

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 4.

The annual collection in aid of the funds of the Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be made in the Cathedral on Sunday next. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., will make the occasional appeal at the 11 o'clock Mass.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral on Sunday last from the 11 o'clock Mass. A fine discourse from the text, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' was given by the Rev. Father Leen to a crowded congregation. There was the usual procession in which the St. Augustine division of the Arch-Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament took part, followed by Solemn Benediction.

Five Marist Brothers' Old Boys of Auckland are included in the inter-provincial Rugby Union representative team, three of whom played in the match against Canterbury on Saturday last, in which the local representatives were defeated by 6 points to 3. The visitors were met by members of the Christchurch Old Boys' Association, and suitably entertained in their rooms by the executive committee. Mr. F. Herring, an Auckland Marist Old Boy, is vice-captain of the visiting team.

From the Sydney *Daily Telegraph* I extract a few particulars of his Lordship Bishop Grimes' recent journeyings. Since he left here on July 12 'calls were made at Nukualofa, Haapai, and Vavau in the Tongan group, thence the Bishop voyaged to Apia, in Samoa, and subsequently to Levuka and Suva, in Fiji. While in Apia his Lordship paid a visit to ex-King Mataafa, whom he found in a cheerful and thriving condition. The sad news of the death of Cardinal Moran caused the Bishop great surprise and grief. Whilst in Sydney, where he reached on August 22—accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, assistant priest of Christchurch Cathedral, and a former student of Manly Ecclesiastical College—the Bishop will be a guest of the Marist Fathers at St. Patrick's presbytery.'

In "Current Topics" in last Saturday's *Lyttelton Times*, the substance of an interview with the Bishop in Sydney is given from an exchange, as follows:—'Bishop Grimes, who arrived in Sydney last week after visiting Fiji, was interviewed by a representative of the *Sun*, and sketched the impressions he had gathered during his stay in the Crown colony. His Lordship had not seen Fiji for seventeen years, and he found the study of the existing conditions intensely interesting. "Fiji will never be a white man's country," he declared, but he hastened to explain that he did not mean to imply that no progress had been made. "Everywhere," he said, "I saw evidence of advancement. The zeal of the Marist Fathers is beyond admiration. Isolated from all social intercourse, they live entirely among the natives, educating and clothing them, and instructing them in agriculture. In the building of churches and residences they are experts. They are their own architects, clerks of works and builders. The churches of Suva would not disgrace a modern city." The Bishop went on to speak of the prospects of the colony. He said that the Fijians would not work because work was almost unnecessary. Their wants were few, and the food they required was supplied in abundance by nature. They were content to potter about their little plots of land without attempting any hard work. His Lordship evidently was interested in the great influx of Indian coolies, who supply the labor that is required in the plantations. "The Christian teachers do not make much headway with them," he remarked. "They observe their own customs, manners, and religious rites. People like them as servants because they become very faithful to their employers and work all day long. They consider themselves well paid at £1 a month. But one and all realise that the coolie labor question is going to be a very big one to deal with in the future." Naturally his Lordship did not venture to suggest a solution of the problem, but he stated that a complaint, as to the truth of which he could not speak, was being made by selectors, who declared that they could not acquire land because it was being parcelled out to

Indian settlers. If the complaint is justified, the Administration will have soon to face a serious problem.'

Temuka

On the eve of his departure from Temuka, Mr. Joseph Tangney, who with his brother, is starting business in Morven, was entertained at a complimentary social in the Drill Hall, Temuka on Tuesday night of last week, by the Catholic Young Men's Club, and the Catholic Ladies' Society. The hall was tastefully decorated. Supper was handed round by members of the Young Ladies' Society. Prior to this taking place the Rev. Father Fay, in a few appropriate remarks, said he had been asked by the Catholic Club and the Young Ladies' Society to acknowledge the worth of Mr. Tangney's services on behalf of the above clubs. It gave him great pleasure, before such a large gathering, to be able to give a tangible proof of the great esteem in which Mr. Tangney was held. It was not only by the members of the Catholic Club, of which he had been the energetic and painstaking secretary, but as a citizen, that his loss would be keenly felt. He had not known Mr. Tangney for long, but he (Mr. Tangney) was one of the first to welcome him (the speaker) on the Temuka railway station about 18 months ago. He had always found him possessed of firmness of character, a trait which was essential to the making of a good citizen. After wishing him all success for his future undertaking, he handed Mr. Tangney a gold watch, from the Catholic Club, bearing the following inscription:—'Presented to Joseph Tangney, from the Temuka Catholic Club, August 29, 1911.' Father Fay, then, on behalf of the Ladies' Society, presented Mr. Tangney with a gold locket. He expressed their gratitude to Mr. Tangney for the many acts of kindness rendered by him to the society. He was always untiring in his efforts to make a success of any work he took in hand. He again wished Mr. Tangney success.

Mr. Tangney said he could hardly find words to adequately express his feelings, or his appreciation of the kind words spoken by the Rev. Father Fay. As to anything he had done in connection with the Catholic Club and Young Ladies' Society, he had always found it a pleasure to help them, and he expected no other reward than to see the particular affairs he was engaged in a success. In conclusion, he thanked all those present for attending, and for their good wishes and handsome presents, which would always remind him of the many pleasant days he had spent amongst his old club mates, and last, but not least, amongst the ladies.

A pleasant little function took place in the Fire Brigade rooms a few nights ago, on the occasion of a send-off to Messrs. Tangney Bros. After justice had been done to the good things provided and several toasts had been duly honored, Mr. H. Lee made a presentation to Mr. Joseph Tangney of a handsome travelling rug. He said it was given with the esteem of all present, thus showing the good feeling that existed between him and his friends. Mr. Tangney, in responding, said he regretted his departure very much, and he thanked all for their kindly remarks and good wishes and for their handsome present. He was sure it would always remind him of the good times he had spent in Temuka. Mr. J. Tangney, in a few well-chosen words, thanked all present for the kind way they had spoken of him, and said he did not know what he had done to deserve it. He thanked them for their valuable present of a handsome watch.

At the beginning of the year Mr. McDonald, of the Coronation Tea Rooms, said he would give a dinner to the winners of the junior flag, and, the Athletic team proving the winners, he invited them along last Thursday evening. Athletics, in a true sportsmanlike spirit, invited the Temuka team, who were runners-up in the competition. About 50 sat down to a dinner provided by Mr. McDonald in his best style. During the evening medals were presented as follow: Best all-round forward (medal presented by Mr. Brosnan), Mr. A. Scott; best follower-up (medal presented by Mr. Trigance), Mr. R. Gillespie; most improved back (medal presented by Mr. Creevy), Mr. Geo. Spillane; two best backs (trophies presented by Mr. J. Tangney and Mr. W. Pearson), Messrs. Twomey and P. Sullivan.