

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

February 23.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary paid a visit last week-end to Huntly. He returned to the city this afternoon. Rev. Father Kerley, of Temuka, arrived here last night. He purposes going south to-morrow evening.

A large meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee was held on Sunday afternoon in the Hibernian Hall. Rev. Father Patterson was in the chair, and there were also present Rev. Fathers Doyle, Ormond, and Forde, and Brother Phelan. A representative gathering of the laity attended, and many matters of detail were discussed. Much interest was displayed in the proceedings, which augurs well for the success of the national celebration this year.

The following officers were elected at the last meeting of the Auckland branch of the Hibernian Society: President, Bro. William Kane; vice-president, Bro. Miskell; treasurer, Bro. D. Flynn (re-elected); secretary, Bro. William Kane (re-elected); warden, Bro. A. J. Woodley; sick visitor, Bro. J. Corbett. The officers were installed by Bro. M. J. Sheahan. The annual Communion prescribed by the rules takes place on the first Sunday after St. Patrick's Day.

The annual meeting of the N.Z. District will be held on the evening of the 25th inst. in the Hibernian Hall. Several direct representatives from the southern branches are expected to attend, and several of the other branches will be represented by different members of the clergy. The meeting promises to be very successful.

A feature of the great meeting held in Auckland to welcome Mr. and Mrs. W. Redmond, and which particularly struck and delighted Mrs. Redmond, was the number of old men and women who occupied front seats, and with hands to their ears, strained their attention to catch every word spoken. This, she avers, made a lasting impression upon her, taking place as it did, in a country so far away from Ireland.

Saturday last was the anniversary of the death of

the late Bishop Lenihan. To-morrow morning a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated in the Cathedral by his Lordship Bishop Cleary. A large number of priests intend being present at the ceremony.

Signs are not wanting locally of the approach of the General Election. Many strenuous contests are predicted, and three-cornered fights will be, as they are at Home, disastrous to the majority.

At the usual meeting night of the Confraternity of the Children of Mary of the Cathedral parish last Wednesday, at the Convent School, Hobson street, a presentation of a silver inkstand with calendar, was made to the Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook. The presentation was made by Rev. Father Ormond, spiritual director. Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., also spoke, mentioning the many good qualities of Father Holbrook, who replied in very feeling terms. Miss Susie McGuire, hon. treasurer of the confraternity, who is leaving Auckland for Napier, was presented with a nice manicure set. Great regret was expressed by all present at her departure.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Brother John, second assistant to the Superior-General of the Order of the Marist Brothers. The Mass was celebrated by Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., Fathers Dignan and O'Doherty being respectively deacon and subdeacon, and Father O'Malley master of ceremonies. His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary presided, the assistants at the throne being Monsignor Filwanus Mansour, of Sydney; and Chancellor Holbrook. Music appropriate to the occasion was rendered by Rev. Fathers Ormond and Furlong, the Marist Brothers, and some members of the choir. Mr. P. F. Hiscocks conducted, and Mr. Harry Hiscocks presided at the organ. The Mass was attended by the pupils of the Sacred Heart College and St. Columba's School (Marist Brothers), to the number of about 450. There were also present the Sisters of Mercy and the pupils of St. Patrick's Convent School.



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