

subject of the Lewisham Nuns and the hospital they project here, at all the Masses at the Basilica on Sunday. A meeting of the parishioners was held in the afternoon.

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### Wanganui

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 25.

The Gonville school-church, which has been doing church duty regularly since Christmas Day, is now ready for school. There is an up-to-date house also on the section, but the Sisters will not be in residence there this year. There seems no certainty about when the schools are likely to re-open. Fortunately the infantile paralysis is a little better just now, we have had a few clear days without any cases being reported. Counting off the weeks from what we know officially and otherwise—mostly otherwise—there is a fair chance of starting classes before Easter.

Races and trots last week and this week, just missing Ash Wednesday. Now we've settled down to count our dividends—there were some fine parochial "doubles"—and to cut out all frivolities. To suit the convenience of business people who could not otherwise attend, we are having Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays, as well as on Fridays.

Talking of Lent, did everyone notice in our weeklies lately, the picture of an "Atuna," a very big fish? A newcomer to these waters, we are told it is a favorite sporting fish in America, where it attains a wonderful size and some hundreds of pounds' weight. The fact of the matter is that the "Atuna" is quite as well known on the coast of France, where it is caught by deep sea fishers, and shares the place of honor with salmon, being even preferred by many. A very solid fish with few bones to worry about and help to bring up the weight, down round St. Jean de Luz, on the Biscayan Coast, everyone knows it and relishes it in winter. It is like hearing of the arrival of an old friend, and let us hope it will find its way to the fish depots in the country. With "Maureen's" permission, may I tell you how it is served in France? The fish, of course, is seldom cooked whole, and it may be boiled or cooked in the oven, and is generally eaten cold, like salmon, as it is very rich. If boiled, it is served with any sauce to taste; the French nearly always using mayonnaise or just oil and vinegar dressing. When cooked in the oven, an earthen casserole is mostly used, or the modern pyrex ware would be ideal, and use a dish without a lid. The fish is cut into slices about an inch thick and half covered in the dish with good olive oil—but be sure that it is oil and not cart grease!!—and then put over it a layer of finely sliced onion, pepper, and salt. Bake in a moderate oven till the fish comes away easily from the bone. Try it, if you get the chance, and you'll taste *real* fish.

Rev. Father J. M. O'Ferrall, S.M., was here for a few days before going on to Otaki to his new home. Although there have been many changes since Father O'Ferrall was working amongst us, there were enough old friends left here to keep him busy during the short leave. Rev. Father D. J. Campbell, S.M., is holidaying here and giving a hand as well in this busy parish.

### New Plymouth

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 24.

The half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, held in the Rolland Hall, on 13th ult., was well attended. The principal business was the election of office-bearers for the ensuing half-year, which resulted as follows:—President, Bro. C. Hannan; vice-president, Bro. C. Burkett; warden, Bro. J. Courtney; guardian, Bro. J. P. Brien; sick visitors, Bros. J. A. Clarke, J. J. Powell, and J. Courtney; auditors, Bros. J. W. Connell and J. A. Clarke; treasurer, Bro. E. Walsh; secretary, Bro. G. T. Grace. Bro. Joseph Mahar was appointed to fill the vacancy of trustee caused by the resignation of Bro. Grace, who has been appointed permanent secretary to the branch. Brother members realised the good work accomplished by Bro. Grace as secretary and showed their appreciation of his services by appointing him permanent secretary. The installation ceremony was performed by past-president Bro. J. J. Powell. The Rev. Father Butler, who is chaplain to the branch, took the opportunity of congratulating the members on their choice of office-bearers, to all of whom he wished a pleasant and successful term of office. This branch, which was established in 1876, will celebrate its jubilee next year, in view of which it is pleasing to see so many of the younger members undertaking the burden of office.

The fancy fair, held in the Workers' Social Hall on February 13, was well attended. The fair was but a forerunner of a bazaar and carnival to be held shortly in the campaign for funds to build a new St. Joseph's School. Hosts of ready helpers presided at heavily-laden stalls and disposed of many bargains. Numerous guessing competitions were conducted for valuable prizes. The musical portion of the evening's programme was very popular. Mr. J. Rennie's orchestra rendered several selections, while songs were given by Mrs. Hayward and Mr. East. Mr. H. Cutting gave an excellent display of club swinging, while Mr. T. Thompson and his pupils gave a clever exposition of some of the blows used in boxing. During the course of the evening's entertainment Hector Gray, who piloted Stork to victory in the Taranaki Cup on Thursday, was presented with a silver mounted whip as a memento of that accomplishment. The Rev. Father Lynch, who made the presentation, congratulated Mr. Gray and wished him future success. Mr. Gray suitably responded, adding that he was pleased the horse which won the cup belonged to Taranaki. Mr. Newton King, the owner, in thanking the public for their good wishes, paid a tribute to the riding of H. Gray and the work of the trainer—E. George. The success of the fair was primarily due to the energetic hon. secretary, Mr. J. A. Clarke. The stallholders were:—Children's Stall: Mesdames Liston, Walsh, Ross, Burke, Sinclair, Misses Mills and McPhillips. West End Stall: Miss McCarthy, Mesdames Staunton, Eddie, and Marr. Central Stall: Mesdames Orbell, Cameron, Crawshaw, Caruthers, F. Simpson, W. Simpson, and Moore. Refreshment Room: Mesdames Golding,

Muir, Dutton, Parrish, A. Courtenay, J. Courtney, and H. Allen.

A euchre party in aid of the refreshment stall was held in the Rolland Hall on February 24.

Mr. E. Whittle, jun., left last week for an extended holiday in Australia.

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### Hastings

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February 25.

Since the 15th inst. the Catholics of Hastings have had one great topic of interest—the mission preached by the Marist Fathers. The crowded Communion rails and the numbers that are unable to find ordinary accommodation at the evening devotions tell of the response of a congregation who have always exhibited a virile Catholicity.

The rural districts of Clive and Maraekahaho first heard the missionaries. Dairy farming makes strenuous calls upon those who live by it. Yet the country congregation made a splendid response to the preachers' earnestness. Father Vincent, who conducted both of the above missions, has a wonderful gift of lucid doctrinal exposition, and won the hearts of all by his gentle earnestness.

On the 22nd commenced the mission in the Sacred Heart Church, Hastings. The opening nights of the mission saw a crowded church. The attendance is so markedly on the increase that one wonders where the augmenting congregation is going to be accommodated.

Father McCarthy and Father Vincent jointly conduct this mission. Father McCarthy, who, by the way, preached his first mission sermon in this church, shows the result of 16 years of missionary experience in powerful and moving discourses. This mission bids fair to eclipse all previous missions in its splendid show of faith and its resultant conversions.

A very touching feature of the mission was witnessed on Thursday evening when the solemnity of Our Lady was effectively carried out. Following an eloquent sermon on Our Blessed Mother came a most imposing procession. The blue and white robed Children of Mary carried a beautiful image of the Mother of God—all the parish confraternities and the Hibernian Society (in full regalia) joined in the procession through the church. The function was concluded by a solemn consecration of the whole parish to the Blessed Virgin.

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### Diocese of Auckland

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 26.

Mr. J. P. Kalaugher, who has lived in Auckland for the last 15 years, and is well-known in Catholic circles, has been appointed secretary to the New Zealand Friesian Association, and will leave for Wellington early next month. The departure of Mr. Kalaugher and his family from Auckland will be a great loss to the city. He won the respect and esteem of the community by his splendid public services. Recently he retired from

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