

not well equipped for life unless that fact was taught to them. Under these circumstances he would be sorry to see a Colony inhabited by those of the free-thought belief—by those who ignored the teaching of the great Master. It would be serious mistake for any country to be in that position. Where there were separate schools and where great sacrifices were made by the parents, and where there were good souls like the Rev. Fathers and the good Sisters, who devoted their time to the work of the school, it would ill become him as Prime Minister of the country were he not to say that he respected those sacrifices, feeling assured that they were conscientiously made and in the best interests of the children.

Seven boys in sailor costume sang a rollicking song, and the children sang 'All hail, Zealandia,' after which cheers were given for the Premier, Sir William J. Steward, and the teaching staff.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 9.

For the first time for many years a contest for the mayoralty will be witnessed for Auckland city. The issue lies between Mr. Stutchbury and Hon. E. Mitchellson, ex-Minister of Public Works.

Rev. Father Tormey is now so far improved in health after his illness, that he is able to celebrate Mass at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, which he will very soon be permitted to leave. His numerous friends at St. Benedict's and in the city will be delighted to welcome him again among them.

The Tenebrae services were begun at St. Patrick's last evening. His Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., Rev. Fathers Patterson, Adm., Purton, O.S.B., Furlong, and Holbrook were in the sanctuary. The choir, under Mr. P. J. Hiscocks, rendered very nicely the music appropriate to the occasion, and particularly the Miserere. This morning at 10 o'clock High Mass was celebrated. His Lordship blessed the holy oils and there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, which was beautifully decorated. Throughout the day large numbers paid visits to the Blessed Sacrament. This evening the Rev. Father Gillan, of St. Benedict's, will deliver a sermon on the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral, and the Very Rev. Father Benedict will preach on the same subject at St. Benedict's.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are much in need of a suitable convent in Gladstone street, in St. Benedict's parish. In order to accomplish this desirable end, a large and very energetic committee of ladies and gentlemen has been formed, and for months past all have worked well and harmoniously, with the result that a most attractive bazaar has been prepared, which will be opened on Easter Monday evening in the Foresters' Hall, Karangahape road, by the Mayor (Mr. Alfred Kidd, M.H.R.) in the presence of his Lordship the Bishop and clergy. It is to be hoped that a successful result will be achieved, as no more deserving object exists just now than a new convent for the good and energetic Sisters of St. Joseph.

Mr. W. Beehan, J.P., District President of the N.Z. No. 3 Division of the H.A.C.B. Society, accompanied by Mrs. Beehan, left by the Waikare last Monday evening for Sydney to represent his district at the biennial meeting of the Society which is to be opened in Sydney on Monday, the 27th inst. Mr. J. T. O'Connell also left by the same steamer en route for Coolgardie, where, on last Saturday week, he had three large shops burned down. Mr. O'Connell will re-erect them at once, and will personally supervise their construction, which will necessitate his absence for eight months. Both Mr. Beehan and Mr. O'Connell are active members of St. Benedict's church committee, and last Sunday evening, after Vespers, the Rev. Fathers Gillan and Furlong, and a number of the congregation held a social meeting to bid goodbye to them. The opportunity was taken to present a fine silver tea service to Mr. Frank Buckley for his long and invaluable services to the committee as hon. secretary.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 11

Rev. Father Dacha, of Sydney, has arrived in Wellington, and will be engaged among the Syrians of the city for some time.

The weekly meeting of the Literary and Debating Society of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was held at St. Patrick's Hall on Monday evening last, the Rev. Father Kimbell occupying the chair. The evening was devoted to a discussion on the Federated Catholic Societies' new magazine.

The attendance at the Newtown convent school is close on 300 at the present time, and the accommodation is totally inadequate for such a large number of children. It has been decided to build a new school on the same grounds, and the present building will then be used as a church. The contract for the erection of the new school has been let to Messrs. Campbell and Bourke for £676.

The great Easter carnival, 'Britannia's Call to Arms' will be opened by Sir Joseph Ward at three o'clock on Easter Monday. The drilshed, where the festival is to be held, will be completely transformed. The decorations are on a very extensive scale, and the

stalls will be well supplied with all kinds of works of art. Signor Borzoni and his 250 performers have everything in readiness for the grand spectacular display which is being looked forward to with a great amount of interest. Given fine weather crowded houses are assured every evening.

At the Church of the Sacred Heart on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings of Holy Week, the office of Tenebrae was sung by the clergy, assisted by the Marist Brothers, Messrs. Loughnan and McManaway, the Miserere, Benedictus, etc., being harmonised by the choir. On Thursday morning High Mass was celebrated by his Grace the Archbishop, the Very Rev. Father Lewis being deacon and Rev. Father Moloney sub-deacon. Ven. Archdeacon Devoy acted as assistant-priest, and Rev. Father Holley master of ceremonies. In the evening a sermon on the Blessed Eucharist was preached by the Very Rev. Father Lewis. On Good Friday morning his Grace the Archbishop was the celebrant of the Mass of the Presanctified, with the Very Rev. Father Lewis deacon, and the Rev. Father Kimbell sub-deacon. In the afternoon the Stations of the Cross were said, and in the evening Tenebrae was repeated, a sermon on the Passion being preached by the Rev. Father Holley. On Saturday Mass was celebrated at eight o'clock when the blessing of the Paschal Candle, etc., took place.

At St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings devotions were held, sermons suitable to the occasion being preached by Rev. Father McNamara, the Very Rev. Father Keogh and Ven. Archdeacon Devoy respectively. Solemn High Mass was celebrated on Maunday Thursday at 7.30 by the Very Rev. Father Keogh, Father Moloney being deacon, and Father Hills sub-deacon. After Mass a procession took place to the Altar of Repose. On Good Friday morning the Mass of the Presanctified was celebrated at nine o'clock, Very Rev. Father Keogh was celebrant, Rev. Father McNamara deacon, and Rev. Father Moloney sub-deacon. The Passion was sung by Rev. Fathers Ainsworth, Moloney, and Hills. Mr. Timmings acted as master of ceremonies throughout the services. The Mass on Holy Saturday was celebrated at St. Mary of the Angels.

The decorations on the Altar of Repose at the Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's reflected great credit on the ladies responsible for the work.

Southland News Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

Despite various protests, military sports were held at Winton on Good Friday. As a further mark of disapproval, a large number of people absented themselves from the gathering.

Sir J. G. Ward informs me that the recent celebrations on 'the other side' in honor of Ireland's patron saint eclipsed his utmost expectations. On the festival day the 'little bits of green' were visible everywhere, and people of all nationalities joined in the festivities that commemorate Ireland's best gift in the present and her brightest glory in the past.

I believe that the Invercargill Irish Dramatic Club intend staging one of their dramas at an early date. These performances have gained a prominence to which they are justly entitled, and members of the club are to be greatly complimented on their untiring zeal which is for a laudable end, viz., the purchase of a new church organ.

It is with regret that I have to record the death of Mrs. O'Brien, wife of Mr. M. O'Brien, J.P., Winton. Deceased lady was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Deegan, of Dipton, and a general favorite with all who knew her. Messages of condolence were received from all quarters, including two telegrams from Sir J. G. Ward, and the number of wreaths was exceptionally large. The funeral was the largest that has been at Winton for some time, and the impressive obsequies were performed by the Rev. Father O'Neill.—R.I.P.

Another of the fastly-diminishing band of pioneers has just passed away in the person of Mrs. John McDonald, of Hokonui. The deceased was widely and favorably known throughout the district; her genial and kindly hospitality was especially worthy of note. A representative concourse of mourners followed the remains to their last resting place, the Rev. Father O'Neill performing the rites of the Church.—R.I.P.

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