

On Sunday afternoon there was a meeting of the Executive Committee of the forthcoming All Seasons' Carnival. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., presided, and those present were Messrs. E. O'Connor (secretary), G. R. Hart, P. Burke, T. Cahill, G. Dobbs, M. O'Reilly, J. Power, and J. J. Wilson. Excellent progress in preparatory work was reported, and several matters of a nature tending to the popularity and success of the carnival were arranged. It was decided to issue season tickets, available for families or parties, at a considerable concession on ordinary rates. A representative of the Catholic Club submitted a list of side shows, which the club members intend conducting. These were generally adopted, and should prove both popular and revenue producing.

On Friday evening there was a large and representative gathering of the Catholics of the Rangiora parish to bid good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. J. McAleer and family, who have left Rangiora to live at Spreydon. The Rev. Father Hyland spoke appreciatively of the valuable services rendered the church by Mr. McAleer during the past thirty-two years, he having been one of the prominent office-bearers during over half that period. On behalf of the parishioners he presented Mr. and Mrs. McAleer with a hall stand, wicker settee and two easy chairs, and other articles of furniture. A musical programme was given and refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 15.

On Sunday last the services in the Sacred Heart Church were of a character that surpassed anything that has hitherto been seen in connection with the Catholic Church in Timaru. The men of the parish, who have filled the church morning and evening during the past week, taking part in the mission conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers, again occupied every available seat at the nine o'clock Mass, and in numbers to nearly 500 received Holy Communion from the hands of Very Rev. Father Clune. The Hibernians and Catholic Club wore their regalia for the occasion, and occupied half the seating accommodation of the church. The 11 o'clock Mass was also well attended, the Rev. Father McDermott occupying the pulpit. At night a procession issued from the Priory grounds, and wended its way along Craigie Avenue. A temporary altar had been erected on the verandah of the girls' school, and from it, as a centre, seats were ranged in a semicircle, but although a large congregation was anticipated, even before the procession entered the grounds all the seats were practically taken. After the opening prayers, the Very Rev. Father Clune spoke to the 1500 people present for upwards of an hour on the necessity of perseverance.

After the nine o'clock Mass on Sunday the members of the Hibernian Society and Catholic Club marched to the school, where a Communion breakfast was laid. Father Tubman presided and complimented the societies on their fine muster and the good example they had set during the mission. Very Rev. Father Clune and Rev. Father McDermott were received amidst applause. The Very Rev. Father Clune thanked the Catholic men of the parish for the opportunity to meet them in social intercourse, and pointed out the various movements and good works that the foremost Catholic society in Australia had done for the practical help of the poor, needy, and afflicted, and mentioned the generous help they had extended to his own Order by giving the beautiful stained-glass window to the Redemptorist Church in Wellington. He urged every young man to join the society. Rev. Brother Egbert, Mr. M. F. Dennehy, for the Hibernian Society, and Mr. J. Mahony, for the Young Men's Club also spoke, their remarks meeting with frequent outbursts of approval. The proceedings terminated with cheers for Very Rev. Father Clune, Rev. Father Tubman, and the ladies who attended at the tables.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

March 15.

Rev. Father Kehoe, Parnell, is on a well-earned holiday in the north of Auckland. Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., is at present in charge of Parnell.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly is still at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. His many friends in the Dominion will be pleased to learn that his health is improving.

The Rev. Father Holbrook has been in town during the last three weeks, and celebrated High Mass at the

Cathedral yesterday. Rev. Father Murphy, of the Cathedral, is relieving him at Cambridge.

During the last ten days the monstrances and crosses brought out by his Lordship the Bishop were exhibited in Mr. Kohn's window, Queen street, and attracted considerable attention. The local papers had laudatory comments on the magnificence and elegance of the articles.

As a mark of their esteem and appreciation, the people of the Sacred Heart parish have presented Rev. Father Edge with a handsome gold watch. Hon. J. A. Tole, in making the presentation, alluded to the great progress made by the parish during Father Edge's regime, particularly the liquidation of the whole of the parish debt; and the people could not allow this happy event to pass without recognising it in some tangible form. Rev. Father Edge, to whom the presentation came as a complete surprise, thanked his people for this kind expression of their goodwill towards him. He would ever prize it, as it would remind him of the happy time he had spent in Ponsonby, where his relations with his people had been of the best.

The members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society approached the Holy Table yesterday at the Cathedral at the 9 o'clock Mass. The children's choir sang 'Hail, glorious St. Patrick.' After Mass the members, in a special tramcar, travelled to the Hibernian Hall, where the breakfast was laid under the supervision of Miss Kane, assisted by Misses Walsh, Twohey, and Duffin. Bro. Hubert Nerheny (president of the branch) occupied the chair, and was supported by the district president (Bro. P. J. Nerheny). Here we had the good example of son and father filling high positions at one and the same time. Interesting speeches were delivered by Bros. Nerheny (2), Patterson, Flynn, Kane, and Sheahan. A special vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for their generous work in preparing the breakfast.

The members attended the Cathedral in the evening, when the panegyric on St. Patrick was delivered by the Rev. Father Meagher. Throughout the discourse the large congregation listened in rapt attention to the vivid description of the saint's great and lasting work, accomplished for Ireland. At the conclusion of the sermon the choir sang 'Hail, glorious St. Patrick.' This may be said to be the beginning of the celebration in connection with the Irish national festival, which will conclude on St. Patrick's night.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, AUCKLAND

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The general meeting of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, at which were represented the various conferences in connection therewith, was held on Sunday afternoon at the Marist Brothers' School, Pitt street. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and there were also present Rev. Fathers Edge, Holbrook, Dignan, and Wright, and Bro. C. Little, president. Short addresses were given by his Lordship the Bishop, and Messrs. E. Mahony and J. J. O'Brien, J.P., in which complimentary references were made to the good work done in and around the city by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mr. C. Little read the report and balance sheet. The report, which was as follows, was signed by Bros. C. Little (president), A. J. Fernandez (secretary), and J. A. McIntyre (treasurer).

'In this our first annual report we feel justified in saying that the society has obtained a firm footing in our midst; the reports from the Conferences re the attendance of the members at the weekly Communion being very satisfactory. During the year the Brothers held a pilgrimage to the Little Sisters of the Poor of the Immaculate Conception, Ponsonby. The attendance was splendid, and the Brothers followed the Holy Way of the Cross, afterwards receiving Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from the hands of the spiritual director of the Sacred Heart Conference, the Rev. Father Doyle. A collection was then made, the proceeds being handed over to the good Mother. On All Souls' Day another pilgrimage was held, this time to St. Benedict's Church, the Brothers going round the Stations of the Cross, afterwards proceeding to the cemetery of St. Francis de Sales, and offering up prayers for the dead. The collection here was given to Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G. On Sunday, December 20, an enjoyable visit was paid by the Society to the Star of the Sea Orphanage, each of the Brothers taking with him an offering of cakes, fruit, or confectionery, which, needless to say, was much appreciated by the orphans. A collection was also taken up and handed over to the Rev. Mother. The reports of the Conferences show that the Brothers have been the means of persuading many careless Catholics to return to their duties, and attend regularly to same, and have even got some to re-

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