

according to law and order as equally worthy of its attentions. The spoken word but reached those within hearing of the orator's voice, but the printing press and its various manifestations poured forth its black and white contents at the feet of the rising sun, the world around, entered the cabin and the mansion, delivering its message and insensibly moulding the opinions and guiding the destinies of the age.

'The ladies' were proposed by Mr. A. Wilson, and responded to by Mr. M. Hyland, and the gathering was brought to a close about 11 o'clock.

THE EVENING SERVICE.

It was anticipated that the closing services on Sunday evening would attract a large congregation, and preparations were made accordingly. By 6.30 the church was fairly full, and by a quarter of an hour later, every available bit of floor space was taken up by chairs, supplementing the ordinary seats. till thirteen hundred and twenty-five persons were within the spacious building. The Very Rev. Father O'Connell preached a powerful sermon from the text 'Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life' (Apoc. ii., 10), his eloquent words being followed with the closest attention. On concluding his address he announced that during the mission which was a source of great gratification to the Fathers, over eight thousand Communions had been given and over eighteen hundred persons had approached the sacred tribunal. On behalf of the Rev. Fathers McCarthy, Herring, and himself he expressed his gratitude to God for the work accomplished, thanked the Very Rev. Dean Tubman, Rev. Father Murphy, the talented organist (Miss E. Dennehy), the choir, ladies who had attended to the altars, the altar boys, and all who had in any way contributed to the success of the mission.

The Very Rev. Dean Tubman briefly expressed on behalf of the clergy and laity of the parish his obligation to the Missionary Fathers, and mentioned that the Very Rev. Father O'Connell had promised to be with them on the following Sunday for the anniversary of the opening of the church, and to occupy the pulpit at the 11 o'clock and evening service.

The Papal Blessing was then given and those desiring were enrolled in the archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. This last ceremony was most impressive, the vast congregation kneeling, each person holding a lighted candle in the right hand. The great length of the nave, the innumerable twinkling lights, the high altar with its myriads of lighted candles, its elaborate candelabra and floral decking, apparently dimmed by the refulgent rays thrown from the numerous electroliers above, all combined to produce an impressive and striking effect. The Benediction closed a memorable fortnight for the Sacred Heart Church.

It is better to reconcile an enemy than to conquer him. Your victory may deprive him of his power to hurt for the present; but reconciliation disarms him even of his will to injure.

Lawrence

(From our own correspondent.)

On Friday evening, September 26, an entertainment was held in St. Patrick's Schoolroom. This was the last of a series of socials that have been held during the winter months. The gatherings throughout have been largely attended, a fact which testifies to the popularity of these social evenings. The usual programme was varied on this occasion, when a presentation was made to the musicians, Miss Cursey and Messrs Russell and Ryan. These young people have generously placed their services gratuitously at the disposal of the social club, and have contributed in a great measure to the success and pleasure of the entertainments. Rev. Father O'Connell, in making the presentation, cordially thanked them on behalf of the club, and emphasised the fact that though two of the musicians were non-Catholics they had, nevertheless, most willingly given their services for the benefit of the socials, showing that those differing in religion can meet together socially on terms of friendship and good-fellowship. At the request of the speaker hearty cheers were given for the guests. Mr. Russell replied on behalf of the musicians, and said it was a great pleasure for them to play at these social gatherings, and that they would be ever willing to assist on future occasions when their services were required. The more than usually large attendance on Friday evening was no doubt due to a desire on the part of all to show appreciation of the kindness of the musicians.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

September 28.

The members of the Hibernian and St. Vincent de Paul Societies made their quarterly Communion at the 7.30 o'clock Mass this morning. The former, in their regalia, made a particularly good muster, one of the best for some years.

The final round of the inter-society card tournament was played off at the Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday of last week, very great interest being taken in the Hibernian-Druids B. game, these teams being equal in points for the shield. The Hibernians, however, had an easy victory by 33 games to 27, thus winning the shield for the third year in succession.

The social held in the Empire Hall on Wednesday last proved an unqualified success from every point of view, and reflected great credit on Mesdames Devine and Pope and their assistants.

At the Federation meeting, held on Monday night last, after the usual routine business on the order paper had been transacted, the Rev. Father Kelly gave his promised lecture on 'Ireland and the Home Rule Movement' from the time of O'Connell. The lecture was a great educational treat, and was interspersed with poetic selections from the lecturer's favorite authors.

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