

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 28.

The Month's Mind of the late Father Carran was observed in St. Benedict's Church on Wednesday, October 26. Right Rev. Dr. Liston presided. Very Rev. Dean Cahill and Father Golden were deacons at the throne, and Right Rev. Monsignor Mahoney, Hackett, and Ormond, Fathers Molloy, O'Brien, Buxton, Doyle, Lyons, Moore, O'Connor, Forde, Murphy, O'Malley, Curley, Skinner, Furlong, Taylor, Kelly, and O'Byrne were present in the sanctuary. Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk was celebrant of the Mass, Father Bleakley deacon, Father O'Flynn sub-deacon, and Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook master of ceremonies. The music of the Mass was rendered by a choir of the clergy. A large congregation of the laity from the city and suburbs attended.

Missions have been conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers Whelan and Campbell in Gisborne, Fathers Hannigan and Campbell in Hamilton and Taumarunui. Father Mangan conducted a retreat in Grey Lynn, and in November he is to conduct a mission in Waihi.

Universal regret is expressed at the loss to the Dominion of the very excellent Redemptorist Missioners Fathers Mangan and Hannigan, who have been transferred to Australia, the former to Ballarat and the latter to be Rector of the monastery at Waratah. Their many friends wish the devoted Missioners *bon voyage*, and many years to continue their glorious work. A hearty welcome awaits them always in New Zealand.

The bazaar in aid of the Good Shepherd parish, Dominion Road, was opened last evening in St. Benedict's Hall by Bishop Liston. Rev. Father Murphy and his parishioners are to be congratulated on the efficiency of the preparations for the sale of work and the many attractions arranged for their patrons. A handsome financial return will repay their labors in aid of the new parish.

The discussion in Parliament on the amendment to the Education Act, reminds us of the sacrifices made by Catholic parents in this Dominion for conscience sake in paying a double education tax—one for the education of their own children in our Catholic schools—the other for the education of non-Catholic children in the State schools, wherein instruction on every subject under the sun may be given, except one, viz., the knowledge of God, and our duties to Him, as our Creator and Redeemer. The one dogma of the State school system is "Render to Caesar everything,"—loyalty and obedience—and the rest: but let the name of God be not even mentioned, lest the bogey of sectarianism be aroused, and justice be done to the Christian parents. There are about 2500 Catholic children in the Catholic schools of Auckland and suburbs. The Catholic people, here as elsewhere in the Dominion, without any assistance whatever from Government or Municipalities have erected schools for these children; secured and paid fully-qualified teachers. If we gave up our Catholic schools and told the Government to educate our Catholic children, it would cost the Government in Auckland and suburbs (a) about £250,000 for buildings (Mount Albert School for 300 children is costing about £45,000), (b) £12,000 to £15,000 a year for salaries for teachers. These are facts—and very hard facts—that ought to be impressed on our non-Catholic friends who are in the main fair and impartial towards us, but do not know our principles nor the sacrifices made.

Taumarunui

(From our own correspondent.)

October 27.

Right Rev. Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop of Auckland, spent a busy week-end here. On Friday afternoon a concert was given by the school children and a small gift presented to his Lordship as a memento of his first visit. Examination in catechism and other duties occupied the Saturday afternoon and evening. On Sunday, his Lordship after celebrating the eight o'clock Mass, proceeded by car to Kakahi, where he blessed the renovated and enlarged church. Afterwards, at the luncheon given by the members of the congregation, Mr. Cotter in an appropriate speech, extended to the Bishop a cordial welcome to the district. On the way back Dr. Liston paid a visit to Manunui Church, where a large number of the parishioners had assembled to meet him. In the evening, at Taumarunui, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to about 60 candidates, Mr. and Mrs. Gibb acting as sponsors. After

evening devotions his Lordship attended a meeting of the church committee, at the Presbytery, at which he congratulated the members on the work they had accomplished.

The recent mission which was given by Rev. Fathers Campbell and Hannigan, C.S.S.R., at Taumarunui and in the outlying districts of Manunui and Kakahi, was very successful. On the closing night of the mission a special ceremony in honor of the Blessed Virgin took place. Rev. Father Campbell preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, and afterwards consecrated the whole parish to Our Blessed Lady.

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Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

October 28.

A mission conducted by the Redemptorist Missioners, Very Rev. Father Whelan (Rector of St. Gerard's, Wellington), and Rev. Father Campbell, commenced in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, October 16, and will conclude on October 30. During the early stages of the mission wet weather interfered somewhat with the attendance, but at the time of writing the large number approaching the Holy Table daily is an evident indication of the spiritual success attending the Missioners' efforts. The childrens' mission of the previous week was also very successful, the attendances filling the church each morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father Lano is assisting the missioners.

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DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 24.

One of the most successful missions ever conducted in the Cathedral parish was that just concluded by the Marist Missioners. Rev. Fathers McCarthy, Herring, and O'Leary. The average attendance at daily Mass and Communion was over 900, and on Sunday morning that number was just about doubled. On Thursday the ceremonies were directly in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. There was Exposition all day followed in the evening by a sermon on the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, preached by Father O'Leary, and procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Devotion to the Sacred Heart was the theme of Friday's discourses and in the evening, after an impressive sermon, Father McCarthy consecrated the homes of all present (by a specially arranged ceremony) to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The closing ceremonial took place on Sunday evening, and despite inclement weather conditions the attendance was not lessened. Every evening the Cathedral has been crowded, and on Sunday night the sanctuary had to be made use of to provide seating accommodation. Father McCarthy's sermon on the Divinity of the Catholic Church was listened to with rapt attention. Then followed the renewal of Baptismal vows, and the imparting of the Papal blessing. On behalf of the Missioners Father McCarthy thanked the Bishop, clergy and laity for the marked evidences of good-will and appreciation of their efforts,—the great spirit of faith manifested being a source of consolation to them. His Lordship the Bishop expressed his gratitude to the Missioners for their untiring energy and devotion, and expressed pride in the people who responded so magnificently.

Fathers McCarthy, Herring, and O'Leary, Marist Missioners, leave for the West Coast on Tuesday.

Mr. M. J. Stanley, has severed his connection with the *Sun* newspaper, and leaves on Tuesday for Greymouth to join the staff of the *Star* in that centre. Mr. Stanley is a member of the Celtic Club and Hibernian Society and carries with him the best wishes of both organisations for his welfare.

A meeting was held in the Hibernian Hall on Sunday afternoon to organise a fitting reception to the Apostolic Delegate, who is expected to arrive in Christchurch on Saturday, November 12. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and there were present Rev. Father Seymour, S.M., (St. Mary's), Father T. Hanrahan, Adm., Cathedral, Rev. Brother Justin, and representatives of the various parishes in and around the city. His Lordship outlined the proposed programme, after which committees were formed. Mr. P. O'Connell was appointed general secretary with Mr. George Dobbs as assistant. The address committee consists of Rev. Fathers Hanrahan and Seymour, Messrs. H. H. Loughnan and J. R. Hayward, and the general committee of Messrs. J. R. Hayward, H. Upjohn, P. J. Amodio, R. P. O'Shaughnessy, T. Cahill, R. O'Brien, J. Ormandy, W. Murphy, M. Grimes, and Rev. Brothers Justin and Phelan. A musical committee consisting of Misses M. G. O'Connor, M. Ward, Rev. Fathers Seymour and Hanrahan, and Mr. O. McManaway, and a works committee consisting of Messrs. T. Cahill, W. Jacques, R. P. O'Shaughnessy, H. Upjohn, J. Ormandy, F. Healy and W. Dudderidge, were also appointed. Rev. Fathers Hanra-