

His Lordship the Bishop left for Wellington yesterday, and will probably return to Auckland on Saturday.

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by his Lordship Bishop Cleary to sixty-three candidates at Devonport after the last Mass on Sunday last. Fourteen of these were from the Takapuna Boys' Orphanage. There was a large congregation, and his Lordship delivered an instructive address.

A most successful mission at Devonport was brought to a close by Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., on Sunday. The closing sermon was an eloquent discourse on the true Church. Father Hunt commenced a week's mission at Northcote on Sunday.

Rev. Father O'Farrell, who is slightly indisposed, is at present an inmate of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. He hopes to be able to resume parish work about the end of the week.

Letters received from Rev. Father Furlong, who left for Ireland in April, state that he is having a most enjoyable holiday. He was due to reach the Old Country last week.

The first social of the season in connection with the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Club was held in the Choral Hall, and proved a marked success. The proceeds will be devoted to the club's billiard table fund. Mr. R. O'Brien was secretary of the gathering.

Thames

(From our own correspondent.)

June 8.

The Ngatimaru (Ladies') Hockey Club held a very enjoyable social in the Miners' Union Hall on Tuesday. The attendance was satisfactory and the management all that could be desired. The stage was tastefully decorated with the club's colors, being relieved with clusters of lilies, while hockey sticks were also in evidence. The first part of the evening was devoted to vocal and instrumental selections. Overtures ('Banner of victory' and Durand's 'Second valse') were played by Misses Dunbar and Shand, and songs were rendered by Misses Gibson ('Invitation' and 'A rose') and Gill ('Just a song at twilight') and Messrs. Tuckey ('Island of dreams' and 'Queen of the earth'), Collins ('The bugler' and 'The Irish emigrant'), Peterson ('The Romany lass' and 'The veteran's song'), and Bongard ('Good company' and 'Absent'). Dr. Lapraik and Mr. Cooney gave recitations.

New Plymouth

The mission so eloquently and powerfully preached in St. Joseph's Church by the Redemptorist Fathers Creagh and Whelan was brought to a close on Sunday night (says the *Taranaki Daily News*). The results have been highly satisfactory to all. Opened on the 28th of May by a most impressive sermon on the text, 'What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul,' preached by Rev. Father Creagh, the services increased in salutary results and power until the climax was reached on Sunday morning, when at the 7.30 Mass forty children received their First Communion, and altogether over 350 went to the altar rails. After Mass a Volunteer Guard of Honor of the Blessed Sacrament was formed, when over fifty men joined the Guard. During the mission there were about 1100 communicants. The mission was closed at Vespers, when Father Creagh gave the Papal Benediction. The past week will remain a luminous page in the memory of the congregation of St. Joseph's, and all join in gratitude to the Almighty for the favors received and in wishing the missionaries God speed.

THE LATE DEAN GINATY, S.M., V.G.

THE FUNERAL OBSEQUIES

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The loss sustained by the diocese, and indeed by the whole Church in New Zealand, by the death of Dean Ginaty is keenly felt and deeply deplored by the whole community. The loss to his Lordship the Bishop personally is very great. That this is widely understood may be inferred by the fact that great numbers of sympathetic letters and telegrams have reached him since the sad event. Among those from whom telegrams in eloquently expressive terms were received were the following:—His Grace Archbishop Redwood, his Lordship Bishop Verdon, his Lordship Bishop Cleary, the Irish envoys, Hon. D. Buddo, M.P., Mr. G. Witty, M.P., Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan (Auckland), Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R. (Superior, Wellington), Very Rev. Rector and staff of St. Patrick's College (Wellington), Marist Fathers' Ecclesiastical Seminary (Maryvale, Greenmeadows), Sisters of the Sacred Heart (Timaru), the Provincial of the Sisters of St. Joseph (Auckland), Convents at Hokitika, Greymouth, Kumara, Rangiora, Ashburton, Temuka, Wai-

mate, Bendigo, Victoria (Nuns of the Good Shepherd), Nelson, Petone, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. (Dunedin), and priests of the south who were unable to attend the funeral, Very Rev. Dean Carew, S.M. (Greymouth), Rev. Father Clancy, S.M. (Hokitika), Rev. Father Le Petit, S.M. (Albury), clergy of Christchurch diocese, who also attended the funeral, and others unable to be present, Very Rev. Dean Hackett (Paeroa), Very Rev. Dean McKenna (New Plymouth), Very Rev. Dean McKenna (Masterton), Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M. (Hastings), Very Rev. Father Lane (Hutt), Rev. Fathers Hunt, C.S.S.R. (Devonport), W. Goggan, S.M. (Nelson), Hills, S.M. (Blenheim), J. Goggan, S.M. (Te Aro, Wellington), McKenna (Pahiatua), Hickson, S.M., Adm. (Wellington), Holley, S.M., and Moloney, S.M. (Wanganui), Kerley, S.M. (Hastings), O'Connell, S.M. (Marist Missionary, Tasmania), Costello (Palmerston North), McDonnell, S.M., and O'Connor, S.M. (Napier), Le Pretre, S.M. (Wairoa), and O'Dwyer, president of the H.A.C.B. Society (Wellington), president of the H.A.C.B. Society (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McCarthy (Wellington), Mr. M. Kennedy and family (Wellington), and many others. Letters of condolence were received from the Sisters of Nazareth (Christchurch), Catholic Club, St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society (Christchurch), Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association, Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Particular Council, Christchurch), Mr. T. H. Davey, M.P., Mr. T. Archey (Director Burnham Industrial School), Messrs. Taylor and Oakleyq, J. W. Smith, T. Brown, E. O'Connor, and many others.

The late Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., was born seventy-six years ago (November 14, 1835) near Dundalk, Ireland. In youth and early manhood he received a commercial training, which was reflected in his shrewd and business-like methods in after life. He studied for the ecclesiastical state mainly at the great Marist Missionary College of Dundalk, and made his profession in the Society of Mary on December 8, 1865, shortly after attaining his thirtieth birthday. He spent some time in England and France, and joined the mission in New Zealand in 1877, when he was appointed to Christchurch, where he acted as missionary rector for many years afterwards, being succeeded, shortly before the arrival of the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes as first Bishop of Christchurch, by the Very Rev. Father (now Dean) Smyth, S.M., the present rector of Maryvale Seminary, Greenmeadows. Endowed with an iron constitution and immense energy, Father Ginaty set to work with a zeal that characterised his every action through life. Besides the works accomplished as previously mentioned, he enlarged and decorated the then parish church, supplied beautiful stained glass windows that are now objects of admiration in the Cathedral, and furnished it with sanctuary requirements, vestments, etc., in so complete a manner that for long years it was recognised as the best equipped church in the Dominion. He rebuilt and enlarged the parochial schools, and established St. Leo's High School for the higher education of boys which, under competent teachers, flourished for many years. Undoubtedly the greatest of all his achievements was that of establishing the Mount Magdala Magdalen Asylum—a noble and enduring charity to which may be fittingly applied the words used by Father Ginaty himself, 'If there be a labor more divine I for one know it not.' The foundation stone of this institution was laid by Cardinal Moran on February 18, 1886, and it was opened by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes on July 22, 1888. The late Dean Ginaty was located at Mount Magdala as manager and chaplain for many years, succeeding the Rev. Father Goutenoire, S.M., as chaplain. About two years ago, on the death of Rev. Father Marnane, he accepted the pastorate of St. Mary's, Christchurch, and was appointed Vicar-general in succession to the late Ven. Archbishop Le Menant des Cheneais, S.M., filling both positions with conspicuous ability and success until his death. He was the first person to meet and greet his Lordship Bishop Grimes on the latter's arrival in New Zealand. Both were very old acquaintances and friends, having met previously at various times in Ireland, England, France, and elsewhere.

THE FUNERAL.

Prior to the funeral procession leaving St. Mary's, Manchester Street North, Masses of Requiem were celebrated, and a special service conducted in St. Mary's Church. At half past 9 o'clock the cortege proceeded to the Cathedral, members of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society being pall-bearers. At the Cathedral a large gathering awaited, and double rows of the convent pupils and other children of the Catholic schools formed an avenue from the street to the Cathedral entrance, through which the coffin was borne, and the remains were received at the main entrance by his Lordship the Bishop and attendant clergy, and placed on the catafalque immediately in front of the sanctuary. Chopin's 'Funeral March' being meanwhile played by Mr. A. W. Bunz (organist). On the coffin were placed the chalice and the Dean's cape and biretta.

The office for the Dead having been sung by the choir of clergy, the solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass was commenced at 10 o'clock in the presence of a very large congregation. The celebrant of the Mass was his Lordship Bishop Grimes, with Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Provincial, as assistant priest; Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., of South Wellington, and the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, of Ashburton, two former curates of Dean Ginaty when he was missionary rector of Christchurch, assistant priests at the Throne; Rev. Fathers Hoare, S.M., and Dignan, S.M., curates of the late Dean, deacon and sub-