

The church is 35 feet x 20 feet, and it will supply the needs of Henderson for a few years to come.

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

August 7.

The usual monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place from the last Mass until Vespers at the Cathedral yesterday. In the evening there was the usual procession, followed by Benediction.

The Rev. Mother of the Sacred Heart Convent, Remuera, has so far recovered that she was able to leave her room yesterday, and her numerous friends are delighted at the good news.

Rev. Brother Clement, Superior of the Marist College, Ponsonby, is still in Mater Misericordiae Hospital. He is making good progress towards recovery, and it is expected he may soon leave the institution.

Rev. Father Forde, of Propaganda College, was ordained in Rome last June for the Auckland diocese. After touring the Continent he intends to spend a few days in London with Rev. Father Furlong, and then proceeds to Ireland. Rev. Father Forde and two young priests from Carlow College will leave London next month for Auckland.

Rev. Father Holbrook, at the Cathedral last evening, preached on the great necessity of reading good literature. He condemned many of the books, magazines, and papers which found their way into too many Catholic homes. Their presence was like poison, which should be avoided, because the soul and mind were injured by them. Though the press of the Dominion, with some exceptions, was commendable, yet it was not to be considered as an infallible guide in matters of philosophy and Christian morals. Whenever a Catholic stated that there was something in the attacks made upon the Church you may rest assured that his faith was unsound. The rev. preacher exhorted the congregation to read Catholic authors, the publications of the Catholic Truth Society, and the Catholic newspapers.

### Remuera

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A women's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is about to be established in connection with the Remuera parish.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary will make his visitation of the parish on Sunday next, and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of children and some adult converts.

The quarterly general meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held in SS. Michael and George's Schoolroom, Remuera, on Sunday evening last. There were about one hundred members present. Rev. Father Doyle occupied the chair. Quarterly reports were handed in from the various branches of the society, all of which showed a marked increase in charitable works and membership. Interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Fathers Wright, Holbrook, Smiers, and Messrs. T. Mahoney and C. Little. The meeting was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by Rev. Father Doyle.

A progressive euchre party and social in aid of the Remuera Catholic Church was held in St. Benedict's Hall on Thursday night last, and, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, was a brilliant success, socially and financially. Misses Jones, Green, Finerty, Levien, Hobson, Bannon, and Messrs. Grey, Melican, Newport, Duggan, McEntee, and Wright were amongst the energetic workers who so materially helped to make the entertainment a success. The euchre tournament attracted some hundred players. After the prizes were handed over to the successful competitors, refreshments were served by members of the ladies' committee. The secretarial arrangements were in the hands of Mr. F. Grey.

### Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

August 7.

The annual smoke concert of the Athletic Football Club was held on Saturday evening, August 5. The president (Mr. G. W. Woods) was in the chair, and there was a large attendance. During the evening several congratulatory speeches were made with reference to the improved form displayed by the team this year, and it was generally considered that should the present team keep together they would have a very fine chance of winning the championship next season.

The usual weekly meeting of the Invercargill Catholic Club was held in the clubrooms on Tuesday evening, August 1, when the subject for the evening was a debate on 'Women's Suffrage.' The affirmative side was supported by Messrs. A. Kearney, F. Shepherd, and P. Eccles, whilst Messrs. M. Timpany, J. O'Brien, and T. Pound supported the negative. The speeches of the various speakers showed that the subject had been closely studied, and an interesting debate ensued. The Rev. Father Kavanagh (president) acted as judge, and in giving his decision in favor of the negative side, complimented the members on their fine showing.

### GOLDEN JUBILEE OF REV. FATHER BELI, S.M.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The golden jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Father Charles Bell, S.M., chaplain to the Magdalen Asylum, Mount Magdala, was celebrated there on last Thursday, August 3. Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the Convent Chapel by the venerable jubilarian, Rev. Father Tubman, S.M., (Timaru) being deacon, and the Rev. Father Daull, S.M.A. (Lyttelton), subdeacon. There were also present the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton), Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., Rev. Fathers Hyland (Rangiora), Richards (Hawarden), Hoare, S.M., and Dignan, S.M. (St. Mary's Christchurch North), Quinn, S.M. (St. Bede's College), Drohan, M.S.H. (Darfield), McDonnell and Hanrahan (Cathedral). A sermon, relative to the sacred office of the priesthood, was preached by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. After Mass the party were entertained by the children, who produced most artistically and greatly to the enjoyment of all 'The Challenge,' a play by the Rev. Father Kelly, S.J.

At dinner the venerable jubilarian received the congratulations of all his fellow priests who were present, and through them of those who were absent. The toast of Rev. Father Bell, with hopes of many more years of usefulness in the sacred ministry, was proposed by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, and duly honored. The Rev. Father Bell responded. Among gifts received by Father Bell in honor of the auspicious occasion, was a beautiful set of Breviaries from the priests and congregation of Napier, where he labored for some years.

The Rev. Father Bell was born on June 27, 1836, and is thus in his 76th year. He was educated in England at Sedgely Park (a college now non-existent) and at St. Edmund's College, Ware, and fifty years ago (in 1861) was ordained to the priesthood by his Eminence the late Cardinal Wiseman, whose Cathedral Church at the time was St. Mary's, Moorfields, London. He was professed in the Society of Mary on July 2, 1890, prior to which as a secular priest he worked in the archdiocese of Westminster. On the return of his Lordship Bishop Grimes to New Zealand from one of his early visits to Europe, he was accompanied by Father Bell, who for some years afterwards was on the staff of the Cathedral clergy. This was during the tenure of office of as Vicar General, and Administrator of Christchurch of the late Very Rev. Father Cummings, S.M. Whilst at Barbadoes street, Father Bell greatly endeared himself to the congregation, the young