

Mr. Vallis presided at the organ and Mr. W. T. Ward acted as conductor. It was a somewhat ambitious undertaking to produce the whole of the Twelfth Mass with a comparatively small choir, but the effort was in the highest degree successful and a general opinion has been expressed that finer music has never been heard in the Cathedral than was rendered on this occasion. At Vespers in the evening the Cathedral was again crowded to the doors, a large number not being able to even obtain standing room. Bishop Verdon occupied the pulpit and preached a powerful discourse on the Resurrection. Mr. Jago sang Faure's "Les Rameaux" as an offertory.

Diocese of Christchurch.

(From our own correspondent.)

HOLY WEEK.

At the Pro-Cathedral Holy Week was celebrated in accordance with the Roman ritual in the most solemn manner. The service of *Tenebræ* was performed every evening. The Right Rev. Dr. Grimes presided. The Vicar-General and the Rev. Father Galerne were the cantors, and a number of the diocesan clergy assisted at the touching and solemn offices. On Holy Thursday morning the service was conducted by the Bishop, who duly consecrated the holy oils, and in the evening an eloquent discourse on the Holy Eucharist was delivered by the Rev. Father Ginaty. On the morning of Good Friday the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified was celebrated at nine o'clock by the Bishop, the assistant priests being the Vicar-General and the Rev. Fathers O'Donnell and Tracey. On Good Friday also the Bishop preached an impressive sermon on "The Passion of our Lord," and in the evening the Rev. Father Foley of Lincoln preached on the same subject. On Holy Saturday the solemn liturgies enjoined by the Church were performed with the utmost solemnity. On Easter Sunday the sacred edifice was crowded with worshippers from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pontifical High Mass was sung by the Bishop, and at the end of the august rite he fervently wished all those present, in the name of the Catholic Church, a happy Easter. On the occasion Gounod's "Messe Solemnelle" was well rendered with a full choir. The soprano solos were fully sustained by Miss Hayward and Mrs. J. P. Kelly, and the bass were well executed by Messrs Cunningham and Hayward. Mr. C. Read sang the tenor solos, also those in the "Sanctus" in a very nice manner, and the choruses were sung with precision and were evenly balanced. A well-rendered item both as to the singing and the playing was Mascheroni's "Ave Maria," which was rendered by Mrs. E. T. Robinson, with a violin obligato by Miss Freda Marsden. Miss Funston presided at the organ, and the conductor was Mr. George Cronin. At Pontifical Vespers in the evening Mrs. Robinson gave a charming rendering of Gounod's "There is a green hill far away," and the choir sang a beautiful "O Salutaris" by Haydn. Mr. C. Read (bass) and Mr. D. Roche (tenor) executed in a powerful manner Rossi's "Tantum Ergo." There was a very large congregation present, and after Vespers the bishop preached a splendid sermon on the "Resurrection." The sacred edifice was beautifully embellished for the august solemnities of the day with festoons, evergreens, flags and banners, and much praise is due to Messrs Petersen Bros. for the active and able part which they took in these decorations.

ST. MARY'S.

At 7 and 9.30 a.m. on Easter Sunday Masses were celebrated by the Rev. Fathers Malone and Marnane. At 11 a.m. High Mass was celebrated with all the ritual. The "Gloria" from Mozart's first Mass and Weber's Mass in G. were finely sung by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. H. Rossiter, with full orchestral and organ accompaniment. Mrs. W. Cronin was organist. The principal solos were artistically taken by Miss Moir and Miss Lucy Ryan. Misses Maud Hewson and Oaks (alto), Mr. A. H. Blake (tenor) and Messrs W. A. Inkson and L. Blake (bass) also sang solos. During the offertory Miss Moir sang Gounod's "Ave Maria" with violin obligato by Mr. E. J. Painter. There was a large congregation present, and the Rev. Father Marnane preached an impressive sermon on the "Resurrection." The high altar was beautifully decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums, and the side altars were nicely adorned by the ladies of the Altar Society. In the evening there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Malone. Miss Lucy Ryan gave the "Ave Maria" from Cavalleria Rusticana in a very pleasing manner.

HIBERNIAN SPORTS AT GORE.

(From the *Southern Standard*.)

THE fifth annual gathering of the Gore Hibernian Society was held on the Caledonian Grounds on Easter Monday in delightful weather, and passed off most successfully. In fact, it may be said that the gathering, from point of numbers, was the largest ever seen on the ground. The sum of £55 odd was taken at the gate, and—allowing for those who held members' tickets and others whose entry was not accounted for at the gate—there must have been between 1,250 and 1,300 people present. It must be remembered that the Society made a bold bid for popularity when they arranged for the special train on the Waimea line. The day being fine, the visitors from the Plains, Invercargill, Mataura, etc., were numerous. The committee wisely prepared a running track on the grass, inside the cycling track, which was a great improvement so far as easy running was concerned, but it did not improve the time, as the going was somewhat slippery. In all the running events there was fully 120yds. of a straight run to the tape, and this was a great advantage to the competitors. After a lapse of three years, a publican's booth was on the ground. Although there was no evidence of anything objection-

able as a result of this, several individuals appeared to suffer slightly from the influence—or, perhaps, enjoy the influence—thus created. Mr. D. Richardson had charge of the booth, and Mrs. T. Fisher the fruit stall, which seemed to do a good trade. Those of the public who had a desire for things "Hielan'" had their tastes satisfied by the skirl of the bagpipes. The Gore Brass Band was as usual to the fore, and rendered a programme of lively selections in their well-known style. As far as music was concerned the public had no reason to complain.

The various officials worked hard all day, but no one more so than the secretary. In this position Mr. P. Flanagan, junr., made his *debut*, and succeeded in carrying out his duties in a manner that gave the utmost satisfaction to all concerned. The officials were ably assisted by the police in keeping the enclosure clear of all except those directly taking part in an event, and thus enabling all to see the competitors.

The sports were carried out in a praiseworthy manner. The committee wisely, we think, divided the sprinting prize money into several events instead of one large prize as in former years. There were four sprinting events, with fairly large prize money, and these were well contested. There seemed a determination on the part of the competitors to run for the stakes, and as a result some close and keenly contested races took place. The running of C. Robins, B. MacGregor, and C. Green—almost new aspirants on the track—showed that the Gore boys are determined to worthily fill the positions of their predecessors. The final of the Hibernian Handicap was a splendid race, and worth going a long way to see. F. Robins is yet a man to be reckoned with, and it is a question if he has an equal in Southland over hurdles. The wrestling was a feature this year. The committee added two classes—viz., youths and a maiden class. The competitors in the former class, if they did not show much science, evidently considered the honour of more value than the money. In one instance in the maiden class, a hint from the judges to the effect that any attempt at cutting up the money would merit disqualification had the desired effect. Some good work was shown in the 11½st. class, and although J. Dickson repeated his previous victories in this class, he had some tough antagonists. The heavy-weight class included some good men, and the tussle between A. Hoffman and R. J. Scott caused great applause, the former carrying off the honours. The wrestling events lasted from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. The dancing was also good, and the various competitors received considerable applause.

On the whole the Society is to be congratulated on the success of the gathering and the capital day's sport it afforded the public in return for the price paid.

Mr. Owen Kelly's special prize for the winner of most points in running was secured by F. Robins.

The following are the results of the various events:—

Boys' Race:—W. Sheehy, 1; E. Sherborne, 2; G. Blackwood, 3. Sixteen started.

Youths' Handicap:—W. Turnbull, 1; L. Cooney, 2; J. Shivas, 3. Six entries.

Maiden Race:—A. W. Palmer, 1; John Scott, 2. Six starters.

Running High Leap:—A. Gibson, ½inch (5ft. 5½in.), 1; F. Forde, 3in. 2.

Hibernian Handicap, 120yds.:—First heat—A. W. Palmer, 8yds, 1; T. Reidy, 7yds, 2; time, 11½th secs. Second heat—F. Robins, 5yds, 1; C. Green, 5yds, 2; time, 13secs. Third heat—J. Ryder, 5yds, 1; G. Harris, 3yds, 2; time, 12½th secs. Fourth heat—B. MacGregor, 11yds, 1; C. Robins, 8yds, 2; 12½th secs. Final heat—C. Robins, 1; B. MacGregor, 2; A. W. Palmer, 3; time, 12½th secs.

Throwing 16lb hammer:—P. Murphy, 72in, (113ft 10½in.), 1; J. Ford, 48in (114ft 9in), 2.

Youths' Wrestling, under 18 years:—Cody, 1; Hoffman, 2; Lacey, 3.

Throwing 14lb ball:—F. Ford, 9in (49ft 1in), 1; D. Manson, 26in (46ft 8in), 2.

Putting 22lb ball:—F. Ford, 18in (32ft 8in), 1; R. Scott, 34in (31ft 6in), 2.

Maiden Wrestling:—John Hoffman, 1; D. Murphy, 2; D. Manson, 3. Twelve entries.

Easter Handicap, 220yds.:—T. Reidy, 5yds, 1; J. Ryder, 14yds, 2; G. Harris, 7yds, 3; time 22½th secs.

Irish Jig:—D. Reidy, 1; F. Hoffman, 2.

Wrestling, 11½ stone and under:—J. Dickson, 1; M. Stevenson, 2; P. Burke, 3. Thirteen entries.

Three standing jumps: A. Gibson, scr. (31ft. 4½in.), 1; M. Hanley, 7in. (29ft. 4½in.), 2. Ten entries.

Publicans Handicap, 150yds.: First heat—G. Cameron, 5yds, 1; J. Edwards, scr., 2; time 15½secs. Second heat—C. Robins, 10yds., 1; J. Ryder, 10yds., 2; time 15secs. Third heat—F. Robins, 6yds, 1; B. MacGregor, 13yds., 2; time 15½secs. Final heat—C. Robins, 1; B. Macgregor, 2.

Running hop, step, and jump: M. Hanley, scr. (42ft. 3in.), 1; E. A. Reidy, 2½in. (40ft. 2½in.), 2.

Wrestling, heavy-weights: A. Hoffman, 1; R. Scott, 2; John Hoffman, 3. Nine entries.

President's Handicap, 350yds.: T. Reidy, 8yds., 1; F. Robins, 8yds., 2; J. Ryder, 17yds., 3; time, 40½secs.

Quarter-mile flat: J. Edwards, scr., 1; F. Robins, 3yds, 2; T. Bourke, 18yds., 3; time, 55secs.

Mile Race: J. Sparks, 150yds., 1; T. Carroll, 100yds., 2; A. Sims, scr., 3; time, 4min. 42secs.

Boys' Race: J. Forbes, 1; A. Laurie, 2; R. Laurie, 3.

Hornpipe: F. Hoffman, 1; D. Reidy, 2.

Quarter-mile hurdles: F. Robins, scr., 1; T. Burke, 15yds., 2.

Up to the hour of going to press the judges had not decided the bagpipe music or Highland fling.

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