

and artistic committee, and Father Kenny, for the beautiful arrangements they had made for his reception that evening. It would not be an easy thing to keep up these visits to Australia. He would be glad, indeed, if it were possible for him to come frequently.

"But I would not have you think for one moment," continued his Lordship, "that I have met with anything but kindness since I said good-bye to you some time ago. Sometimes I feel inclined to say it is five or six years since I left Stanmore. But the reason of that impression is because of the number of new duties, new places, and new things with which I have had to deal. I told my friends in New Zealand that I would tell my friends in Australia of the great kindness I have received in New Zealand—from Auckland to the Bluff—since I arrived there. His Lordship the Bishop of Lismore (Right Rev. Dr. Carroll), and Very Rev. Father Dunne, of Wollongong, and myself, were received with open arms in Wellington by the Archbishops and priests. The same kindness was shown to us in Christchurch, and even as we were travelling in the train en route to Dunedin, we were cordially welcomed at several places. On arriving at Dunedin in the night time, I was astonished at the number of people on the platform, and also at the illuminations of the Cathedral and presbytery.

"Since then I have been practically all through my diocese. I have experienced the heat of the summer and the cold of winter, and during all that time the people have treated me with the utmost kindness. Not only the Bishops, but the clergy and the laity, have been exceedingly kind. In going through my diocese, I have visited the schools, and met the children. I am very interested in that work. I am pleased to say that the Catholic children are doing excellent work. The schools are examined by the Government inspectors, and nothing but flattering reports come from them, as they examine up and down through the various Catholic schools of New Zealand.

"I have told my friends of Dunedin that you had a right to expect a visit from me. The first time it dawned on me that it was the proper thing to go to New Zealand for my consecration ceremony, instead of receiving it here in Sydney, where I have spent the greater part of my life, it gave me a great shock. I shall be pleased to tell my friends in Dunedin that you haven't forgotten me. They are well aware that I haven't forgotten you. It will always be a pleasure for me to see you when I come to Sydney; but unless you get up some big celebrations from time to time, like the Centenary of St. Mary's, you cannot expect me to cross the Tasman Sea. I am very grateful to you all for this grand demonstration, and I shall take back to Dunedin with me very pleasant recollections of this evening that I spent in your midst."

CELTIC CONGRESS AND IRISH PEACE.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously at the Business Session of the Celtic Congress, held recently at Douglas, Isle of Man, under the chairmanship of Mr. Edward T. John.

1. Moved by the Rev. Lauchlan MacLean Watt, D.D., seconded by the Rev. J. Dyfnallt Owen:

"That the Celtic Congress having watched with prayerful interest the present negotiations for settlement of Irish questions, express the earnest hope that such an issue may be reached as shall secure for Ireland development on truly national lines, which shall satisfy the noblest historical aspirations of her people, and give them their unrestricted share in the best life of the commonwealth and of the world."

The Congress also expressed a strong desire to meet next year in Dublin in conformity with the invitation received from the Gaelic League in 1918, provided this should be entirely agreeable and convenient to the Irish organisation concerned.

-OUR REPRESENTATIVES' MOVEMENTS

We wish to notify our northern readers that our three representatives have commenced a special visit to the North Island. Mr. T. J. Sheahan, Marton to New Plymouth; Mr. E. Hanrahan, Wellington to Napier; and Mr. J. M. Houlahan, Auckland City and surroundings. A visit to other parts of the Island will follow.

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 14.

The bazaar in aid of the Convent of Mercy, Newtown, terminated last Monday evening after a most successful season of eight nights. The net profits are estimated at £1100. The Sisters are most grateful to all who assisted to bring about such a splendid result.

A very successful social in aid of the Rev. Mother Aubert's Home of Compassion, was held at the Town Hall last Wednesday.

The towers of the new St. Mary of the Angels' Church have now reached the height provided for in the plans, and have been duly tapered off. On Friday morning the Irish flag was waving breezily in the air on the highest turret to celebrate the event.

The Ladies' Club held a most successful afternoon at their rooms last Thursday.

The 47th anniversary of the establishment in this city of the Hibernian Society (St. Patrick's branch, No. 95), was celebrated by a social at the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. There was a fair attendance, and those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Much enthusiasm is being displayed by the parishioners of St. Joseph's in furthering the interests of the bazaar which is being organised in connection with that parish.

Miss Jessie Mackay, Messrs. Hall Skelton and J. J. McGrath will represent New Zealand at the Irish World Convention to be held at Paris early in the New Year.

The Wellington Ladies' Auxiliary Committee of the Self-Determination for Ireland League appeal to all who can do so to forward some small garment for the distressed Irish children. These garments must reach Wellington not later than November 1, and can be sent c/o Miss Flannery, Catholic Supplies, Manners Street, Wellington.



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For some weeks (writes an esteemed correspondent) the children of the local Catholic school have been using their best endeavors to raise funds towards reducing the debt on their fine new school. A queen competition and a Christmas tree have caused no little excitement and much pleasant emulation. Three girls were chosen to compete for the place of honor, and the result was victory for Irene McNam, Gladys Kidd securing second place and Eily McDonald third. On Thursday afternoon, September 6, about one hundred people assembled in the junior school-room to witness the coronation ceremony. Queen Irene, with her six attendants, and accompanied by the two princesses, entered at the head of a procession of school children and took her place on the throne prepared for her. When the welcome chorus had been sung, "Santa Claus" (Master Alex Hill) arrived bearing on a silver tray the crown of victory for the queen and a handsomely-painted hand-bag which was presented to her in remembrance of the occasion. Master Jack McDonald read an address to "Her Majesty" and congratulated her on the success attained. On behalf of his school companions he thanked her and the princesses for the splendid effort all three had made, and expressed the wish that the last-named would take their defeat in a manner that would do honor to their school, remembering

'Tis not so much that you fought that counts,
But how did you fight, and why?

A short musical programme was rendered consisting of the following items:—Violin trio, "The Harp that Once," Masters A. Hill, Maher (2), and B. Kidd; songs, "My Ain Folk" and "Melisande in the Wood," Mrs. Dean; violin solo, "The Minstrel Boy," Miss E. McDonald; pianoforte duet, Miss and Master Chew; violin duet, "Home Sweet Home," Masters J. and W. Maher. "Santa Claus" then led the way to the senior room, where the Christmas tree