

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

April 11.

On last Tuesday evening the Rev. Father Furlong, of Devonport, was, with several others, admitted a full benevolent member of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society.

Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., has gone south for a few days, but expects to be back here shortly to assist in the opening of St. Patrick's on Sunday, April 21.

The mission by the Redemptorist Fathers will be given at St. Benedict's next August, and at St. Patrick's on the 28th of the present month, or one week after the opening of the Cathedral.

The recitals at St. Benedict's upon the new organ by Mrs. J. Maughan Barnett, of Wellington, which had been postponed, take place on next Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Vincent Wallace's ever-green production 'Maritana' is just now under course of preparation under the conductorship of Dr. De-Clive-Lowe, and will be produced either in June or July. There will be a chorus of fully 100 voices. The proceeds are to be devoted to St. Patrick's Cathedral building fund.

Rev. Father Holbrook on last Sunday at St. Patrick's addressed the congregation in favor of the 'N.Z. Tablet.' 'It should,' he said, 'be in the house of every parishioner. The secular papers are to be seen in the homes, but the paper which defends our holy faith and fatherland is not supported as it ought to be.'

The blessing of the new organ recently installed in St. Benedict's Church took place last Sunday. The ceremony of blessing and dedicating the organ was performed by the Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, at the 11 o'clock Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Father McMillan, Rev. Father Williams being deacon, Rev. Father Duffy subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G., master of ceremonies. The choir, under Mr. Samuel Jackson, sang the music of the Mass. Mr. R. Leslie Hunt presided at the organ, and played a number of solos. The Bishop preached in the evening, and made special reference to the organ, the collections for which during the day had been very satisfactory.

Sacred Heart College, Auckland

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The Sacred Heart College, students held their annual picnic and sports at Mototapu on Thursday last. The weather was fine, and a very enjoyable day was spent. All the events were very keenly contested. The following are the results of the more important events:—College Championship,—F. Quinlivan, 1; E. Blake, 2. 100yds Handicap (over 16),—T. McLoughlin, 1; E. Blake, 2. 75yds. Swimming Race,—J. Kelly, 1; T. Kelly, 2. Small Boys' Swimming Race,—R. Amodeo, 1; J. Phelan, 2. Obstacle Race,—C. Molloy, 1; A. Hayes, 2. Small Boys' Championship,—P. Blake, 1; D. O'Brien, 2. 100yds. Handicap (under 16),—H. Quinn, 1; B. Clarke, 2. Half-mile Run,—F. Quinlivan, 1; T. McLoughlin, 2. Brothers' Race,—Rev. Bro. Fergus, 1; Rev. Bro. Martin, 2. Three-legged Race,—P. Keeney and P. McGill, 1; H. Quinn and B. Clarke, 2. High Jump,—F. Quinlivan (4ft 11in), 1; B. Clarke, 2. Sack Race,—H. Quinn, 1; E. Penwarden, 2. Wheelbarrow Race,—A. Hayes and J. McMurrich, 1; N. Sneddon and B. Nelson, 2.

The sports' committee consisted of the following students:—Masters Brendan Lavery, E. Blake, and John Kelly. Mr. W. Dervan acted as starter, and Rev. Bro. George as judge. Rev. Father Williams, in distributing the prizes, congratulated the winners, and claimed the privilege of presenting the gold medal for the annual handball tournament, but by ancient custom that privilege belongs to Mr. T. O'Connor. The difficulty was got over by instituting a junior competition.

The cricket season is drawing to a close—only one match to be completed, and already the boys are keenly anticipating the football season, when they are determined to make a supreme effort to retain the secondary schools' banner. The Sydney Colleges propose sending a team to New Zealand about the end of July. They will play a combined team from the Auckland Colleges, probably on July 22. The Sacred Heart College expects to be well represented in the combined team—Lavery, Kelly, McLoughlin, Keeney, Quinlivan, and Blake all have good claims for inclusion. Just now the college has almost its full complement of boarders. When the roll is full the boys anticipate getting half a day off to commemorate the event, which they think will be soon.

St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Tuesday, April 9, at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, the ceremony of profession took place. Nine young ladies made their vows, and were admitted as members of the Sisterhood of Mercy. The names of the novices were:—Sister M. Dymna Madden (Blenheim), Sister M. Calasactius Gallen (Australia), Sister M. Josepha McCabe (Parnell), Sister M. Cyril Ryan (Australia), Sister M. Casimir Price (Australia), Sister M. Elizabeth Shine (Australia), Sister M. Paulina Wilkinson (Australia), Sister M. Dolores Purtell (Auckland), Sister M. Euphrasia Mulqueeny (Cromandel). His Lordship Lishop Lenihan received the vows of the Sisters, and preached an eloquent sermon on the religious life. Rev. Father Molloy celebrated Mass, and the clergy present were:—Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Buckley, Duffy, Williams, Murphy, and Sheridan. The convent choir, assisted by the Misses Lynch, Whitsted, Jones, and Kelly, sang the music of the Mass.

I regret to record the death of a venerable Sister of Mercy at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby. The deceased religious (a sister of the late Mr. Daniel Lynch, of Mangere and Ponsonby), was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and was in her eighty-second year at the time of her death, and had spent over forty-six years in the convent at Ponsonby. She endeared herself to young and old by her charitable and gentle disposition. She was attended in her last illness by his Lordship D. Lenihan, Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G. (who administered all the rites of the Church), and by Rev. Father Molloy. A Requiem Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, April 3, for the repose of her soul.—R.I.P.

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