

In the Cathedral on Sunday the Rev. Dr. Kennedy spoke of the compulsory enrolment in the Territorial forces of all youths and young men. As there is no option in the matter, he urged the formation of purely Catholic companies, a privilege extended by the military authorities to all denominations. There must be several hundred Catholic youths eligible, and bound to serve in and around the city, and of these eighty-nine only have so far given in their names, and it is hoped before time allowed elapses every Catholic will be found enrolled among his own co-religionists.

The first fortnightly meeting of the Arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament (men's branch) was held in the Cathedral on last Tuesday evening, with an attendance of 180 members. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy (spiritual director) in the course of a practical address, alluded to the encouraging prospects of the confraternity and its possibilities as a factor of permanent good in the parish, and spoke of what the Blessed Sacrament teaches in our daily life. The devotions included the Rosary, selected hymns, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The congregational singing throughout was a particularly pleasing feature. The confraternity is divided into sections of 36 members, each under a prescribed patron or patroness, with a shield banneret bearing the name of the special saint. So far the men's branch is divided into 12 sections, at least one of which has the required number, while the ladies' branch has increased to over 400 members, necessitating additional sections being already allotted. One section of the men's branch in turn is to join the procession of the Blessed Sacrament each first Sunday of the month.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' football team, which visited Timaru during the Easter holidays, desire to express their very sincere thanks to the Celtic Football Club of that town and Athletic Club, Temuka, for the kindness and hospitality extended, which included a dinner to the team and other visitors, and a drive in the country. These inter-club visits are likely to be an annual fixture. Whilst at Timaru the Christchurch team played a match with the Temuka Athletic Club, which it defeated by 11 points to 6. Mr. E. O'Connor, manager of the winning team, scored three tries. An invitation was given the Timaru Celtic Club to send a team to Christchurch to play the local 'Old Boys' before the end of the present season. The Christchurch Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association has four teams entered for this season's contests, including the senior, junior flag, president's cup, and fourth grade. The first matches of the season were played on Saturday last, when the senior and junior teams suffered defeat by close scoring. The match of the president's cup team against Canterbury College resulted in a draw, neither side scoring, and the fourth grade team won its game against Christ's College.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

May 1.

Letters received from Rev. Father Furlong state that he had a pleasant trip as far as Suva.

Rev. Father Quealy, of Palmerston North, is at present visiting Auckland. He celebrated Mass at the Mater Hospital on Sunday.

Rev. Father Cahill returned from his trip south last week. His many friends were pleased to find him so greatly improved in health.

The children's concert, which took place at Huntly on Friday night, was a most pronounced success, thanks in a great measure to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Daily, Mrs. Dunne, and Miss Fairweather.

His Lordship the Bishop has purchased four acres of land in a central position in Mount Eden borough. The district is growing, and in a short space of time there will be a flourishing parish there.

The Coronation bazaar is now in its third and last week, and will be brought to a close on next Saturday evening. Unseasonable weather interfered with the attendance during the first week, but since then the patronage and business have been excellent.

The following clerical changes were made in the city parishes last week:—Rev. Father Wright, who had been in charge of Huntly during the absence of Rev. Father Cahill, resumed his duties at the Cathedral; Rev. Father O'Farrell, who, since his arrival from Ireland, had been at the Cathedral, was appointed assistant to Rev. Father Edge at Ponsonby, while Rev. Father Finn took up duties at St. Benedict's; Rev. Father Brennan left last Thursday morning for the newly-formed parish of Te Kuiti, of which he has been appointed pastor. His friends at St. Benedict's farewelled him on Wednesday night.

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## THE IRISH ENVOYS

### ARRIVAL IN WELLINGTON

### MR. REDMOND'S VIEWS ON IMPERIAL POLITICS

The Irish Envoys—Messrs. R. Hazleton, M.P., W. A. Redmond, M.P., and J. T. Donovan—arrived in Wellington on Monday by the Rotorua from London. They were welcomed (says the Wellington correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times*) by Mr. Martin Kennedy (who has arranged the New Zealand tour), Dr. Cahill (president of the reception committee), and other members of the committee.

I had a brief chat with them on board the steamer, and subsequently obtained an interview with them at the Grand Hotel, where they will stay while in Wellington. All three Envoys are young men and unmarried. Mr. Redmond, stout, clean-shaven, and young (he is only 25), is the image of his father, who when he first visited New Zealand was younger than his son now is. Mr. Donovan, who has a pleasant Irish manner, was here on a similar mission some four years ago, so he is already known to many New Zealanders. Mr. Hazleton is the third member of the party, and perhaps the cleverest. He is certainly very earnest.

A number of people had assembled to witness their landing, and these cheered the three delegates as they set foot upon New Zealand soil. Mr. Redmond, who seems to be the chief spokesman, said the delegates were looking forward to a successful tour through New Zealand, and hoped to get a considerable sum of money. They needed funds because the last two elections within the space of one year had cost the Irish party £25,000, and now the Unionists had raised a fund of £100,000 to fight Home Rule. The party was delighted with the result of the last general election. The Liberals were returned with a majority, the Irish Party had a larger majority than it had in the former Parliament, and the coalition against the Lords was a very strong one.

'Wales is solid for Home Rule,' Mr. Redmond remarked, 'and there is only one Scotch member against it apart from the University members. To say you are in favor of Home Rule means you are in favor of Home Rule for Ireland, and to say you believe in Home Rule for Ireland means you believe in Home Rule all round. At the last election Home Rule was made an issue of the Liberal Ministry, and their present majority of 130 stands pledged to carry a Home Rule Bill. If the Parliament Bill is passed this year, the Home Rule Bill will be introduced next January. There is a pledge to that effect.'

Will not the Unionists make a great effort to have Home Rule excluded from the operation of the Parliament Bill?

'They have already tried and failed. Lord Lansdale's amendment was defeated. Clause 2 of the Parliament Bill provides that if any bill is passed by the Commons and sent up to the Lords in three consecutive sessions it will then become law without requiring the sanction of the Lords. If the House of Lords throws out the Parliament Bill it will make an even bigger blunder than it made in rejecting the 1909 Budget, for Mr. Asquith has as good as said that he has in his pocket guarantees from the King that, if necessary, enough new Peers will be created to pass the Parliament Bill. That would mean a permanently Liberal House of Lords, and that is something which the present House of Lords does not want to bring about.'

And when you get Home Rule what will the Ulster people do?

'They will be Home Rulers, too. The Ulster faction has opposed every successive Land Bill and every concession and reform until such have been obtained against their efforts by the Irish people, and then they have been the first to take advantage of those very measures. It will be just the same with Home Rule. Once we have a Parliament in Ireland there will be no anti-Home Rulers in the country. Already Ulster is beginning to come into line. My own election in East Tyrone last December is one of the indications. It is an Ulster constituency, and I am a southerner, and was quite a stranger there before the campaign, yet I was returned by a majority of 140 on a 99 per cent. poll. A large proportion of those who voted for me must have been Independents, Orangemen, and Presbyterians. Similarly there was the election of Mr. Joseph Devlin (who visited New Zealand with Mr. Donovan four or five years ago). He was returned for West Belfast by a majority of nearly 500, and that electorate also is largely composed of Independent and Protestant voters.'

The split in the Nationalist ranks being mentioned, Mr. Redmond remarked that in consequence of a statement made by Mr. O'Brien before the election it was taken for granted that he would capture thirty seats from the Nationalist party. 'Never was a greater shock felt by the Tories and the anti-Irish politicians in England than when they found that only eight O'Brienites had been elected, and all for constituencies in and about the city of Cork, where Mr. O'Brien's personal prestige and influence were supreme.'