

and late of the Oamaru Garrison Band, has offered his services as musical director, and was unanimously appointed, with the thanks of the committee.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, who is at present on the West Coast, has sent the following circular to the clergy of the diocese.—The hand of Death has at length laid low the great Pontiff, Leo XIII. For a quarter of a century as the Vicar of Christ, the Divinely appointed successor of St. Peter, he has governed the Church of the Living God. How well he has governed and guided the Church is well known to all. His marvellous intellect, his loftiness of views, his large-heartedness, his ever practical and lively interest in the welfare of the working classes, as of all humanity, have won for him universal praise, love, and admiration. We had fondly hoped that he would be left longer to rule over us. The Almighty has decreed otherwise, and we must submit to the admirable will. While mourning the loss of our spiritual head, our father and supreme Pontiff, we must not be unmindful of our duty to the departed. Despite the saintliness of his life, he may still have to atone for some faults or failings before entering into the Kingdom of Kingdoms. Besides the prayer and supplications, which all his devoted children will fervently offer in his behalf in every church or chapel, there should be celebrated, as soon as possible, a solemn Requiem followed by the absolution. Henceforth, until we hear of the election of a successor to the deceased Pontiff, the prayer 'Supplici Domine,' from the 'Missa Pro Eligendo Summo Pontifice,' should be said or sung at every Mass and Benediction, when the rubrics will allow it.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 23.

The death of his Holiness the Pope caused the deepest sorrow here, and the manifestations were numerous and sincere. The Bishop received messages of condolence from his Lordship Dr. Neligan (Anglican Bishop of Auckland), Mr. F. Dillingham (U.S. Consul-General), Mr. R. A. Carr (Italian consul), Messrs E. and W. Coleman, and A. Kohn. The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society at its meeting last evening passed the following resolution: 'That this branch of the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society tenders its sincere condolence at the sad loss sustained by the Church through the death of our Holy Father the illustrious Pope Leo XIII. That the secretary be instructed to convey the foregoing to his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan.' The Auckland University College Council passed the following resolution: 'That the Auckland University Council expresses its sincere regret

on hearing the news of the death of his Holiness Pope Leo XIII, and desires the same to be placed in its minutes.' The following letter has been addressed by Bishop Lenihan to the clergy of his diocese:— 'Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., has gone to his eternal home, and we, his children of this diocese, mourn with the whole Catholic world for the great loss we have sustained. In union of prayer let us join that he may have found peace and joy in the presence of his Lord and Master. On Tuesday next, July 28, a solemn dirge will be sung at St. Patrick's, at half-past seven p.m., a sermon on the occasion being preached by the Very Rev. Dean Hackett. A Solemn Requiem will take place on the following morning (July 29) at nine o'clock. The civic authorities and the Consuls of the various nationalities will be asked to attend.'

At St. Patrick's Cathedral last Tuesday morning a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, of the Thames, for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Father Croke. Father Buckley acted as deacon, and Father Holbrook as sub-deacon, and Father Gillan was master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary there were also present Rev. Fathers Patterson, Adm., Purton, O.S.B., Furlong, Tormey, Kehoe, King, O'Hara, and McGuinness. The children's choir supplied the music. The altar and church were draped in black for the occasion.

His Lordship the Bishop is still confined to the palace with influenza.

Very kindly and sympathetic notices have appeared in the local press in reference to the death of our Holy Father Leo XIII. President Roosevelt's words, 'America is conscious that Christianity has suffered a severe loss,' seemed to run through every line written by our local editors.

The balance sheet submitted last evening to the local branch of the Hibernian Society showed the sick and funeral fund to be £2158 4s 3d, management fund £479 5s 10d, benevolent fund £47 7s 4d. Over £1000 are out on mortgage upon good securities at an average interest of 5 per cent. This is a most encouraging and cheering financial statement.

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