

Let any one who thinks this third condition to be too severe open his Bible and learn from it that there is only 'one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in us all.'

From these three conditions the Church can never dispense, because they are all binding by the natural and divine law; binding as much, as recent events show, upon the Catholic consort of a Grecian king as upon the Catholic wife of the humblest citizen of New Zealand. All Catholics are bound by nature and by God to guard the treasures of faith and to secure that treasure to their offspring, and are bound as far as it is possible, to realise in their married life the ideal of Christian marriage, by binding in the sweet bonds of one faith and one glorious hope the lives of father, mother, and children, by wrapping them round with the triple cords of love that bound Joseph, Mary, and Jesus of Nazareth, and that bind in eternal bonds the Three Persons of the Adorable Trinity.

Think upon these things, all you who are partners in a mixed marriage. Meditate upon Faith and Hope and Love. They are divine virtues, and anything un-earthly in your lives must spring from them. You will require something more than human faith on which to base your mutual trust, something more than human hope to line the clouds of sadness that will often hang above you, and something more than human love to satisfy the hunger of your immortal souls. All these you will find in the ideal Christian marriage and in the profession of one Christian faith. And when you will have found them rise up in gratitude, and silence the vociferous cries of the 'howling dervishes' who are now railing at the Church which has enriched you with treasures so surpassing.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 1.

The pupils of St. Anne's School, Wellington South, will hold their annual concert at St. Thomas' Hall on December 8.

The Very Rev. Father Bannop, C.S.S.R., Superior of the Redemptorist Fathers, accompanied by the Rev. Father Brown, C.S.S.R., arrived on Wednesday by the Ulimaroa from Sydney.

Messrs. Parsons and O'Connor, ex-students of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, left by the Moana yesterday for Sydney, en route for Queensland, where they intend to settle.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place on the second Sunday of this month at St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street. The Ladies' Conference will meet on Wednesday, December 13.

On last Sunday at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and in the evening the Rev. Father Barra, S.M., preached an eloquent sermon, after which there was the usual procession.

The Boxing Day committee is now working hard to ensure a successful and enjoyable outing at Khandallah. This outing is now looked forward to by Catholics. The children will be conveyed to and from the grounds free of cost, and also provided with refreshments.

Reference to the coming elections was made in St. Anne's Church, Newtown, on Sunday, by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, who said that all who were entitled to vote should exercise the privilege. They should vote for the men whom they conscientiously thought would make the best representatives. At the early Mass the Rev. Father Mahoney also spoke on similar lines.

The committee of the Secular Education Defence League recently addressed the following question to the candidates for Parliamentary honors in the provincial district of Wellington:—'Are you in favor of maintaining the present secular system of State education in all its integrity?' Replies in the affirmative have been received from the following gentlemen, the

first eighteen expressing themselves very emphatically to that effect:—J. Brodie, Byron Brown, W. C. Buchanan, E. J. Carey, C. B. Collins, Dr. Couzens, W. H. Field, R. Fletcher, F. Freeman, A. L. Herdman, Dr. Izard, J. P. Luke, J. W. McEwan, D. McLaren, F. T. Moore, G. R. Sykes, W. A. Veitch, W. T. Young, W. H. P. Barber, W. H. D. Bell, F. M. B. Fisher, J. T. Hogan, A. W. Hogg, J. T. M. Hornsby, C. E. Mackay, C. A. W. Monckton, R. W. Short, and C. W. Tanner.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced last Sunday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon, at the 10.30 o'clock Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., Adm., Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., being deacon, and Rev. Father Eccleton, S.M. (of St. Patrick's College) subdeacon. There was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the Hibernian Society and Children of Mary took part. At the evening devotions the Church was crowded, when the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., of St. Joseph's, preached an eloquent sermon. On Monday evening the church was again crowded, the sermon on that occasion being preached by the Rev. Father Daly, of Upper Hutt. It was most edifying to see the number of communicants during the devotion. The altar was most tastefully decorated, and the choir under Mr. T. J. Lamble contributed special music.

An old Carterton settler, Mrs. Darroch, wife of Mr. James Darroch, died on Tuesday last, as the result of influenza. Mrs. Darroch, who was in her 73rd year, came to New Zealand from Dublin about forty-three years ago, and married Mr. James Darroch, in Wanganui, subsequently residing for a short time in Wellington, then going to Greytown, and finally to Carterton, Mr. Darroch being road overseer under the old Road Board. She is survived by her husband and five sons. Robert, the eldest son, is headmaster of the Roseneath School, Wellington, and another son is in the Public Works Department at Wellington. The remains were brought on to Wellington by the mid-day train on Thursday, the interment taking place on that day. The Rev. Father Bowe, of Carterton, officiated at the church (St. Mary of the Angels) and at the graveside.—R.I.P.

On Sunday evening, December 10, a sacred concert (the third of a series) will be given by the choir of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Hill street, Wellington, under the direction of Mr. T. J. Lamble. At the two previous concerts, several novelties were introduced, especially choral work, such as three-part choruses for ladies' voices, etc. At the forthcoming concert a 'Laudate pueri Dominum,' for tenor solo and chorus by Gaetano Capocci, and an unaccompanied chorus, 'De Profundis' by Alberto Zelman, will be performed for the first time, as well as a quartet, 'Ave Maria,' by Rossini. A chorus for ladies' voices in three parts, 'Tota pulchra es Maria,' by Melvil (*nom de plume* of a religious of the Sacred Heart), is full of beauties, and a baritone solo and chorus, 'Pater Noster,' by the late Louis Niedermeyer, is very devotional. Mr. Lamble is a great lover of the old style of Church music, and has a great repertoire of music, ranging from Palestrina de Lasso, and Croce, to the most modern composers. It is his desire to produce a number of these old choral works to be sung in the *a capella* style, which is really the correct way of performing this class of music.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

His Excellency the Governor and party visited the Convent School, Greymouth, on November 27, and were received by the Very Rev. Dean Carew, the Mother Superior, and the Sisters. On his Excellency's entrance the children sang a very pretty song of welcome, and the young voices rang out clear and true.

Miss Higgins, one of the senior pupils, then read the following address:—

'May it please your Excellency to accept a hearty welcome from us, the pupils of the Convent School. We feel highly honored in being favored with a visit from the representative of his Majesty the King. We cannot recall your Excellency's appointment as Governor of