

Bishop at 11 o'clock, Rev. Father Ormond being deacon, Rev. Father O'Farrell sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Holbrook assistant priest. During the Mass Rev. Father Holbrook, on behalf of the Bishop, thanked choir, decorators of the altars, collectors, altar boys, and Cathedral clergy for good and consistent work throughout the year, wishing them every blessing and happiness. He specially thanked the parishioners for their cordial support and co-operation. Pontifical Vespers and Benediction were given in the evening, when the church was crowded. His Lordship delivered an impressive discourse on the longevity and virility of the Church, and concluded with apt and telling quotations from Lord Macaulay and Father Benson. The choir, both morning and evening, rendered admirable service, and a word of praise is due to the conductor and members. The decorations of the high altar were in excellent taste, for which much credit is due to Sister Peter and Miss Gough.

CORONATION BAZAAR, AUCKLAND.

The grand Coronation Bazaar in aid of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital was successfully opened in the Princes' Rink by his Excellency the Governor, Lord Islington, on Saturday afternoon. Lady Islington accompanied his Excellency, who was attended by Captain Boscawen. The Sacred Heart College Cadets formed a guard of honor to their Excellencies, who were received by his Lordship Bishop Cleary, and conducted to a platform in the middle of the hall, where a number of representative citizens, including his Worship the Mayor (Mr. L. J. Bagnall), were assembled. Despite the inclement weather there was a good attendance. The decorations in the hall were much admired, and the arrangement of the various stalls added to the attractiveness of the display.

In a happy speech Bishop Cleary welcomed their Excellencies, and briefly stated the object of the bazaar, which was to raise funds to make an addition to the hospital.

His Excellency, who was received with prolonged applause, spoke of the pleasure with which Lady Islington and himself had accepted the invitation to lend assistance to a movement that was worthy of all encouragement, and of all the support that one could give to it. The Sisters of Mercy Order had a long and honorable record in the Catholic annals of Auckland; its institution dated back to the first Bishop of Auckland, to the early days of settlement in New Zealand. In those early days the primary aim of the Sisterhood was the advancement of education and religion, though they were ever ready to alleviate the sufferings of the sick. Recruits were enlisted from the Sisterhood of those days to go to the Crimea and work with the devoted nurses under Florence Nightingale. The present hospital was established ten years ago, and for some time it had been realised that with the increase and development of the city, the building accommodation of the hospital to-day was inadequate to cope with the increasing demands made upon it. It was desired to erect a new and up-to-date building, fitted with all modern hospital appliances, to enable the Sisters to carry on the work of attending to the sick and suffering. The hospital hoped to be able to work beyond the city of Auckland itself. It could not, therefore, be regarded in the strictest sense as a local or parochial institution, but should be the object of support of all residents throughout the Auckland province; neither could it be regarded as a purely denominational institution, because it would be open to sufferers of all denominations. It might be said they were developing a superfluity, in view of the admirable general hospital Auckland possesses, but Auckland was a growing and developing city, and therefore with that growth and that development a corresponding demand of the sick and suffering will continually be made. His Excellency made a strong appeal for support to the bazaar, stating that it was for an object calculated to be of such benefit to Auckland that those interested in the city will do their utmost to erect at the earliest possible date an adequate addition to the hospital.

The Mayor (Mr. L. J. Bagnall), on behalf of the citizens and himself, extended his sympathy to the objects of the bazaar. What his Excellency had said with regard to the value of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital was warranted and quite correct. The hospital treated many cases which could not go to the general hospital, and there was ample room for it in the city. The good Sisters were doing an estimable work, and had earned an everlasting debt of gratitude from those who had been objects of their care and attention.

Dr. Tracy Inglis (vice-president of the British Medical Association) extended his heartiest congratulations to the Sisters for the commendable object they had in view, and wished them every success. Provision (he said) would be made in the new annexe for the accommodation of the sick poor, and this was a most deserving object of charity. He thought these free wards would be the first of the kind in the city of Auckland, if not in the Dominion. The attention at the hospital was excellent, and rich and poor were treated alike.

Dr. Lowe returned thanks on behalf of the hospital staff, and thanked in an especial manner the members of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Club, who had done everything possible to help the bazaar along.

Mr. A. M. Myers, M.P., also spoke, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to associate himself with the objects of the bazaar, and said that it was his experience that when suffering humanity called for aid, the Catholic Church knew no creed.

Mr. J. J. O'Brien, one of the promoters of the bazaar, expressed appreciation and thanks on behalf of the Sisters for the kindly remarks of the speakers, and all who had taken an interest in the bazaar.

Cheers were then given for Lord and Lady Islington. The bazaar will be continued throughout the ensuing fortnight.

No trouble or time has been spared to make the bazaar successful, and the Princes' Rink has been transformed into a veritable fairyland. All the stallholders appear in picturesque costumes typical of various countries. A variety of ornamental and useful goods are for sale, and already excellent business has resulted. Though the weather was unfavorable, a sum of £100 was taken on the first night. Features of the bazaar are the drill and fancy dancing exhibitions given every evening by 150 trained ladies under the direction of Miss Daphne Knight, and the schools' competitions, which will also be held nightly.

Intercolonial

The Victorian Government has granted St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, £3100 this year.

An order has been placed by the Federal Treasury for a further supply of silver coins to the value of £200,000. Particulars of the order are:—Threepences, £30,000; sixpences, £40,000; shillings, £60,000; florins, £70,000. The arrival of this consignment will bring the total of new Australian silver coinage received for circulation up to £800,000.

Before the close of the Conference of the Clergy of the diocese of Perth, held recently, the Right Rev. Dr. Clune, on behalf of himself and the priests, presented the Very Rev. Father Verling, V.G., with a gold watch and chain as a token of their gratitude to him for his able administration in the diocese during the interregnum between the resignation of Bishop Gibney and the appointment of Bishop Clune. Father Verling, who is in charge of the Subiaco parish, was placed dignus when the priests of the diocese met in June last year to select names for recommendation to the Holy See for a successor to Bishop Gibney.

The following (says the *Catholic Press*) are some of the presentations made to Bishop Clune on the occasion of his consecration as Bishop of Perth:—Episcopal robes, the gift of the religious of the diocese. Pectoral cross set in emeralds and diamonds, with chain and episcopal ring (£100), from the Redemptorist Fathers in the houses of the Order in Australasia. The crozier, the gift of Dr. Clune's fellow-students in the archdiocese of Melbourne. The episcopal vestments: Rochet, buskins, embroidered shoes, gloves, etc., gifts of the Sisters of Mercy, Victoria square, Perth. Beautiful mitre worn at the Consecration, gift of the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady, Loretto Convent, Adelaide terrace, Perth. Another richly-jewelled mitre from the Carmelite Nuns, Marriekville. Elegantly-worked mitre and rochet, from the Loretto Nuns, Osborne. Beautiful richly-embroidered stole from the Good Samaritan Nuns, Marriekville. A rochet with Limerick lace from Sisters of Mercy, Goulburn. Another beautiful rochet from the Children of Mary, Fremantle. Albs from the Sisters of Mercy, Bunbury, and the Sisters of St. John of God, Subiaco. Gold pectoral chain from Father McCarter, Epping, Victoria. Missal, pontificale, ceremoniale episcoporum in red morocco, and set of Breviaries from the Passionist Fathers, Marriekville. Gold pen and pencil-holder from the Misses Tobin, of Wingadee, St. Kilda, Melbourne. There were also many presentations from the various parishes of the diocese of Perth.

The golden jubilee of the establishment of the Catholic Church in Rockhampton (says the *Catholic Press*) will be celebrated next year, and in preparation for this great event an effort is being made to clear off the existing debt, to put St. Joseph's Cathedral in a proper state of repair, to provide more school accommodation, and to build a residence for the Bishop and priests, who are at present living in a rented house. It is expected that Cardinal Moran, unless he is then in Rome for the canonisation of the Irish Martyrs, and many other prelates and clergy will visit Rockhampton to take part in the celebration of the jubilee. The great work of the late Dr. Cani was the building of St. Joseph's Cathedral, and acquiring the splendid property at Meteor Park for an orphanage. Dr. Higgins established schools and convents, and under him three new Orders were introduced into the Rockhampton diocese. As in the case of his two predecessors, Bishop Duhig found the financial difficulty the greatest obstacle to progress; but although much has been done to pay off debt, and to provide necessary church and school accommodation, a great deal more remains to be accomplished. Rockhampton is the headquarters of a diocese 350,000 square miles in extent. Last year Bishop Duhig travelled 10,000 miles through the diocese, and observed the splendid work carried on everywhere by the priests and nuns. In his visitations Bishop Duhig has always been heartily welcomed, not only by the members of his own flock, but by many non-Catholic friends. At present there are labouring in the diocese 30 priests, 12 Christian Brothers, and 185 nuns belonging to four different religious Orders, and there are 27 Catholic schools, attended by about 5000 pupils, and one orphanage under the care of the Sisters of Mercy.