

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 5.

His Lordship the Bishop returned yesterday from Gisborne.

The Bishop leaves for the Bay of Plenty district about the end of the month.

Last Friday afternoon his Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the subscribers, presented a purse of sovereigns to Miss Coleta Lorrigan, in the Mayor's room. He eulogised the good work done by Miss Lorrigan in musical circles in the cause of religion, and social and charitable objects. It was pleasant to recognise talent when it was so worthily employed as in the case of Miss Lorrigan. Mr. E. Mahoney, solicitor, returned thanks for Miss Lorrigan, and specially thanked the Mayor for his courtesy in making the presentation, and all the subscribers for their generosity. Rev. Father Holbrook was present, together with a representative gathering of ladies and gentlemen. Miss Lorrigan, who for years has been a prominent figure in our choirs and concerts, left yesterday for Palmerston North, where she should be highly appreciated in musical circles.

Last Friday evening in St. Patrick's Convent School, Hobson street, two addresses—one from the priests and people of St. Patrick's parish, the other from the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society—were presented to the Rev. Father Cahill. The former was read and presented to Father Cahill by the Rev. Father Holbrook, who also presided over the large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. Rev. Fathers Murphy and Farthing were also present. At the conclusion of the reading of the address Father Holbrook handed to Father Cahill a splendid chalice, subscribed for by the people. Bro. W. Kane next read the Hibernian address, which expressed regret at Father Cahill's departure, and extolled the good work done by him whilst here. Father Cahill on rising to reply to the addresses was received with long-continued applause. He said that it was utterly impossible to convey in words what his heart felt towards the priests and people of St. Patrick's. It was but a little while ago that he came amongst them from the Old Land—a stranger in a strange land. It was an anxious time for him, but he soon found he was with a good warm-hearted people. His parting from them was not of his choice; he would sooner remain with them, but their good Bishop was compelled to look after the spiritual needs of his flock throughout the diocese, hence it was that he was called away, and he must obey the command. From the priests of the Cathedral he had always received the greatest kindness and consideration, from the people he had received loyal support and encouragement, and if in his zeal he had unintentionally wounded the feelings of any one he regretted it. He spoke to-night under the greatest difficulties. His heart was too full to adequately express to them what his feelings were, and how deeply grateful he was to them. Though absent, he would ever entertain the warmest recollections of the priests and people of St. Patrick's. At intervals the following musical items were rendered:—Overture (piano), Miss M. E. Sheahan; song, Miss F. Hunter; song, Miss C. Lorrigan; song, Mr. J. P. Lonergan.

## Masterton

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St. Patrick's Club concluded the season with a smoke concert last Tuesday evening. During the evening Mr. F. B. Haughey was presented with a case of pipes from members as a mark of appreciation of the services he had rendered to the club during the past season.

The Garry Owen Hockey Club held its first annual social last evening in the Foresters' Hall, and it was a great success. During the evening Mr. B. J. Dolan presented the trophies won during the year. Miss M. Collins secured the trophy for best back in the team, Miss K. O'Leary that for best forward, and Miss M. Coyle for most improved player for the season.

The following pupils of St. Bride's Convent were successful in the practical examination held in connection with the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music on Wednesday last:—Intermediate singing, Fanny M. Elkins, 109. School examination—Singing, Vera Edwards, 112; Lizzie O'Malley, 111. School examination—Higher division—Pianoforte, Coralie Smythson, 123; Phyllis Hanify, 123. Lower division—Pianoforte, Marjory McKenna, 132 (honors). Elementary division—Pianoforte, Effie Cress, 126; May Cress, 124.

## Wanganui

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Last Sunday at St. Mary's Church the members of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, numbering about 100, attended 8 o'clock Mass to receive Holy Communion.

The Month's Mind of the late Rev. Father McGrath took place at Patea on last Thursday morning, when Very Rev. Dean Grogan was present.

The village fair in aid of the Union Rowing Club continues to be well patronised, and last night (Thursday) a squad of sixteen Marist Brothers' pupils gave an interesting exhibition of dumb-bell exercises.

The St. Mary's Catholic Club has been presented with a gold medal by Mr. J. Walsh (captain of the Auckland Old Boys' Football Club) which recently visited Wanganui. It will be competed for in a billiard tournament, which is being arranged for that purpose.

The following are the results of the practical examination held by Mr. Walter Wesche in connection with the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music:—Local Centre:—Advanced grade—Singing, Dora Carroll. Intermediate—Piano, Annie Sullivan and Lucy Shanly. School examination—Higher division—Piano, Phyllis Clapham, Eileen Perritt; singing, Josephine Lloyd, Clarice Gower. Lower school—Piano, Olive Oldberg; piano and violin, Annie O'Sullivan. Elementary—Piano (honors), Nellie Bennett and Nancy McKirdy; pass, Eileen Carvel and Freda Scales; singing, Kathleen Wood. Out of the eighty-five candidates who presented themselves, only forty passed, the convent being successful with fifteen passes, including the only honors (two) that were conferred.

## Temuka

The new Catholic presbytery at Temuka was blessed and opened on Sunday, the ceremony being performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy (Provincial). There was an exceptionally large congregation (says the 'Timaru Herald'). The new building, which is a handsome and comfortable residence, is built in accordance with the floor area of the old presbytery, but a second storey has been added, and this gives it a fine appearance. A fine balcony facing the west runs off from the passage on the second floor, and on each side of the passage are two bedrooms. The ground level surrounding the presbytery has been greatly improved by a three-foot rise, and to obtain this clay and shingle were carted gratuitously by many friends.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Father Finnerty (Timaru) being deacon, Rev. Father Kerley subdeacon, and the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais master of ceremonies. Rev. Father Goggan, parish priest, was also in attendance. A brief sermon on charity was preached by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais.

Subscriptions were then taken up, and the amount received in the church was more than £100.

The ceremony of blessing took place after Mass, and was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, who also delivered a brief address, in the course of which he said the building was a credit to all concerned in its erection for completeness of detail. The local priests and people of the place were to be congratulated on having such a fine presbytery, one especially in keeping with the church and convent. He said the late Father Fauvel intended having the work done some time ago when he got an assistant priest. Father Fauvel had left £400 which he had collected for the work, but it was left for Father Kerley to see it through, and now there was a debt of £600, and he thought this was not much for a Temuka debt; for in a very short time it would be cleared. He made a special appeal to the younger members of the congregation to wipe off the existing debt as soon as possible, and he thought one and all should be proud to see accomplished what was an urgent necessity from a priest's point of view.

Up to the beginning of August the potato crop had not looked so well in all parts of Ireland for many years. Owing to the wet weather the dreaded blight made its appearance, particularly in the West, about the middle of the month, and a Boyle correspondent, writing on August 20, gives a very gloomy view of the condition of the crop in Mayo, Sligo, and Roscommon.

**J. C. 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.