

(Dunedin). The meeting lasted all day and did not conclude until the evening. A large amount of business was transacted. A full report of the meeting will be forwarded later.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 1.

Accompanying the Rev. Mother Xavier by the Moeraki to Sydney last week was a young postulant, the first from the diocese to enter the Order of the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary since it was established in the Dominion.

His Lordship the Bishop and the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., were passengers on last Thursday by the Moeraki for Sydney. The Rev. Mother Xavier and accompanying Sisters returned by the same steamer to Sydney, after completing arrangements for the building extensions in connection with Lewisham Hospital.

In the patriotic sports held in Lancaster Park last Saturday, there were big entries for the primary schools' 100yds and 880yds championships. The 880yds race was won by G. Getson (Marist Brothers) in 2min 29sec, L. Neilson (Marist) being third. The 100yds race was won by Locke (Addington), E. Sloane (Marist Brothers) being second.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College, held last week, a letter was received from his Lordship Bishop Grimes applying for three months' leave of absence. On the motion of the chairman the application was granted, and, on the suggestion of Bishop Julius, it was decided to convey an expression of the board's sympathy to Bishop Grimes in his illness.

In the inter-club tennis competition Catholic Cathedral played South Christchurch on the Cathedral courts, the home team winning by 20 games. Following are the scores, Cathedral players being mentioned first: Singles—Williams beat Potter, 9-4; O'Connell beat Hurburt, 9-3; Cahill beat Fee, 9-7; O'Connor beat Gallagher, 9-8. Doubles—Williams and Cahill beat Potter and Hurburt, 9-8; O'Connell and O'Connor beat Fee and Gallagher, 9-5. Totals: Catholic Cathedral 55 games, South Christchurch 35.

On last Wednesday evening, in the Darfield Convent Schoolroom, a farewell social was rendered to the Rev. Father Fanning, M.S.H., on the eve of his departure for Port Darwin. Father Fanning has had charge of the parish for over six years, and during that time, while capably carrying out his spiritual duties, he has made many friends amongst all members of the community. Mr. J. O. Redfern presided, and after musical items had been given Mr. C. Narbey presented the guest with an illuminated address, and Mr. G. Witty, M.P., on behalf of the parishioners, presented him with a purse of sovereigns. Opportunity was also taken to extend a welcome to the new parish priests, the Rev. Father Graham, M.S.H., and the Rev. Father Bridgwood, M.S.H.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 1.

Mr. Maurice Roach leaves Timaru this week to take over the Mandeville Hotel.

During the week the nuns of the Sacred Heart here received a cable message announcing that at a general council, held in Rome, Rev. Mother de Loc, who had for many years been Superior of the convent in that city, had been appointed Superior-General of the Order.

In the girls' school on Sunday afternoon, the ladies of St. Anne's Guild held their monthly meeting. After the usual routine business had been completed a ballot was taken, and Mrs. Mangos and Mrs. King were appointed the guild's representatives on the committee of the Catholic Federation.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

March 1.

Rev. Father Farragher addressed the last meeting of the Holy Family Confraternity on the 'Irish Educational System.'

The next Mayoral and City Council elections in Auckland will probably, owing to recent additions to the city, be the biggest municipal contest yet held in this Dominion.

His Lordship the Bishop leaves this week on an extended visitation of the southern portion of the diocese. He commences at Thames, and then goes to Paeroa, Waihi, Matata, Opotiki, returning to Auckland in time for Holy Week.

Rev. Father Golden is to enjoy a well-earned holiday at the conclusion of which he will take up chaplaincy work. Rev. Father O'Malley, assistant priest at Ponsonby, takes charge of the Ormond parish. He leaves at the end of this week for his new sphere of duties.

On Sunday his Lordship the Bishop blessed and opened a new church at Kumeu. Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., who has charge of this district, was present at the ceremony. Rev. Father Kelly said Mass, and his Lordship preached an impressive sermon. Among the congregation was a large number of Dalmanians.

The following changes have taken place among the diocesan clergy: Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., has been transferred from the Cathedral to the charge of the Parnell parish, which the Rev. Father Patterson relinquishes owing to ill health. Rev. Father Cahill goes from Ponsonby to the charge of the Cathedral parish. Rev. Father Murphy, of Cambridge, takes over the charge of Ponsonby, and Rev. Father Carran, of Ormond, fills Father Murphy's position at Cambridge.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., has just concluded missions at Tauranga and Teapuke, and is now engaged giving a retreat to the students of the Sacred Heart College, Richmond road. Father O'Sullivan was greatly impressed with the prospects of Tauranga and the surrounding district, which came to him as a surprise. He preached a Lenten sermon at the Cathedral on Sunday evening.

Sincere regret was felt here on receipt of the sad news of the death of Mr. B. O'Brien, which occurred at his parents' residence, Waverley, whither he went on a holiday visit. As a member of the Marist Old Boys' Club, and a prominent member of the Marist Brothers' Football Club he was well known and deservedly popular for his kindly and gentlemanly demeanour at all times. He was an operator at the Auckland Telegraph Office. Rev. Father Cahill at the Masses in the Ponsonby parish, to which Mr. O'Brien belonged, spoke feelingly of the deceased, who was a fervent Catholic. He asked the congregation to pray for the repose of his soul. Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie spoke in similar terms at the Cathedral.—R.I.P.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES HARDIMAN, RIVERSDALE.

Mr James Hardiman, of Pyramid, Riversdale, passed away on February 13, after a short but severe illness, borne with Christian fortitude. He was a settler for over thirty years in the district, was an exemplary Christian, who was always a ready and willing supporter of everything that was for the welfare of the Church. He leaves a wife and four children—two sons and two daughters—to mourn their loss. He was born in County Galway, and came to New Zealand when a young man, and was therefore one of the early pioneers. The burial took place at Invercargill, Rev. Father H. Woods reading the prayers at the graveside.—R.I.P.