

concert closed with 'God save the King.' Every item was encored. The accompanists were Mrs. T. J. Rodgers, Miss Ward, Miss Rawlins, and Mr. Gunter.

#### PRESENTATION TO FATHER O'BEIRNE.

At the close of the programme thanks were returned by Rev. Father Connolly, in the absence of Rev. Father Costello. He thanked the performers and committee, all of whom had attended at some personal inconvenience, and the audience for their patronage, and then called on Mr. W. T. Ward to make the presentation to Father O'Beirne of an illuminated address, the work of Sister Mary Bernard, on behalf of the congregations of St. Patrick's and St. Columba's churches, and a substantial purse of sovereigns. Mr. Ward spoke appreciatively and appropriately of Father O'Beirne's sojourn of two and a half years in the parish, and of his devotion and interest in all good works, the Hibernians, Children of Mary and Sacred Heart Societies, and his attention to the sick and dying at the hospital, and to all the affairs of the parish generally. Father O'Beirne, rising amidst great applause, said words failed to express himself, and that he could never forget their kindness, and would ever value and cherish the testimonial of this, his first, mission. He was very happy in his work at New Plymouth, but he could never forget their kindness here.

#### Kaikoura

Owing to the unfavorable weather the St. Patrick's Day sports at Kaikoura had to be postponed from March 17 to March 19. The gathering on the latter date was one of the most successful ever held by the local Hibernians (says the *Kaikoura Sun*). There was a good attendance, everybody was happy, all present enjoyed themselves, the sports were well carried out, the various events occasioned keen competition, producing close finishes in the majority of the events. Erin's sons and daughters cordially welcomed all who attended, gave patrons the best of entertainment, and did their utmost to uphold the reputation the warm-hearted Celt has for hospitality, in which they were highly successful. We cannot recall a more numerous and willing band of workers in connection with the St. Patrick's Day sports here. Visitors were warm in their praises of everything. Never, said several of them, had they enjoyed an outing at sports so much. The pleasures they obtained were in keeping with that of everybody on the ground.

Official duties were ably discharged by all entrusted therewith. Rev. Father Golden was president, Messrs. F. Twemlow and F. Monk were judges, Mr. J. Gallagher starter, Mr. W. Cooke handicapper, Mr. N. C. Vale time-keeper, and Mr. J. Mackle secretary. Others prominent in connection with the sports were Messrs. James Kerr, G. Eaton, jun., G. Garrett, T. Keehan, B. Burland, J. C. Mullane, A. W. Collyns, A. Blake, J. Veitch, and J. Doyle.

The children had a great day. They were kept amused from soon after the starting of the sports right up to the end of the day's proceedings, running, wrestling, etc. The Rev. Father Golden was untiring in his devotion to furtherance of the pleasure and happiness of the children. In this he had a number of willing helpers, Messrs. C. Smith, James Garrett, J. Burland, Kerr, H. Collyns, and W. B. Ingram being to the fore.

As usual, the catering was excellent and splendidly carried out. The best things to be procured in the local farmyards—in the shape of poultry, sucking pig, etc.—had been requisitioned, and were offered at 'the table d'hôte.' Noticeable at the refreshment stall were Mesdames J. Harnett, H. Mackle, H. Montague, B. Mackle, J. Keehan, J. Kerr, M. Kirby, J. W. Smith, the Misses Smith (2), Kirby (2), and Scott. The Ludstone (sweets and afternoon tea) stall was the joy of more than the juveniles, Miss Smith having with her Mrs. Stove and the Misses Keehan and Stove.

#### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 21.

The number of names given in of those desirous of joining the Arch-Confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament is over 600, said the Very Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., in the Cathedral on Sunday week, but others may still join, and there should be twice that number.

His Lordship the Bishop returned home on the 19th inst., and in the Cathedral on the Sunday officiated at the ceremonies of Palm Sunday, assisted by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., Rev. Fathers Lynch, C.S.S.R., and Whelan, C.S.S.R. At the 11 o'clock Mass which followed the Very Rev. Father Price expressed the warmest thanks of the Bishop, priests, and people to the Redemptorist Fathers, whose eloquence and earnestness had resulted in the remarkable success of the mission.

His Lordship the Bishop, in the Cathedral on Sunday evening, 20th inst., after cordially thanking the Very Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., and companion missionaries, and congratulating them on the splendid work done by them

during the past three weeks in the parish, spoke of the efforts he (the Bishop) had made to be there at the close. He spoke in feeling terms of the great loss sustained by the diocese of Auckland owing to the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, the youngest and most energetic of the hierarchy of the province. His Lordship stated that the two occasions on which he had celebrated High Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral was at the consecration and burial of the late Bishop.

On Sunday, 20th inst., there was probably the largest congregation ever assembled in the Cathedral even before the hour when the service commenced, which was to mark the close of what was stated in the course of the sermon as the record mission. The Very Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., was preacher, and from the text 'Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it,' delivered what his Lordship the Bishop subsequently stated was the most solid, sound, and practical discourse he had ever listened to. The words of his text, said the Very Rev. preacher, were appropriate at the commencement of the mission, and equally so at its close. At the conclusion he thanked his Lordship the Bishop for the opportunity afforded the Redemptorist Fathers of preaching the mission in the Cathedral, the Very Rev. Administrator and his assistant clergy for much hospitality and devoted assistance, to all who had assisted in the many necessary ways, and the people who had responded in such a way as to make the mission the magnificent glorious success it had proved. He then gave the kneeling multitude the Papal blessing. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by his Lordship the Bishop.

March 28.

At the meeting of the Christchurch City Council last week Mr. H. H. Loughnan was appointed City Solicitor.

In the Cathedral on Sunday evening his Lordship the Bishop very cordially thanked the large number of priests who came to the city to participate in the Holy Week ceremonies; also the choir, the Altar Society, sanctuary boys, collectors, and other church workers for their devoted services.

Mr. M. Nolan, of Christchurch, a recent visitor to Kaikoura, who can speak authoritatively (states the *Kaikoura Sun*), informs us that he has seen an abundance of carrageen, or Irish moss, on the beach here. He states that the class of sea-weed to be found in Kaikoura is of better quality than that obtainable and which is exported to all parts of the world, included New Zealand, for medicinal purposes. Carrageen, which is used in the manufacture of the famous Irish Moss, makes, our informant states, an excellent tonic for the lungs if it is simmered in milk.

The quarterly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on last Monday evening in the Hibernian Hall, Bro. M. Grimes, B.P., presiding over a large attendance of members. Two candidates were initiated, one re-admitted, and several nominated. Sick pay amounting to £4 1s 8d and current expenditure amounting to £62 10s were passed for payment. As a result of the warm advocacy of the Very Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., there are indications of a large number of new members joining the society. The officers and members desire to express their sincere thanks to the Redemptorist Fathers for their efforts in the interests of Hibernianism during the recent mission. Bro. Sims, of St. Mary's branch, Invercargill, attended the meeting, and received a warm welcome from the president and members, for which he expressed appreciation. The receipts for the evening totalled £92 14s 11d.

At the early Masses on Easter Sunday there were large numbers of communicants. There was Pontifical High Mass at 11 o'clock. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, the Rev. Father Daull, S.M.A., assistant priest, the Rev. Dr. Kennedy deacon, Rev. Father McDonnell, S.M., subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. His Lordship the Bishop, after reading the Gospel of the day, briefly addressed the congregation thereon, and at the conclusion of Mass imparted the Papal and episcopal blessings. The choir, with Mr. A. J. Bünz at the organ, sang the Mass of the Good Shepherd. The High Altar, sanctuary, and various altars of the side chapels were, as usual, very tastefully adorned. There were Pontifical Vespers in the evening, at which his Lordship the Bishop officiated, attended by the same clergy as in the morning. His Lordship preached an impressive discourse on the subject of the Resurrection, after which there was Solemn Benediction. There were large congregations throughout the day and in the evening.

The ceremonies of Holy Week were commenced in the Cathedral on last Wednesday evening. His Lordship the Bishop presided. The Very Rev. Vicar-General and 18 priests were present, and assisted at Tenebrae. On Holy Thursday morning his Lordship the Bishop was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass, Rev. Father Bell, S.M., assistant priest, Rev. Dr. Kennedy deacon, and Rev. Father McDonnell subdeacon. At the conclusion of Mass there was procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart. After Tenebrae in the evening an instructive sermon on the Blessed Sacrament was preached by the Rev. Father Bell, S.M. Members of the various societies watched throughout the night at the altar of repose. On Good Friday the Passion was sung by

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