

at St. Mary's Presbytery, Manchester street, by the Rev. Father Marnane.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 1.

Rev. Father Furlong, who, since his arrival from Ireland, has been stationed at St. Benedict's, has been transferred to Gisborne. Father Furlong had established himself in the affections of the people generally, not only in St. Benedict's, but in the other city parishes. Quite a large crowd gathered at the wharf to see him off by the 'Zealandia' on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Father Buckley, now at Gisborne, comes to Auckland.

At Avondale last Sunday a meeting of the residents was held at which his Lordship the Bishop presided. The matter for consideration was the advisability of purchasing a plot of ground and erecting thereon a church and school to meet the growing requirements of the district. Negotiations for the piece of land hitherto under offer had fallen through. Now another and larger site was offered them. Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty had generously given an acre of land in a commanding position. In addition to this, it was intended to purchase an acre adjoining, and so secure a fine piece of land for Church purposes in Avondale. The meeting approved of the proposal. During the week the Bishop purchased the land, and soon we may expect to see a church and convent school at Avondale.

On Monday evening last at the Star of the Sea Orphanage, St. Mary's, Ponsonby, an entertainment was given by the children and a few friends in honor of the twenty-second anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, who was ordained by the late Cardinal Manning on August 27, 1882. The hall was nicely decorated. There were present the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., Rev. Fathers Patterson, Adm., Duffy, Wust, Furlong, and Holbrook, and Rev. Bros. George and Borgia. There was also a large number of ladies and gentlemen from all parts of the city and suburbs. A number of choruses, a musical sketch, and other items were given by the pupils, songs by Rev. Father Patterson, Very Rev. Dr. Egan, Miss Lily Thomson, and a recitation was contributed by Miss Dempsey. The evening was brought to a close by the children singing very spiritedly 'God Save Ireland.' Before the singing of the final item the Bishop addressed the children, and expressed his great gratification at their efforts to entertain them all during the evening, and in an especial manner to mark that all-important event of twenty-two years ago which raised him to the high dignity of the priesthood. He was delighted at their fine appearance, and this reminded them all of the good work in which the Sisters were engaged—a work so full of charity and merit in the eyes of God. The children at the Star of the Sea Orphanage were equalled only by the boys at Takapuna Orphanage, where Sister Alphonsus and the Sisters under her worked so satisfactorily. He thanked once more the children, the Sisters, and all those good friends for their presence that evening in honor of his ordination.

The half-yearly meeting of the N.Z. District of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall on Wednesday evening, August 31, Bro. C. Little, D.P., in the chair, Bro. J. Patterson, D.V.P., Bro. W. Kane, D.S., Bro. M. J. Sheahan, D.T., being also present. An apology was received from Bro. Hon. M. Beehan, M.L.C., for non-attendance. The D.S. presented the half-yearly balance sheet, which showed a credit of £5195 11s 6d, and though death claims amounting to £110 were paid, yet an increase of £192 1s 8d was the result in the half-year. On freehold securities a sum of £4775 had been invested. The management fund, upon which a big drain had been made during the half-year, showed a credit balance of £75 13s 7d. The balance sheet was adopted, and the officers were highly complimented upon their careful management. A P.D.P. collar was presented to P.D.P. Bro. J. B. R. Stead for his services to the district. Bro. Stead suitably returned thanks. The following delegates represented the branches named:—Greymouth, Bro. A. Buckley; Thames, Bro. J. Harney; Dunedin, Bro. J. O'Brien; Christchurch, Bros. R. Williams and D. Flynn; Wellington, Bro. J. B. Stead; Blenheim, Bro. M. Carmody; Hastings, Bro. J. J. O'Brien; Leeston, Bro. J. Kilbride; New Bedford, Bro. A. C. Stead; Timaru, Bro. P. J. Nerheny; Oamaru, Bros. H. Duffin and E. Lonergan; Denniston, Bro. O'Reilly; Westport, Bro. F. J. O'Meara and C. Mulholland; Gisborne, Bro. C. J. Little; Waihi, Bro. A. Walsh; Kaiapoi, Bro. P. J. Walsh; Waimate, Bros. Egan and Gordon. The following nomination of officers was made: President, Bro. J. Patter-

son; vice-presidents, Bros. J. J. O'Brien and P. J. Nerheny; secretary, Bro. W. Kane; treasurer Bro. M. J. Sheahan; auditors, Bros. F. J. O'Meara and J. B. Stead.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

September 5.

Rev. Brother Ephrim, one of the leading teachers of the Order of the Marist Brothers in New South Wales, is staying at the Sacred Heart Monastery for a week or two. St. Mary's High School, Sydney, under his direction, has year by year more than held its own against the great public schools and colleges in the University examinations. The Rev. Brother is just recovering from the effects of a rather serious accident, but there is every hope that a few months' rest in our invigorating climate will enable him to take up once more his arduous labor.

Two of our young parishioners, Mr. J. Collins and Miss G. Mullins, were united in the bonds of Matrimony on Wednesday by the Rev. Father Tubman. The bride wore a very pretty blue dress, trimmed with white silk, and was given away by her uncle, Mr. M. Mullins. She was the recipient of some handsome presents from the Children of Mary, Altar Society, and Choir, of which bodies she was an active member. Mr. J. Feeley acted as best man and Miss Sullivan as bridesmaid. On Thursday night the Garrison Band celebrated the marriage of Bandsman Collins by playing a choice selection outside his parents' residence.

What was expected to be a very even game of football was played on the Athletic Grounds on Saturday between teams representing the Timaru and Christchurch Marist Brothers' Schools. The Christchurch team, in charge of Brother Basil, arrived by Friday's express. The visitors, who were a more even lot than the local boys, have a reputation of having beaten ten school teams in Christchurch, only one try being scored against them. When Christchurch kicked off it was obvious at once who would have the best of it, for the local forwards returned the ball to the Christchurch 25, where it remained. It was a forwards game now until from a scrum near the 25 flag, the ball coming clean out to Wade, he sent it on to the backs, and it didn't stop till Kane, the wing three-quarter, got hold of it, and, finding himself blocked some distance from the posts, potted a very clever and pretty goal from a difficult angle. The whistle now sounded half-time—Timaru, 4; Christchurch, 0. When play was resumed the visitors seemed to be outclassed in every particular except on one or two occasions, when their fast men, Canavan and Fanning, showed what they might do if they got a chance, but their progress was always met with sound defence. The second half had not long commenced before the local backs gave their hard-working forwards a rest, and took the game in hand. This change of play seemed to suit them, for Burns (captain) 3, P. Kane, J. Kane, J. O'Dowd, and A. Gillespie scored tries as the result of accurate and fast passing rushes. Only one of these was converted, and this closed the score—Timaru, 27; Christchurch, 0. The visitors were a good team and played well, their half back, Woodham, repeatedly saving them in a clever manner. Fanning, Canavan, and O'Connor also did useful work. The local team was conspicuous for its combination. Burns in the backs was certainly the best player on the ground, and his kicking was a special feature. J. Wade at half also played a brilliant game, his passing being very accurate. J. Kane worked well on the wing, and of the forwards, P. Kane, Dore, and Fitzgerald were always prominent. Mr. Tasker officiated as referee.

A further list of subscriptions to the building fund of the Sacred Heart School, N.E. Valley, appears in this issue...

Mr. J. Meagher, of the Export Produce Agency, Christchurch, has the goodwill of a butchery and bakery business in a populous and flourishing agricultural district for sale, also the lease of a profitable hotel in the most progressive town in Canterbury...

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