

were very large. On the afternoon and evening of Good Friday a relic of the true Cross was exposed for the veneration of the faithful.

During his sermon at the Cathedral on the evening of Holy Thursday, the Rev. Father Richards reminded his hearers of the sacredness of Good Friday—a day the saddest and most solemn in the whole Christian Calendar. No one, he said, would violate the memory of a personal bereavement by devoting its anniversary to sports or riotous enjoyment. Much more than should that day upon which the Saviour of mankind suffered death, appeal to all their finer feelings. He exhorted them to spend it in that becoming and Christian-like manner which our holy religion taught, and which the Church, by her beautiful and touchingly impressive ritual, had made possible of observance.

At the Cathedral on Easter Sunday at the early Masses there were very large numbers of communicants. At 11 o'clock there was solemn Pontifical High Mass. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, the Very Rev. Dean Gimaty, S.M., V.G.; was assistant priest, the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., deacon, the Rev. Father O'Hare, sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. His Lordship the Bishop briefly addressed the congregation on the subject of the day's festival, and at the conclusion of Mass imparted the Papal and Episcopal blessing. The music was Gounod's No. 3 Messe Solennelle, finely rendered by the choir. Miss Katie Young was at the organ, and Professor Scarse conducted. The High Altar and Sanctuary were very beautifully adorned with floral decorations, palms and foliage plants. The altars of the various side chapels were also tastefully decorated, the whole reflecting much credit on the devoted attention of Miss White and her co-workers of the Altar Society. In the evening there was Pontifical Vespers, at which his Lordship the Bishop officiated. The Rev. Father Price, Adm., preached on the Resurrection. At all the Masses the congregations were very large, and at Vespers every seat in the spacious Cathedral was occupied at an early hour.

The medals and diplomas won by the successful candidates in the Trinity College of Music examinations, held last year, were presented by his Excellency the Governor on Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony took place in the foyer of His Majesty's Theatre, which was admirably adapted for the purpose, and was very largely attended.

Bishop Gilmes, who presided, said that the Christchurch Committee of Trinity College, of which he was chairman, gratefully accepted and acknowledged the generous offers of medals presented by the gentlemen named. They had ventured to ask his Excellency the Governor to confer upon them the favor of presenting the medals, certificates, and diplomas awarded, and it was their pleasing duty to welcome his Excellency, and to thank him for coming and conferring that favor upon them. Coming as he did at no slight inconvenience, his Excellency gave practical proof, if such were necessary, of the keen interest he had always taken in whatever concerned the education of our youth, a proof, too, of his belief in the refining influence of music as a prime factor in the great and noble work of education. The medals, certificates, and diplomas to be presented that day would be appreciated by the winners as a mark of their proficiency in music, but the intrinsic value would be greatly enhanced by the fact that the successful candidates would have received the token of their success from the hands of the chief representative of his gracious Majesty the King.

His Excellency, in the course of a short address, said he counted it as a very fortunate thing that he was able to be in the neighborhood at the time that interesting meeting was held, because it was to him a very great satisfaction to show his great interest in the cause of musical education generally, and especially that of the Trinity College of Music. The work that was being done in this Dominion by Trinity College and by the Associated Board was an admirable one, and he was quite sure that as the years went on the advantage of having the very best teaching, the very best examiners coming out from those Boards, absolutely unbiased as to where pupils came from, and who held certificates of proficiency themselves which no one could deny, and setting the same examination for England, Ireland, Scotland, and for every part of the whole Empire must be one that would very soon produce a very decided effect upon the musical education, not only of New Zealand, but generally speaking all over the Empire. At the same time, he did not wish to be considered among those who thought that everything good came from England and nowhere else. He was an Irish-

man, and thought a good deal of some of the things they did in Ireland. He was one of those who admired and had the greatest confidence in the advantage of the rising spirit of nationality which was developing itself in this Dominion. Referring to those who thought that we ought to have a teaching staff here under the University or other body, and not have the examinations conducted from Home, his Excellency said he had the greatest possible admiration in theory for their arguments, but in actual practice so far as he could speak from three years' living in this country, he thought they were at present a little while before their time. Meanwhile the two organisations, Trinity College and the Associated Board were doing a great work. He thanked the committee very much for having invited him to take part in the ceremony that afternoon. There was a medal offered—the Plunket Medal—to the candidate who passed the best examination in music in New Zealand, and Dunedin seemed to be taking that medal, but he only hoped that he would come down to Christchurch on some future occasion and hand it to a Christchurch boy or girl.

On the motion of Mr. H. H. Loughnan, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to his Excellency for presenting the medals and diplomas.

DIocese OF AUckLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

April 17.

Very Rev. Dean Lighthart and his people are promoting a bazaar at Rotorua. It is to be opened and kept going during the Easter holidays.

The balance sheet of the Dominion Fair will be presented one evening next week at a social at which all those who worked at the fair will be present.

Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., will shortly give retreats to the children of the Star of the Sea and Takapuna orphanages. Later on he will give missions in the Gisborne and Ormond parishes.

The parishioners of Newmarket, on the advice of Rev. Father Holbrook, have adopted the coupon system to raise funds to enable them to purchase an allotment upon which to erect a new church. A bazaar and fete will also be held about next November for the same purpose.

The seventh annual Conference of the Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand will be opened tomorrow (Saturday) in the local club rooms. Twelve southern representatives are expected to attend. The whole body will approach the Holy Table at the Cathedral on Easter Sunday morning. In the afternoon, as the guests of the local club, the visitors will be taken to Lake Takapuna.

Rev. Father O'Hara, who recently returned from a trip to Europe, has been appointed by the Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., to Cambridge, Waikato. This is creating a new parish in the diocese. Cambridge is very fortunate indeed in the possession of so earnest and zealous a priest as Father O'Hara. In his recent travels Father O'Hara visited America, France, Italy, and Belgium. Ireland, he considers, shows evident signs of improvement. The alleged lawlessness is all nonsense, as the country generally was never more peaceable. In the West the people were determined on breaking up the grazing farms. He saw evident signs of the breakdown of landlordism. In Rome, through the kind offices of the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Riordan, he had an audience with his Holiness the Pope, who showed a wide knowledge of Church affairs in the Commonwealth and in our Dominion. The growth of the Catholic Church in America was marvellous, he said, and it outstripped all other denominations in the number of its churches, schools, and seminaries.

A Parisian metallurgical engineer claims to have perfected a process of welding copper to steel wire so as to make a non-corrosive coating. Many advantages, it is said, will result from the use of this new wire, such as high tensile strength and elasticity, combined with smaller surface exposed to wind and sleet than would be the case with iron wire of the same conductivity. This wire is especially useful over long spans, as pole intervals may be much greater when it is used.

The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal.' So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient....

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