

A Popular Priest.

Father Paul Welcomed at White Cliffs.

The White Cliffs correspondent of the "Barrier Miner" writes:—

The Rev. Father Paul Zundolovich, who returned to Australia a couple of months ago, after an absence of over twelve months in Europe, has come back to his old parish (Wilcannia), of which he has been in charge for the past eleven years. Father Paul has had a large district to administer, its administration necessitating considerable travelling from place to place. His apostolic work extends to White Cliffs, Tibooburra, Milparinka, Wanaaring, Tilpa, and down the River Darling from Wilcannia to Menindie. After returning to Australia from Europe, Father Paul went on to Bourke, where he officiated for a few weeks before returning to Wilcannia.

On the occasion of his first visit to White Cliffs, on Sunday, June 20, an address of welcome was presented to him by his parishioners at the conclusion of Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, which was packed to the doors. Mr. C. J. Clarke, who read the address at the altar rails, handed Father Paul a handsome silver-mounted writing case, on behalf of the congregation, and a surplice on a silver salver, the gift of the Children of Mary. In replying, Father Paul warmly thanked his parishioners for their marks of esteem and their kind address. He was

teem and their kind address. He was glad to be back once more with his flock. His thoughts had been continually with them while away, and he hoped to remain with them.

On Monday a picnic was held on the racecourse grounds by the children attending the State and convent schools in honor of Father Paul's return. Upwards of 300 children gathered, and spent the day in sports and games, for which prizes were given. Eatables in plenty were provided on the ground for both young and old, and a right royal time was spent by the young folk. Father Paul, who was the honored guest of the children, took a lively interest in their pastimes. Before dispersing he was the recipient of a further gift from the convent children, in the shape of a prettily-worked stole. During his long residence in this part of the Wilcannia diocese Father Paul has become greatly popular with all, irrespective of creed or country.

