

A large party visited the Cathedral on last Friday morning, including Sir J. G. Ward, Mr. A. Rutherford, M.H.R., and Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. J. McLachlan, M.H.R., and Miss McLachlan, Mr. S. Saunders, Editor of the 'Lyttelton Times,' and the Misses Saunders, Miss Grimshaw, lady journalist, on the staff of the London 'Graphic,' Messrs. Tolhurst and J. Embling, Hon. T. Kennedy MacDonald, M.L.C., and Mrs. T. Kennedy MacDonald. Two hours were spent in inspecting the great structure under the guidance of the clergy and Mr. Jameson (contractor). The visitors were very much interested and greatly admired the beautiful building. Owing to some interior work being in course of construction at the approaches of the great dome, the party were unable to ascend. Miss Grimshaw, however, essayed the feat by means of an almost perpendicular ladder. This the lady accomplished safely and was amply rewarded for her intrepidity by the magnificent panoramic view obtained. Miss Grimshaw, who is a very accomplished lady, speaking French, Spanish, German, Greek, and Latin, and also a vocalist of considerable attainments, sang several numbers in the Cathedral, much to the delight of her listeners. She was much struck with the acoustic properties of the building, preferring it in this respect to many she had seen elsewhere. She also expressed the opinion that in purity of design it exceeds the great Westminster Cathedral. The visitors were entertained at the episcopal residence by the Very Rev. Vicar-General, and afterwards were shown over the Bishop's museum, in which they were much interested. In the visitors' book Sir J. G. Ward stated that both the museum and Cathedral reflected great credit on his Lordship Bishop Grimes.

Waimate

(From our Waimate correspondent.)

November 14.

On Wednesday, November 9, the members of St. Patrick's Literary and Debating Society journeyed to Kelly's Bush, where a very enjoyable picnic was held. During the afternoon the Rev. Father O'Connor (president) and Mr. McDermott (vice-president) visited the party and lunched with them. Various games were indulged in during the day. Before dispersing votes of thanks were passed to the ladies for supplying the refreshments. The members of the dramatic portion of the Society are busy rehearsing a play, which they intend staging on December 13.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 11

The many old friends of the Very Rev. Dean Foley in this parish regret to hear that he is still not able to leave Christchurch.

The devotions in connection with the Jubilee will be held here on next Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Rev. Father McDonnell, one of the ex-pupils of our own parochial school, will preach on Friday and Sunday evenings.

Mr. Greene, the well known Timaru artist, held an art union of his pictures in the Assembly Rooms on Wednesday. The first prize, a large and valuable painting, entitled 'The Gathering of the Clans,' went to Mr. R. J. Buchanan, of this town. Among the fortunate winners were Mr. J. O'Meehan and Mrs. Leigh. Mr. Greene will proceed to Europe at the beginning of next year with the object of further perfecting himself in his art.

Rev. Brother Pius, who was director of the boys' parochial school for eleven years, and who left here last February on transfer to Invercargill, will receive a handsome memento of his labors in Timaru in the course of a week or two. It takes the shape of an album of Timaru and South Canterbury views, the Catholic buildings being given special prominence. The inscriptions and illuminating are fine examples of the work of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Order. The album is a credit to those who got it up, and as it carries with it the best wishes of the pupils, ex-pupils, and parents of pupils of our parochial school, the Rev. Brother Pius will be in possession of a pleasing reminder of the many happy years spent here, and of the many friends he made during that time.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 10.

A bazaar in connection with the Devonport parish will be opened at the Foresters' Hall, Devonport, on Monday next by his Lordship the Bishop.

His Lordship the Bishop is expected to arrive here from Australia next Sunday.

A good picture of the late revered Brother Mark appears in this week's 'New Zealand Graphic,' accompanied by a short sketch of his life and labors.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly preached an eloquent sermon at Vespers on Sunday at St. Benedict's. The choir, under Mr. Farley, rendered the music in a very efficient manner.

Rev. Father William Mahoney, after an absence from his native city of over seven years, returned by the 'Ventura' last Monday evening. Rev. Father Bridge, of Parramatta, N.S.W., also arrived by the same steamer.

Last Friday evening a most successful euchre party was held in St. George's Hall, Newton, which was lent gratuitously for the occasion by Mr. Peter Purcell, in aid of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The hall was packed and everything passed off most successfully. To Mrs J. J. O'Brien and Miss L. Casey (hon. secretary) much credit is due for the successful result.

The annual service for the dead was held in the Symonds' Street Cemetery last Sunday afternoon. There were present the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, V.F., who came specially from the Thames to conduct the service, Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., Rev. Fathers Patterson, Adm., Gillan, and McMillan. The altar boys from St. Benedict's headed the procession from the church to the cemetery. The clergy and laity assembled close by the cross, around which are laid the remains of many sterling priests who, in the early days of the Church in this province, suffered many hardships and privations in the discharge of their sacred duties. Monsignor O'Reilly briefly addressed the assemblage and reminded those present that it 'was a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.' Their attendance, he said, proved that they were not unmindful of their dead. It was indeed a pleasure to him to preside there that day, because he so well knew the people of Auckland, and could therefore sympathise with them and heartily join them in their prayers for the departed souls. All then joined in procession. St. Benedict's choir, aided by members from the other city choirs, sang the 'Misereere.' The service was of a most impressive character.

Gisborne

(From a correspondent.)

A bazaar in aid of the new convent to be erected in Gisborne, after a run of seven days, was brought to a most successful conclusion on November 1. Notwithstanding the exceptionally bad weather experienced the success from a financial point of view was very pleasing, as, after paying all expenses, the sum of £413 was placed to the credit of the fund. The ladies of the parish, in the face of many difficulties, worked with great energy for the past four months, and were assisted and encouraged in every way by the congregation as a whole. The Sisters of Mercy, both in Gisborne and Pongsonby, also helped very materially, and their beautiful and artistic work was greatly admired. The stalls, four in number, under the supervision of Mesdames Maynard, Finn, Martin (2), Hood, and Miss McConville, assisted by over 100 willing workers, were beautifully arranged and decorated. One of the great attractions of the bazaar was the model electric railway, lent for the occasion by his Lordship Bishop Lenihan, and the working of it, under the supervision of Mr. T. Holbrook, of Auckland, was followed with keen interest by the numerous visitors. Another great attraction was the fancy dances and marches carried on each night. Miss Putnam, of Wellington, was engaged by the bazaar committee to teach the dancing, and very creditably she performed the task. In one march 50 young ladies, beautifully costumed, went through the intricate evolutions with the utmost precision and grace. The pleasure of the audience was added to by the singing of Miss Donovan, of Auckland, with full chorus. The thanks of the Catholics of Gisborne are due, not only to the members of the congregation who worked the bazaar, but also to the people of Gisborne generally who so generously supported it, and many of whom worked very earnestly to make it a success.

If continued popularity for very many years count for anything Bonnington's Carrageen Irish Moss has justified its worth as a remedy for bronchial troubles. The value of Carrageen as a cold and cough mixture has been known for centuries to the peasantry residing on the Irish sea-coast, but under skilful scientific treatment its curative properties have been largely developed, so that it is now recognised as one of the best medicines for coughs and colds before the public....