

Superior of the Mission, was preacher, and addressed the large congregation on the 'Sufferings of the Man God.' The devotion of the 'Stations of the Cross' formed a portion of the service, a meditation being made by the preacher on each station as depicting the way to Calvary, the sufferings of Christ and the Crucifixion. 'The Infinite Treasure given by God to Man' was the subject treated on Friday evening, when the Rev. Father Whelan, C.S.S.R., preached an eloquent discourse on 'the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.' Another stirring address was that on the prevalent evils of the present day. What was probably the most edifying sight witnessed during this or any previous mission, was that of last Sunday morning, when at a special Mass, celebrated for men only at 8 o'clock, the Cathedral was quite half filled with youths and men of the parish. The Hibernians were there in force, wearing regalia, the members of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association in great numbers, the Catholic Club, wearing distinctive colors, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Marist Brothers' School Cadets in their smart uniform and equipment, and many others, young and old. All, with scarcely an exception, approached the Holy Table. The great number present would have been larger were it not that many men for family reasons were obliged to attend other Masses. Almost as edifying a sight was that witnessed at the 7 o'clock Mass at which almost the entire congregation, composed for the most part of women, also approached the Holy Table. At the 11 o'clock Mass a mission sermon was preached, and in the evening the Cathedral was again entirely crowded, even the sanctuary being availed of to accommodate the men. The occasional preacher was the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., who delivered an eloquent and most impressive discourse on the 'Godhead of Our Divine Redeemer.' The Mission is to be continued until Sunday next, and each evening a special address will be given on the subject of which that of Sunday evening was the first.

The Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, Lower High Street, Christchurch, have received from the Inspector-General of Schools, Wellington, the following report of their High School, which was inspected on February 23:— 'The high school comprises both primary and secondary departments. The course of instruction, consisting of English, Latin, French, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, history, botany, geography, geometrical drawing, cookery, dressmaking, commercial work, wood-carving, music, painting, singing, elocution, and religious instruction, is arranged, partly to meet the requirements of the Civil Service and Matriculation examinations, and to provide for the pupils a suitable programme of work two years in advance of the certificates of proficiency requirements. To accomplish this end, a wide range of choice is permissible, but, notwithstanding this freedom of selection, all the pupils, except two, who are taking a commercial course, include Latin and French in their list of subjects. The time-tables have been drawn up so as to make satisfactory provision for the various subjects taught, and on Friday afternoon the work ceases earlier to enable a programme of sports to be carried out. Domestic work and art subjects are principally taught on Saturday. Very satisfactory methods of instruction were in use, and were applied with a reasonable amount of skill and much earnestness. A good programme of practical work in botany is being followed. The value of the concrete in the teaching of mathematics is recognised, and a suitable course of practical geometry has been drawn up. The girls were thoroughly interested in their work, and seemed most anxious, not only to comply with the wishes of their teachers, but even to anticipate them. The diligence and conduct of the girls were in every way commendable. Satisfactory provision is made for the physical education of the pupils.—(Signed) T. H. GILL, Inspector.'

The following pupils of the same school have been successful in passing Pitman's shorthand examination, held in December last:—Katie O'Connor, Annie O'Neill, Mattie Hood; and at the recent teachers' certificate examination, three obtained part of C., three full D., and four partial D. As the accommodation of the school is now taxed to its utmost, the Sisters are contemplating erecting this year a new high school and training college. In connection with their training college, they have already inaugurated large classes in preparation for the teachers' D. and C. certificate examinations, and at the same time, are giving due attention to the training of their teachers in all the methods and principles of efficient teaching and school management.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 3.

Rev. Father Gilmartin, C.S.S.R., last week gave missions in Helensville and Henderson, which were brought to a close on Sunday. He left on Monday night for Wellington on his way to the Philippines, where he is to engage in missionary work.

His Lordship the Bishop, being interviewed regarding the poster controversy, said he had been a good deal out of town lately, and had not seen the posters in question. He was therefore unable to pass any verdict upon them, but the discussion on the subject raised the bigger question of book and magazine and newspaper illustration, and in

this connection there had been of late years, specially since the invention of the photogravure process, sundry developments that the moralist and patriot must view with profound misgiving. One of these reflected the neo-pagan school of art, and in Paris and in various other Continental cities it had been for some years past 'slopping over' into what is known as the 'art poster.' 'Some of these art posters,' he said, 'that spot and stain the hoardings and dead walls are of a kind that should not be tolerated in any clean community, and their effect upon the impressionable minds of youth can only be evil. Indeed, unfortunately this class of miscalled artistic stuff does not, so far as I know, seem to have as yet invaded our shores, and I trust that the action of the law and the vigilance of those whose duty it is to watch over and guard youthful innocence will long shoulder them off from use.' Without passing any verdict as to the merits of the discussion on the Auckland posters, he thought it was a healthy sign to find that there was a live public conscience here on such things.

Two missions, which have ranked amongst the most successful held in Auckland, concluded last night. The first at St. Benedict's lasted three weeks, and from near and far in that extensive parish people journeyed to listen to the powerful exhortations and eloquent appeals of the Redemptorist Fathers. Each morning and evening the church was filled, and the good effected is incalculable. His Lordship the Bishop attended the close of the mission at St. Benedict's, on which occasion the church was crowded. Rev. Father Hunt was the preacher. A special mission, under the auspices of the Holy Family, joined by Hibernians, Old Boys' Club, and men of the city, which commenced on the last Sunday in March in the Cathedral, was finished last evening. The mission was for men only. Every morning at 6 o'clock large numbers of men assisted at Mass and profited by the instructions given by Rev. Father Hunt. It was a cheering sight to see men of all stations of life attending in such large numbers both morning and evening. On Saturday evening his Lordship the Bishop, Rev. Fathers Hunt, Holbrook, and Ormond, heard the confessions of the men only, and were kept very busy. The 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday morning was celebrated by his Lordship, at which nearly four hundred men received Holy Communion. After Mass all assembled in the large room at St. Patrick's Convent School for breakfast.

His Lordship, addressing the men, said it was to him a matter of deep satisfaction to behold so edifying a spectacle as that witnessed that morning, when the flower of the Catholic manhood of Auckland filed up, and filled rail after rail to receive Holy Communion. It went home to his heart, as it did to the hearts of the good missionary and the priests. Your hearts (said his Lordship) have been raised to higher and better things as the result of this mission. There will be a new access of fervor, which may long remain with you. It was a spectacle of religious faith which he hoped to see renewed many times again.

Rev. Father Holbrook, who thanked the Bishop for his attendance, said that never in his recollection had the men attended so constantly. He assured the Bishop of the support of all present in the great work he had in hand, particularly the educational work, and further all read with admiration his recent defence of Catholic schools.

Mr. McKenna proposed a vote of thanks to the Ladies for providing breakfast. He also touched upon the education question, and urged united action by Catholics to obtain their just rights, and, referring to Mr. Nerheny's candidature for Parliament, urged all to rally round him. Mr. Nerheny responded on behalf of the ladies in an appropriate speech, and paid tribute to the good work done by Father Holbrook in organising the Catholic men of the city. In the evening the mission was brought to a close. The Bishop presided and Rev. Father Hunt preached an impressive sermon on the renewal of Baptismal vows. At its conclusion the men, with lighted candles in their hands, renewed their Baptismal vows.

Bishop Cleary, who has travelled far and wide, gave it as his opinion that he had never witnessed a more edifying sight. Pontifical Benediction followed. This concluded the mission.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

April 3.

The annual social in connection with St. Mary's Tennis Club will take place on Wednesday.

The quarterly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society took place on Friday evening, the President (Bro. D. Moloney) being in the chair. There was a good attendance. Bro. Matheson (secretary) reported that when the balance sheet of the recent social gathering was forthcoming it would show a considerable profit.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Athletic Football Club opened the season with a practice match on the Western Reserve. Several new players turned out, and, judging from their display on Wednesday, they should materially strengthen the team. Mr. G. W. Woods, President of the club, was on Friday elected as a member of the executive of the S.R.F.U.