

op will be present at the ceremony in connection with the Arthur's Pass Tunnel at Otira on Tuesday. During his visit to the district, the Bishop will dedicate and open the new church at Springfield on the Sunday following.

The beautiful chapel of the Blessed Peter Louis Chanel, Proto-Martyr of Oceanica, was inaugurated on last Tuesday morning, when (at 7.30 a.m.) his Lordship the Bishop celebrated Mass. The chastely modelled and sculptured marble altar has been presented by the Marist Fathers of the Dominion to the Cathedral.

The admirable treatise on Catholic marriages, recently issued from the 'Tablet' office, was on sale at the week end, and a good many copies disposed of. On Sunday the clergy at the Cathedral and other city churches spoke eloquently of the comprehensive work, urging a wide circulation and studious reading.

The Rev. Mother Superior and Sisters of Nazareth House desire to express grateful thanks for various acts of kindness extended towards the inmates. On last Thursday Mr. Jacob Levien, with the assistance of some friends, entertained the orphan children at a picnic at Wainoni Park. Professor Bickerton very kindly gave the free use of the extensive and popular pleasure grounds, together with all the amusement facilities. The children spent a most enjoyable day. At Nazareth House the aged inmates were treated to a 'tea party,' the men being also provided with a supply of tobacco—an attention which all thoroughly appreciated. On Saturday, at the invitation of Mr. Tom Pollard, the children were present at the matinee performance of 'Bluebell in Fairyland' by the juvenile opera company in the new Theatre Royal. Sincere gratitude is also expressed towards all who assisted in the St. Patrick's Day national concert, especially to the many non-Catholic professional artists, all of whom gave their valued assistance, as on all other occasions, gratuitously.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration committee met at the presbytery, Barbadoes street, on last Thursday evening to finally arrange matters in connection with the recent national concert. His Lordship the Bishop presided, the Rev. Father Price, Adm., being also present. The report and balance sheet, presented by the secretary, (Mr. E. O'Connor), showed receipts from all sources to be £136 9s. 6d.; expenditure, £22 1s. 7d.; credit balance £114 7s. 11d. On the motion of Mr. G. R. Hart, the audited statement of accounts was accepted. Mr. Hart, in referring to the successful efforts of the committee in the interests of Nazareth House, characterised the institution as the greatest work in the city. In seconding the motion, it was mentioned that the annual event undertaken by the committee, was not only of substantial benefit to the Sisters of Nazareth, but also afforded our people, a very pleasant and suitable social celebration of a national festival, and whatever trouble and expense were thereby entailed were certainly time and money well spent. His Lordship the Bishop said the result was very gratifying, and from the initiative stages the committee's work was nobly and ably carried out. Their efforts directed sympathy towards the devoted Sisters, whose work in our midst, as it became better known, would be better helped and appreciated. In responding to a vote of thanks, the secretary (Mr. E. O'Connor) said he received much valued assistance from the various Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul, and especially from the ladies associated therewith, great help being also forthcoming, as on all former occasions, from the Hibernian Society. The chairman (Mr. W. Hoban) wrote resigning his position owing to pressure of duties at the time his services were most needed. He enclosed a cheque towards the fund, and asked to be still considered a member of the committee. The resignation was accepted with regret, and it was unanimously decided to send a letter of thanks and appreciation for past valued services. A cheque given by his Lordship the Bishop to the lady who sold the most tickets was awarded to Mrs. W. Dobbs, who at once donated it to the fund.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

May 4.

Very Rev. Father Regnault is temporarily taking the place of Rev. Father Kerley, who has been transferred to Christchurch for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Skinner left Timaru last week to commence business in Fairlie. Previous to her departure Mrs. Skinner was entertained at the convent by the ladies of St. Ann's Guild and the Altar Society, and given a memento to remind her of the good

work she had done as a member of both societies. Mrs. Skinner has always been prominent in everything that tended to the advancement of the Church, and her departure from Timaru leaves a gap that will be difficult to fill. She was for many years a prominent member of the choir, and here again it will be hard to replace her.

The Redemptorist mission, given by Fathers Lowham and McDermott, commenced yesterday (Sunday) week, and will be concluded on Sunday next. The Masses are attended by large congregations, and last night, when Father Lowham preached, the church was crowded, and seats had to be provided outside the main entrance. The success of the mission must be most gratifying to the devoted missionaries and the local clergy. The children's mission concluded on Sunday afternoon. It had also served as a preparation for the First Communion of about fifty children, who approached the Holy Table at the nine o'clock Mass yesterday. The church was suitably decorated for the occasion, and after Mass the customary breakfast was provided in the girls' school.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

May 4.

Rev. Father Farthing is expected to return from Sydney on May 10.

The May devotions commenced on Friday at the Cathedral, and at St. Benedict's. Appropriate sermons were preached on Sunday evening by Rev. Father Murphy and Very Rev. Dean Gillan.

Very Rev. Father Clune opens a mission at Devonport on May 31. He is likely to give missions in other parishes of the diocese.

Very Rev. Dean Gillan leaves for Taumarunui on Tuesday in connection with the erection of a church there.

Rev. Father Tigar leaves for Gisborne on Tuesday, where he will open a mission.

Rev. Father Brennan, who was recently ordained at All Hallows College for the Auckland diocese, is expected to arrive in a short time.

Owing to a sufficient number of Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society being now established here, a Particular Council has been formed with the following officers:—President, Bro. Little; vice-presidents, Bros. J. J. and J. T. O'Brien; treasurer, Bro. P. F. Hiscocks; secretary, Bro. J. Fernandez.

In the Newmarket parish the coupon system is working admirably, the financial returns being satisfactory. These, in conjunction with the proceeds of the bazaar to be held at the end of this year, are expected to furnish a substantial sum towards the erection of a new church.

A complimentary social was tendered last Wednesday evening by Rev. Father Holbrook on behalf of his Lordship the Bishop to the workers and their friends at the late Dominion festival. The function was a great success. The balance sheet was read by the treasurer and adopted. Rev. Father Holbrook returned sincere thanks to all for their indefatigable labors, which resulted in a reduction of the Cathedral debt by £1500. A vote of thanks was accorded Father Holbrook, to whom the credit for the conception and carrying out of the details of the bazaar was mainly due. In acknowledging the vote of thanks Father Holbrook said that without the willing co-operation of the people he could do but little.

### Otahuhu

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 29.

A bazaar in aid of the funds of the new Convent school buildings was held in the Otahuhu Public Hall last week. The bazaar was opened by the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly in the presence of a large gathering. On the platform, were the Rev. Fathers Buckley, Murphy, Toomey and Furlong and the members of the parochial committee. The stalls were handsomely decorated. Stalls for the sale of furniture, paintings and fancy work were conducted by Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Rogers, (representing England), Mrs. Brooker, (Ireland), Mrs. McManus, (Scotland). The men's stall was conducted by Miss Goodwin, the refreshment stall by Mrs. Madigan, and the children's stall by Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Willstead, while Mrs. Doyle supervised the fishing pond and dips for the children. Besides the above named, there were a large number of assistants, who

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