

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 28.

His Lordship the Bishop left last Tuesday for Gisborne. He expects to return at the end of next week, when he will leave on an extended visit to the Maori missions throughout the diocese, lasting probably five weeks.

This evening presentations from the laity and the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society will be made to the Rev. Father Cahill. On Wednesday evening several handsome and useful presents were made by the Children of Mary to Father Cahill. He was in his new mission last Sunday. His departure from the city is deeply regretted.

A meeting held this week in connection with the mission to the sailors was attended by the Anglican Bishop of Auckland, Dr. Neligan, and numerous ministers of numerous denominations. Several of the latter indulged in some plain speaking, and said they objected to the Anglican body dominating the mission. To the sailors must be left the task of discriminating.

The annual social gathering, arranged by the ladies of the Cathedral parish, was held last Wednesday evening in the Royal Albert Hall. It was a great success. The hall was most tastefully decorated. The whole affair was well organised, and redounded to the credit of the committee. During an interval a presentation was made to Mrs. Lennardo, hon. secretary of the committee, on behalf of the Bishop, clergy, and laity of the parish. The presents were a beautiful gold bangle, and a gold Maltese cross. This lady thoroughly deserves the recognition here shown to her. For years she has labored incessantly in all the good works in the parish.

A presentation of a purse of sovereigns was made this afternoon to Miss Coleta Lorrigan by his Worship the Mayor, of Auckland (Mr. A. M. Myers) on behalf of the subscribers. Miss Lorrigan has for years assisted in our choirs and charity concerts in the city and province. This public recognition was well merited. Miss Lorrigan leaves Auckland next week, and intends to reside in Palmerston North, where she will be a valuable addition to musical circles.

A special meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the branch room last Tuesday evening. The resignation of Father Cahill as chaplain was received with regret, and the appointment by his Lordship the Bishop of the Rev. Father Holbrook to the position was received with applause. The new proposal concerning the medical attendants was proposed and well considered. Bro. P. J. Nerheny, delegate to the Auckland Friendly Societies' Conference, explained in detail the proposed new scheme. Under it six doctors would be available to the Societies included in the Conference. At various hours of the day and evening each of the six doctors would in turn be in attendance at the rooms in the Friendly Societies' Dispensary. The charge would be per member 16s annually, and 4s to the dispensary. The doctors would be entitled to their private practice, and engaged to deal in medicines exclusively with the Societies' Dispensary. A private hospital is also to be started forthwith. The Hibernians heartily supported the new scheme, and directed their representatives to act accordingly.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

October 1.

The Catholic presbytery is to be solemnly blessed and opened on Sunday next by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., and others of the clergy are expected to be present. The building is now completed, and, besides being an ornament to the township, will supply a long-felt want.

The Temuka Catholic Young Men's Club held its last meeting of the present session on Friday evening, when there was a large attendance of members. The programme for the evening was the oratorical competition which had been arranged by the executive of the Federated Societies, the subject being 'Mr. Seddon as a statesman and as a man.' The competitors were Messrs. D. O'Halloran, W. Clarke, D. O'Connell, T. Brosnahan, and T. Knight. The judges, Rev. Father Kerley, and Messrs. W. Barry and W. Hally, announced that they had come to an unanimous decision in favor of Mr. O'Connell. This gentleman is therefore the first in the Temuka Club to gain a diploma for oratory.

A list of winning numbers in the Cambridge Art Union appears in this issue....

Interprovincial

Correspondence for our next issue should reach us not later than Monday, as we will have to go to press a day earlier than usual, owing to the statutory holiday on Wednesday.

In opening the new post office at the Lower Hutt Sir Joseph Ward said that the New Zealand postal service, compared with similar services in the countries he had recently visited, was second to none.

We have to thank Mr. George Robertson, Wellington, for a copy of 'L'Indépendance Belge,' of August 11, which contains a very sympathetic and appreciative sketch of the life of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, with an account of his death, and reference to the grief which that sad event caused in the Colony. The particulars are supplied by the Wellington correspondent of our Belgian contemporary.

The British Art Section will unquestionably be one of the most valuable and striking features of the Christchurch Exhibition. A very comprehensive and representative exhibit has been sent out which will be a treat to connoisseurs, and a very valuable education to local artists. The exhibit is composed as follows:—Oil paintings, 150; watercolors, 350; black and whites, 300; sculptures, 90; architecture, 200; arts and crafts, 800.

Writing of the Maketote Viaduct, the 'Taihape Post' says:—'The most formidable work of the kind now remaining to be done on the North Island Trunk line is supposed to be finished by June of next year, three years from the time when the contract was signed. It is 896 feet long and 9 feet wide at the top. It crosses the creek nearly 300 feet above the bed of the stream, and is supported on trestles narrowing from 84 feet at the bottom to 36 feet at the top, and resting on enormous blocks of concrete. One thousand tons of steel and 1000 tons of cement will be used in the work of erection.

Speaking at the luncheon which followed the opening of the Stoke bridge on Saturday, the Hon. W. Hall-Jones said that New Zealand had been extremely fortunate in its Governors. He had known four, Lord Onslow, Lord Glasgow, Lord Ranfurly, and Lord Plunket, and they all seemed to identify themselves with the interests of New Zealand as if they had been born in the country. During his recent visit to the Old Country he had had opportunities of seeing the good work that was being done at Home by the former Governors when any question affecting New Zealand came up for consideration.

WEDDING BELLS

COGAN—HICKEY.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, on September 26, when Mr. Michael Cogan, Patearoa, and nephew of Mr. John Cogan, the Serpentine, Central Otago, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Sarah Hickey, daughter of Mr. Henry Hickey, South Dunedin. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Howard, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bridesmaids were Misses Sarah and Mary Monaghan and Miss Mackie, and Mr. James Herlihy, Patearoa, acted as best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where the breakfast was laid. The usual toasts were duly honored. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents.

St. Joseph's football team defeated St. Patrick's on Saturday by 16 points to nil. Tries were scored by Nelson (3) and Clarke, two of them being converted by Corcoran. For the winners, Garvey, Flanagan, Nelson, M'Padden, and M'Bride played well, and for the losers Casey, Drumm, and Heffernan showed good form. Mr. F. Foster controlled the game satisfactorily.

Persons requiring clothes cleaned or dyed should call on Messrs. Tudor and Hubbard, Princes St., South, and King St., Dunedin....

Those who require suitable biscuits for children should give a trial to Messrs. Bycroft and Co.'s Ideal Milk Arrowroot Biscuits, which the proprietors claim to be the best infant food on the market....

Messrs. Kilroy and Sutherland, Princes St., Dunedin, and also at Lawrence, direct attention to their comprehensive stock of black dress materials—voiles, alpaca and Sicilians, delaines, crepe de Chine and evening—at very moderate prices....

J. G. CALDER,

CARGILL ROAD & CUTTEN STREET, will open Dental Rooms at Cargill's Corner, South Dunedin, on October 8th. All dental work undertaken. Teeth extracted One Shilling.