

Passion on Good Friday morning by Rev. Father Collins, that in the evening on the Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Rev. Father Buckley. His Lordship the Bishop presided at Tenebrae on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and in addition to the Cathedral clergy, the following were present in the sanctuary during the Holy Week ceremonies:—Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G., and Rev. Father Woods (Oamaru), Very Rev. Father O'Donnell (Gore), Rev. Father Lynch (Wrey's Bush), Rev. Fathers Delany and D. O'Neill (South Dunedin), Rev. Fathers Liston, Buckley, Morkano and Scanlan (Holy Cross College), Rev. Father Collins (Lawrence). The students of Holy Cross College assisted at the ceremonies during the week. The Christian Brothers' choir sang the 'Benedictus' and 'Miserere' each evening at Tenebrae.

THE A.M.D.G. GUILD.

ASSOCIATION PERPETUAL ADORATION.

The Guild held an exhibition and sale of vestments and altar requisites in St. Dominic's Priory on the afternoon of Holy Thursday. His Lordship Bishop Verdon, in opening the exhibition, which was the first of the kind in New Zealand, congratulated the members on the very fine display. The Guild, he said, had been in existence only about two years, and during that time had made very great progress. It had his full approval, and he trusted it would be generally encouraged and generously supported by the clergy and laity of the diocese, and hoped many of the latter would join and assist in the good work. Among the exhibits were some beautiful specimens of lace and embroidery, notably that of the Good Shepherd nuns, Mt. Magdala, Sisters of Mercy, Kinsale, Ireland, religious of the Perpetual Adoration, Balham, England, amongst whose exhibits was a Roman ciborium cover presented by his Holiness Pius X. Some very fine Maltese and Spanish work was sent from the Sacred Heart Convent, Auckland, and a beautiful specimen of gold embroidery from Miss Hayward, Christchurch. The A.M.D.G. Guild presented a handsome tabernacle veil to St. Joseph's Cathedral and a tabernacle veil to a country church, and several small linen requisites, stoles, pyx-bags, and girdles to the clergy of Dunedin and country districts. The exhibits made and shown by the Guild consisted of albs, surplices, altar cloths, all linen requisites, girdles, ciborium covers, preaching stoles, tabernacle curtains, birettas, stocks, and altar lace. The proceeds of the sale with orders received amounted to £70. The Guild give their labor gratuitously, and only charge cost of materials. They desire to return their sincere thanks to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Mt. Magdala, and Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, for their gifts to the exhibition, and also to the Dominican Nuns for their many acts of kindness.

FAREWELL TO FATHER FURLONG, DEVONPORT

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

When it became known a few weeks ago that the popular parish priest of Devonport, the Rev. Father Furlong, was about to leave on a holiday trip to Ireland, the parishioners decided to show their respect and esteem by entertaining him at a farewell conversazione, and presenting him with a purse of sovereigns. Accordingly, a committee was formed with Mr. W. Moylan as chairman, and Mr. T. P. Gilfedder as secretary. Mr. W. J. Napier presided at the conversazione, and Mr. J. J. O'Brien made the presentation.

St. Leo's Hall was crowded on the evening of Monday, April 10, not only by the parishioners, but also by representatives of other denominations. Besides the committee, the following occupied seats on the platform:—His Lordship Bishop Cleary, Rev. Fathers Furlong, Golden, Torney, Holbrook, Finn, Murphy, and Ormond.

The chairman (Mr. Napier), in welcoming his Lordship the Bishop to the parish, referred to the distinguished prelates who had ruled the diocese of Auckland in the past.

His Lordship on rising received an enthusiastic reception. He paid a high tribute to the sterling qualities of Father Furlong, and expressed his pleasure on seeing such bonds of attachment existing between the shepherd and his flock. His Lordship read a letter authorising the Rev. Father Furlong to visit the noted seminaries and ecclesiastical colleges at Home, and procure additional priests for the growing diocese of Auckland. As a matter of personal esteem and regard he handed Father Furlong a substantial cheque to aid in making his trip to Ireland enjoyable.

Mr. E. W. Alison paid a high tribute of respect to Father Furlong and assured him that one and all entertained for him the greatest goodwill.

Mr. Gilfedder read the address, which was beautifully illuminated, and of which the following is the text:—
'Dear Father Furlong,—On the eve of your departure on a well-earned visit to Ireland, the congregation of All Souls' Church, at Devonport, in which you have successfully labored for the past six years, desire to express to you their sincere regard and esteem and their high appreciation of the services rendered by you to religion during your sojourn amongst them. The large increase in the number of worshippers since you have been in charge of

this parish bears eloquent testimony to your good work. Your devotion to duty in a widely scattered district, your uniform urbanity and tact, and your earnest efforts to secure religious instructions for the children, have secured for you a lasting place in the affections of the people of the district. We heartily wish you God-speed and a safe return to the North Shore, which we hope will be your permanent home.—On behalf of the congregation, W. J. Napier (chairman), T. P. Gilfedder (secretary).'

Mr. J. J. O'Brien presented Father Furlong, on behalf of the congregation, with a well-filled purse of sovereigns, and in the course of his remarks concerning Father Furlong's devotion and ability, mentioned that Wexford was worthily represented on the platform that night.

On rising to acknowledge the address the Rev. Father Furlong was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. He thanked his Lordship the Bishop for extending to him the privilege of visiting his dearest friends and his native land, and also for the tangible proofs of his Lordship's goodwill towards him. He thanked the visiting priests for their honored presence, and the large assemblage for the magnificent demonstration accorded him. To leave for home under such conditions of goodwill on all sides was a happy recollection that could never be forgotten. He emphasised the Bishop's remarks as to the attachment of priests and people, and during his six years' sojourn at Devonport he had met with nothing but kindness and co-operation at the hands of his parishioners. This state of affairs he earnestly bespoke for his *locum tenens*, the Rev. Father Golden, one of the few remaining pioneers of New Zealand. In conclusion, he heartily thanked one and all for the beautiful address and the handsome gift.

The Rev. Father Golden was formally welcomed by the chairman and received with applause. Father Golden referred to the sixties, when the now beautiful city of Auckland was a country village and Devonport a wilderness. He felt happy to come amongst such kind and warm-hearted people as those of Devonport appeared to be, judging from the fine farewell accorded Father Furlong.

During the evening musical items were given, and the proceedings terminated with three cheers for his Lordship the Bishop and Father Furlong, and the singing of 'Auld lang syne.'

During the past week similar functions took place at Northcote and Takapuna, an address and purse of sovereigns being presented at each place. About thirty members of the Children of Mary Society paid a surprise visit to Father Furlong, and Miss Fogarty (president) on their behalf presented an enlarged photograph of the members and a deck chair; the acolytes gave a silver-mounted umbrella, the convent school children binoculars, and St. Joseph's Orphanage a special gift. The Rev. Father Furlong left Auckland for Vancouver on April 12, a large number of friends giving him a hearty send-off.

WEDDING BELLS

GALLAGHER—O'CONNOR.

A pretty wedding took place in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Easter Monday, the contracting parties being Mr. Harold Gallagher, son of the late Mr. Gallagher, of Invercargill, and Miss Agatha O'Connor, second daughter of Mr. James O'Connor, of Dunedin. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white princess robe, inlaid with silk insertion and trimmed with silk lace, and the usual wreath and veil. Miss D. O'Connor (sister) was bridesmaid, and Mr. D. McLeod was best man. After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the Waratah Tea Rooms, where the wedding breakfast was laid. Rev. Father Coffey presided, and in a happy speech proposed the toast of the newly-married couple. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher left by the afternoon express for Invercargill on their honeymoon trip, taking with them the best wishes of their many friends for their future happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor entertained a number of friends at their residence, York Place.

OBITUARY

MRS. LETITIA O'CONNELL, NGAPUNA.

It is with feelings of sincere regret we have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Letitia O'Connell, wife of Mr. Edward O'Connell, Ngapuna, who passed away on Good Friday at the age of 63 years. The deceased was a native of Boyle, County Roscommon, and arrived in New Zealand in 1868. She was married the following year in Dunedin by the late Father Moreau. She was regularly attended during a long illness by the Rev. Fathers James and John Lynch, and passed away fortified by the rites of the Church, of which she was a devoted member. In addition to her sorrowing husband there are left to mourn their loss five sons and one daughter—viz., Mr. James O'Connell (chairman of the Waihemo County Council), and Messrs. John, Richard, and Michael O'Connell (Ngapuna), Mr. Daniel O'Connell (Holy Cross College), and Miss Mary O'Connell. The funeral was the largest seen in the district for a long time. Rev. Father Buckley (Holy Cross College) officiated both at the church and the graveside.—R.I.P.