

cott street school. Subscriptions to the fund are still being received.

The children of the Wellington South school held their annual picnic on Friday at Seatoun. The day was beautifully fine and a most enjoyable outing was spent.

The alterations to the Wellington South convent are now almost completed. The rooms on the ground floor, consisting of two fine class rooms, a music room, and a special singing room, are now being used by the High School pupils. The other rooms for the accommodation of the Sisters are not yet fully finished. A very pretty little chapel has been added and supplies a long-felt want. The convent is now an up-to-date one, and the Sisters will be in a better position to impart secondary education than they have hitherto been.

The Rev. Father Ainsworth is arranging with the Redemptorist Fathers to hold a fortnight's mission in his parish after Christmas.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

November 27.

It is my painful duty to record the death of another of our old parishioners in the person of Mrs. Daniel Ball, who passed away at the Wanganui Hospital on Thursday, November 24, after a long and painful illness. The deceased lady had lived in Wanganui for many years, and up to the time of her illness was most regular in attendance at the many devotions of Holy Church. To Mr. Daniel Ball and the Misses Ball the sincerest sympathy is extended in their bereavement, which is all the more severe coming as it does so soon after the death of the late Sister Mary Bertille.—R.I.P.

Among the successful candidates for the preliminary examination under the Pharmacy Board I notice the name of Mr. Joseph Gallagher, of Wanganui. Mr. Gallagher is an ex-student of St. Patrick's College, and was coached for the examination by Rev. Brother Coleman, of the local Marist Brothers' school.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 28.

His Lordship the Bishop is expected to return to Christchurch on Thursday next.

In the Canterbury Hall on Wednesday evening next a memorial concert is to be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. E. T. McNamara by numerous friends in recognition of the past services of one who was ever ready to assist in every good cause. The Catholics of the city are interesting themselves in the event, which is a fairly good indication of success.

The Rev. Father James Carroll, of Collingwood, Melbourne, at present on a visit to this city, celebrated the half-past nine o'clock Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, and at Vespers preached an earnest discourse on the significance of Advent.

The Sisters of Nazareth left London for Christchurch on last Monday, November 21, by a Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company's steamer.

At Rangiora on last Thursday evening a presentation was made on behalf of members of the Catholic congregation to Mr. and Mrs. J. Power, of Ohoka, who are leaving the district to reside at Hawarden, by the Rev. Father Hyland, who said Mr. and Mrs. Power had been useful and esteemed members of the congregation for many years, and sorrow was keenly felt at their departure. Mr. Power replied in suitable terms.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 28.

A successful picnic of the Temuka parish schools was held in Victoria Park, Temuka, last Thursday. The weather was rather unfavorable, slight showers being frequent, but under the guidance of the capable secretary, Mr. Moriarty, and Rev. Father Kerley, the sports and games were not allowed to flag during the day. The ladies of the parish provided a liberal supply of refreshments, and, altogether, the outing was most enjoyable. Rev. Fathers Tubman and Le Floch were present from Timaru.

The story of the martyrdom of St. Philomena was told in the girls' parochial school on last Thursday afternoon by means of a little drama in three acts. The large class room was filled with the pupils, some visiting Sisters from the convent, Children of Mary, and parents of pupils. The children went through their different parts admirably, and gave evidence by their

clear and distinct enunciation of the careful training they had received. The different choruses rendered by all the children were much enjoyed as were the piano-forte solos so tastefully given by the Misses Reilly and McDonald. The characters were sustained by the Misses Kane, Albert, Schaab, Cronin, O'Brien, Berghin, Sullivan, Reilly and Cox.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 24.

To show how our diocesan clergy roll has increased it is only necessary to say that when our late revered Bishop died the number was twenty-nine. Now, under the present Bishop, the number has reached forty-six; a substantial increase in eight years.

The Bishop is due at Karanghake next Sunday to close the mission, which is being conducted by Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., assisted by the Rev. Father Gillan, of St. Benedict's Auckland. On the following Sunday the Bishop is expected at Paeroa.

Last evening in the Federal Hall a most successful euchre party in aid of St. Patrick's presbytery fund was held. Rev. Fathers Patterson and Holbrook were present, besides a big gathering of the parishioners and their friends. Refreshments were handed round, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Miss McIlhorne, hon. secretary, was most indefatigable in her efforts.

In commemoration of the eighth anniversary of his consecration the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan attended St. Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday at the 11 o'clock Mass, and also in the evening. The Bishop preached both morning and evening. In the morning he referred to the anniversary of his consecration, and to the progress of the diocese in the last eight years. He thanked his priests and people for their hearty co-operation, and hoped with a continuance of that support that they would be enabled to make still further progress in the time to come. He would soon undertake to complete St. Patrick's Cathedral at a cost of £6000, not a large sum certainly. He had, when in Australia recently, carefully noted the churches there, and the knowledge thus acquired would be put to practical use here. He thanked all those who in so practical a manner had given proof of their esteem for him, and in an especial manner he had to thank the Rev. Father Patterson, Mr. Kohn, and Rev. Father Kehoe. In the evening the Bishop spoke at length on the work of the Congress, and reviewed the programme of events, dwelling upon the matters which had arrested his attention. Those referring to the rescue of fallen women, in which the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, at Abbotsford Convent shone out so splendidly, and the efforts made to entertain and engage the spare time of seamen while ashore, struck the Bishop very much. Altogether his Lordship presented the work of the Congress in a most interesting light, and showed the great hold which the Church has upon the people of the Commonwealth. Pontifical Benediction followed by the Bishop, who was assisted by the Rev. Father Patterson, Adm., and the Rev. Fathers, Holbrook, Dignan and Cahill. The choir sang in an admirable manner the 'Te Deum,' as well as the music of the Vespers and Benediction, under Mr. P. F. Hiscocks. There was a large congregation present.

St. Patrick's Day celebration committee met on Tuesday evening in the Marist Brothers' schoolroom, Pitt street, his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan in the chair. There were also present the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., and Fathers Holbrook and McMillan. An apology was received from Rev. Father Patterson for his unavoidable absence. It was decided to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17, 1905, in the domain, and to hold in connection therewith an art union, if permission for the same be obtained from the Colonial Secretary. The following officers were elected for the year:—President, his Lordship the Bishop; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. J. O'Brien and P. J. Nerhony, J.P.; hon. secretary, Mr. R. A. Keenan; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. J. Sheehan, J.P. Ten members from each of the four city parishes are to form an executive committee. It was decided to add to this five ladies from each parish. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring secretary, Mr. J. B. Stead, was moved by the Bishop, who eulogised the work of Mr. Stead as secretary for the last six consecutive celebrations, and he hoped at a future date Mr. Stead would find the time to fill the position again. The motion was carried by acclamation. Mr. Stead briefly thanked the Bishop for his kind remarks and the meeting for its hearty vote. To the Bishop a hearty vote of thanks was given for his attendance and for presiding over the meeting.

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