs. Martin Kennedy (Wellington), also cash donations from Mrs. H. Freer (£1), and Mrs. J. Higham (5s). The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., Dominion treasurer of the Catholic Federation, desires to acknowledge the receipt of £2 from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Napier, and £1 from the Waipawa branch of the Catholic Federation towards the Trentham hall building fund.

Wellington is engaged at the present time in a big undertaking in endeavoring to raise the sum of £55,000 for the wounded soldiers' fund. Street processions, carnivals, and all sorts of devices have been organised to aid in the work. On the King's Birthday the supreme effort was made, when a huge procession was held in which all nations, trades, etc., were represented. The Hibernian Society participated, and made a good showing. Children from St. Joseph's Convent, Wellington South, took part, representing Japan, and also about 45 children from St. Joseph's Orphanage, who were kindly looked after and treated by a committee of ladies. Miss McEnroe's committee kindly entertained the Orphanage children at Newtown Park.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 7.

The prayers of the Cathedral congregation were asked on Sunday for the repose of the soul of Mr. E. J. Quinn, whose name appears on the list of killed at the Dardanelles, where he was fighting as a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Whilst on duty at Methven on last Sunday week, during the intensely severe weather then prevailing, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. (Cathedral) caught a chill from the effects of which he was obliged to lay up all the week, and was thus unable to participate in the Corpus Christi ceremonies. Owing to unfavorable symptoms, he had to enter Lewisham Hospital on Friday, but is now, owing to the devoted attention of the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, well on the way to complete recovery.

Great progress is being made in the erection of the extensive permanent buildings in brick and stone of the Lewisham Hospital on Bealey avenue. This week the roofing will be put on and within three months the great building is expected to be completed. It will form a conspicuous and imposing landmark, and easily the most prominent and noticeable structure in the vicinity. The increased accommodation will be most acceptable to the devoted Nursing Sisters, whose available space is now, and has been almost from the beginning, taxed to its full extent.

As patronal feast of the Cathedral, the observance of the Feast of Corpus Christi has a particular significance. Masses were celebrated on the day itself in the Cathedral at 7 and 9 o'clock. At the last Mass several children made their First Communion. In the evening there were devotions, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday last very large numbers of the Cathedral congregation, including both divisions of the arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, approached the Holy Table at the early Masses. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11 o'clock Mass, followed after Vespers by a procession and Benediction. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Seward to a very crowded congregation.

The Feast of Corpus Christi was observed with befitting solemnity at Mount Magdala. In the beautiful Gothic church of the institution there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the early morning, with continuous adoration. In the afternoon the whole of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and the inmates of the main institution and Sacred Heart Orphanage, together with a number of visitors, assembled in the church preparatory to an open-air procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., presided, the Rev. Father Murphy, B.A., was deacon, Rev. Father Long subdeacon, and Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., master of ceremonies. The Rev. Fathers Bell, S.M. (chaplain) and Seward were also present. Along the lengthy drives and avenues of the grounds (which were beautifully decorated) the procession wended its way, the 'Lauda Sion Angelorum' and Litany being sweetly sung. Benediction was given at a tastefully adorned open-air altar, the 'Tantum Ergo,' and 'O Salutaris' being sung by the kneeling assemblage on the wide lawn. In the church, when all the processionalists had re-entered, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was again given.

CATHOLIC GIRLS' CLUB, CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

In the institution now in full operation in this city, the problem of successfully conducting a club and hostel for Catholic girls appears, to have been definitely solved. When first the Immigration Committee of the Catholic Federation was formed a year or so ago, the necessity of establishing a hostel for the temporary re-

There is more money saved in buying good Brushware than in any other thing about the house. You find only good Brushware at Smith and Laing's, Invercargill....