

were assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Hyland, Rev. Fathers Hoare, S.M., Hanrahan, and Graham, M.S.H. On Holy Thursday Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the Rev. Father Long being deacon, the Rev. Father Graham, M.S.H., subdeacon, Rev. Fathers Murphy, B.A., and Hanrahan masters of ceremonies. At the conclusion of Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart. After Tenebræ in the evening a sermon on the Blessed Sacrament was preached by the Rev. Father Hanrahan (Lincoln). Mass of the Presanctified was celebrated on Good Friday. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., was celebrant, the Rev. Fathers Long and Graham, M.S.H., being deacon and subdeacon respectively. The Passion was sung by the Rev. Fathers Hanrahan, Long, and Graham, M.S.H. An appropriate discourse was given by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. Veneration of the Cross followed, during which offerings were made for the Holy Places, in accordance with diocesan regulations. In the afternoon the devotion of the Stations of the Cross was largely attended, and at the conclusion Benediction was given with the reliquary containing a portion of the True Cross, this precious relic being afterwards exposed on the altar of the Chapel of the Holy Relics to the veneration of the faithful. The Cathedral was crowded in the evening, when, after Tenebræ, a particularly fine discourse was preached by the Rev. J. Kennedy, D.D. (Methven), on the 'Crucifixion and Death of our Divine Lord, and the lessons His intense sufferings conveyed to mankind.' On Holy Saturday Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the Rev. Father Long being deacon, Rev. Father Graham, M.S.H., subdeacon, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy master of ceremonies. Included in the ceremonies was the blessing of the Paschal candle, font, etc.

Mass was celebrated in all the suburban churches of the Cathedral parish on Easter Sunday—Addington, Halswell, Sumner, and Woolston—with good congregations at each.

The contest of the South Island Brass Bands Association was commenced in the Coliseum on last Saturday morning. The soprano solo was the first to occupy the attention of the judge (Mr. Code), and the initial note of the contest was sounded by R. Wills, of the Invercargill Hibernian Band. In giving his decision in favor of this performer with 95 points to his credit, the judge said in the evening, with reference to the soprano contest, that one competitor, R. Wills, of Invercargill, had stood out in a brilliant performance.

The Hibernian Fair, promoted by St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, was opened in the Hibernian Hall, Barbadoes street, under most favorable auspices by Dr. Thacker, M.P., on last Saturday evening. Shortly before eight o'clock the Hibernian Band, of Invercargill, now in this city for the South Island Bands' Contest, marched through the main streets towards the hall, playing in a style not heard here for a considerable time, and greatly to the enjoyment of those crowding the thoroughfares. There was soon a gathering at the fair which occupied all the available accommodation, and good business ensued.

Although collectively Catholic performers were conspicuously successful in the recent Dominion Competitions held here, one, Mr. Frank McDonald, certainly deserves honorable mention, especially as his time and talents are frequently and freely given in promoting and appearing at Catholic entertainments. The Catholic Club, too, has in him one of its best supporters and most popular helpers. The following is Mr. McDonald's record at the competitions:—First in Dickens' character sketch, first in Dominion test recitation, first in humorous dialogue with Miss Lily Aldridge (Auckland), first in story without words with same lady, second in character recital, second in comedietta with Miss Aldridge, second in classical dialogue with Miss Aldridge. Mr. McDonald scored the highest marks in elocution. The judge remarked on his fine make-up and very praiseworthy effort in the sketch from Dickens.

Large numbers approached the Holy Table at the early Masses on Easter Sunday. For the half-past nine o'clock Mass a church parade was arranged by the H.A.C.B. Society, in which an exceptionally good muster participated. Headed by the Invercargill Hibernian Band, the members marched along several of the main streets, and presented a fine appearance, the display being witnessed by large numbers. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at eleven o'clock by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., Rev. Father Murphy, B.A., being deacon, and Rev. Father Long subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Father Price on the subject of the day's festival. The music of the Mass was capably rendered by the choir, with Mr. W. Handel Thorley at the organ. The sanctuary and high altar, also the altars of the principal chapels, were as usual tastefully adorned by the ladies of the Altar Society. From the conclusion of Mass until after Vespers there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Rev. Father Seward preached, and at the conclusion of the sermon there was a procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

April 5.

Rev. Father O'Reilly (Maitland) arrived here yesterday. He intends touring the Dominion.

Rev. Father Dunphy addressed the last meeting of the Holy Family confraternity, and dealt particularly with the solemn events of which Holy Week always reminds us.

At St. Benedict's on Good Friday the Mass of the Presanctified was celebrated by Rev. Father Kreymborg, Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., and Rev. Father Kelly being deacon and subdeacon respectively. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there was the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. In the evening the sermon on the Passion was preached by Rev. Father Torney (Ellerslie). At all the services there were large congregations.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary left by the Makura on Monday night for a few months' rest and for treatment in Australia. His health has been impaired by the strenuous campaign of the last three years, but more particularly by the severe and constant overstrain of the last nine months in the great battle for the defence of the religious rights and liberties of the Catholics of this Dominion. His Lordship has assuredly spent himself in the interests of our people, and our prayers will be fervently offered for his early and immediate restoration to health and strength. In the Bishop's absence the administration of the diocese will be in the hands of the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., parish priest of Parnell.

Rev. Father Golden has returned from his holiday trip in the south. He visited the West Coast of the South Island for the first time, and is quite enthusiastic in praise of the priests and people there and the kind hospitality shown him. He attended the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Reefton, and at the Hibernian Society's gathering there he was charmed with the singing of 'Old Ireland, you're my darling.' A mission was being held at Westport, consequently his stay there was limited, but he spent some happy hours with the Ven. Archpriest Walshe. Father Golden also visited his old parish of Kaikoura, and renewed many old acquaintances. At Greymouth he learned of the death of Bishop Grimes.

The Holy Week services at St. Patrick's Cathedral commenced on Wednesday evening with the office of Tenebræ, which was repeated on Thursday and Good Friday evenings, his Lordship Bishop Cleary presiding on each occasion. On Holy Thursday Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Bishop, and the holy oils were blessed. Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett in the evening preached on the Blessed Sacrament. On Good Friday the Mass of the Presanctified was celebrated by