

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, PONSONBY, AUCKLAND.

Very Rev. P. Whelan, C.S.S.R., will conduct the retreat for the boarders at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, commencing on Saturday, July 5 (writes an esteemed correspondent under date July 1). The Sisters of Mercy concluded their annual retreat of three days on Monday, June 30. On Sunday, June 29, a formal consecration to the Sacred Heart of the Sisters and inmates took place at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, when the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, Bishop of Christchurch, delivered a very impressive discourse on the subject.

The celebration of the silver jubilee of Sister M. Cuthbert Duggan and of S.M. Nicephorus O'Sullivan took place on Monday, June 30. The community Mass was celebrated by Bishop Brodie at 7 a.m., the renewal of vows taking place during it. The jubilee Mass was then celebrated by Father Bradley. The convent choir sang the different parts of the Mass, the "Jubilate in Aeternum" being particularly noticeable. The boarders gave an entertainment to the Sisters in the afternoon, and the proceedings terminated with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

July 5.

Great progress is being made with the new school for girls, in connection with St. Joseph's parish, and the buildings are now nearly completed. It is expected that the school will be ready for opening at the end of the month, when the midwinter vacation ends.

The special committee appointed by the Dominion Executive of the N.Z. Catholic Federation to deal with the education question met on last Tuesday evening and decided upon a plan of campaign, subject to the approval of the Dominion Council and the hierarchy.

A very successful social, in aid of the Catholic Girls' Hostel, was held at the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on last Thursday evening. There was a large attendance. The social was most enjoyable, and the greatest credit is due to the ladies who organised it, under the capable direction of Mesdames M. Gleeson and J. J. L. Burke.

The following letter has been received by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea from Miss Anita McCarthy, hon. secretary of the *Universe* Soldiers' Lourdes Pilgrimages, acknowledging receipt of the donation of £50 sent from the Catholic Field Service Fund:—"On behalf of Mr. Melvin (treasurer) and the committee of the Sol-

diers' Lourdes Fund I beg to thank you for the generous donation of £50 received by cable from you on Easter Saturday. The money arrived most opportunely, as we have had an exceptional demand for tickets for the pilgrimage for the past fortnight. Indeed, all available tickets had been given out when your splendid subscription came to hand. I can assure your Grace, and all those who may have identified themselves with you in making this donation, that neither your nor their intentions will be forgotten at Our Lady's shrine. P.S.—I enclose post card received recently from a priest who took out a pilgrimage to Lourdes. We had one small, but very edifying, New Zealand pilgrimage, and hope for more. Father Barra, C.F.N.Z., is there now."

Waimate

(From our own correspondent.)

July 2.

On the evening of June 3 a very successful social was held under the auspices of St. Patrick's Club. Those present enjoyed themselves so much that an equally good attendance is expected at the "evenings" which are to be held every fortnight during the ensuing months.

The progressive euchre social held at the club on June 25 was also most successful.

The Waimate Parish Committee of the Catholic Federation met on Sunday, June 21. In choosing the office-bearers for the present year, Mr. M. Lyons was unanimously re-elected secretary. The report of the past year's work showed most satisfactory results, and an equal if not better record is anticipated during the ensuing term.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church on June 24, the contracting parties being Mr. D. Kelly and Miss Hannah Brohan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Brohan, Studholme. The bride was attired in a neat navy blue costume and broad-brimmed hat covered with saxe blue crepe-de-chine. She was attended by her sister, Miss Nellie Brohan, who was also dressed in a navy blue costume.

Self-mastery is a great thing. It is not gained all at once, but by little victories at a time. Every near victory gives fresh strength for greater victories in the future. It is important, therefore, that we practise self-control daily in little things.

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