

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, who is now making a visitation to this part of the Archdiocese, celebrated the first Mass at St. Canice's Church yesterday morning. A very large number of children (including 40 first communicants), who were candidates for Confirmation, approached the Holy Table.

At the 11 o'clock Mass the Ven. Archpriest Walshe was the celebrant, his Grace the Archbishop being present in the sanctuary. After Mass his Grace gave a clear, forcible, and very instructive address on the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children about to be confirmed. His Grace then administered the Sacrament to 110 children, the girls, attired in white dresses with wreaths and veils, to match, presented a pleasing and most edifying sight, while the boys were conspicuous in their neat white sashes. Mfs. Simon stood sponsor for the girls, and Mr. H. McConnell for the boys.

After Confirmation his Grace made a powerful and eloquent appeal to the congregation to contribute generously to the building fund of the beautiful new convent of the Sisters of Mercy. The Archbishop made special reference to the great sacrifices made by the devoted ladies in the cause of education, and here it may be stated that at the recent examination conducted by the Inspector of Schools, that gentleman paid a very high tribute of appreciation to the work done in the Sisters' school at Westport.

In the evening his Grace preached an eloquent and scholarly discourse on prayer, and also gave Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. The Rev. Father Malloy recited the rosary, and gave out the hymns for congregational singing. Considering the inclement weather that prevailed the congregations both morning and evening were exceptionally large.

His Grace, accompanied by the Rev. Father Malloy, left Westport for Addison's Flat on Monday afternoon, for the purpose of holding a Confirmation service on Tuesday. During the present week the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in Charleston and Denniston, and on Sunday next his Grace will visit Miller-ton to solemnly bless and dedicate the new Catholic church recently erected in that township.

Next Thursday afternoon his Grace will perform the ceremony of blessing the beautiful new convent of the Sisters of Mercy. A number of visiting clergy will assist at the ceremony.

Though somewhat aged in appearance since his last visit to the Coast, his Grace retains those exceptional gifts of oratory which have made his name famed in other lands, and that magnetic charm of manner combined with earnestness and rare eloquence are still prominent characteristics of the distinguished Prelate who is now visiting this portion of his extensive archdiocese.

## DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 28.

Mr. Albert Muller, has been appointed choir-master at the Church of the Holy Name, Ashburton, in place of Mr. H. McSherry, who recently resigned owing to his departure from the district.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes visited Hawarden on Tuesday, and later on in the week was, with the Rev. Father Price, at Hanmer in the interests of Church extension.

Another old Catholic resident of Canterbury, Mrs. Mary Ann O'Shaughnessy, wife of Mr. W. O'Shaughnessy, who had lived over thirty years in the Springfield district, passed away in Christchurch last Sunday evening. The deceased lady was at the time of her death aged 70 years, and on Wednesday last was laid to rest in the Springfield cemetery.—R.I.P.

The latest Union to be registered under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act is that of 'Canterbury Domestic Helps,' admitting to membership cooks, housemaids, parlormaid, and general servants. Among the objects of the society according to the rules are 'to counteract influences that may be working against its members' interests, to initiate reforms, to sweep away abuses, to enable members to fill their positions with comfort to themselves and advantage to their employers, and to watch over and guard the interests of its members whenever they may be assailed.'

Definite arrangements appear to have been arrived at in regard to the Antarctic Expedition for the relief of the 'Discovery.' According to instructions received by the chief officer of the 'Morning' from the Admiralty he must be prepared to leave Lyttelton with his vessel in time to reach Hobart by November 15. The 'Morning,' together with the 'Terra Nova,' will depart from that port as near as possible to December 1. The 'Morning' is not to do any exploration, but both relief vessels will go to the 'Discovery.' They will keep company if practicable, and if one is not able to go on the other is to continue the voyage. It is proposed that all three

vessels should return to Lyttelton together if all goes well. If the 'Discovery' cannot be released from the ice she will be abandoned and the ship's company taken on the relief ships.

The new Catholic school building at Addington is expected to be taken in hand by the workmen almost immediately. It is to cover an area of 68 feet by 45 feet, with a class room 40 feet by 25 feet, and a second 25 feet by 25 feet, 2 children's cloak rooms, each 10 feet by 8 feet, and another of like dimensions for the teachers. At the front entrance there will be a porch 8 feet by 6 feet, whilst at the back, with a northern aspect, there is a verandah 31 feet 6 inches by 9 feet. The building, commodious and well lighted, will be substantially constructed of brick with Oamaru stone facings and provided with all modern conveniences. It is to be situated on the plot of ground adjoining the church, and estimated to cost between £600 and £700. When completed it will prove a decided acquisition to the locality and a boon to both teachers (the Sisters of the Missions) and children.

The bottle picked up on the coast of the southern part of this island, containing a message from the Bishop and party who were then long overdue, on the 'Jane Douglas,' whilst visiting Jackson's Bay over two years ago, was, it is said, doubtless written by him when so much anxiety was felt. Some of the names, however, as deciphered for publication in various papers, are obviously incorrect. That, for instance, to whom the message was addressed was correctly Father Bogue, the others should read Father Le Petit and Father Malone. Sad to relate, two of the three have since the memorable occasion passed to the majority. This message from the deep will, after such stormy wanderings, prove of interest and worth preserving, and appropriately find its way to the collection of curiosities in the museum at the episcopal residence at Barbadoes street.

## DIocese OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

September 24.

A general meeting of the Catholic community is to be held in the Marist Brothers' schoolroom, Pitt street, tomorrow evening to consider what steps should be taken to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the consecration of his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan. The anniversary falls on Sunday, November 15. I have no doubt that the outcome of the meeting will be one of unanimity to make the occasion worthy in every sense of our popular Bishop.

The Rev. Father Purton, O.S.B., was very ill last week, suffering from bronchial trouble, and his condition caused grave anxiety to his numerous friends, but at the time of writing he had greatly improved, and it is to be hoped that he may continue to do so.

Last Sunday at St. Benedict's there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the afternoon and evening. In the evening a duet, 'Ecce Panis,' was sung by the Misses Casey. Mr. A. B. Reynolds conducted, and Mr. H. Lamb presided at the organ. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Meagher.

The Sisters of Mercy are inviting their old pupils to attend a reunion at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, tomorrow afternoon.

The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society intends to have a stall at the forthcoming bazaar of the Sisters of Mercy. On Wednesday evening a meeting of members of the male and female branches was held, when the matter was discussed and plans formulated in connection with the stall.

Two new priests for this diocese, Rev. Fathers McMillan and Lynch, may soon be expected from Europe in Auckland.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St. Joseph were successful in passing the practical examination under the auspices of Trinity College, London, last week:—Senior division.—Honors—Rita O'Sullivan (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), Alda Ralph (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby). Senior division.—Pass—Janie Amodeo (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), Gertrude Bray (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), Ellen Brown (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), singing, Josephine Kenealy (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby). Intermediate division.—Honors—Flora Gordon (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), singing, Eileen Kenealy (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby). Intermediate division.—Pass—Eileen Cullen (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), Katie Mahoney (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), Jessie Smith (St. Patrick's Convent), Mary Joseph (St. Joseph's school, Surrey Hills). Junior division.—Pass—Mary Kelly (Convent High school, Thames), Elsie McGuire (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), Emily B. Robertson (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), Norah Webb (St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby), Myrtle Reardon (Convent High school, Thames); singing, George H. Woolley (St.