

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 26.

A social gathering will be held next Monday evening in St. Benedict's Hall in aid of the furnishing of St. Benedict's Convent, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

In St. George's Hall on last Tuesday night a euchar party was held in aid of the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby. A really good attendance rewarded the untiring efforts of the committee.

During Miss Tittel Brune's three-weeks' stay in Auckland she has, with several members of her company, attended nine o'clock Mass every morning of the week at St. Patrick's. When one considers the exacting and trying nature of Miss Brune's nightly performances, it will be agreed that her conduct is worthy of commendation and example.

A meeting of the Cemetery Board was held in St. Benedict's Presbytery last Monday evening. Very Rev. Father Gillan was in the chair. Arrangements were discussed for the annual mortuary service to be held in the Symond street cemetery on Sunday, November 4. Rev. Father Mahoney, of Onehunga, will preach on the occasion. After the service a public meeting will be held, at which the annual balance sheet will be read, and the new committee for the year will be elected.

His Lordship the Bishop is still travelling through the back-blocks of the diocese. He has now been away nearly four weeks, and is not due back until November 12. On November 15 will be celebrated the tenth anniversary of his Lordship's consecration, and the occasion will be commemorated by the presentation of a purse of sovereigns and an address. A nice musical programme has been arranged. As in former years, the whole success of it is due to Mr. Kohn's untiring efforts.

The Bill to enable the Bishop to dispose of the Orphanage site in Ponsonby to the Auckland Gas Co. has passed its final stages in Parliament. A new brick building for an orphanage will now be erected upon the estate at Takapuna. Upon the tower it is proposed to place a large bronze statue of Our Blessed Lady (Star of the Sea), which will be seen from the deck of every ship entering Auckland Harbor, and from the city itself. The site is an ideal one.

At the meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society on Tuesday evening it was decided to agree to his Lordship Dr. Lenihan's proposal that the triennial meeting of the N.Z. District be postponed from the usual time, at the end of February, 1907, to the middle of March, so that the delegates might be here on St. Patrick's Day, the date of the opening of St. Patrick's Cathedral. It is to be hoped that the majority, if not all, of the branches in the district will comply with the Bishop's request, which is not an unreasonable one.

Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

St. Joseph's Church bazaar has already established itself as one of the most interesting works of the year in Waihi, and this year it excited even greater interest than in past years. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. T. Gilmour), in opening the bazaar, congratulated the ladies on their beautiful display of work and picturesque arrangement of the stalls. He was surprised to see such a splendid collection of goods, and it reflected the greatest credit on the committee to see that their energy and united action had accomplished such results. The financial results in past years had always been very gratifying, and he hoped that this year would surpass all previous efforts and would prove a record success. He then declared the bazaar open.

The stalls were effectively arranged, so as to add to the general effect. The lolly stall was in charge of Mesdames Donnelly, Hatton, assisted by Mrs. McGregor and the Misses Radford. The jumble stall was presided over by Mrs. Barron and Miss Garvey, capably assisted by Mesdames Cullen, Conway, Pilling, and Simmons. Misses Garvey (2), McIntosh, Geary, Simmons, E. Simmons, Naughton (2), Fortune, McAnulty, Thorburn, and Ganley. At the refreshment stall Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Rice had with them the Misses Houhlan, Sullivan (2), and Rice. The following ladies were in charge of the fancy stall: Mesdames Parkes, Huett, Hatten, Robinson, O'Connor, Kemp, and Kennedy, Misses Boggs (2), Ryan, Wintle, Parkes (2), McMahon, Arns, Mulcahy, Mullins, Quinlan (2), New, Griffiths (2), Cowell, Lang (2), and Johnson. At the produce stall Mesdames May, Murphy, Toomey, Wilson, Misses May (2), Dick (2), Hyde, and E. Wintle were in attendance. During the course of the bazaar Miss Knight's pupils delighted the patrons by their fancy dances, which were executed with such graceful action and precision of movement that they met with hearty approval. Good business was done each night, and at the conclusion of the fourth night the proceeds had amounted to £70 more than on the previous year.

(We have been unable to decipher some of the names in this report.—Ed. 'N.Z.T.')

The railway authorities have a notice in this issue with reference to the train arrangements on the King's Birthday.

We believe that the general public are now being better educated to the fact that the travelling quack is to be strictly avoided, and to support a qualified optician who is a permanent resident, and who can be consulted at all times and is directly answerable for his actions. In this connection, Mr. W. S. Collins, Dee street, Invercargill, who has gained a high reputation as an optician, has an announcement in our advertising columns of interest to eye-sufferers.



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