

an additional charge for reserving seats. Concert, advertising, and hall sub-committees and a ladies' committee were formed, with a recommendation to meet frequently and exert every energy to insure the success of the event. The executive committee, which has been in office since the inauguration of these celebrations, retain office, Mr. W. Hoban being president and Mr. E. O'Connor secretary.

Woolston

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

On last Sunday afternoon his Lordship the Bishop, attended by the Very Rev. Vicar-General and Rev. Fathers Mahony and Peoples, blessed and formally opened the new Catholic school at Woolston. The building just completed was designed and erected by Mr. W. Evans, and forms quite an architectural feature of this extensive suburb. It is situated on one of the best sites possible to be selected and faces Ferry Road, the main thoroughfare of the district and route of the tram system between Sumner and the city. The new school is erected on about three-eighths of an acre, whilst the remainder of the section, measuring over an acre in extent, has been acquired by one of our energetic and far-seeing co-religionists, who generously holds it in trust, in the event of future developments. The building, which cost over £500, exclusive of extras, is substantially constructed of the best materials. The foundations are of concrete, varying in depth from two to three feet. The interior dimensions are 60 feet by 24 feet, with lofty ceiling. The walls are matchlined, stained, and varnished. Gas is laid on, and the building well lighted and ventilated. At the main entrance there is a capacious porch, which is carried up to a height of 48 feet in the form of a tower, this being surmounted with an artistic design in iron, a cross being the principal feature. Nicely designed louvres are fitted into the allotted spaces in the tower. Besides the entrance porch, which is fitted up as a cloak room, there is a room at the other end of the building entered both from within and without which, should occasion require, may be used as a sacristy, provision being also made by having a space reserved for a sanctuary. There are three large windows on each side of the building and one at the sanctuary end. Each of these is filled in mainly with plain glass, although parts of each contain figured glass in ruby, blue, and gold. The building is roofed with iron terminating in wide eaves, and is painted white with chocolate facings. Concrete steps ascend to the main and rear entrances, and an iron fence four feet high is erected at the street front, with a small gateway and a carriage entrance. Asphalt paths lead to the front entrance and around one side of the building, and a wide space at the rear is covered with the same material. There is an artesian well with complete sanitary arrangements. New desks, of an improved style, are provided, and all arrangements completed for carrying on a day school which is to open to-day (Monday) under the direction of the Sisters of the Missions.

His Lordship the Bishop was met on arrival by members of the committee, including Messrs. Gilmour, O'Connor, Murphy, Barratt, and Harphorn (secretary). After blessing the building, the Bishop, basing his remarks on the opening verse of Ecclesiasticus, chapter XVI., 'Rejoice not in ungodly children, etc.,' delivered an address on the religious training of the young. He deplored the misdirected spirit of independence so rife at the present time, and the lack of respect for authority so painfully manifest, the only safeguard against which was the Catholic school where regard for authority of parent and of society was inculcated by the religious training of the young. The children were the hope of the Church, and personally he (the Bishop) felt greater interest and greater pleasure at assisting at the opening of a school than at the opening of a church. The life of the teachers was in instruction in itself, which was one of the secrets of the success of Catholic schools. Nowhere else are the faculties of the soul directed as in the Catholic school. Where the crucifix, the emblem of Christianity, cannot be placed, religion is ignored, the name of God not taught, and duty to God, to the family, and to the State is not taught. He rejoiced at the opening of their school and hoped parents would see to it that the children attended. Later on the Holy Sacrifice may be offered there, but meanwhile the building was for the children. His Lordship thanked all who were instrumental in having the building erected, especially the Rev. Father Mahony, who had taken the keenest and liveliest interest in it.

The Rev. Father Mahony, in the name of all concerned in the religious life of the district, cordially thanked his Lordship the Bishop for his presence and for presiding at the ceremonies.

Much good work has been accomplished by the ladies' committee in connection with the undertaking, for which they are warmly commended.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

February 2.

Monsignor O'Brien and Dean Slattery arrive here on Sunday next from Sydney.

Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., left for Sydney last Monday where he is to conduct the retreat of the clergy of the archdiocese.

A forecast by the city treasurer shows that the city financial statement to be rendered at the close of next month will be most satisfactory.

The Redemptorist Fathers are resuming their work throughout the diocese. At Devonport next Sunday the mission will be opened by the Rev. Father Lynch and at Puhoi by the Rev. Father McGrath.

His Lordship the Bishop leaves this evening for Whangarei, where he will open the new convent next Sunday, thence he will journey overland to the Northern Wairoa, administering Confirmation at Dargaville. He expects to be away fully three weeks.

The extent which the fishing industry has attained in Auckland waters may be judged from the fact that the collector of Customs has issued licenses to 200 fishing boats. Besides this it is asserted that there are many more to be issued.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Olier, S.M., Bishop of Tonga, arrived here by the 'Mauroto' last Wednesday, and leaves for Rome via Sydney next Monday, where he will join the Right Rev. Bishop Broyer, who also goes to the Eternal City. Dr. Olier is now the guest of his Lordship Dr. Lenihan.

It is with regret that I record the illness of Rev. Father O'Hara of Otahuhu, who will be obliged to stay at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital for a few weeks. During his absence the parish duties will be administered by the Rev. Father Edge, of St. Patrick's.

The Marist Brothers Old Boys' Association attended in a body and received Holy Communion at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Parnell, last Sunday. Rev. Father O'Connor celebrated Mass. After Mass breakfast was provided by the ladies of the parish, after which speeches were made by the Rev. Brother George (president) and Rev. Fathers Holbrook (chaplain) and O'Connor, and Messrs. Darby, H. Herbert, Casey, and J. Gleeson. The association has decided to hold a moonlight excursion in the harbor on Monday evening, February 19.

Master Elgar Francis O'Mahony, who obtained first place in Greek at the recent Adelaide University Junior Examination, is a pupil of the Christian Brothers' College, Perth.

Messrs. Scouler and Chisholm, Rattray street, Dunedin, call attention to their 'ideal' Chair for invalids, which has many original features to recommend it....

The conditions of the competition in connection with the Tiger Tea Juvenile League are notified in this issue. The competition is well worth the attention of our young readers....

The public will find at the City Boot Palace, George street, Dunedin, the very latest style in ladies' boots and shoes, and a very comprehensive display of men's footwear, from strong working bluchers to the finest American dress boots. All of Mr. McKay's goods are sold at very moderate prices....

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