

Archbishop Mannix was greeted with cheers as he rose to respond. He said that the reception he had been accorded was one of the best he had received anywhere. He thanked the Mayor for associating himself with the welcome. It was not everywhere that he received a welcome from a Mayor, and he deeply appreciated it. He appreciated also the presence of the Member for the District, all the more because he had confessed to having been in gaol. (Laughter.) He was often told that in Australia he had come pretty close to it, but he never achieved the distinction that had fallen to the Member for the District. (Laughter.) The demonstration of that day reminded him of a song that had always been in his mind—"The West's Awake." He began to know that day what the words meant. (Laughter.) He thanked the Hibernians and the children for the welcome he had received, and could say with sincerity that if he had to go away without seeing Greymouth and the West Coast he would have been a disappointed man.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST.

Holy Communion was approached in a body by the men of St. Patrick's Church at seven o'clock Mass, which was celebrated by Archbishop Mannix. The singing of the boys' choir under the Rev. Brother Hendrick was a feature of the devotions. After Mass the Archbishop was photographed with the men at St. Columba Hall, and he attended the Communion breakfast provided by the Hibernian Society. Bro. J. P. Malloy, branch president, presided, and with him were the Bishops of Christchurch and Sandhurst.

Responding to the toast of "The Visiting Prelates," proposed by Mr. H. McKeown, Archbishop Mannix said that his visit had been one of increasing pleasure. He was glad to be able to prove that he was not the "wild man of the woods" that he had been represented to be. He had come to New Zealand to assist in the celebrations in honor of the Jubilee of the Consecration of the Archbishop of Wellington, Most Rev. Dr. Redwood, who was, he believed, the oldest consecrated Bishop in the world. It was a great distinction for New Zealand, as though not born here the Archbishop regarded himself as a New Zealander. New Zealand owed a lot to Archbishop Redwood. He had made an impression at the Irish Convention in Melbourne that would never be effaced. English by birth and New Zealander by adoption, he was in the forefront of those who fought for absolute justice and freedom for Ireland. Speaking of the wonderful resources of New Zealand, his Grace said that during the last few weeks he had seen more of New Zealand than most New Zealanders. Dr. McCarthy had travelled in New Zealand a good deal, but it was not until he had come with Archbishop Mannix that he got into hot water. (Laughter.) There was no more picturesque and beautiful country under God's canopy than New Zealand. He had heard it called God's Own Country, and thought that was a boast, but he could understand it now. The whole world was God's Own Country, but God had dealt with New Zealand with a lavish hand. He had not received a warmer welcome, a more generous greeting, or such abundant hospitality anywhere as he had received since his arrival in New Zealand. He was much impressed with the singing of the boys. Some of their hymns were touching. He had not heard them so well rendered since he left Ireland. (Applause.) The boys were a credit to their teachers, the Marist Brothers. He was very thankful for the attention he had received from Bishop Brodie and Father Loug. He had not known Bishop Brodie except by reputation before he arrived in New Zealand. Some men were better than their reputation and some were worse. (Laughter.) But he could say of Bishop Brodie that he had never met a kinder man, or one who would go to so much trouble as he had to ensure the comfort of his guests. (Applause.)

During the proceedings the president presented the Archbishop with three gold nuggets and a piece of greenstone as mementoes of the West Coast, and to Dr. McCarthy he handed a series of views of Greymouth. The gathering ended with the singing of "God Save Ireland."

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 1.

Father Quealy, of Petone, is receiving great congratulations on the strength of his bazaar. More power to him and to Petone!

The Hibernian representatives who came for the Jubilee were entertained at the Carlton Hall. They had rallied loyally from all quarters. The speeches of Brother M. Walsh are always enjoyed—"Straight friend, straight foe!" is his motto. He traced the history of the society and praised its activities. The singing of Mr. Walls, manager of the *Tablet*, was much enjoyed, as was also the pipe-playing of Miss Glavin. Other performers were Misses McMillan and Moran, and Messrs. Clark, Whittaker, and Kelly. All were warmly applauded. Supper was provided by the ladies' branch. Bros. O'Neill and Glaum were M.C.'s and Bro. Taylor's orchestra supplied the music.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

February 23.

A large and representative meeting of delegates from the various parishes was held the other evening to make arrangements for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The usual programme will be followed: a procession to the Domain cricket ground, where sports will be held, and a national concert in the Town Hall in the evening. Mr. J. W. Tubberty was appointed hon. secretary to the general committee.

February 28.

At the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, last Tuesday, a Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of Father D. O'Brien's father, who died recently. Father J. Murphy was celebrant; Father W. Ryan, deacon; Father E. Mansfield, subdeacon; and Father Bradley, master of ceremonies.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 29.

The Invercargill Hibernian Band played a delightful programme of music in the Lewisham Hospital grounds on Sunday afternoon. The band's performance was highly appreciated by the Sisters and patients.

The death occurred lately of Mr. E. McQuillan, an old and respected member of the Cathedral parish, and also a prominent member of the Hibernian Society. The funeral was largely attended. The interment took place in the Bromley Cemetery.—R.I.P.

A jumble sale was held in the Hibernian Hall on Tuesday afternoon under the supervision of Miss Brophy, Mrs. Hoben and Mrs. Burns, to raise funds for the Cathedral stall in the forthcoming garden fete for Lewisham Hospital. Good business was done. The fete will be opened to-morrow (March 1) in the Lewisham Hospital grounds, and the Mayor is to perform the opening ceremony. As many workers have been busy preparing stalls, and the art union in connection with the fete offers high inducement for a large sale of tickets, the success of the enterprise is very promising.

Pictures of the Archbishop's Jubilee celebrations are being screened at the local picture theatres, much applause greeting the photo of the illustrious jubilarian when it appeared. The school children attended the screening of the picture during the week.

Sergeant O'Grady, who is on transfer from Christchurch to Palmerston North, was farewelled by his many Catholic friends at a function held in the Hibernian Hall on Sunday evening. Items were contributed by Rev. Father Joyce, Mr. H. Anthony (Invercargill Hibernian Band), Mr. B. Wills (Invercargill Hibernian Band), Messrs. S. Doherty, H. Doherty, Grant, and J. O'Grady. A presentation was made to Mrs. O'Grady on behalf of friends.

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