Ellerslie

(From an occasional correspondent.)

It is with pleasure that I am able to chronicle that Catholic matters in the parish of Ellerslie are in a very satisfactory condition. As the already congested population of Auckland City is increasing very rapidly, the suburban population is consequently increasing in proportion, and Ellerslie, which is only twenty minutes by train from the city, is becoming a favorite residential suburb. Slowly but surely, the Catholic population of this parish is also on the increase, and the congregation now frequently taxes the capacity of the church. A conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has recently been established in the parish, under the presidency of Mr. M. Kelly, and is now doing good work. The presbytery has just been renovated.

On Monday, September 8, the Children of Mary held a very pleasant social function in the Harp of Erin Hall, Ellerslie. There was a very large attendance, and the function was a pronounced success. The committee responsible—namely, Misses K. Sexton, Savage, McCaffery, M. and I. Pohlen, Green, Laing, Temm, Taylor, Creamer, Neave, and Barrett, are to be congratulated on their efforts. A special word of praise is due to Miss Isabel Pohlen, to whom much of the success of the function was due. The funds obtained are to be devoted to the purchase of a processional cross, banner, etc.

At the recent examinations of the Trinity College of Music, six pupils of the Sisters of the Mission, Ellerslie, were candidates, and all were successful in passing with honors, which speaks well for the careful training of the good Sisters here. The sodality of the Children of Mary was established in this parish on Sunday, September 7. The following officers were elected:—President, Miss K. Sexton; hon. secretary, Miss D. Savage; treasurer, Miss I. McCaffery. The Sisters, with Rev. Mother Placidus, are to be congatulated on the manner in which they gathered together the young ladies of the parish and formed the sodality. A very impressive ceremony was performed in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday evening, September 7, when a number of young ladies were received into the sodality by the Rev. Father Tormey, our worthy pastor, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Consequent on the recent decree of the Holy Father that ordinarily green vestments are to be used on Sundays, the Children of Mary inaugurated a collection to defray the expenses of the new vestments, which were beautifully worked by the Sisters of the Mission.

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