

seven in Canada, three in Australia, one in New Zealand, two in the West Indies, nine in South America, four in Ireland, and six in Mexico.

AT TIMARU.

The Convent of the Sacred Heart at Timaru was founded from the magnificent house of the Order at Maryville, near St. Louis, in the United States. On December 12 1879—when the Society was celebrating the centenary of the birth of Venerable Mother Barat, six religious of the Sacred Heart left San Francisco on their way to New Zealand. At Wellington they received a most fatherly welcome from His Grace Archbishop Redwood, who accompanied them to their destination in Timaru—then a part of the Wellington diocese. Father Châteauguier, S.M., was then in charge of Timaru, and he and his people accorded a hearty welcome to the newly arrived religious. There was no convent at the time, and the little community partitioned off with canvas a portion of the school for their temporary abode. Some weeks later the presbytery was vacated by Fathers Châteauguier and Goutenoire and it was turned into a temporary convent. The greatest kindness was extended to the young community by the Archbishop and the Marist Fathers. On February 1, 1880, the foundation stone of the magnificent new convent was laid by his Grace in the presence of a great gathering. Among those who took part in the solemn function was the late Bishop Moran, of Dunedin. Fifteen days later the first Superior, Reverend Mother Boudreau, was interred in the Convent grounds, amidst the intense grief of the affiliated little community. She was succeeded by Mother Sullivan who continued in office till her death in 1889. Under the care of the excellent and gifted religious of the Sacred Heart the numbers on the roll of the girls' parish school steadily mounted up to about 200. The community was from time to time strengthened by reinforcements of religious from Europe. A great portion of the fine and beautifully situated new Convent—of which we publish two views in a supplement to this issue—was opened and blessed on October 3, 1880. The Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, the first Bishop of Christchurch, arrived in Canterbury in 1888, and since that time has taken a deep and practical interest in the progress of Catholic education in Timaru as in the rest of his extensive and well-equipped See. A detailed report of yesterday's celebrations in Timaru was not available at the moment of our going to press, but will appear in our next issue.

Diocesan News.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

December 8.

A committee of Catholics has been appointed at Dannevirke for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a new presbytery there.

The Rev. Fathers Kerley and Guniarde, ordained at Meanece last Sunday, passed through Wellington on Friday. Father Kerley is to pay a visit to his relatives in Geelong.

Rev. Father Kelly, S.J., arrived this week from Sydney and left by the Wainui for the West Coast to give retreats to the different religious Orders.

Rev. Father Osborne, late of Masterton, is in town. He underwent a slight operation this week and is progressing satisfactorily.

His Grace the Archbishop and Father Ainsworth finish their missionary labors to-morrow, having visited and given a mission in each district in the archdiocese during their two years' association.

Owing to pressing business in the archdiocese his Grace the Archbishop is unable to accept an invitation from the New South Wales Government to attend the Commonwealth celebrations at the beginning of next year.

The examinations for the two scholarships annually offered by St. Patrick's College to boys attending Catholic schools will in all probability be held between the 18th and 25th of this month, when candidates from all parts of New Zealand will compete.

The usual monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held at St. Mary of the Angels' on Sunday last. High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Moloney. At Vespers there was a large congregation, when the Rev. Father O'Shea preached an excellent sermon on the Blessed Sacrament.

His Grace the Archbishop went to Palmerston North yesterday, where he ordained the Rev. James Tymons, S.M., as deacon. He is an ex-student of St. Patrick's College and is a brother of the Rev. P. W. Tymons, S.M., the esteemed parish priest at Palmerston North. He was, I understand, born at Timaru, and, before beginning his studies at Meanece, resided for some years at Greymouth.

The weekly meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Literary and Debating Society was held last Thursday evening. A paper on the literature of 1800 to 1850 was read by Mr. J. Furlong, and proved very interesting. It was decided to adjourn until the first week in February. A discussion followed on the advisability of publishing a magazine in connection with the Society. Members have shown considerable literary ability and the enterprise should meet with success. Messrs. N. McKeown and E. Fitzgibbon were appointed to prepare a report to be submitted to a committee. At a general meeting to be called in January next the matter is to be fully gone into and circulars are to be issued to the young men of the association. The movement is one that should secure the interest and support of all Catholics. The Literary and Debating Society, which has been in existence only this year, has proved very beneficial, and it is to be hoped that the movement now on foot will result in the publication of a really good magazine.

On Monday evening at St. Patrick's Hall the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association gave a variety entertainment of great excellence. The hall was packed, and so successful the entertainment proved that it will be repeated next Monday evening. The Rev. Father Moloney acted as musical director, and to him is due in a great measure the success attained by the performers. Mr. J. Gibbs acted as stage manager and Mr. McKeown acted as secretary. The following was the programme submitted—Overture, March 'Naval Parade,' Rev. Father Moloney; song, 'The sound of the drum,' Mr. J. Flanagan; comic song in costume, 'The special Scotchman,' Mr. J. Dean; recitation, 'The Chariot Race,' Mr. A. Callum; descriptive song, 'The skipper's daughters,' Mr. D. Twohill; fancy club swinging and heavy weight lifting by instructors of Old Boys' Gymnasium, Messrs. J. Doyle and W. H. Jones; grand choruses by the Ethiopian serenaders; chorus, 'The band,' company; and songs by Messrs. R. Whittaker, Dean, D. Jones, E. Gamble, C. Gamble, Harry Evans, J. Flanagan, F. Whittaker and D. Twohill. During an interval the Rev. Father O'Shea presented Mr. J. Doyle with a handsome pipe as a mark of esteem from the members of the association. Mr. Doyle has acted as honorary gymnastic instructor to the association for some time past.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

December 6.

Rev. Father Croke has organised a series of six concerts in his widely scattered parish, and has obtained the services of several lady vocalists from the city for the round trip.

Mr. John Hartwell, who for the last 11 years has been organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral, has sent in his resignation, and at the end of this month he will relinquish his post which he has so long and honorably filled. Mr. Hartwell's retirement will cause regret not only to the choir, but to a large number of the parishoners. His Lordship the Bishop, the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly and the choir are to tender to him a complimentary organ recital and concert.

Commenting on the cabled account of the outbreak of Hooliganism in that unenviable quarter of the Empire's capital—Whitechapel—a writer in the *Herald* says:—The horrible doings of London Hooligans remind me that I read in an English journal recently that modern society shows a tendency to revert to the ideals and manners of savagery. This outbreak of Hooliganism, which appears to be spreading in England, shows that a section of the people, in spite of Board schools, and all other efforts to redeem them, are going back to the conditions of primitive man. The criminal records of recent years, in Australia, New Zealand, and the Old Land, must be very disheartening to those who, a few generations ago, looked upon free, secular, and compulsory education as the cure-all for crime. It looks as if those obstinate people, who all along failed to see how the mere teaching of reading, writing, and arithmetic was going to build up a godly, righteous, and sober nation, will come out on top after all, though it won't give these people much satisfaction to be able to say, 'I told you so,' when the mischief is done.

The complimentary concert tendered by the Catholics of the Sacred Heart parish, Ponsonby, to their deservedly popular pastor, the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., was held in the Opera House last evening, and was a most pronounced success. The building was filled. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, Rev. Fathers Patterson, O'Carroll, Darby, and O'Hara were present. The selections 'La Fete du Hameau' (Bouillon) and 'Waltz Militaire' were rendered by a powerful orchestra under the conductorship of Mr. T. H. Bosworth. The Waiana Quartette were heard to advantage in their part song, and Mr. Arthur Ford's fine tenor voice was well suited to his song, 'The dream angel,' for which he was doubly encored. Madam Casier created a favorable impression, and was in excellent voice. Her numbers were 'A May morning' and 'Love's request.' A feature of the programme was Mr. Frank Clark's contributions. With a trio of humorous character sketches he appealed greatly to the risible faculties of the audience, and was very amusing in an imitation of 'A schoolboy's recitation.' An original sketch, entitled 'A phrenological lecture on the colonial skull,' by Mr. Henry Gray, also evoked great merriment, and another appreciated item was a dance by the Misses Fuller and Feldman, the two little children, attired in nautical costume, acquitting themselves very creditably. Mr. Albert Lucas gave a dramatic recital (in costume) of 'Mark Anthony's Oration.' Other successful items were as follows:—Song, 'A summer night,' Miss Annie Taylor; mandoline solo, 'Alice,' Mr. A. A. Partridge; song, 'The deathless army,' Mr. Wilfrid Manning; and humorous song, 'The baby on the shore,' by Dr. Egan. Mr. Alf. Bartley efficiently performed the duties of accompanist, and gave general satisfaction. The proceeds of the concert are to be devoted to the improvement of Dr. Egan's presbytery.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly opened the hospital bazaar at the Thames, having gone down at the special request of the committee to perform the ceremony. In the course of his speech on the occasion Monsignor O'Reilly said he had been requested by the ladies of the Hospital Bazaar Committee to come and declare the bazaar open, a duty which he had very much pleasure in fulfilling, and he would take the opportunity to thank them for this high honor. Although for the last few months he had left the Thames, he was glad to see that he was not forgotten, and that the little he had been able to do in connection with the hospital had been made a mountain of by them. He was very pleased to be among them on this occasion. It was not through his own wish that he did not permanently reside among them almost immediately. Referring to the object of the bazaar, Monsignor O'Reilly said that the old hospital was now a thing of the past. It had done very good work in its day, but it was no longer fitted for the requirements of a place like the Thames, a better hospital was necessary, and the Trustees had called on the people to assist this good and necessary work. The

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