

were the crowds attending. Outside, the whole pathway from the episcopal residence to the Cathedral was carpeted. A word of commendation is due to the Marist Brothers' School Junior Cadets and their officers for the strenuous duties so capably performed. Out at a very early hour in full strength, the Cadets performed their allotted functions of the morning. They were called upon to parade again in the afternoon, and made a long march to St. Alban's Park to attend a patriotic demonstration, and here compensations fell their way, as they were singled out for complimentary references on their appearance and performance by both his Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Minister for Defence. Next day (Sunday) and on the following day they again paraded to form guards of honor.

The addresses to the Apostolic Delegate and to his Lordship Bishop Brodie from the clergy and laity were in book form tastefully embossed, illuminated, and bound; that from the Hibernians of the diocese to the Bishop was artistically inscribed, illuminated, and framed, whilst that from the Catholic Federation was in the form of a scroll. Several were the work of the Sisters of the Missions, and were produced in a style worthy of the reputation they have gained on many previous occasions. No report of all the important proceedings we have seen transacted during the past few days would be complete were mention not made of the episcopal domestic household, who, under their able directress (Miss Brophy), performed duties of outstanding merit, earning the gratitude of all for their tireless energy during a strenuous period, and especially at the luncheon, which was beautifully prepared and served.

Among the clergy present on the occasion whose names were not included in previous lists were the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M. (Rector of St. Patrick's College), Rev. Fathers O'Sullivan, S.M. (Napier), McDonnell, S.M. (Hastings), Delach, S.M. (Otaki), Aubry, S.M. (Waimate), Murphy, S.M. (Timaru), Ainsworth, S.M. (Temuka), MacCarthy, S.M. (Marist Missioner), Bowden, S.M. (Leeston), Hoare, S.M. (St. Mary's, Christchurch), Quinn, S.M. (St. Bede's), Bonnetto (Akaroa), Cronin (Darfield), O'Connor (Hawarden), O'Boyle (Rangiora), Very Rev. J. O'Neill (late of Western Australia), Liston (Holy Cross College), and O'Hare.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

W.A.Q.—Your letter is too indefinite for publication.

D.J.H.—The answers to the questions you ask would require a great deal more time than we have at our disposal. Most of the information you seek can be obtained by reference to back numbers of the *N.Z. Tablet*.

M. McD.—The matter referred to has been the subject of endless controversy. We are not in a position to decide the matter.

One of the good services the late Lord Burnham, the chief proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, rendered the paper was that he took care it was fair in dealing with Catholic matters and accurate in its reports concerning the Church.

#### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

March 6.

The local Hibernians will make their annual Communion next Sunday at the Cathedral, in anticipation of the feast of St. Patrick.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary is now in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. On Friday last a successful operation removed a trouble which had been considerably affecting his health for some months past. His Lordship is now progressing rapidly towards recovery, and his medical advisers have promised a great improvement in his general health.

The Auckland contingent, comprising priests and laity, who attended the consecration ceremonies at Christchurch, returned at the end of last week. All are loud in their praise of the magnificent ceremonies so beautifully and impressively carried out. They state that it was worth while journeying to the North Pole to have witnessed such impressive ceremonies.

The committee entrusted with the arrangements for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations met on Sunday afternoon in the Hibernian Hall. Mr. M. J. Sheahan presided, and there were present Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, Very Rev. Father Cahill, Rev. Fathers Murphy, Kelly, and Bleakley, and a large number of representatives from the city and suburban parishes. Mr. Woodley (secretary) reported that a great amount of work in connection with the celebrations had been accomplished since the last meeting. It has been arranged that Mass is to be celebrated at noon on the cricket ground. A sports programme was drawn up and approved, and it was decided to hold an Irish national concert in the Town Hall in the evening. With fine weather the celebration should prove eminently successful.

#### HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP BRODIE

##### LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF AUCKLAND.

The Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, prior to his consecration, received the following letter from his Lordship Bishop Cleary:—

'My dear Lord Bishop,—I deeply regret that, having caught a feverish epidemic now prevalent among adults here, I am prevented by my medical attendant from going to Christchurch for the happy day of your consecration. I shall, however, be with you in spirit. In spirit I will kiss your dear consecrated hands; and, with all my heart, I will pray that the Holy Spirit of God may give you a fruitful career in the episcopate, and length of years filled to the brim with heaven's best blessings for you and for the priests and people of the diocese of Christchurch.

'I remain, my dear Lord Bishop,

'Always faithfully and affectionately yours,

'\* HENRY W. CLEARY,

'Bishop of Auckland.'

#### HELD OVER

Owing to pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over a considerable quantity of matter.

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