

sanctified. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon there were the Stations of the Cross, at which Rev. Father O'Boyle officiated, his Lordship the Bishop reading the various Meditations from the pulpit, and at the conclusion the Benediction was given with a sacred relic of the True Cross, which was afterwards exposed to the veneration of the faithful on the altar in the chapel of the Holy Relics. On this, as on all other occasions during Holy Week, the Cathedral was crowded to an even more noticeable extent than ever before. After Tenebræ the occasional sermon, a most impressive discourse, was preached by the Rev. Father Tigar, O.P. Solemn High Mass was celebrated on Holy Saturday morning by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the Rev. Father Richards being deacon, Rev. Father Hanrahan subdeacon, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy master of ceremonies. All the usual ceremonies incidental to the day were conducted by the Very Rev. Father Price. A feature of the Holy Week services, and one specially referred to by his Lordship the Bishop, was the excellent and devotional singing by the choir of the difficult and exacting music. His Lordship also spoke in appreciative terms of the splendid efforts of the Altar Society, and the beautifully effective results thereof observable on Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 8.

At the Cathedral on Easter Sunday Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop, Rev. Fathers Skinner and Finn being deacon and subdeacon respectively. Rev. Father Holbrook was master of ceremonies. In the evening the Bishop preached on the history of the Church and its struggles and triumphs. The choir, under Mr. Hiscocks, rendered most efficient services. The altar was tastefully decorated.

At the Cathedral the Office of Tenebræ was sung on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings of Holy Week. His Lordship the Bishop presided each evening. On Holy Thursday night Rev. Father Edge preached on the Blessed Eucharist. On Good Friday the 'Passion' was sung by Rev. Fathers Wright, Ormond, and Skinner. His Lordship the Bishop was the celebrant of the Mass of the Presanctified, Rev. Father O'Farrell being assistant priest, Rev. Father Skinner deacon, Rev. Father O'Doherty subdeacon, and Rev. Father Holbrook master of ceremonies. There were also present in the sanctuary Rev. Fathers McMillan, Finn, and Clarke. Rev. Father Wright in the evening preached on the 'Passion.' At St. Benedict's on Good Friday there were crowded congregations. Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., and Rev. Fathers Brennan, Forde, and O'Malley officiated. At the Sacred Heart Church (Ponsonby), and at Parnell and Newmarket services were also held.

The weekly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which was held on Thursday evening, will long be remembered by the members of St. Patrick's Conference. His Lordship the Bishop presided. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Little called on his Lordship to present on behalf of the members a chalice to Rev. Father Wright, who had been spiritual director of St. Patrick's Conference for three years. In making the presentation Bishop Cleary spoke eulogistically of the work Father Wright had accomplished while at the Cathedral. Wherever he had labored Father Wright had gained the esteem of all who knew him. In the course of his reply, Father Wright thanked all who were in any way connected with the presentation. He would use the chalice for the first time on Easter Sunday. That Mass would be offered up for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the members of the society. At the presentation the following priests assisted:—Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Skinner, O'Doherty, Edge, Cahill, Molloy, McMillan, Ormond, Clarke, and Finn.

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Cathedral Feis, Auckland

By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 8.

The Cathedral Feis, organised to extinguish the debt on the parish, was opened with great éclat last Saturday night by his Excellency Lord Islington. At 5 o'clock in the morning the committee commenced the erection and ornamentation of stalls. After working all day everything was in readiness for the opening at 7 o'clock in the evening.

His Lordship the Bishop, in introducing the Governor, said it was superfluous to introduce his Excellency, as that was the second occasion on which he had honored them by performing an opening ceremony.

His Excellency prefaced his remarks by giving a message conveying the good wishes of Lady Islington, who was unfortunately prevented from being present owing to a slight indisposition. As most of his hearers were aware, the object of the fete was to wipe off the debt attaching to the extension of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The cost of the work had been about £7000, and there still remained some £4000 to clear off. He felt sure it must be the wish of every good Catholic in Auckland to see the Cathedral church standing in their midst free of every penny of debt—(applause)—and from what he had heard of the energy and enthusiasm put into the festival there was evidently a very keen desire on the part of a very considerable portion of the Catholic community to see that worthy object realised within the next few days. Father Holbrook, who was one of the principals in the organising of the Feis, had been successful in securing much that should attract all classes and creeds within the Town Hall during the coming week. He wished God-speed to the Feis in all its branches, and congratulated all those who had come forward to ensure the success he felt sure it would be.—(Applause.)

The Hon. A. M. Myers, M.P., Minister of Finance, next spoke. He said that there was one thing at least all churches possessed, and that was a debt. The amount the Feis aimed at was a large one, but from his experience of the zeal and enthusiasm of the Catholics he was confident they would, with the help of those of other creeds, not only realise their aspirations, but would have a surplus.—(Applause.)

Rev. Father Holbrook, in proposing a vote of thanks to his Excellency the Governor, said they were indebted to him not only for opening the fete, but for his kindly encouragement. Speaking of the big task they had set themselves, Father Holbrook said they wanted their Bishop to feel that he had with him not only the Catholic people of Auckland, but every right-thinking person as well, and that his hopes for the extinction of the debt would be realised.—(Applause.) It was quite unnecessary to thank Mr Myers, because he had been so closely identified with their work for a very long time.

Mr. P. J. Nerheny, in seconding the vote, said Lord Islington was one of the greatest democratic Governors that had ever come to New Zealand, and he had always taken the keenest interest in everything that made for the uplifting of humanity.—(Applause.)

The scene in the hall is a particularly brilliant one. Around the sides are ranged numerous stalls, laden with all sorts of articles, which are so attractive that they almost sell themselves without the additional persuasion exerted by the fair stall-holders, who are all out after the record takings for the fortnight. There are about 300 charming children and young ladies in picturesque costumes, under the skilful training of Signor Borzoni, who has a genius for this sort of thing. They have become astonishingly adept at marching and dancing to music, and, with the aid of sunshades, flowers, or festoons, at posing into dozens of different groups, which are singularly effective both from the blending of the colors of the costumes and the gracefulness of the dancers. Signor Borzoni calls his spectacle 'A New Zealand Summer Night.' It is divided into ten scenes, and finishes up with a spectacular march consisting of the full strength of the company. The whole thing is really well imagined, and the execu-