

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

March 4.

The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary paid an official visit to Onewhero (Tuakau parish) on Sunday last, where he was accorded a hearty reception by Rev. Father O'Brien and the people from all parts of the parish.

The mission at the Cathedral opened after Solemn High Mass on last Sunday. Right Rev. Dr. Liston presided, and introduced the Redemptorist Fathers. Very Rev. Father Whelan (Superior) preached the opening sermon.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Irish national concert on Thursday night, March 17, in the Town Hall; and on the Saturday following (March 19) the procession, sports meeting, and displays in the Domain will be held.

The Coadjutor-Bishop (Right Rev. Dr. Liston) left on Thursday last for Te Aroha, where he will open a bazaar to-night, and will remain over Sunday to administer Confirmation. His Lordship will also visit Morrinsville and Matamata.

The Auckland Catholic Teachers' Institute is holding a conference during Easter week—on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. At past conferences much valuable assistance has been given by teachers from other dioceses, and the institute cordially invites members of the teaching communities outside Auckland to attend. This year's programme presents quite new features of school work, and great and lasting benefits must result.

An old boy of the Brothers' School has presented several fine books to the boys' library. If more old boys who have suitable books would do likewise, what a splendid library the school would have. Wake up! you old boys who say you're proud of the achievements of your school, and help the lads who now occupy the places you once held. Don't let your interest end in talk and cheers. Do something. You'll find real pleasure in it.

Their many friends will learn with regret the sad news of the death of Mrs. Marnell, Rev. Mother Liguori and Sister Clare's mother. Cabled news also came of the death of Mr. T. Halpin, of Drogheda, Ireland (Sister Borromeo's brother), who was shot while in the street, evidently by the military. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday last for the repose of the souls of the deceased. Right Rev. Dr. Liston was celebrant, Very Rev. Dean Cahill assistant priest, Fathers Buckley and Bradley deacon and subdeacon respectively, and Father Forde master of ceremonies. Fathers Holbrook, O'Doherty, Colgan, Carran, Skinner, Taylor, Mansfield, and O'Byrne, and the Redemptorist Missioners (Fathers Whelan, Hannigan, and Duffy) were in the choir. A large concourse of religious and laity was also present.—R.I.P.

The contest for the Nicholson Shield—the swimming event of the year—brought out 13 keen teams at the Mt. Eden Baths. Vermont Street School succeeded in retaining the Shield, held by them since 1920. The team was R. Callaghan, R. Darby, R. Bradley, and

R. Watson. E. Bradley won the 440yds. (inter-club) in fine style.

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their devoted old folk are especially grateful to Mrs. Keily and her band of workers, who have just provided a new piano for the Home.

A very fine cup the "Massey Bicycle Cup" was presented to the Akarana Athletic Club last year for competition against the Primary Schools in flat events. On December 18, the 100yds., 440yds., half-mile, and 880yds. relay were run at Onewhero. The Marist Brothers' boys from Vermont Street scored 15 points the nearest to them getting 5. The cup and 5 gold medals were handed to the School last week. The winners of medals were R. Darby, J. Dalton (2), A. McMahon and P. O'Neill.

An excellent example to the laity has been shown by Mr. M. J. Sheahan, whose interest in all Catholic activities in Auckland is so well known. He has donated a £10 Scholarship each year, for 3 years, tenable at Sacred Heart College. It has been awarded to Frank Callaghan, son of Mr. J. Callaghan of Waihi. Master Callaghan put up quite a meritorious performance last year. Though he was absent from May to September through a severe operation for peritonitis, he had no trouble in getting his proficiency certificate. He attended the Vermont Street School. It is to be hoped that the lead given by Mr. Sheahan will be followed by scores throughout the Dominion, and thus help the great cause of Catholic Secondary Education—the crying need of the present day. Each of the four big centres in New Zealand now has an up-to-date Secondary School, and Catholics, who wish to do good, real good, with the money they must leave behind them, cannot do better than support these institutions. Mr. Sheahan deserves congratulations on the truly Catholic spirit he has shown.

AT THE END OF THE ROAD.

'Tis the end of the road of the Martyr's fast.
His proud heart's still: it has pulsed its last,
And the withered body is laid at rest
Of one who died for a race oppressed—
His life a pawn for Freedom's dawn,
Erin has lost her best.

At the end of the road of the Martyr's trail
The high soul speeds from its Brixton gaol,
To join the ranks of the noble host
Who reckoned least, but who gave the most;
And forever more, the love he bore
Shall be his country's boast.

At the end of the road of the Martyr's pain,
MacSweeney's cross shall be Ireland's gain;
And the torch he proffered with dying plea
Shall be held aloft for all to see,
When Ireland shall be free.

—WILLARD J. ROBINSON, in the *Irish World*.

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