

don't try. It is self-denial perhaps, but it is also charity.

E.H. (Taranaki).—The *Tablet* has consistently opposed Prohibition—not only under the present editor but also under his two predecessors, from 1898 to the present date. The *Tablet* is certainly consistent. Now don't make comparisons. We might retaliate, and it is so easy!

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

April 22.

Holy Thursday and Good Friday were observed with due solemnity at St. Mary's Church. On Good Friday evening an impressive sermon on the Passion was delivered by Father Lane. The Altar of Repose for Holy Thursday, and the High Altar on Easter Sunday were beautifully adorned by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Large numbers approached the Holy Table at the early Mass on Easter Sunday. There was "Missa Cantata" at 10 o'clock, Father Lane being celebrant. St. Mary's Choir, conducted by Mr. John Vita, gave a good rendering of Van Bree's Mass.

The Children of St. Mary's Schools were treated to their annual picnic on Easter Monday in the grounds of Mrs. Wheeler, Te Hapara, kindly lent for the occasion. Although the weather was somewhat cheerless an enjoyable time was spent. The school committee, and others, catered abundantly for the little ones.

The annual Irish national social was held on Easter Monday evening in the New Assembly rooms, and proved most successful. The function was held under the auspices of the newly formed tennis club, and as a result the funds of the club will be considerably augmented. Messrs. J. H. Reidy and J. Corbett were supervisors. The supper, and the arrangements generally, were excellent.

On the eve of his marriage, a presentation was made to Mr. A. Cassin, secretary to St. Mary's School committee. In making the presentation of a cheque for a substantial amount Father Lane referred in eulogistic terms to Mr. Cassin's devoted services in the interests of St. Mary's Church and schools. Mr. Cassin made suitable response.

April 27.

Anzac Day was commemorated in Gisborne by a military parade of returned soldiers and other units of the defence force. Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church by Father Lane for the repose of the souls of the soldiers who had made the supreme sacrifice during the war. The incidental music was sung by St. Mary's Choir under the direction of the organist (Miss O'Neill). At the conclusion of the impressive ceremony Handel's "Dead March" from "Saul" was played by Mr. J. Vita (violin), Mrs. D. J. Parker (cello), and Miss M. O'Neill (organ).

A mission, to be conducted by Fathers McCarthy and Ainsworth, Marist Missioners, is to open on May 21, in St. Mary's Church for the children of the parish. The mission for adults is to commence on the following Sunday, when probably a larger building will have to be utilised.

If when in your endeavor to achieve a high purpose you meet with misunderstanding and apparent defeat, let your solace be found in the memory of Him whose mission on earth culminated in Calvary.

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N.Z. CATHOLIC FEDERATION

WELLINGTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

The executive met on Wednesday, April 23. The president (Father Hurley, S.M., Adm.) presided, and there was a full attendance of members. Arrangements were made for the annual meeting of the Diocesan Council, which will be held at the Catholic Federation Chambers, Willis Street, on Thursday, July 10. The Federation Scholarships proposals were finally adopted and will be placed before the council at the annual meeting. Other matters of importance were considered, and the secretary was instructed to circularise parish committees accordingly. Committees are advised in time to have any remits for consideration ready by the date appointed for receiving them, which will be notified in the monthly Bulletin. Plans were submitted for the additions to the Catholic Women's Hostel, the estimated cost of which is in the vicinity of £2000; and the secretary was directed to make a special appeal to committees to assist the Hostel Board in meeting the liabilities.

CORRESPONDENCE

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir.—As I shall be leaving New Zealand in a few days I would consider it a great favor if you could spare me space in your esteemed paper to express my thanks to the priests of this Dominion. Coming, as I did, six years ago, to a strange country, I have found the Fathers ever ready to assist me with their kind sympathy and advice.

I therefore would like to take this opportunity of extending to them my hearty thanks, and good wishes that they may long be able to continue their noble work.

May I also be permitted to add a word of praise and thanks to the *Tablet*, which, to one in the country, is a link that keeps one in touch with the true deeds and expressions of the Church.—I am, etc.,

C. P. BUTLER.

Late of Paparoa (North Auckland).

OBITUARY

MRS. O. P. McGUIGAN, DUNEDIN.

On April 13, fortified by all the rites of Holy Church, Margaret McGuigan, wife of Captain Owen Paul McGuigan, of Dunedin, passed peacefully away after a few days' illness. The deceased was a daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret Heffernan, of South Dunedin, and was a well-known member of the St. Joseph's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Basilica Choirs, Dunedin. Gifted with a kind and genial disposition, she was highly esteemed and respected by all who came in contact with her, and a large circle of relations and friends mourn her demise. She was attended in her last illness by Fathers Delany and Graham, and was constantly visited by the Sisters of Mercy. Father Graham officiated at the Requiem in St. Patrick's Basilica, and at the interment.—R.I.P.

A pupil of the New Plymouth Convent, Miss Ruby Smith, who was a candidate for the intermediate piano-forte examination, Trinity College, London, held last September, has been successful in gaining the exhibition prize awarded by the college for the highest marks secured in that grade throughout the Dominion.

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