

of Auckland, the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., was celebrant, Rev. Father Hoare, S.M. (St. Mary's), deacon, and Rev. Father Drohn, M.S.H. (Lincoln), subdeacon. The Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., gave the absolution at the catafalque. The following clergy were present in the sanctuary:—Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton), Rev. Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Father McDonnell (Cathedral), Rev. Fathers Lynch, C.S.S.R., Whelan, C.S.S.R., Tyler, M.S.H. (Darfield), and Dignan, S.M. (St. Mary's). The solemn dirges were impressively sung by the clergy, assisted by the choir, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the Dead March from 'Saul' was played by Mr. Alfred Binz. An eloquent panegyric of the departed prelate was preached by the Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., who paid a warm tribute to the late Bishop Lenihan's life and labors, his singularly able administration, and expressing sincere condolence with the clergy and laity of Auckland in the loss they had sustained.

The mission now being conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers in the Cathedral is proving a notable success. The attendance at the six o'clock Mass, which is followed by an instruction, is invariably large. The seven and nine o'clock Masses are also well attended. The evening services are crowded in a manner that is indeed gratifying. The mission sermons delivered on these occasions are marked with intense earnestness, and listened to with deepest interest and attention. The first great solemnity of the mission was on last Thursday evening in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, when the Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., delivered an eminently impressive discourse, full of love and devotion to our Divine Lord. The high altar was magnificently adorned and illuminated. At the conclusion of the sermon solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the Rev. Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Father McDonnell being deacon and subdeacon respectively. On Sunday afternoon the children's mission was solemnly closed by the Rev. Father Hunt, a large number being in attendance. There was an enormous congregation on Sunday evening, seats being placed in every available space, many persons even being accommodated in the sanctuary. The Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., preached the mission sermon on the subject of conversion.

### Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

March 7.

I am pleased to report that the various farms of the late Mr. John Small, placed at auction to wind up the estate of the deceased, have all been repurchased by the members of the family.

Preparations are already well in hand for the holding of the annual St. Patrick's Night concert here, and appearances augur well for a very successful entertainment.

Last Tuesday evening the Catholic Young Men's Club, Mr. Frank Hanrahan presiding, held a spelling bee for a prize presented by Mr. T. M. Brophy. A keen competition proved Mr. J. J. O'Grady the winner.

At an ordinary meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club, presided over by Mr. M. J. Moriarty, the evening's programme took the form of a progressive euchre competition, the prize for the winner being presented by Mr. M. J. Burgess. The tournament resulted in Mr. Burgess winning most games, and thereby securing his own prize. Mr. Burgess thereon donated the prize to the runner-up, Mr. J. J. O'Grady.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 9.

Rev. Father Smyth is expected back from Nelson towards the end of this week.

It is understood that the amount collected to date in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the new church is close on £1300.

Rev. Father Finnerty, who has been spending the last couple of weeks in Timaru, is leaving this week to resume duties in Nelson. Many of the friends he made during his stay here took advantage of the opportunity to renew his acquaintance.

The members of the Celtic Football Club have just held their annual meeting, and, judging by the large attendance and the interest displayed, the club should have a most successful season. The Rev. Father Tubman, S.M., presided, and congratulated the members on the success gained last season, and also dwelt on the loss they would sustain in the absence of Rev. Father Kerley, whose successor, Rev. Father Murphy, he then introduced. The financial statement showed a credit balance of £9 10s 10d. On the motion of the Rev. Chairman, votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers, special reference being made to Mr. P. Mahoney (club captain), Mr. Brosnahan (trainer), and Mr. Jordan (secretary). Votes of condolence to the clergy and laity of the Auckland diocese on the decease of their

esteemed Bishop, and also to the clergy and parishioners of the Temuka district on the death of Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais were passed. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Rev. Father Tubman; president, Rev. Father Murphy; vice-presidents, Rev. Father Smyth, Rev. Brother Egbert, Messrs. D. Mahoney, E. Ward, J. Collins, W. Quirk, G. Gawne, and J. Skinner; club captain, Mr. J. O'Brien; secretary, Mr. T. Lynch; treasurer, Mr. W. Gillespie; coach, Mr. T. Brosnahan; selection committee, club captain, G. Fitzgerald, field captains, and coach; management committee, club captain, secretary, treasurer, G. Niall, G. Fitzgerald, M. Darcy, M. Donovan, and D. O'Malley; delegates to the S.C.R. Union, Messrs. J. O'Brien and P. Mahoney.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

March 7.

His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, of Armidale, sent a very sympathetic letter in reference to the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan.

Rev. Father Murphy, Cambridge, has gone on a short holiday to Gisborne. Rev. Father McKenna is filling his place during his absence.

Rev. Father Ormond gave a most interesting account of the election and the coronation of Pope Pius X. at the last meeting of the Holy Family confraternity.

It is expected that the Auckland and Onehunga branches of the Hibernian Society will approach the Holy Table at the Cathedral on Sunday, and offer their Communion for the repose of the soul of our late Bishop.

Monsignor Gillan, Diocesan Administrator, left by last night's express for Wellington. He is expected to return during the week. Rev. Father Edge is at present at the Kamo Springs for the benefit of his health. Rev. Father Buckley, of Otahutu, leaves for a holiday trip to Europe by the next outgoing Vancouver steamer. Rev. Father Patterson is at present acting for Father Edge in the Sacred Heart parish.

Rev. Father Holbrook continued his discourse on 'Education' last evening at the Cathedral. He dealt with the attempts made to introduce pseudo-religious instruction into the public schools, and warned Catholic parents of the results. He showed what was termed the Irish Scriptural Lessons by exposing the real aims of Bishop Whately—namely, to undermine the faith of Irish Catholics. This, he said, was what was in store for Catholics who forgot the obligations due by them to their Church and children.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, writing from Sydney on February 25 to Rev. Father Holbrook, said: 'I most sincerely condole with you in the unexpected demise of your excellent Bishop. We felt some anxiety during the last year on account of the repeated attacks of illness, but were quite hopeful that the worst was passed, and that he would for many years be spared to carry on the work of the Divine Master in New Zealand. God's will be done. I am confident a worthy successor to the late Bishop will carry on triumphantly the many works of religion so auspiciously begun in the diocese of Auckland.'

### Rotorua

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

March 7.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes preached at St. Michael's Church on Sunday night to a congregation that filled the sacred edifice, and which included many non-Catholics. His Lordship's discourse, which was based on the Gospel of the day, was listened to with rapt attention. Before commencing his sermon his Lordship eulogised the good work being accomplished by the missionary Fathers in this diocese. He had visited Rotorua 22 years ago in company with the late Bishop Luck for the first time. There was then no church. His next visit to Rotorua was in company with the late Dr. Lenihan, and, although there was a church here, it was very small. He was delighted to behold on this, his third visit, a very much larger and more beautiful church, which would stand as a monument to the zeal and self-sacrifice of the good missionary Fathers of Rotorua. The district was to be congratulated in possessing priests who not only administered to the spiritual needs of the people, but also undertook the manual work of the district. Another grand addition to the parish was the convent school. His Lordship paid a high tribute to the good work accomplished by the Sisters of St. Joseph. His Lordship remains in Rotorua until Friday next, when he leaves for Christchurch via Taupo and Wanganui River.

The Wairoa Geyser was soaped on Sunday for Lord Kitchener and party, and responded with a magnificent show of about 150ft. The huge crowd of people who assembled to witness the display were delighted with the eruption.