

College and Novitiate which it is proposed to establish in New Zealand. Suitable land has been acquired in the Taranaki District (Inglewood). Owing to the New Zealand Brothers of the Order being given House Rule instead of being ruled by Australia, the Brothers required to satisfy New Zealand needs must be supplied from the Dominion, and this cannot be done unless the Training College and Novitiate is established. The New Zealand schools are at present seriously understaffed, and Catholics, if they desire their boys to be taught in the future by Marist Brothers must make some sacrifice to assist them to supply, and train young men gifted with the vocation, for the great and noble work of Catholic education.

Mr. E. P. Bunny, solicitor, of Wellington, has gone to Auckland to meet his son, Gunner Athol Bunny, who returned by the hospital ship Maheno, and was reported dangerously ill, suffering from nephritis. Latest reports are of a somewhat encouraging nature. Gunner Bunny, who left with the 26th Reinforcements, N.Z.F.A., is an ex-student of St. Patrick's College, and is about 22 years of age.

Constable Patrick Minogue, who died at Palmerston North last week, joined the force on January 24, 1879, when he was a member of the Armed Constabulary, and had thus been in the service for 40 years at the time of his death, being due to retire on superannuation next June. The deceased officer was both popular and highly respected in the force and among all those who knew him. At the time of the epidemic, he was stricken by the influenza, and he had never quite recovered from the effects of his illness. He leaves a widow, five sons, and two daughters. The sons are: The Rev. P. J. Minogue, late of the New Zealand Forces, at present stationed at Taihape; Mr. William J. Minogue, of the New Zealand Railways, Wellington; Mr. Joe Minogue, of the Postal Department, Wellington; Mr. Dan Minogue, of the College Street teaching staff; Sister Mary Paul, of St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, is one of the daughters. R.I.P.

Easter Sunday was celebrated with great solemnity at St. Gerard's Church. The early Masses were all well attended, and large numbers approached the Holy Table. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. by the Very Rev. Rector, Father Whelan, C.S.S.R., assisted by Father Mangan (deacon) and Father Langley (sub-deacon). The choir, under the direction of Mr. Frank Oakes, sang Van Bree's Mass No. 2, Tozer's "Proper," and Hammerell's "Terra Tremuit" at the Offertory. The singing was very devotional. After Mass the members of the choir were entertained at the Monastery by the Rector, who, in a happy speech congratulated them on their very fine efforts. He said that the community of St. Gerard's owed much to them, and he expressed his thanks for their attendances during the Holy Week services. The Tenebrae music as interpreted by the choir, including the Responses, the Benedictus, and Miserere each evening, and the Masses on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday were assisted at by the choir in a most acceptable manner. He appreciated their work given so unselfishly in the praise of God. After the Rosary in the evening, the choir sang the "Regina Celi" (Witakar), "Panis Angelicus" (Palestrina), "Terra Tremuit," "O Salutaris" (Holloway), and "Adoremus" (Allegri). Father Mangan, C.S.S.R., preached.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

April 24.

Father Bleakley, who has been attached as chaplain to the hospital ship Maheno, during her last two voyages, has returned to Auckland, and will shortly resume his ordinary duties.

The third annual conference of the Auckland Catholic Teachers' Institute, which commenced its sessions on Tuesday last at St. Mary's Convent, was attended by nearly 150 teachers, some of whom came

from as far south as Canterbury. Father Bradley, diocesan examiner in religious doctrine, read a paper on "Modern Methods of Teaching Religion." An interesting discussion followed, the unanimous opinion being that the rev. lecturer had treated his subject in a masterly manner. The afternoon was devoted to sectional meetings, at which the subjects, of religion, writing, arithmetic, and English were dealt with. On Wednesday morning the conference assembled at the Sacred Heart Convent, Remuera, when a paper on "Psychology and the Child" was read by a Sister of the Missions. In the interesting discussion that followed, the speakers warmly praised the simplicity of the language used, and the excellent examples given. The second sectional meeting was held at St. Benedict's School in the afternoon, nature study, geography, health, and drawing being the subjects of discussion. The conference concluded its sessions at St. Mary's Convent this afternoon.

The Lourdes Bazaar was opened in the Town Hall Concert Chamber by the Very Rev. Dean Cahill on Saturday afternoon last. In prefacing his remarks, the Dean apologised for the absence of his Lordship Bishop Cleary, who at the last moment was prevented, through indisposition, from being present to perform the opening ceremony. The speaker referred to the excellent cause for which the bazaar was being held, and complimented the organisers on their efforts. One of the chief attractions of the bazaar is the showing each evening of a series of tableaux, depicting scenes that have occurred in connection with the miracles of Lourdes. The grouping of the figures, and the arrangement of the tableaux were excellently managed, the scenes being really beautiful. Trained choirs of school children rendered music appropriate to the sacred nature of the tableaux. The various stalls, with an excellent assortment of fancy work and art novelties, have been doing good business during the week. The stalls are in charges of the following ladies:—Mesdames Kiely, White, Foley, Baukham, Monahan, and Misses Stewart and Mulvihill.

The M.B.O.B. have a team entered this year for the competitions held under the auspices of the Auckland Rugby League.

The rather dull weather which prevailed on Easter Monday did not in any way deter the members of St. Patrick's Sodality of the Children of Mary and of the Guard of Honor Society, from participating in their annual combined picnic. A most enjoyable day was spent at the orphanage at Takapuna. Fathers Golden, Buckley, Colgan, and O'Byrne were among those present. The programme of events, and refreshment arrangements, were carried through without a hitch, and much credit is due to those responsible for the success of the outing. The members were afforded many opportunities in the way of races, etc., to assert their athletic qualities, and a very pleasant day was terminated by Father O'Byrne presenting prizes to the winners, after which he expressed the thanks and appreciation of all to the good Sisters of Mercy at the orphanage for their hospitality and kind assistance in making the day such a successful one.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 28.

The plans for the new girls' schools in connection with the Cathedral parish, having being approved of, tenders are now being called for the erection of the buildings. With a view to raising funds towards the cost it was thought that some function should be organised in the immediate future, and a special meeting was held at the Bishop's House on Sunday last to consider the proposal. Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., presided. It was decided to promote a fortnight's bazaar in the Coliseum, commencing with Grand National Week, and a general committee was appointed, with Mr. T. Cahill as secretary, to report on next Sunday.

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