

party spirit; and to our thinking the League has its work before it to successfully refute the arguments adduced. There are features about this agitation which do not at all commend it to ourselves. Outside the "No Popery" cry the main attempts to win the support of the masses are devoted to appeals to sentiment and to the pleas that the Bible in the schools will contribute to the higher morality of the people. The confession of failure made thereby by the Christian Church in view of its belief that by its instrumentality the world is to be converted is somewhat remarkable.

A Controversialist in Trouble

The Rev. R. Wood, who for some years past has been somewhat notorious for the virulence of his anti-Catholic sentiments as expressed in anonymous and other communications to the press, is, as we learn from the *Lyttelton Times*, in some trouble with at least a section of his congregation. In a report of a recent meeting of the Christchurch Presbytery, given in its issue of March 13, the Christchurch paper says: 'The Rev. R. Wood wrote resigning his pastorate of the Waikari charge, the resignation to take effect in three months. The Rev. T. McDonald said that it would be to the best interest of the Waikari charge if Mr. Wood's resignation took immediate effect, in order to prevent any further development of factional differences. Speaking to his resignation, the Rev. R. Wood said that there had been a good many unfortunate differences of opinion in the Waikari charge. Petitions and counter-petitions had been presented, but the inquiry conducted by the Presbytery had not sustained the charges made against him. However, life was too short and the spiritual enemy too strong for him to remain in a charge split up by factional differences. The Rev. T. McDonald moved that the resignation should take effect in six weeks. The motion was not seconded. The Rev. J. Mackenzie suggested that Mr. Wood should stand aside while the Presbytery overcame the difficulty. He moved that Dr. Erwin should be appointed a commissioner to effect a settlement of the trouble. The motion was carried.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The ceremonies of Holy Week at St. Joseph's Cathedral were attended by large congregations. On Holy Thursday Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G., being assistant priest, Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary and Rev. Father Murphy deacons at the throne, Rev. Father O'Boyle (Christchurch) deacon of the Mass, Rev. Father Foley subdeacon, and Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The music was sung by the Dominican Nuns' choir. The Mass of the Presanctified on Good Friday was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary being assistant priest, Rev. Father Delany deacon, Rev. Father Foley subdeacon, and Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The music was rendered by the choir of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel. On Saturday Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Buckley, Rev. Father Collins being deacon, Rev. Father Corcoran subdeacon, and Rev. Father Coffey master of ceremonies. The Dominican Nuns' choir rendered the music. His Lordship the Bishop presided at Tenebræ on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Thursday evening the sermon on the Blessed Eucharist was preached by Rev. Father Murphy, that on the Passion on Good Friday morning by the Rev. P. J. O'Neill, and that on the Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Good Friday evening by Rev. Father Morkane. In addition to the Cathedral clergy, the following assisted at the Holy Week ceremonies:—Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G., and Rev. Father E. Lynch (Oamaru), Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary (Lawrence), Rev. Father Murphy (Riverton), Rev. Father McMullan (Ranfurly), Rev. Father

O'Boyle (Christchurch), Rev. Fathers Delany and D. O'Neill (South Dunedin), Rev. Father O'Reilly (Port Chalmers), Rev. Fathers Liston (Rector), Morkane, Collins, and Scanlan (Holy Cross College), Rev. Father Tobin (Gore). The students of Holy Cross College sang the 'Benedictus' and 'Miserere' each evening at Tenebræ. There was a very large congregation on Good Friday afternoon at the devotion of the Way of the Cross.

On Easter Sunday Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Cathedral by his Lordship the Bishop, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., being assistant priest, Rev. Fathers Buckley and Morkane deacons at the throne, Rev. Father Collins deacon of the Mass, and Rev. Mr. Kaveney (Holy Cross College) subdeacon. The sermon on the day's festival was preached by the Rev. Father Coffey. The music was Farmer's Mass in B Flat. As the procession entered the Cathedral, the choir sang the 'Ecce Sacerdos Magnus' (Elgar), and the Offertory piece was the 'Haec Dies.' The principal solos were taken by Mrs. Fraher (soprano), Miss Drumm (alto), Mr. Carolin (tenor), Mr. E. Mee (baritone), and Mr. F. Woods (bass). Mr. A. Vallis presided at the organ, and Mr. T. Deehan conducted. There was a large congregation, this being also the case at the early Masses, when unusually large numbers approached the Holy Table. His Lordship the Bishop presided at Vespers, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Buckley. After the evening devotions the members of the choir were entertained in St. Joseph's Hall by his Lordship the Bishop. Rev. Father Coffey, who presided, on behalf of his Lordship and himself thanked the choir for their services. He was pleased to notice that there was an accession of new members, and that many of the old members had assisted during the day. In conclusion, he thanked Mr. Vallis for his good work during the past year. Mr. P. Carolin, as a member who had been connected with the choir for about a quarter of a century, replied, and thanked Father Coffey for his kind remarks. The high altar on Easter Sunday and the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday were tastefully decorated, this being the work of Misses White and Murphy.

The foundation stone of the new Catholic church, Gore, will be laid by his Lordship Bishop Verdon on Sunday, April 6. The occasional discourse will be preached by the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

March 24.

Rev. Mother Ignatius, of the Sisters of Mercy, celebrates her golden jubilee in the Order to-morrow (Tuesday) at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby.

There was Tenebræ at the Cathedral on the evenings of Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday. His Lordship the Bishop, and most of the suburban and local clergy assisted. Rev. Father Cabill, of Huntly, preached a fine sermon on the Blessed Eucharist on Holy Thursday evening. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop on Holy Thursday, at which Rev. Fathers Skinner and O'Doherty were deacon and subdeacon respectively. The Altar of Repose was beautifully decorated. Throughout the day and all night crowds made visits to the Blessed Sacrament. On Good Friday the Mass of the Presanctified was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by a number of priests. In the afternoon there was the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, at which Rev. Father Ormond officiated. In the evening Rev. Father Brennan, Te Kuiti, preached on the Passion. On Saturday Mass was celebrated at seven o'clock. On Easter Sunday there were Masses at 7 and 9 o'clock, at which immense numbers received Holy Communion. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop at 11 o'clock, Rev. Fathers Ormond and O'Doherty being deacon and subdeacon respectively, and Rev. Father O'Malley master of ceremonies. His Lordship the Bishop preached on the Resurrection.



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