

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 26.

The Rev. Mother Clare, Mother-General of the Sisters of Nazareth, is at present on a visit to Nazareth House, Christchurch.

The Rugby football season was opened on last Saturday for the Union matches. Marist Old Boys and Sydenham played a drawn game, each side scoring six points.

Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

April 21.

On Friday evening last Mr. H. Pain, who has joined the Expeditionary Force, was entertained by the members of St. Canice's Football Club, and presented with a suitable token, as a memento of the esteem in which he was held by his clubmates. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Radford.

Since it became known that the Ven. Archpriest Walshe had received from the Holy Father the title of Monsignor, messages from all quarters, congratulating him on the high dignity conferred, have been received. During the past week, the children of St. Canice's School presented an address to the Right Rev. Monsignor, during a concert organised in honor of the occasion. The following programme was submitted: Vocal duet, Misses B. Doyle and N. Crabb; address, read and presented by Master P. Carmine; 'Dance of the dragon flies,' Miss Taylor; chorus, 'Night, stilly night,' pupils; vocal solo, Miss B. Doyle; vocal solo with action, Miss Taylor; vocal solo, Miss Crabb; vocal solo, Miss D. Moroney; quartet, Misses Parsons, Doyle, Crabb, and Moroney.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

April 26.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday from the last Mass until after Vespers.

On viewing the grounds of the Sacred Heart College on Saturday afternoon, I was gratified to see the large number of youths who were engaged in football practice, and, above all, to see the Brothers taking such a keen interest in the proceedings.

The half-yearly general meeting of St. Benedict's Catholic Club was held on Sunday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of members. Reports were received from the delegates, who attended the annual conference of the Federated Clubs at Timaru at Easter. Several new members were elected. The election of officers for the new term resulted as follows:—Patron, Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G.; president, Mr. L. O'Malley; vice-president, Mr. F. G. J. Temm; secretary, Mr. L. Hodgson; assistant-secretary, Mr. W. Heighton; treasurer, Mr. R. H. Owens; librarian, Mr. F. Foreman; custodian, Mr. D. Slade; deputy-custodian, Mr. R. Early.

The mission at the Cathedral is now in its third and last week. The attendances every morning and evening have kept up marvellously. On Sunday morning four hundred men received Holy Communion. These consisted of the members of the Hibernian Society, the Confraternity of the Holy Family, and men of the parish, who sang appropriate hymns during Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Kelly, C.S.S.R. It was a most edifying sight to see so many men approach the Holy Table, and also the large contingent of juvenile Hibernians who attended the children's mission, which was brought to a close in the afternoon. In the evening the church was crowded, when Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R., preached a fine sermon on the sin of scandal and its evil and far-reaching effects. The success of the mission is largely due to the work of the missionaries in visiting all parts of the parish and inducing negligent Catholics to attend the exercises of the mission. On next Sunday a general Communion of the parishioners takes place.

Huntly

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

April 26.

A social in aid of the convent schools will be held at Taupiri on May 27.

The sodality of the Children of Mary held their monthly meeting last Sunday.

Rev. Father O'Doherty proceeded to Waerenga and Taniwha last week, where he celebrated Mass. A large number of people attended, and many received Holy Communion.

Owing to the steady increase of the congregation, the capacity of the church is being greatly taxed, and the necessity of providing increased accommodation may shortly have to be considered by the parishioners.

The first Hibernian social to be held in the parish will take place in the Miners' Hall to-night, and,

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