

The London correspondent of the *Press*, writing under date August 15, states that his Lordship Bishop Grimes took part a few days previously at the blessing and formal opening by the Archbishop of Birmingham, of the Nazareth House at Rednal. The Bishop officiated at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel of the new institution. His Lordship informed the pressman that he had recently visited Manchester and Liverpool, and everywhere he had received the most cordial welcome and hospitality from the Archbishops, Bishops, and priests, whose guest he was. At the time of writing his Lordship was in Ireland, where he had already visited Dundalk, Dublin, Carlingford, and Newry. On August 15 Bishop Grimes was in Limerick, and after visiting Cork, Waterford, Carlow, Wexford, and Kilkenny, he was to return to Nazareth House, Isleworth. At the end of August he intended to cross over to the Continent.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

September 27.

Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., who has been preaching very successful missions along the Fairlie line, returned to Temuka on Monday. He left on Saturday for Makihikihi, where he commenced a week's mission on Sunday.

An art union in aid of the Kerrytown Convent and school is to be drawn on October 23, and should prove a great success. Holders of books of tickets are requested to return blocks with remittances as soon as possible.

The members of the local Catholic Club held a very successful essay competition on Tuesday evening for a prize donated by the Rev. Father Kerley, S.M. There were six competitors, and the Rev. Father Lezer, S.M., who acted as judge, awarded the honors to Mr. J. Scott (140 points), Mr. E. B. Gillespie being runner up with 130 points.

I regret to have to record the death of Mrs. H. Gillum, which took place on Wednesday last. The deceased, who was a patient sufferer for years leaves a husband and young family to mourn their loss. For these and other relatives much sympathy is felt. Requiem Mass was celebrated on Friday morning, and the funeral, which was largely attended, took place immediately afterwards.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

September 29.

Rev. Father Wright, who left for Australia a few weeks ago, is expected back in Auckland about the end of October.

Active preparations are being made in connection with the Cathedral parish social, which will be held in St. Benedict's Hall about the middle of October. Miss Willis and Mr. T. Holbrook are joint secretaries.

It was inadvertently stated that the annual retreat of the Holy Family Confraternity would commence on October 19, instead of October 12. It will be conducted by Rev. Father Sullivan, C.S.S.R., and will conclude on Sunday, October 19.

At the Masses in the Cathedral yesterday, special mention was made of the Jubilee of Triduum, which will take place at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week. The preacher will be Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie.

The Young Ireland Society has passed resolutions sympathising with the relatives of the late Patrick Ford, of New York, extolling his great services to Ireland and regretting his loss. They also expressed the view that it was the Government's clear duty to take action against Sir Edward Carson for high treason, quoting several cases in Irish history warranting such action by the Government.

The local branch of the Hibernian Society passed the following motion to-night: 'The Auckland branch of the H.A.C.B. Society has learned with deep regret of the death of Patrick Ford, New York, who has done so much for Faith and Fatherland, and to his relatives extends its deepest sympathy, and to them and Ireland his loss is irreparable.'

His Lordship the Bishop, presided last evening at Vespers at the Cathedral. Rev. Father O'Doherty preached an excellent sermon on the great treasure of faith in the doctrines of the Church. His Lordship, assisted by Rev. Fathers Ormond and O'Doherty, gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie was present in the sanctuary.

St. Benedict's carnival, for which preparations have long been in train, was opened in St. Benedict's Hall on Saturday evening by his Lordship Bishop Cleary. There was a large attendance. The hall was profusely decorated, while the stalls were heavily stocked with choice and serviceable articles. His Lordship, in a few well-chosen, happy remarks, set out the objects sought to be attained, and besought a hearty response to the great efforts put forth, and which produced the magnificent display now before them. He then declared the carnival open. Entertainments will be given from a stage erected for the purpose, and entertainers, under the direction of Misses Beresford, number 250. A spacious refreshment stall adjoins the show room. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed on the opening night, and excellent business resulted, close on £200 being taken. The bazaar, which will be open every evening, will be brought to a close on October 11.

The annual reunion of the ex-pupils of the Sisters of Mercy took place on Wednesday afternoon at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby. September 24 is a day of unusual rejoicing at the convent, and the Feast of our Lady of Mercy was kept with especial honor. Hundreds of old pupils, and friends of the Sisters (who have been engaged in the educational and charitable work of Auckland for the past 65 years) gathered to commemorate the day, and seldom have the beautiful grounds of the convent appeared to greater advantage than on Wednesday. The spacious lawns were dotted with children, and the various reception rooms were thronged with visitors. The festivities commenced with the Mass, celebrated by Monsignor Brodie, who had for the previous three days conducted a special retreat for the boarders and day pupils of the Convent High School. Ten little girls and boys made their First Communion, the chapel being beautifully decorated with a profusion of lilies and narcissi for the occasion. Several notable artists gave a musical treat in the afternoon, among them being Mr. Walter Kirby, an old pupil of the Sisters. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Sisters, and later on all assembled in the convent chapel for Benediction, the music of which was beautifully rendered by the convent choir. Among those present were his Lordship Bishop Cleary, Monsignor Brodie, Fathers Edge, Molloy, Doherty, Furlong, Golden, and Clarke. Among the laity were the representatives of every old Catholic family in Auckland. No more fitting testimony to the devotion of this Sisterhood could be found than that manifested on such an occasion as this. For three-quarters of a century their community has been identified with the work of the diocese, and the fervent wish of all present was that it would long continue to comfort the sick, to console the sorrowful, and to fit the little ones for their path in life by giving them a truly Christian education.

New Plymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

September 26.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea arrived in New Plymouth on Saturday, September 20. This being his first official visit to this part of the archdiocese since his consecration, the occasion was marked by a very hearty welcome from the congregation and various societies. Master Oswald McHardy read an address of welcome on behalf of the pupils of the convent schools. After-