

At St. Joseph's Cathedral the impressive ceremonies of Holy Week were participated in by a number of the diocesan clergy, and were attended by large congregations. At the Solemn High Mass on Holy Thursday the music was beautifully rendered by the Dominican Nuns' Choir. The students' choir of Holy Cross College sang most effectively selected parts each evening during Tenebrae, and during the Mass of the Presanctified on Good Friday morning. On Holy Thursday evening the Very Rev. P. O'Donnell (Gore) preached on the institution of the Blessed Eucharist, on Good Friday morning the Rev. C. Morkane (Holy Cross College) on the Passion of our Divine Lord, and on Good Friday evening the Rev. P. J. O'Neill (Riversdale) on the Seven Dolours. There were crowded congregations at each of the early Masses on Easter Sunday, both at the Cathedral and suburban churches of the parish, and exceedingly large numbers approached the Holy Table. There was Solemn High Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, commencing at 11 o'clock. Father Kaveney was celebrant, Father Burger (St. Bede's College, Christchurch) deacon, Father Spillane subdeacon, and Very Rev. J. Coffey, diocesan administrator, master of ceremonies. Father Coffey preached appropriate of the day's festival. The music of the Mass, splendidly rendered by St. Joseph's Choir, consisted of the "Kyrie" and "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, the "Credo" from Haydn's Mass in B Flat, the "Sanctus" from Gounod's Messe Solennelle, and the "Benedictus" and "Agnus Dei" from Weber's Mass in G. The motets "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus" (Elgar), and "Victime Paschali" (Bordonel) were also sung. The cantors were Messrs. A. Vallis, J. McGrath, and F. Heley. Mr. A. Vallis presided at the organ, and Signor Squarise conducted. In the evening Mozart's "O Salutaris," with Mr. F. Woods as soloist, was sung, the "Regina Coeli" was also beautifully rendered as a duet by Mrs. Sandys and Miss E. Murphy. The "Haec Dies" was sung both at Mass and Vespers. After the evening devotions the members of the choir were entertained by Father Coffey, who warmly complimented them on their continued good work. Mr. Vallis replied on behalf of the choir.

DIocese of AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

April 18.

An important movement is afoot in the city to revive interest in Catholic club life. As in the instance of practically all organisations, the ravages of war played sad havoc with most of the societies of the Church, the recruiting for active service being chiefly from among the young Catholic men of the community. A representative meeting is shortly to be held to discuss a proposal having for its object the formation of a large Catholic club on modern lines. Negotiations are being made to secure suitable premises in the heart of the city, and it is the desire of the promoters, should these be acquired, to obtain the co-operation of several of the larger Catholic societies with the purpose of concentrating their respective activities under the one roof. Several of our prominent clergy are interesting themselves in the movement.

At the last meeting of the Auckland Diocesan Executive of the N.Z. Catholic Federation, the delegates to the recent Dominion Council meeting, held at Dunedin, gave a brief resume of the business transacted thereat, and spoke in glowing terms of the arrangements made for the entertainment of visiting delegates. A resolution was carried thanking the Dunedin Diocesan Council for its efforts in this direction.

After holding office for three years, Mr. J. T. Fitzgerald tendered his resignation as secretary of the Auckland Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation at the last meeting of the Diocesan Executive. Mr. Fitzgerald was reluctantly compelled to take this course

owing to his having launched out in business on his own account. Members present eulogised the services rendered by the retiring secretary, and expressed many regrets at losing so active an official. Mr. Fitzgerald will, however, continue to act as a member of the executive.

The Board of Management of the Catholic Women's Hostel has been asked by the Catholic Federation authorities in this city to consider the resuscitation of the Immigration Committee, which did such signal services prior to the war among Catholic women arriving from other lands.

The Lourdes Bazaar, in aid of the funds of the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, which was to have been held in November last, but owing to the epidemic, had to be postponed, will be opened to-morrow afternoon, at the Town Hall Concert Chamber, by his Lordship the Right Rev. H. W. Cleary, D.D. A novel feature in connection with the bazaar will be a spectacular entertainment every evening, consisting of living pictures representing various scenes at the Grotto of Lourdes, with special musical accompaniments by a skilled choir, under the leadership of Mr. Leo Whitaker.

The Auckland Diocesan Catholic Teachers' Conference will commence on Tuesday next, the deliberations extending over three days. Delegates from every school in the diocese will be present.

GREYMOUTH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 11.

Fathers Mangan and Langley, Redemptorist Missioners, recently concluded a most successful fortnight's mission here. Missions were also conducted by them at Colden, Runanga, Brunner, and Barrytown, these zealous sons of St. Alphonsus worthily upholding the reputation of their distinguished Order as tireless workers in inculcating the teaching of their Divine Master. All the services were well attended.

Preparations for the forthcoming bazaar are well in hand. Rivalry between the stall-holders is keen, and it is safe to predict that the financial results will be a record for Westland.

Genuine and widespread regret was felt at the death, recently, of Kathleen Ryan, second daughter of Mrs. Ryan, of the local Fire Brigade Station. The deceased, who had been ailing for the past few months, was a bright intelligent child, and was loved by all those who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her age was 15 years, and she was a pupil of the local convent school. Mrs. Ryan has indeed borne a heavy load of sorrow. Her eldest son was killed in action in France, then, a short time ago, her husband (the late Captain Ryan, chief of the Greymouth Fire Brigade) passed away. The funeral of Kathleen Ryan was largely attended. In the morning the coffin was carried from the house to St. Patrick's Church by the Children of Mary, of which sodality the deceased was a member. A great many of the convent children attended the funeral of their schoolmate. The services at St. Patrick's Church and the graveside were conducted by Father Campbell.—R.I.P.

The tornado of advertising by pamphlet, and by letters in the local press on the Prohibition question has at length passed away. The pity of it that such an amount of good money should be wasted when so much work is waiting for the necessary funds. Many urgently needed bridges on the Coast could be built with the money that has been squandered on the referendum poll. The polling in the Coast electorate showed that the electors still retain their common sense, and were not to be beguiled by the barefaced attempts that were made, on religious and other grounds, to induce them to set aside the advice of their trusted leaders. The manifesto of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, read in the church here and published in the local press, gave much satisfaction.