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(From our TEMUKA Correspondent.)

The most successful week's mission, judging exteriorly, ever held in the parish came to a close on the 18th. The mission was opened on Easter Sunday by the Rev. T. Shearman, who was joined by the Rev. D. Mangan, Superior of the Mission. On the first day the Rev. Father preached on "What does it profit a man," etc. This sermon, which was earnest and pointed, produced excellent effects during the Mission. The Mission services during the week were: At 9 children's Mass, followed by sermon: at 3 o'clock, instruction to children; 7 o'clock, Rosary, sermon, and Benediction. Though all the instructions and sermons were both able and eloquent, some call for special mention. On Friday night, when the parish was consecrated to the Mother of God, Father Mangan preached to the largest congregation ever assembled in St. Joseph's, many having to stand. Our Lady's Altar was artistically decorated and brilliantly illuminated. The veteran preacher defended the doctrine of the Church on the Blessed Virgin Mary in a very able manner, and dealt in a very effective way with those who impute erroneous motives to the veneration of the Mother of God by Catholics. On Saturday night Father Shearman preached a practical and impressive sermon on "Sin." At the 10 o'clock Mass Father Mangan preached on "Faith," a sermon noted for its simplicity and lucidity. In the evening, the same Rev. Father preached an earnest sermon on "Drunkenness." The Rev. Father took occasion to say "good-bye" to those amongst whom he had laboured during the week, and many were moved to tears, so attached to him have all become. He spoke of the kindness with which he had been treated by Father Fauvel and Father Galerne, and paid a high tribute to the hospitality with which the Order had been treated by the Marist Fathers since their foundation in the colonies. They had indeed been true fathers to them. While speaking on bad books, Father Mangan exhorted all to read good literature, and urged every family to become subscribers to that excellent journal, the N.Z. TABLET. No Catholic household should be without it. The Mission services have been largely attended, and the consolations which the Holy Catholic Church offers have been taken advantage of by some who have not been to their duty for many years. At the close of the Mission Father Mangan imparted the Holy Father's blessing to the people.

Father Mangan returned to Christchurch to join Father Barry in conducting a mission in St. Mary's.

The Rev. Father Shearman opened a week's mission at Pleasant Point on the 17th, which is being largely attended. He is such a universal favourite that even persons who have attended the mission at Temuka have followed him. The mission services closed on Monday with a *Requiem* Mass for the souls of the departed friends of all those present, when Father Mangan preached a powerful sermon on the subject of Purgatory and the devotion for the souls therein.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

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EASTER SUNDAY.

THE great festival of Easter was observed with the usual solemnity in the Catholic churches here. Solemn High Mass was sung at St. Mary of the Angels' by the Very Rev. Father Devoy, V.G., Rev. Father Doherty being deacon, and the Rev. Father O'Shea sub-deacon. The music was Haydn's "Imperial," which was rendered in a finished manner by the choir, assisted by an efficient orchestra led by Mr. W. Brown, Mr. F. J. Oakes conducting. The soloists were Mrs. Oakes, Misses Gurney and Kimbell (2), Messrs. Hynes, L. Dwan, and T. McCosker. Father Devoy, in the course of a short discourse on the festival, expressed his pleasure and that of the priests of the parish, at the manner in which the laity attended the devotions of Holy Week. The numbers who were present at the early Masses were a proof of the faith of the people, whilst it was still more edifying to see the numbers who received Holy Communion on Easter morning, when upwards of 400 persons received the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary of the Angels' alone. In the evening at Vespers the Rev. Father Ainsworth preached. The principal parts in the singing were taken by Messrs. Wright, F. J. Oakes, Egar, Tabor, and Hynes, and Misses McParland and E. Gurney. The high altar was tastefully decorated with red and white dahlias by Misses Sheehy, Kent, and other members of the Altar Society.

The Rev. Father Hills was celebrant of High Mass at St. Joseph's Church, the Rev. Father Clancey deacon, and the Rev. N. Moloney sub-deacon, the Rev. Father Bower being master of ceremonies. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. H. H. McCordle, gave an admirable interpretation of Gounod's Mass, the soloists being Misses May Sullivan and Gallagher, Messrs. Griffen Gilling, Butcher, and Haughey. A numerous orchestra, under Mr. Hotop, gave the choir effective assistance. The high altar, which lends itself to decoration, looked very fine at night with its wealth of flowers and candles, the latter being arranged so as to form the letters of the word "vici."

Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral by his Grace Archbishop Redwood; Rev. Father Hickson, deacon; Rev. Father Mahoney, sub-deacon; and Very Rev. Dr. Watters, assistant priest; Father Herbert, master of ceremonies. Cherubini's Mass was sung with devotional effect by the choir under Mr. S. Cimino, with the assistance of a number of instrumentalists. There were large congregations at all the services, especially at

Vespers, when his Grace preached an eloquent sermon appropriate to the festival. The decorations were effective and in good taste.

ST. MARY'S BAZAAR.

St. Mary's Bazaar was opened in the Skating Rink on Monday evening in the presence of about 1500 persons. The spacious, but uninviting building had been transformed by willing hands into a thing of beauty. Flags of all nations hung from every vantage point in the interior, so that the bare roof was a mass of bunting and colour. The same transformation took place in regard to the walls and pillars, for not a foot of woodwork could be seen to offend the eye. Four artistically arranged stalls were utilised for the display of the very fine collection of goods which had been made by the ladies in charge during the past six months, or collected by them from the four corners of the earth. The collection was one of the finest, and certainly the most valuable ever offered at any fancy fair in this city. On our right as we entered was "Chrysanthemum stall," presided over by Mesdames Devine, Holt, Bolton, Bridge and Watson, who had for assistants:—Mrs. Taine; Misses Seddon (2), Meecham (2), Weston, Condon (2), Henderson (2), Mounatt (2), Scanlon, Fitzgerald, Waters, McParland, Walsh, Wrigglesworth, Saunders, Lonergan, and Oakes. Here were shown a fine collection of useful and ornamental goods, including some valuable works of art, among the latter being several oil paintings of New Zealand scenery, hand-painted mirrors and panels, with an endless variety of needlework. A little further on we come to "Forget-me-not" stall, in charge of Mesdames Mackin, Halse, Runcie, Kent, and Dwyer, with their assistants:—Misses Pender, Wright, St. George, Minogue, Cuff (2), Walsh (2), Runcie (2), Reston (2), McParland (2) Kent (2), and McArdle (2). This stall had a fine show of oil paintings, and floral panels, a prominent feature being two first-class bicycles presented by Dr. Mackin, whilst a carved oak chair attracted the notice of all *connoisseurs* of art furniture. The "Azalea" stall was a triumph of artistic furnishing, and was laden with articles of ornament and utility. Hand painted panels were there in abundance, as well as valuable oil paintings, real Mountmellick lace, exquisite pieces of drawing room furniture, etc. A feature of this stall was an oil painting of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, the work of Miss C. Kearsley, who is to be complimented on the life-like manner in which she caught his Grace's expression. Miss Kearsley has evidently a future before her as a portrait painter. The ladies in charge of this stall were Mesdames Macarthy, Segrief, Brady and Comiskey, assisted by Misses Fitzsimmons, Halpin, Lawliss, Seddon, Gallagher, Butler, Kearsley, Geogehan, Waters, Segrief, Pettet, and Macdonald. The children of Mary made a fine show in the "Lily of the Valley" stall, among the most prominent features being a set of vestments from Lyons, with fire screens, panels, and blotting pad, and numerous other articles got up in the most artistic manner. A feature of the bazaar was the tea kiosk, where a bevy of young ladies in the daintiest of aprons and caps served the cup that cheers, with sundry eatables in the form of trifles, creams, even the savoury soup being not forgotten. The Refreshment stall was under the care of Mesdames Duncan and McGrath, and Miss O'Connor, assisted by Misses Kennedy, Rose, Reid (2), Pender (2), Smith, Brady, Shapter and O'Connor. It would not be just to close this description of the fair without mentioning the very pretty piece of scenery which ornamented the stage, representing the most romantic portion of the far-famed Lakes of Killarney, which was painted by Mr. G. P. Hoskings. As previously stated, there were about 1500 persons in the building at the opening time, and on the stage were his Grace Archbishop Redwood, the Very Rev. Father Devoy, V.G., the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, the Mayor of Wellington, the Hon. Dr. Grace, M.L.C., and many prominent citizens. The Hon. Dr. Grace, in introducing the Mayor, said that they owed a debt of gratitude to Mr. Blair for accepting the invitation of Father Devoy to open the bazaar. It was, however, only another evidence of the kindness and goodwill which existed between all classes in the Colony.

The Mayor, who was received with applause, said that the object of the bazaar was to pay off the debt incurred in the purchase of land for the Newtown School, and also to assist in building the new Convent School in Dixon street. He considered it a great honour and privilege to be requested to open the fair, and complimented the stallholders on the very fine collection of wares which they had collected together. Not alone was the excellent work done by the convent schools known to the Catholics, but their excellence was acknowledged by all classes in the community. Notwithstanding that he came from the opposition (as chairman of the Education Board), he was perfectly aware of the good work they were doing, and he believed it would be a bad day for New Zealand if all their educational systems were to run in the same groove. He wished the undertaking every success, and had much pleasure in declaring it open.—On the motion of the Very Rev. Father Devoy, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor for his attendance, which was supplemented by three hearty cheers.

A feature of evening's proceedings were the Maypole, Washington Post, and other dances by a number of school children in picturesque costumes. The children had been admirably trained by Miss Crombie, and, as they gave an exhibition each afternoon and evening during the week, it is needless to say that their work was no sinecure. The success of the bazaar has been due in no small degree to the energy and enterprise of the committee, of which the Very Rev. Father Devoy was chairman, and Mr. T. Davis, who is a host in himself, the secretary. Admirable work was done, too, by Messrs. Palmer, Houldsworth, Hoskings, Hyland, and Halcroft, who put up the stalls and decorations, and also assisted in various ways each evening. Last, but not least, comes Mr. F. J. Oakes, who, with a numerous orchestra, discoursed each evening sweet music.

The takings since the opening will total about £600, and as the bazaar is to be continued during the coming week it is expected there will be a very large addition to this, especially as the stalls are still laden with a tempting supply of goods.

TIGER BLEND TEAS HAVE NO EQUAL.