

The 'Murihiku' fair in aid of the funds of St. Mary's by the Sea, Bluff, was opened on Wednesday, August 2, when a very fine display of useful and artistic goods was made. The Invercargill Dramatic Club (says the 'Southern Cross') gave valuable assistance, and the floral march by the children on the following night was a pretty spectacle. Mrs. C. A. Tipping, as president, was in the right place, and the following in charge of the various stalls contributed to the success of the fair:—Art stall, Mrs. Tulloch, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Gillooly, and Mrs. McGrath; plain stall, Mrs. Mapletop; lollie stall, Misses L. and M. Roberts; toy stall, Miss M. Waddell; tea rooms, Mrs. Finnerty and Mrs. Gilroy. The takings, about £150, should mean a considerable increase to the church funds. An attractive feature was a guessing competition of a Shetland pony's name, the prize being the said pony. The competition excited a large amount of interest, no less than 360 names being selected. The lucky name turned out to be Hukanui, and the winner was Master Kane, of the Bluff.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

August 24.

Rev. Father T. Kohoe has been appointed to the pastoral charge of Tuakau.

The Redemptorist Fathers commence a three weeks' mission at St. Patrick's Cathedral on September 3.

The Very Rev. A. J. Marion, S.M., and Rev. Father de Fenoyl, S.M., who arrived by the 'Navua' from Noumea, New Caledonia, on Thursday, left for Sydney, via Wellington, on Saturday last.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration began at St. Benedict's Church on last Sunday, and ended on Tuesday. Very Rev. Father Gillan preached on Sunday evening, and Very Rev. Dean Hackett on Monday evening.

Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., Newtown, spent a couple of days in Auckland, and preached to a crowded congregation at St. Patrick's Cathedral on last Sunday evening. He left by the 'Mokoia' on Monday last for Australia, where he remains for a few months for the benefit of his health.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association held its first annual meeting in the club rooms on Monday evening, August 21. There were from 80 to 90 members present, including the Rev. Father Holbrook (spiritual director) and Rev. Father McMillan. The Rev. Brother George presided. The meeting was most enthusiastic, and when the balance sheet showed a deficiency of £40, debentures to that amount were immediately taken up by members. The committee in their annual report, after referring to the circumstances under which the association was started, paid a well deserved tribute to the work of the late Rev. Brother Mark in this connection, and also to the exertions of the Rev. Father Holbrook (chaplain), and the secretary. The association has about 150 to 180 members, and there is a steady growth of incoming members. In addition it has several very valuable branch societies in a healthy and financial state, and with the assistance of these—though the association is in debt to the extent of £40—there is every reason to anticipate a flourishing second year. During the year the following societies were established: cricket club, amusement, debating, and gymnastic branches, all of which in their respective spheres have advanced the interests of the association and promoted the general welfare of members. The cricket club played 18 matches and won 14, lost 2, and drew 2, which was undoubtedly a splendid record for the first year. In addition they have also been enabled to purchase and free from debt all the necessary materials in connection with the game. The amusement branch, too, has been highly successful. Besides promoting excellent social amusement for members they had formed a club of capital minstrel entertainers, who have rendered signal service to the association. The Debating Society is also becoming very popular. The gymnastic branch has only recently commenced operations, but by dint of perseverance and energy the condition of the branch is satisfactory. The members have secured the services of an instructor, besides all the necessary gymnastic gear.

NEW HEADFORD (Lincoln)

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

On last Sunday week his Lordship the Bishop made an episcopal visitation of the New Headford (Lincoln) parish. Arriving on the previous Saturday evening, the Bishop assisted in the Confessional, and celebrated early Mass the next morning, preaching also on the day's

Gospel. The ceremonies of the visitation were carried out by his Lordship at the eleven o'clock Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Richards, pastor of the district. At four o'clock in the afternoon the Bishop examined the candidates for Confirmation and administered the Sacrament, preaching before and after the ceremony. On Monday the Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. Father Richards, drove to the Burnham Industrial School, where they were exceedingly well received. The manager, Mr. Archey, had the few Catholic boys resident there gathered together, the Bishop subjecting them to an examination on matters of faith, and they were afterwards given their usual periodical instruction by Father Richards, chaplain of the institution, who goes there for the purpose every week. Under the guidance of Mr. Archey the whole of the establishment was visited, the boys being seen at their various avocations in the class room and at drill. The fine band of the institution played during the time the visitors were at luncheon. His Lordship expressed the great pleasure afforded him by the visit and appreciation of the excellent management of the institution.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

August 27.

A Pastoral Letter from his Lordship Bishop Grimes, dealing with sacred music, was read at the Masses this morning.

Some Sisters of Nazareth are expected here during the coming week on a collecting tour for their Christchurch house.

At a meeting held in Pleasant Point this morning after Mass, it was decided to erect a school for the numerous children of the district. Two Sisters, it was considered, would be sufficient, and these will in all probability come from the Sisters of St. Joseph, Kerrytown Convent. Rev. Father Kerley presided, and expressed his pleasure at the forward step taken.

During the past fortnight two more games in the primary schools' football competition have been played and won by the Marist Brothers' boys. They beat the Main School by 3 to nil, their fine dribbling being spoiled by over-eagerness, resulting in the small score. Against the South School they played a back game, and put up the gigantic score of 41 to nil. Tries were scored by Kane (2), Fuly (2), Sullivan (2), Mulcahy (2), Cunningham (2), Hartnett (1); Lynch converted two tries, Sullivan and Fuly one.

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

August 28.

The members of the Young Men's Club are, through the generosity of one of their number, holding a shooting picnic at Rangitata on Thursday, September 7.

At a meeting held after last Mass on Sunday at Pleasant Point it was decided to organise a bazaar, to be held during next March, for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a Catholic school there.

Wednesday next, August 30, being the anniversary of the death of the late Rev. Father Fauvel, a solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's, Temuka. A great number of priests of the diocese are expected to be present.

The Rev. Father Kerley announced on Sunday that a meeting of all those interested in the formation of a Hibernian Society would be held on next Tuesday night in the club rooms. It is to be hoped that there will be a large number present, as such a society would do an immense amount of good in the parish.

The usual weekly meeting of the Temuka Catholic Young Men's Club was held on Tuesday evening last and was largely attended. The programme consisted of a debate on 'Town and country life.' Mr. J. Reilly championed the cause of the country, whilst the advocate of the noise and bustle of the city was Mr. P. Clarke. After a well contested debate, in which nearly every member present gave his views, the vote resulted in a win for the country.

A very successful entertainment was held in the Kerrytown schoolroom on Thursday evening last for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a cottage for the priest at that place. There was an excellent attendance, and all the items were encored. The following contributed to the programme: Songs, Misses K. Daly, Beri, A. Story, Messrs. Lingard, Davis, C. Healy; vocal duet, Messrs. Denton; instrumental items, Messrs. Kearsley, Coombes; recitations, Messrs. Mur-rav, J. Moriarty, and step dances, Mr. Lynch. The entertainment concluded with a farce, which caused much amusement.

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