

Very Rev. Dean Cahill, assistant priest, Rev. Mgr. Ormond, deacon; Very Rev. Father Brennan, subdeacon; Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook and Rev. Father Forde, masters of ceremonies. Practically all the clergy of the city and suburbs, about 20 in number, were present. The music of the Mass was devotionally rendered by the convent choir. After Mass, the guests were invited to breakfast at the convent, where Bishop Liston, on behalf of those assembled and of the friends who were not present, expressed felicitations and best wishes to the new community.

Rev. Mother-General Lawrence, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, after concluding a visitation of the Houses of the Order in the Dominion, returned to Sydney by the Niagara on the 1st inst.

During the visit of the Apostolic Delegate in November his Excellency will lay the foundation stone of the new Convent of St. Joseph, Grey Lynn.

A drive is being made by St. Benedict's and St. Joseph's (Grey Lynn) parishes for the formation of branches of the Hibernian Society. A strong effort is being put forth to enrol every eligible Catholic in the ranks, and soon we hope to be able to report good progress with the new branches.

In connection with the deeply lamented death of Father Carran, at Otahuhu, the following additional notes regarding the obsequies carried out last week's letter was sent:—The Right Rev. Dr. Liston and several of the clergy were in attendance during the few days prior to his death. The remains were removed to the church at Otahuhu, where they rested until the Sunday afternoon. Among the very large congregation from the city and suburbs attending the funeral were Rev. M. J. Mason, Anglican vicar, and representatives from the various churches: the latter, with members of the Hibernian Society and of St. Benedict's Catholic Club, formed a guard of honour and acted as pall-bearers. The solemn Mass was celebrated by Mrs. J. Gillies. His Lordship Bishop Liston officiated at the interment in the cemetery near the church at Otahuhu. The school children sang the "Hymn of Lourdes" (Father Carran's favorite hymn). The following touching message:—"Kindly convey to relatives of late Father Carran deepest sympathy with them in their bereavement. Father Carran's death removes a noble figure whose memory will live in the minds and hearts of thousands of all denominations." May he rest in peace.

HIBERNIAN SOCIETY, AUCKLAND

The district officers of the H.A.C.B. Society attended last week at St. Benedict's Club rooms for the purpose of opening a new branch of the society in that parish. Among those present were the district president, treasurer, and secretary, the past district president, and several other members. The initiation was conducted by the district president, who congratulated the newly elected members on the step they had taken. The following officers of the new branch were elected: President, Bro. Nagle; vice-president, Bro. Symons; secretary, Bro. Murphy; treasurer, Rev. Father Curley; warden, Bro. Early; guardian, Bro. Dance; sick visitors, Bros. Dance and Early; auditors, Bros. Milne and Symons; trustees, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Hara and Bro. Early. The installation of office-bearers was carried out by District Treasurer Bro. M. J. Mason. The new office-bearers returned thank offerings to the donors of the new branch. The Rev. Treasurer said it only wanted the co-operation of the parishioners to make St. Benedict's branch of the Hibernian Society the largest in Auckland.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

A mission, which is to continue for a fortnight, was opened by Rev. Father McCarthy, Mariast Missioner, at the Cathedral on Sunday last. At the eleven o'clock Mass, his Lordship the Bishop formally handed the parish over to the missionaries, and the inaugural sermon was preached by Father McCarthy. In the evening additional seating had to be placed in every available space to accommodate the huge congregation. Father McCarthy, who again preached, will be assisted during the mission by Fathers Herring and O'Leary.

The children's mission was brought to a close on Sunday afternoon, following on a general Communion at a special Mass at 8.30 a.m. at which, apart from the large number of children approaching the Holy Table, some 40 made their first Holy Communion. In the afternoon,

after the renewal of Baptismal Vows and the imparting of the Papal Blessing by Father McCarthy, Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by his Lordship the Bishop. On Thursday evening last, the juvenile branch of the Hibernian Society was entertained by the members of St. Patrick's branch in the Hibernian Hall. Bro. H. H. Upjohn presided, and welcomed the 70 odd lads who were marshalled under the care of Rev. Brother Phelan. The musical programme submitted was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys. After refreshments had been partaken of, Bro. Upjohn spoke of the splendid work accomplished by Brother Phelan since the inception of the juvenile branch, and enlarged upon its possibilities. Bro. P. P. O'Rourke, P.P., supported the president's remarks, and on behalf of the senior members presented Brother Phelan with a token of esteem. Master G. Daly, president of the juvenile branch, responded on the boys' behalf. Rev. Brother Phelan thanked the Hibernians for their kindly appreciation of his efforts with the juveniles, and added that his joy would be complete only when he found that the boys would carry on until they became the bone and sinew of the Hibernian Society. Up to the present the boys had been fortunate in their choice of office-bearers, and good material had been turned to the best use. He thanked the senior Brothers for their practical support of every movement in connection with the juvenile branch.

IRISH RELIEF FUND

The following letter has been received from Very Rev. Father Coffey, Administrator of the above fund, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, October 12, 1922:

My dear Dr. Kelly, I have this day forwarded to his Eminence Cardinal Logue a draft for £221 15s 6d, balance collected since the Bishop sent the draft for two thousand pounds (£2000). I have informed the Cardinal that this draft is New Zealand's additional contribution to the Belfast Relief Fund in response to the appeal of the New Zealand Tablet.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

JAMES COFFEY.

SELF-DETERMINATION FOR IRELAND LEAGUE

FIRST DOMINION CONVENTION

The first convention of the New Zealand Self-Determination for Ireland League met last Saturday, the main business being to select representatives to attend the Irish Conference which is to be held in Dublin or Paris on January 21. After some discussion, invitations were unanimously extended to the following: Mr. J. J. McGrath, the Rev. Father Gondringer, the Rev. Father Gilbert, Archbishop O'Shea, and Miss Jessie Mackay. The invitation to Miss Jessie Mackay was proposed by Mrs. T. Bourke, and agreed to by acclamation.

Later the president reported that he had received telegraphic advice from Archbishop O'Shea that it was impossible for him to leave New Zealand at such short notice, but he had suggested Mr. Hall Skelton. The delegates accordingly tendered a verbal invitation to that gentleman to be one of their representatives, and he accepted. At this stage it was also decided to send a telegraphic invitation to the Rev. Dr. Kelly, Editor of the New Zealand Tablet, but a reply came from that gentleman that, much as he appreciated the honor, he could not accept. Father Gondringer, while thanking the delegates for the honor conferred upon him, intimated that he could not leave New Zealand in time to attend.

In the result, the convention unanimously decided on Messrs. Hall Skelton and J. J. McGrath, the Rev. Father Gilbert, and Miss Jessie Mackay.

The following were appointed members of the first Dominion Council of the League: President, Mr. P. J. O'Regan; executive committee—Messrs. J. J. McGrath, P. Griffen, D. Burke, and J. A. Scott; the Rev. Father Gondringer, Mrs. T. J. Bourke, and Miss Eileen Duggan.

[A message from London on September 29 said: "The Dail Eireann is arranging a world Irish Conference to be held either in Paris or Dublin in January, on the anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic. Delegates have been invited from 14 countries. The Dublin correspondent of the Daily Herald (Labour) states in connection with the world conference of the Irish League which will be held in Paris on January 21, 1922, on the anniversary of the first session of the Dail Eireann and the proclamation of the Republic, that invitations are being sent to North and South America, Australia, New Zealand, and every part of the world where the Irish movement is organised.]