

followed a procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and finally the imparting of the Papal blessing. Quite a feature throughout the retreat was the congregational singing. In announcing on Sunday evening that a Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of all deceased members of the archconfraternity would be celebrated at 6 o'clock on the following morning, Rev. Father Grogan, C.S.S.R., mentioned that a special memento should be made of the late Bishop, founder of the archconfraternity in the diocese, and whose deep love for the Blessed Sacrament was so fittingly exemplified in the magnificent Cathedral dedicated in honor of the abiding presence of our Divine Lord. After thanking all who had assisted in making the retreat such a pronounced success, Rev. Father Grogan said that, with the additional members who had joined during the week, the numerical strength of the archconfraternity was now over 500. In taking farewell of the congregation, he said that the present was the last duty of the nature he would be called upon to undertake in New Zealand, as he was leaving immediately for the Philippines.

Last week, after thirty-two years' continuous service, Mrs. Maher, matron of the Addington prison for females, retired from the position into private life. Mrs. Maher joined the service in 1883, when she was appointed assistant matron at Addington prison. Two years later, in 1885, she was promoted to be matron of the Wellington prison. In 1893 she was transferred to Dunedin, as matron, and in 1897 she was transferred to Auckland. On the re-opening of Addington prison in 1913 she was appointed matron in charge, and has remained there till the present day. As a memento of her retirement, Mrs. Maher was presented with a handsome and well-equipped lady's dressing-case, the gift of members of the staff at Addington. The presentation was made by the gaoler, Mr. Scanlan, who referred to the golden opinions Mrs. Maher had won from every member of the prison staff during her two years' sojourn amongst them.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 11.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration is to commence at the convent on Tuesday morning next.

During the past few months many necessary improvements have been made in the parish library. All the latest books by the best authors have been added to the numbers already in circulation, and a new departure has been made in the addition of a juvenile section where the children, at a small cost, may obtain

books suited to their requirements. New catalogues have also been printed and will no doubt be much appreciated by the subscribers.

On Thursday last a very enjoyable social evening was held in the school hall by the members of the Children of Mary. There was a very large number of young people present, and the first part of the evening was devoted to progressive euchre, many keenly-contested games being played. A very dainty supper was handed round by the members, after which there were music and songs and a guessing competition which caused great amusement. Very Rev. Dean Tubman and Rev. Father Murphy were present during the evening.

### Methven

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very pleasant function took place at the local presbytery on the evening of October 6, when a farewell was tendered to the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., of St. Mary's, Christchurch. Father Hickson had for the previous six weeks been relieving Rev. Dr. Kennedy who, during that time, was enjoying a well-earned holiday. The function took the form of a 'surprise party,' and it was a magnificent success. During the evening, Mr. John McKendry, jun., presented the Rev. Father, on behalf of the parishioners, with a handsome suit-case and travelling rug. In a happy speech Rev. Father Hickson thanked the parishioners for their generous gifts, and said that although he appreciated their generosity, yet nothing in the nature of a gift was necessary to remind him of the six happy weeks he had spent in Methven. He hoped that at some future date to come amongst them again, even for a flying visit. He also mentioned that in return for the good things given him he promised that he would ever remember in his prayers and at the altar the parishioners of Methven. Musical items and cards followed. Rev. Father Hickson left on Thursday afternoon for Christchurch.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

October 11.

The week's mission in the Grey Lynn parish terminated on Sunday evening. Every morning and evening the church was filled to hear the instructions and exhortations of Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R. Both the Missioner and Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, parish priest, were exceedingly gratified at the hearty response of the people. Father O'Sullivan

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