

—and hoping that their months of trial would be fruitful in securing them the grace to take their vows at a future date. The church and sanctuary were neatly decorated with palms, ferns, and arum lilies by Misses O'Connor and Skerrett, and the combined choirs rendered the music under the conductorship of Mr. Oakes in an able manner. The names of the postulants were Misses Frances Moran (Sister Mary Josephine), Mary Dillon (Sister Mary Baptiste), Jane Carr (Sister Mary Frances), Mary Casey (Sister Mary Vincent), Agnes Allen (Sister Mary Rosalie), Mary Kelly (Sister Mary Chanel), May Mulholland (Sister Mary Elizabeth).

MASTERTON.

The Rev. Father Osborne, who is about leaving Masterton, where he has ministered for some time, was (says the Wairarapa Star of November 22) presented yesterday by his congregation and friends with a purse of sovereigns and an illuminated address. The Rev. Dean McKenna presided.

The address, which was presented by Mr B. J. Dolan in a neat speech, referred to the regret felt by the congregation at the loss of the rev. gentleman, and wished him an affectionate good-bye. It also expressed the hope that his health would continue to improve, and that his ministrations in another sphere would prove as successful as they had in Masterton.

Father Osborne acknowledged the gift in a few well-chosen words, expressing deep regret at leaving a congregation to which he was so attached.

Hearty cheers were given for the departing gentleman.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

A very successful bazaar was held recently in Palmerston North, the object being to liquidate a debt of £500 on the Convent of Mercy. The bazaar was opened by Mr. F. Pirani, M.H.R., who said that its object was to pay off a debt on what was practically the home of the Sisters of Mercy—to relieve from an incubus the place where a number of self-denying women lived, who devoted themselves to those objects which most appealed to our hearts and our sympathies—viz., the training and education of young folk and the visiting of the sick and the distressed, bringing comfort and consolation into homes where it was often sadly needed. He complimented those who had worked so earnestly for the success of the bazaar upon the results shown—upon getting together the most artistic and capital display he had seen at a bazaar in Palmerston—and he felt sure that if the patronage was commensurate with the merits of the bazaar the receipts should be very good indeed.

The following is a list of the stallholders:—

Bloemfontein Stall—Mrs. Redwood, assisted by Misses Lough, May Lough, Gertrude Lough, Ciss Quin Oliver, O'Rilly Kathleen Anderson, Flanagan, and Redmond. Flowers, Mrs. Cassie and Daisy Wood and O'Reilly. Gipsy Tent, Mrs. McGrath. 'Attractive and Popular Bureau' Stall, Mesdames Oakley and Scanlon, assisted by Mrs. Fake, Misses Scanlon (2), Oakley (2), Herring (2), Campion, Hodgins (2), and Carmody. New Zealand Stall, Mesdames Hughes, Hurley, and Mrs. McDowall (2), and Miss Nielsen. Mikado Stall, Mrs. E. Nash, Misses Rush, Aramburn, Granev, O'Brien, and O'Donnell, assisted by Misses Granev (3), Davis, Kennedy, Brophy (2), McGrath (2), O'Sullivan, Doreen, Rush, Nolan (2), and Follas. Young Men's Stall, Messrs. Kennedy, W. Brophy, O'Donnell, Kelly, and Gardner, assisted by Mrs. Ramsey, Miss C. Sullivan, and Miss A. McDonnell. Refreshment Stall, Mesdames Henley, Hickey, Aramburn, and Malone, Misses Hickey, O'Connor, and O'Brien, Telegraph Office, Mr. Carson. Fish Pond, Masters F. Ryan, T. Hodgins, and J. Quinn.

Entertainments of a varied character, consisting of vocal and instrumental musical items and dances, the latter being directed by Miss Sullivan, of Wellington, were given each evening and contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment of all present.

The bazaar lasted seven days, and the business done was more than satisfactory, the total amount taken being over £570, and for this result great praise is due to the stallholders, the committee, and all others who had assisted, and in an especial manner to the Rev. Father Tymons, for his successful endeavors to wipe off the long-standing debt. The organising of the details fell to the lot of Mr. W. Ryan, who displayed considerable tact, business capacity, and energy in carrying out the work, and to him a large amount of credit for the financial results is due.

[Further particulars which, we learn by wire, were forwarded in connection with the bazaar were not to hand when this portion of our issue went to press. The total receipts amounted to about £600.]

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 22.

Rev. Father Hennessey, who has been assisting the Very Rev. Mgr. Paul at Onehunga, has undergone successfully a very painful surgical operation, and is remarkably well at present.

An entertainment will be given next Tuesday at the Star of the Sea Orphanage by the orphans in honor of the anniversary of the Bishop's consecration. Father Patterson has the concert in hand.

Our local company, the Northern Steamship Company, possess in their new steamer Ngapuhi a 'flier,' which lately put up a record of 10 hours 35 minutes from New Plymouth to Onehunga.

'Deputations generally comprise many,' said Mr. Gladstone, 'but very often signify little,' and the truth or otherwise of this the Hon. Hall-Jones will be able to decide in Auckland during the next few days. Concerning railway and road construction in Auck-

land provinces an intense feeling of resentment exists towards the Government because of its inadequate measures in this respect, and the Minister of Public Works will have this brought home to him in unmistakable terms.

The social held recently at Ellerslie in aid of the 'Father Walter's Memorial Church' has netted £16. The erection of this church may soon be looked upon as an accomplished fact, and no more fitting memorial could well be designed to the late *soggarth* *aroun* of Panmure and Howick.

The Auckland Catholic Literary Society brought their session of 1900 to a close last Tuesday evening, when a most enjoyable two hours was spent in harmony, to which the Rev. Father Corcoran (chaplain) and Father O'Carroll, who delighted all present with fine selections from his graphophone, contributed.

The Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., returned to Auckland from Sydney last Monday, looking all the better for his holiday. This evening an entertainment in commemoration of Dr. Egan's attainment to the silver jubilee of his priesthood will be given by the pupils of the Sisters of Mercy in the Sacred Heart schoolroom, for which a large number of invitations have been issued.

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Very Rev. Father O'Hara was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Otahuhu, last Tuesday morning. His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan presided. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly was celebrant of the Mass, Rev. Father Darby deacon, Rev. Father O'Hara (nephew of the deceased priest) subdeacon, Rev. Father Gillan master of ceremonies. The choir consisted of the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., Rev. Fathers Purton, O.S.B., Patterson, O'Carroll, and Corcoran. The music was exquisitely rendered. At the termination of Mass the Bishop, clergy, and congregation proceeded to the cemetery, where his Lordship blessed the fine monument erected over the grave of the good old pastor, who had toiled so long, and so well and faithfully, in various parts of the Auckland diocese at a time when it was not with ease or comfort his labors were accomplished. The Bishop and clergy shortly afterwards returned to town.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 26.

His Lordship the Bishop intends preaching a special course of sermons during the Sundays of Advent in the Pro-Cathedral.

After additions and improvements the church at Hawarden, in charge of the Rev. Father Price, was solemnly re-opened yesterday (Sunday) in the presence of his Lordship the Bishop. A number of the Pro-Cathedral choir were also in attendance taking part in the musical portion of the services. A more detailed account of the event will be sent in time for the next issue of the TABLET.

Mr. Charles Edwards, the representative of Trinity College, London, held an examination in practical music here last week. The following pupils from the local convents were successful:—Sacred Heart High School, Barbadoes street—Senior pass (piano-forte) K. Picken. St. Mary's Convent, Colombo street—Senior division (piano-forte): Margaret Z. Flynn; senior division (singing) Mary C. Cremin; junior division (piano-forte): Lizzie Joyce; (violin): Hilda Flynn preparatory grade (piano-forte): Nellie Turner and Jessie Bower. From St. Joseph's Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Lyttelton, the following passes are announced:—Junior division (piano-forte): A. Davies (honors); preparatory grade (violin) W. Hilsdon (pass).

The third week of the Jubilee Imperial Carnival was completed on Thursday last, when one of the best audiences of the season assembled. In addition to some of Signor Borzoni's most popular items a company of very clever Maoris from Rapaki, Kaiapoi, and Little River settlements, gave a performance of hakas, songs, etc., and were accorded a hearty reception, the various items being encored. The hakas of course, it goes without saying, were admirably done, but I am safe in stating few if any of those present expected the rare vocal treat afforded by the young native ladies, and one marvels at the high state of culture attained by them with so few (comparatively) advantages. The choice of songs, too, showed excellent taste. Of these perhaps 'Killarney' suited the audience best, for the singing of which the young artist received a most hearty recall, and gracefully acknowledged the compliment. The goodwill and generosity of our Maori friends cannot be too highly eulogised, and Mr. Hastings, the native teacher, is worthy of our very best thanks for his kindly and disinterested motives in giving such valuable aid to the carnival. The committee decided to continue for four more evenings, closing on Tuesday next, thus covering a period of 22 working nights, which is, I think, a record period for this Colony in the matter of bazaars. With the number (exclusive of the free list, which of necessity is somewhat large) who have attended already and those reasonably anticipated to attend before closing we have a grand total of 10,000, or just one-fourth of the entire number who have attended the Jubilee Exhibition up to date, and this also in the face of extraordinary counter attractions. A result it will be readily admitted all concerned should be justly proud of. The monster marquee built for the occasion has already found a purchaser, and has changed hands at a satisfactory figure.

Messrs Brown, Ewing, and Co., Princes street, Dunedin, have a notice in this issue which ought to be of considerable interest to the parents and guardians of over-energetic boys. They have just received direct from the manufacturers 100 boys' tweed suits, purchased at a very low price. These are in three styles—sailor, Norfolk, and Melville, in gray, fawn, and brown mixtures, and suitable for boys from seven to twelve years of age. These are to be sold at half a guinea the suit.—*.