

His Grace the Archbishop is at present on a visit to Reefton.

The property recently purchased in Sussex Square is for the Sisters of Mercy. I understand that arrangements are now being made for the sale of their property in Dixon street.

The Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., who won the Senior (N.Z. University) Scholarship for Mental Science last year, is at present assisting Professor Hunter as a lecturer at the College. The Rev. Father is on the staff of St. Patrick's College.

An effort is now being made to establish a strong Catholic club in the parish of South Wellington. The Redemptorist Fathers Lowham and Creagh are assisting the movement.

The new parish of Muritai, across the harbor, is making good progress. The Catholics at this seaside suburb are to hold their concert and social in aid of the parish fund on June 17. Free boats are to be provided, and everything promises well for a successful function.

On Monday last his Grace the Archbishop and a large number of the clergy assisted at the ceremonies arranged by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Convent, Island Bay, in honor of the beatification of the foundress of their Order, Venerable Mother Barat. On Monday his Grace celebrated Pontifical High Mass, and in the afternoon preached a panegyric on the beatified religious. After Benediction a delightful entertainment was provided by the pupils of the convent. On Tuesday there was another entertainment given by the pupils in honor of the event.

The mission conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers at South Wellington has been very largely attended during the week. The closing ceremonies will take place to-morrow evening. On to-morrow morning the Rev. Fathers will open a week's mission at Island Bay, and on Monday evening will commence a mission in Kilbirnie. The opening of these missions is indicative of the great growth of the city and of the Catholic congregations. It was only about six or seven years ago that the parish of St. Anne's was formed, and that the parishioners, few in number, worshipped in a small schoolroom. Now there is a church even at Island Bay, and it is only a matter of a year or so when Kilbirnie will have one.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

June 1.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes, who is at present making his annual visitation of the parish, was entertained in the Assembly Rooms on Friday night. His Lordship, who was accompanied by Very Rev. Father Regnault (Provincial), Rev. Father Tubman, and Rev. Fathers Le Floch and McDonald, arrived about eight o'clock, and by that time the tastefully decorated hall was well filled. Refreshments were provided by the young ladies of the parish, under the direction of Miss Mara, and as they were served in an adjoining room the set programme of the evening was continued without a break. The musical part of the entertainment was in the capable hands of Mrs. Mangos, and she was assisted by the following: Misses Twomey and Dennehy, Mesdames C. E. Kerr and T. Lynch, Messrs. W. McBride, B. B. De Looze, W. Jordan, Andrews, and the Rev. Father McDonald. During the evening the following address was presented to his Lordship by Mr. J. G. Venning on behalf of the Catholics of the district: 'To the Right Rev. J. J. Grimes, S.M., D.D., Bishop of Christchurch.

Your Lordship,—We, the Catholics of the parish of Timaru, eagerly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by your visit amongst us, to offer all honor to you, our Bishop, and express our devotedness and reverence for you, and we wish to tell you how truly we appreciate, and are grateful for, all you have done for the spiritual welfare of your flock. In temporal affairs also we are indebted to you. The prominent and active part you have taken in many public matters, apart from those connected with religion, is the most conclusive answer to certain accusations against the Church, and has undoubtedly secured for its members a greater measure of toleration on the part of those opposed to it. The beautiful Cathedral you have erected in Christchurch is a striking proof of your zeal and enterprise, and we heartily congratulate you on the great success achieved by you in your efforts to defray the cost of it. We, in a smaller measure, would follow in your footsteps by erecting a new church in Timaru; the present one is too small for the congregation, and on such an occasion as that of the late mission, it is not only totally inadequate for the numbers

who attend the devotions, but is also, by reason of insufficient means of exit, most unsafe. Bearing in mind the amount of money already received for the building fund, we suggest that an early commencement be seriously considered, and ask for your sanction and co-operation. The occasion of your visit to Timaru to celebrate the solemn beatification of Madame Barat, the holy foundress of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, is one of great rejoicing throughout the Church; and in this grand celebration we rejoice with you, and with the nuns who have earned the love and reverence of us all. That your health may be completely restored, and that you may long live to see the accomplishment of all you have undertaken, and the fruits of your labor in this diocese, is the constant prayer of all your people in Timaru.

The address was signed as follows:—For the Hibernian Society—D. Pearce (president) and J. P. Fitzgerald (secretary). For the Celtic Club—Rev. Father Le Floch (president) and J. C. Wade (secretary). For the Altar Society—Mrs. E. Doyle (president) and Miss A. M. Knight (secretary). For St. Anne's Guild—Mrs. Aldred (president) and Mrs. South (secretary). For the Children of Mary—Miss M. Mara (president) and Miss K. Donovan (secretary). Lastly, it was signed by Mr. J. G. Venning, secretary to the committee.

His Lordship, on rising to reply, received quite an ovation. He thanked them for the cordiality of his welcome, which reminded him of the first visit that he made to Timaru, and the more than princely reception then tendered to him. He would not take to himself the credit they gave him in their address for their spiritual and temporal progress, that would be more justly bestowed on the grand succession of priests that had guided the destinies of the parish. He sincerely wished that the present parish priest would have a long and glorious reign in Timaru. In regard to taking part in public matters he always exercised his right as a citizen, and he was pleased to note that the Rev. Father Tubman was also a real, live burgess of Timaru. The Christchurch Cathedral was certainly a great work, and he was pleased at the interest that all had taken in it. In regard to a new church for Timaru, he gave the project his full sanction. He concluded his speech by kindly references to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the Marist Brothers for the work they were doing in the parish for the Christian education of the children.

Rev. Father Tubman then proposed a vote of thanks to his Lordship, which was carried with applause.

Interest in football among the boys is as keen as ever here this year. Five schools, including that of the Marist Brothers and the Waimate Public School, have each entered two teams in the competition. Up to the present the Marists' first team leads by two points. They have met and defeated the South Public School, Waimataitai Public School, and the Main School respectively by 29 to nil, 11 to 3, and 6 to 3. The Marists' second team have played only two games—the first against the South School, when they scored 11 points and their opponents nil; in the second game they met the Waimataitai School, when the game resulted in a draw.

At the Sacred Heart Church yesterday (Sunday) his Lordship Bishop Grimes celebrated the nine o'clock Mass, when about 200 boys and girls who were to be confirmed in the afternoon, received Holy Communion. At the 11 o'clock Mass his Lordship made the visitation of the church and its appointments, and explained at length the antiquity and practical utility of the ceremony. The most important event of the day was the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at 3 o'clock to about 200 children and 30 adults. At a quarter to three a procession was formed at the Priory and marched to the church in the following order: The girls who were to be confirmed, then the Children of Mary, St. Anne's Guild, and the Altar Society. The boys who were to receive the Sacrament came next, and they were followed by the Young Men's Society. The Hibernian Society immediately preceded the Bishop, who was attended by the Rev. Father Tubman and the Rev. Father Le Floch. Mr. J. Sullivan acted as sponsor for the boys and Mrs. Doyle for the girls. His Lordship gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and at its conclusion the procession was reformed and marched back to the Priory, singing hymns appropriate to the occasion. The choir, under the baton of Mr. J. McKennah, rendered special music at the different services, and Mrs. Mangos presided at the organ.

Special reductions are now being made in all trimmed hats at the Unique Millinery Store, Lower Stuart street, Dunedin....