

Lorraine, and to Silesia. The giving up of any one of these four strategical positions will be fatal to her, the embarrassment of holding the four is likely to prove her undoing. Should the Allies continue to pin the enemy and compel him to shorten his line, then that is the beginning of the end.'

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday at the Five Rivers, where the Seventh and Eighth Southland Regiments are in camp.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from the last Mass until after Vespers, when the usual procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, took place.

The fine new school for the Christian Brothers is rapidly approaching completion, and persons who have promised subscriptions to the building fund are earnestly requested to pay them as soon as possible, as money is urgently required to meet payments in connection with the work.

In a recent issue we directed attention to the regularity with which Mrs. Jackson attended to her duties as a member of the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. The public apparently appreciated her good work, for at the election last week she was placed second in the list of successful candidates, beating all the old members of the board.

On Monday, May 3, the nineteenth anniversary of the consecration of his Lordship Bishop Verdon, and also the fifteenth anniversary of the opening of Holy Cross College, Solemn High Mass was celebrated at the College, at which his Lordship presided. In honor of the occasion the students gave an entertainment in the afternoon for which his Lordship thanked them, and referred to the good work done by the College in the short time of its existence, and hoped it would do still better work in the future for the Church in the diocese. In the evening, his Lordship was entertained by the pupils of St. Dominic's College, when a fine musical programme was presented.

Corporal C. J. Spain, a son of Mr. S. T. Spain, Earnscliffe, Clyde, who joined the Fourth Reinforcements as a member of the 4th Otago Mounted Regiment, distinguished himself recently in the shooting competitions held at Tretham. Not only did Corporal Spain succeed in winning the Imperial sharp-shooter's badge, but was, also, the winner in other competitions. Shooting at 700 yards he gained 13 out of a possible 15; in firing at rapidly moving figures he secured 13 out of a possible 15; and, in firing at the bull's eye, he was equally successful. Corporal Spain's brother, Sergeant Eric Spain, who has also enlisted, is now in camp, and, like his brother, is a crack shot. Both boys were members of the Christian Brothers' Cadet Corps, Dunedin, and it speaks well for the organising ability of, and excellent training, given by Major Hussey, who raised and commanded the corps, that over 60 of its members have joined the various Expeditionary Forces, and have been highly commended by their officers for their knowledge of their duties and efficiency in carrying them out.

## CATHOLIC SEWING GUILD.

The Catholic Sewing Guild for Belgian relief met on Wednesday and donations were received from the following:—Mrs. P. Brown, Mrs. Banks, Miss Bunbury, Mrs. Hogg, 'A friend,' Mrs. Sweeney.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

May 4.

The municipal elections engrossed the attention of the citizens last week, and resulted in the election of a new Mayor (Mr. J. H. Gunson). It was virtually a Greater Auckland election. Twenty-one councillors were returned, amongst whom Mr. P. J. Norheny occupied a very prominent position. He was

fifth on the list for the City Council, with 6614 votes, third for the Harbor Board with 6785 votes, and second for the Hospital Board with 7700 votes. This is a record of which any man may feel proud, particularly when that man is always staunch and true to his Catholic principles. Mr. Maurice Casey, another Catholic, was third on the list of City Council members with 6741 votes.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., has opened a mission at Devonport, Rev. Father Kelly, C.S.S.R., gives a three days' retreat to the boarders at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, and Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R., left by express to-night for Wellington. This morning the missionaries enjoyed a motor drive round to all our religious institutions.

The May devotions commenced in all the city and suburban churches on Sunday. At St. Benedict's a general Communion took place. Our Lady's altar was tastefully decorated. In the evening a procession took place, in which a statue of our Blessed Lady was borne around the church. At the Cathedral the beautiful altar of our Lady was adorned with much taste, this being the work of the Sisters of Mercy.

The three weeks' mission by the Redemptorist Fathers at the Cathedral concluded on Sunday. During the whole of last week the attendances were splendid. On Sunday morning a general Communion took place at the early Masses. It is estimated that during the mission six thousand received Holy Communion. Impressive sermons were delivered at the 11 o'clock Mass and at Vespers, the latter on 'Perseverance,' by the Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R. The congregation on this occasion must have been a record one, as every available seat was brought in after the ordinary seats had been filled, and then hundreds had to stand. At the conclusion of the sermon, Father Roche thanked Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, Rev. Fathers Cahill and Dunphy, the Sisters of Mercy, and the choir, without whom the mission would not have been such a magnificent success. He finally thanked the people for their co-operation, and imparted the Papal blessing. At almost every instruction given by the missionaries they exhorted all to join the Hibernian Society and the Holy Family Confraternity. It is hoped these excellent organisations may thus be augmented in numbers.

The following important circular has been sent to the Parnell parishioners by the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie: 'An important meeting of members of the congregation will be held in the school next Sunday, May 9, immediately after evening devotions. The object of the meeting is to consider and devise ways and means of providing adequate support for the Sisters, who carry on the work of our parish convent school with such untiring zeal and with such great success. I am in a position to state that the matter is one of urgency, and requires immediate attention. His Lordship the Bishop has issued a letter to all the priests of the diocese laying down the principle that steps should be taken to see that the various religious teachers have adequate provision made for their support. The spirit of justice will prompt us to do what we can in this important matter. The efforts of the Sisters in the important work of Catholic education deserve due recognition, in a measure at least that for their work in the school they should receive what is necessary for their maintenance. The spirit of faith will urge us to endeavor to appreciate the work of the Sisters. We know that without our Catholic schools the Catholic faith could not thrive, without our religious teachers our Catholic schools could not continue. Therefore, if we value our faith, let us show that we do not hesitate to make some little sacrifice to support the Sisters, who devote their lives without earthly reward to the great work of Catholic education. It is then the duty of each and all to help. We must not in a matter of such great importance leave the burden on a few. Every parishioner should deem it an obligation to co-operate in this work, and as the work cannot well be taken in hand without its being fully considered by the people, I ask you to strive to be present at the meeting next Sunday evening.'