

services, and at Vespers in the evening the Rev. Father Goggan preached a very instructive and impressive sermon. On Low Sunday (April 17) the Redemptorist Fathers will give a mission at St. Mary's. The mission will continue two or three weeks. On Wednesday evening next a concert will take place in St. Mary's School Hall in aid of the parochial bazaar.

THE services at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday last (says the *N. Z. Times*) had special features associated with Palm Sunday, and were numerously attended. The blessing and distribution of palms by the Archbishop in the morning was followed by High Mass. The Rev. Father Lewis was celebrant, and the Rev. Fathers Hills, Mahoney, and Holly were deacons. During Mass the Passion was very finely sung. At vespers the sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Lewis. In the evening, at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, His Grace the Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop Vidal, of Fiji, were present during the service, the latter giving the benediction, assisted by Fathers Moloney and Clancy. A sacred concert was held in aid of the organ fund, an excellent programme being given. The solo given by Miss May Sullivan, "Laudate Pueri Dominum," was greatly appreciated, as was the selection "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth," by Madame Eveleen Carlton, but the feature of the evening was that lady's solo in "Inflammatus," assisted by the choir. Mr. M. C. Rowe was heard to advantage in his tenor solo, "Cujus Animam," and Mr. C. J. Ellison's "Pro Peccatis" was admirably rendered. Other items were a chorus and solo, the latter being sung by Mr. G. Girling-Butcher; "Tantum Ergo," by the choir, the soloists being the Rev. Father Murphy, O.S.B., and Miss Segrief; choruses, "Divine Praises" and "Adoremus and Laudate"; "Cherubim" by Mr. Rowe, from "Ave Maria," and "O Salutaris" by Miss May Sullivan and Mr. Griffen. Mr. Kearsley presided at the organ during the evening and gave three selections, "Moderato Divoto," "Allegro Sinfonico," and a march, "The Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel), the last named being excellently rendered. Mr. H. McCardell conducted the concert, which was listened to by a crowded and appreciative congregation.

THE fine statue which was presented to the Catholic Church in Queenstown by the Very Rev. Dean Burke, of Invercargill, has been placed in its position on the facade of the building. It is made of selected Oamaru stone, and is life-size, measuring 5ft 9in high, and is a splendid and striking adornment to the sacred edifice. We understand that the fine new church, in which the zealous Father O'Donnell takes such a keen and practical interest, is almost complete, and will be opened in May.

WE learn that six pupils of St. Francis Xavier's Academy, Wellington (Misses Yohrab, Skerret, Plimmer, Sexton, Wright, and Atkins), passed the Junior Civil Service examinations this year; three (Misses E. Casey, E. Yohrab, and Stevens) passed for Matriculation; and 33 passes were secured at the Musical Theory examinations.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertisement which appears elsewhere in our columns for a Catholic teacher for Lincoln.

INTERCOLONIAL

"Tapley" in the *Advocate* of March 26 says that a noticeable feature of the recent St. Patrick's Day celebration in Melbourne was that the Chief Commissioner of Police did not repeat the mistake of last year, in "protecting" the processionists with an army of mounted and foot police. The folly of such a proceeding was so apparent at the time that the authorities were ashamed of the unnecessary display of blue uniforms, whilst the processionists were highly amused at the idea of the "yellow pup" showing fight unless in a majority of about fifty to one. Happily, this condition has not yet arrived, and the "pup" is not by any means the ferocious brute that he would be under more favourable circumstances.

The Melbourne *Advocate* reports that on the night of March 22, the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middle Park, was burglariously entered, and the following articles were carried away:—A silver chalice, a ciborium of little value, a few bottles of wine, and the offertory box in the porch. Access to the building was gained by forcing the front door, and then the vestry door. The key of the Tabernacle was obtained by breaking open a small cabinet. The miscreants ransacked every drawer in search of valuables, but with the exception of the silver chalice, valued at seven guineas, got little for their pains. Detectives O'Donnell and Hawkins, who have the matter in hand, say that the thieves appear to have been poorly provided with tools, and did their work somewhat clumsily. It is most gratifying and consoling to learn that no desecration was offered to the Blessed Sacrament. We understand that this is not the first time that this church has been visited by thieves, its rather isolated position affording scope for their operations.

In the course of an appreciative notice of the labours of the Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop-elect of Geraldton, the *W. A. Record* says:—"Father Kelly is one of the most esteemed and respected members of the Catholic clergy. His demeanour is somewhat reserved on first acquaintance, but he soon thaws, and reveals himself as a pleasant, kindly gentleman, urbane in speech, courteous in demeanour, and full of the warmest desires for the welfare of his fellow-men. Of his fine scholarship there can be no question, and his literary gifts are equally undoubted. To this he adds a whole-souled devotion to his Church and his people, for whose good he never wearies of labouring."

On Wednesday week His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne and his Lordship Dr. Moore, Bishop of Ballarat, proceeded by the

express to Adelaide, on their way to Rome, where they are to pay their visit *ad limina*. We also learn from the *W. A. Record* of March 19, that his Lordship Dr. Gibney, Bishop of Perth, is to take his departure for the Eternal City on April 12. At a meeting held in the Perth Town Hall, presided over by the Hon. R. S. Haynes, M.L.C., it was decided to present his Lordship with an illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns previous to his departure.

MORE DESCENDANTS OF MICHAEL DWYER.

A correspondent has (says the Sydney *Freeman*) called our attention to the fact that there were several other descendants of Michael Dwyer, the Wicklow Chieftain, besides those mentioned in our sketch of the '98 Insurrection. They were the late Mr. John Donoghue, of Bungendore, and Mr. James Donoghue, of Foxlow—both nephews of the Chieftain, their mother (Catherine Dwyer) being his sister; the Misses Sullivan, of North Sydney, and Mrs. Dwyer, of Dulwich Hill, wife of a brother of Father John Dwyer, and the late James Dwyer, whose family are all living. Sister M. Walburg, of the Good Samaritan Convent, and Mrs. Courtney, are also grand-daughters of Michael Dwyer.

The recent mining disturbance in Western Australia has resulted in an important concession to the miners. On the recommendation of the Cabinet, the Premier (Sir J. Forrest) has repealed the new mining regulations limiting alluvial sinking to 10ft. This is the regulation over which all the recent trouble arose.

A cremation recently took place at Hamilton, Victoria, when the body of Ali Singh, a Hindoo hawker, was burnt in a gully near the town. The corpse was soon reduced to ashes. The teeth and any other small bones collectable will be sent to India and thrown into the Ganges.

Deeply pathetic, says the *Oamaru Mail*, is the engine-driver's story of a little girl who was cut to pieces on the Cleveland (South Queensland) line by the engine of a passing train recently. Said the driver, with tears streaming down his cheeks: "I saw the little girl on the track, and the sight was one that almost made my heart cease beating. She was sitting down playing, it appeared, with the stones. She was not old enough to understand the position she was in. When I blew the whistle the little tot just turned round, and as the engine drew near her she looked up and smiled."

OTAGO JUBILEE EXHIBITION.

A STEADY stream of visitors continues to flow towards the Exhibition, which still retains a strong hold on the public interest. Attractive entertainments are provided every evening, and the large audiences which crowd the hall furnish ample proof that the promoters have been remarkably successful so far in hitting the public taste. During the past week the principal attraction has been a grand spectacular display organised by Signor Borroni. The display consists of a number of very elegant and graceful dances, which are so arranged as to symbolise the progress of the province from its original condition of semi-barbarism to the high state of civilisation it has now attained. The display is really very clever and effective, and it is little wonder that it should have been attended night after night by crowded and enthusiastic audiences. On Saturday the combined schools' demonstration was held at Tahuna Park, when there was a monster gathering, the attendance numbering between four and five thousand. The various races, &c., for the children were got off with all possible despatch, and the demonstration would have been altogether enjoyable but for the strong north-east wind which was blowing most of the time. During the week the children of the Kaikorai School and a small detachment from St. Mary's Orphanage paid a visit to the Exhibition. There is every likelihood that these school parties will become an established thing in connection with the Exhibition, arrangements having been made with the Railway Department for the school children throughout Otago to be conveyed to the Exhibition at school excursion fares.

So far as the Exhibition itself is concerned the number of exhibits and exhibitors is altogether too great for us to be able to give anything like a detailed description of them. We can only refer very briefly to one or two of the more prominent exhibitors. At the entrance of the avenue running parallel to Crawford street is to be seen Morrow, Bassett and Co.'s fine display of Sterling bicycles. Each bicycle is fitted on a stand, and in a separate case are shown the various parts and fittings of this high-class and highly-finished machine. The next space is taken up with a large display of agricultural implements from the old-established firm of Reid and Gray. The various bicycles—the Rudge-Whitworth, Stearn's Yellow Fellow, and Barnes's White Flyer—for which the firm are agents, are effectively displayed, while amongst the agricultural implements a prominent place is given to the Deering pony binder. Nimmo and Blair come next with a stand containing a very complete display of seeds, all the leading varieties being well represented. Further down the next avenue is a very fine assortment of plated ware shown by Laidlaw and Gray, who have certainly succeeded in giving a most comprehensive display. Other exhibits will be dealt with in our next week's issue.

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A perfect cup of tea is one of those things which we hear of but seldom see. But the Golden Tipped Pekoe XXXX Ceylon tea is about the nearest approach to the perfect tea that has yet come under our notice. A package of it, sent to this office, was duly sampled and labelled A.A.1. It is to be procured from the Honda Lanka Tea Company, Dunedin.—[ADVT.]

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