accorded Major Halpin for his interesting report and letter, and also for representing Napier at the council meeting. The election of a committee resulted in the appointment of the following: -Messrs. O'Callaghan, Harris, Jackson, Mannix (Hibernians), Daly (Hibernians), Willis, Liddle, J. O'Reilly, and Rankin, jun., Mesdames McGrath (St. Vincent de Paul Society), and Fitzgerald (Altar Society). The representatives of the Children of Mary Sodality and of St. Mary's, Port Ahuriri, have yet to be appointed. It was decided to hold the Federation meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month in future, to give ample time for the discussion of the monthly bulletin.

Mr. P. J. Ryan left Napier on Friday, July 29, for Wellington, and subsequently was a passenger by the Tahiti for San Francisco. He will remain in the United States for about three months.

On Tuesday evening, August 2, Rev. Father Clancy gave an interesting address on the Irish situation to a good audience. Mr. Gleeson presided. Although Father Clancy spoke for over an hour the interest of the audience never flagged, and applause was frequent throughout. The lecturer described the tyranny and oppression which had given rise to revolution in Ireland and spoke hopefully of the present aspect of affairs. He also stressed the importance of joining the Irish Self-Determination League. At the conclusion votes of thanks were accorded to Rev. Father Clancy and to the chairman.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

August 12.

The following numbers of pupils were successful at the practical examinations held at St. Benedict's Convent centre by Mr. S. Myerscough, Mus. Bac., in connection with Trinity College of Music, London: -Higher Local, 2; senior honors 1, pass 2; intermediate honors 2, pass 2: junior honors 5; preparatory honors 7; first steps 5.

The following letter was sent out to the Auckland clergy by Right Rev. Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop of Auckland : —

"His Lordship Dr. Cleary has decided to leave for Europe in the second week of September. The purpose of this trip is twofold: First, to give the usual account of the state of the diocese to our Holy Father Pope Benedict XV.; secondly, to regain, if possible, by a prolonged rest, his shattered health. It is well-known, both to yourself and your parishioners, that his Lordship's bad health is largely attributable to the devoted and unsparing work he has been doing incessantly for the diocese of Auckland and for the Church in New Zealand since his consecration 11 years ago. It seems fitting, therefore, that we, who are his Lordship's debtors in a hundred ways, should make it clear to him on this opportune occasion that we are fully conscious of and deeply grateful for his immense services to the cause of our hely Faith. I would ask you then to read this letter to your people and to arrange at your convenience on some Sunday up till September 4 for some contributions on their part to enable his Lordship to take his holiday in comfort. Before his departure we hope to arrange some function that will give our Catholic people an opportunity of saying farewell to the Bishop. Wishing every blessing to yourself and your parishioners.'

Rev. Father Campbell, C.SS.R., is at present conducting a mission in Devonport parish. The Coadjutor-Bishop, Dr. Liston, visited Parnell parish on Sunday, August 7, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the evening his Lordship preached in the Cathedral. On the 14th inst. Dr. Liston will visit the Good Shepherd parish, Dominion Road, and on the 21st Grey Lynn.

Rev. Mother Lawrence, the Mother-General of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mount Street, Sydney, will arrive in Auckland on Monday, August 15, on visitation of the houses of the Order in the Dominion.

On Sunday evening, August 7, Right Rev. Dr. Liston presided at Vespers and preached at St. Patrick's Cathedral. His exposition of the ideal Christian family appealed to the large congregation-a considerable extent

Rev. Father Molloy, who suffered a severe fracture of the left arm seven weeks ago, came duirng several weeks

to the city for massage treatment. He is now practically restored to full strength and is busy providing for additional church accommodation in the busy and progressive Franklin capital.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

A sale of work in aid of the Cathedral parish schools was opened in the old St. Joseph's Schoolroom on Saturday evening last. The weather, following a fall of snow in the forencon, was bitterly cold, nevertheless the attendance was good. The building has undergone quite a transformation, the prettily decorated stage, spacious tea kiosk, and well stocked stalls giving it quite a charming air. In a short opening address his Lordship the Bishop said that the launching of the project by Rev. Father Hanrahan, in so short a time after his appointment as Administrator, caused him (the speaker) some surprise. Referring to the finances connected with the new schools, his Lordship congratulated the committee and stallholders on their enthusiastic efforts to liquidate the debt. One gentleman (said the Bishop) had during the week given £300 to second their efforts, and in declaring the sale open he wished to thank all those assisting, and hoped that its success would be commensurate with their efforts. Father Hanrahan expressed his thanks to the committee which had given him such consistent support in bringing about so fine a display. The energetic secretary (Mr. J. S. Tulloch) has left nothing undone in the detail work. The furnishings and decorations have been carried out by Messrs, A. J. White, Ltd. Geoghegan's orchestra has been engaged for the fortnight and there is a change of programme each evening, Mr. W. A. Atwill being director. The short programme for the opening night consisted of choruses by the convent pupils, songs by Misses M. G. O'Connor and Ivy Fowler, and a Scottish dance by Miss E. Shaney.

St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held its meeting in Ozanam Lodge on the 1st inst. Bro. Rodgers presided over a fair attendance. One new member was elected and one member admitted by clearance. O'Connor as delegate to U.F.S. Benevolent Association presented the annual report and balance sheet, which showed that good work was done throughout the past year. Bro. O'Connor was warmly congratulated on being elected vice-president of the association, and thanked for his careful report. The Brothers are taking a keen interest in the garden party and sale of work to be held in the parish. They are to take charge of several side shows and games.

## OBITUARY

MRS. MARY McEVOY, OTAHUHU.

There passed away at her residence Avenue Road, Orahuhu, on Saturday, August 6, 1921, Mary the beloved wife of Michael McEvoy in her sixty-fifth year. deceased was born in Listowel, Ireland, and came out to New Zealand with her father, John Mulvihill, in the barquentine "Meritington," which arrived in Auckland, on August 31, 1867, after a passage of 146 days. She spent all her lifetime after arriving in New Zealand at Otahuhu. She was noted for her loving and charatable disposition, which was amply borne out by the numerous tributes of sympathy received from all classes of the community. The Rev. Father Carran, who officiated at the graveside on Monday, August 8, also attended the deceased during her illness, having died fortified by the rites of Holy Church. The cortege was a very representative one. The deceased is survived by her sorrowing husband and two children to mourn her loss. A daughter, Mrs. J. Mahony and a son, J. N. McEvoy both of Otahuhu.-R.I.P.

## RETREAT FOR LAYMEN

A THREE DAYS' RETREAT FOR MEN, commencing on FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 2, will be conducted at St. Bede's College by a Marist Missionary Father.

Those who wish to make the Retreat are requested to forward their names as soon as possible to the Rector of St. Bede's College, Christchurch.

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