

half, the Rev. Father Marnane alluded to the many valued services rendered to the Church by Mr. Corrigan, the numerous successful public gatherings promoted by him, and the excellent state of efficiency attained by the choir under his direction. Mr. Corrigan, in gratefully acknowledging the unexpected kindness of the choir as proved by the valuable gifts made him, expressed appreciation of the good spirit existing, which, coupled with their cheerful willingness to undertake the task allotted them, rendered progress possible in the past and augured Timaru representation.

The first regular monthly meeting of the Cathedral Christian Doctrine Confraternity was held on Sunday afternoon at the conclusion of the children's instructions. There was a full attendance, and the president (Mr. M. Garty) presided, and several honorary members were elected. The greatest number so far recorded on the children's roll of attendance was 261, and excellent progress was reported. The spiritual director, the Rev. Father O'Connell, who was thanked for his gift of regalia to the teachers, spoke at some length on the work already done and the inevitable good results to be anticipated. He incidentally referred to the latest Encyclical of our Holy Father the Pope on the subject of Christian Doctrine, whose desires in this regard had been anticipated in the Christchurch Cathedral. It was resolved to have a distribution of awards to the classes quarterly if possible, as a sure means of attaining proficiency and regularity.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

June 12.

A presentation took place in the sacristy last Friday week after devotions, when Master M. O'Meeghan, on behalf of the altar boys, asked Father Le Floch, their chaplain, to accept a handsomely mounted serviette ring, as a testimony of their respect and esteem.

Some new candidates for Parliamentary honors are coming forward in this district for the next election. Mr. W. Jeffries, a prominent and popular Temuka gentleman, will contest the Geraldine seat, and Mr. Rolleston, of the legal firm of Tripp and Rolleston, Timaru, will probably stand against the Hon. W. Hall-Jones for the Timaru representation.

A prominent young Catholic, Mr. J. Connor, left here for Christchurch last week, on promotion from the Timaru branch to the head office of the N.Z. Flour Millers' Association. Prior to his departure Mr. Connor was the recipient of a handsome presentation from his many friends. At the meeting of the Hibernian Society on Tuesday night, in accepting his resignation as assistant secretary, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mr. M. F. Dennehy, that the branch express its regret at losing the services of an efficient officer, and it wished him every success in the City of the Plains.

The Friendly Societies of this town are to be congratulated on the good feeling and brotherhood which exists among them. To foster and strengthen this desirable state of things and also to help to pass the winter evenings, they have subscribed for a challenge cup to be competed for in a card tournament, the winning society to hold it for one year, to become its property altogether if won twice in succession or three times at intervals. The Hibernians played their first match against the Foresters on Thursday last in Izard's Tea Rooms, and won by seven games. Bro. Dennehy for the Hibernians and Bro. Whyte for the Foresters called for three hearty cheers for their opponents, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by light refreshments.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 9.

Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., is now at St. Patrick's presbytery, and continues to improve slowly.

The oratorio 'Elijah' will be given by St. Patrick's choir next Monday evening in aid of the Cathedral improvement fund.

Rev. Father McGuinness, with the aid of his parishioners, is contemplating the erection of another church in his large parish.

Another stained glass window is to be added to St. Patrick's Cathedral. It is the gift of a well known family of the parish.

Last evening in the Federal Hall another of the series of progressive euchre parties, in connection with St. Patrick's parish, was successfully carried through.

Last Monday Bishop Lenihan took the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes for a trip through the city and suburbs on his motor car. Dr. Grimes left for the south by the 'Zealandia' last Tuesday.

Last Monday evening in the Hibernian Hall a very successful social gathering, in aid of the funds of the Sacred Heart parish, Ponsonby, was held. The attendance was satisfactory, and the efforts of the committee tended to make the affair very enjoyable.

Rev. Father Mahoney has assumed charge of Onehunga parish, and next Sunday evening he will be received by his people, when addresses of welcome to him will be presented from the parishioners and the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place after last Mass on Sunday at the Cathedral. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Edge, Rev. Fathers Holbrook and Cahill being deacon and sub-deacon respectively. In the evening their Lordships the Bishop of Auckland and the Bishop of Christchurch were present at Vespers, when the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes preached a very impressive sermon on the Blessed Eucharist. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed.

## THE SEE OF ROCKHAMPTON

His Grace the Archbishop of Brisbane presided at the meeting of the priests of the diocese of Rockhampton entitled to vote for a successor to Bishop Higgins. The voting (says the 'Catholic Press') resulted as follows:—

Right Rev. J. D. Murray, O.S.A., D.D., Vicar-Apostolic of Cooktown—Dignissimus; Very Rev. Father W. J. Walsh (Townsville)—Dignior; Rev. Father J. Duhig (Brisbane)—Dignus.

The names will be forwarded for the consideration of the Holy See, and the appointment will be made by his Holiness the Pope within a few months.

His Lordship Dr. Murray was, like Bishop Higgins, born in Westmeath, and they were schoolboys together. Years later Bishop Murray studied under Dr. Higgins at Navan; then he joined the Augustinians, and completed his studies at Rome. After his ordination he labored on the London mission; then he went to Queensland, where he labored under the late Bishop Hutchinson, in the Cooktown vicariate. He was afterwards appointed prior of the Augustinian monastery at Echuca, where he remained until he was appointed successor to the late Dr. Hutchinson. He was consecrated Bishop on July 3, 1898, in the Bendigo Cathedral. He is an eloquent preacher.

The Very Rev. Father Walsh is a native of Clonmel, County Tipperary. On coming to Australia he spent five or six years on the mission in Brisbane. Over twenty years ago he went to Townsville, and has been in charge of that important parish ever since. On the death of Dr. Cani he was appointed administrator of the diocese, and on the translation of Bishop Higgins he was appointed to the same responsible position. The climate of North Queensland is said to be deadly, but Father Walsh looks as fresh as any priest in Ireland. No man is more beloved in the diocese.

Father Duhig is the youngest priest ever nominated for the Bishopric in Australia. He is only in his thirty-fourth year. He is a native of Limerick, Ireland, but went to Queensland with his mother and some of the members of his family when he was quite young. Another brother went to Chicago, where he occupies a distinguished position. A few years ago he was in Australia on a visit to his family, and the mother died shortly after his departure. Father Duhig received his early education from the Christian Brothers, Brisbane; thence he went to Rome, where he studied at the Irish College, under Dr. Kelly, now Coadjutor Archbishop of Sydney. His first mission was in Ipswich, Queensland, where he labored until a few months ago, when he was appointed administrator of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. He is a great organiser, and an able and zealous priest.

It was Mrs. Rooney, who, with Mrs. Wise, presided over the refreshment stall at the recent Convent bazaar in Oamaru.

Messrs. Louis Gilie and Co., Australian 'General Catholic Depot, Melbourne and Sydney, have a list of books for June in our advertising columns.

The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal. So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient.