han and Seymour, Messrs, J. R. Hayward, T. Cahill, H. Upjohn, R. P. O'Shaughnessy and the secretaries were constituted the executive.

This portion of our correspondent's letter arrived too late for insertion in our last week's issue.—Ed. N.Z.T.] October 31.

An enjoyable evening was spent in the Hibernian Hall on Wednesday, by members and supporters of the Cathedral Altar Society. The function was opened by the Rev. O. Gallagher (chaplain) reading the minutes of the previous annual meeting, and the balance sheet, 1920-21, which latter showed a balance in hand of £17 2s 5d. In the report of work done during the year mention was made by Father Gallagher of the interest displayed by the Children of Mary in work connected with the high altar and side-chapels, as well as mending and repairing vestments, etc. Rev. Father Skinner also addressed the gathering. A programme of year and instance of the standard control of vestments, etc. Rev. Father Skinner also addressed the gathering. A programme of vocal and instrumental items, arranged by Miss Mary O'Connor, was rendered, and much appreciated by those present. His Lordship the Bishop and Rev. Father Hanrahan, who had been unavoidably detained, joined the gathering before its conclusion, and thanked the members for their work and interest in the aims of the Society.

Rev. Father Riordan, after a holiday in the North

Island, returned to the West Coast on Tucsday.

The new parochial school at St. Mary's, Manchester Street, is to be solemnly blessed and opened on Sunday afternoon, November 12, by his Excelency the Apostolic

At a recent meeting of St. Matthew's branch of the Hibernian Society, held in the Hibernian Hall, the president (Sister G. Baker) expressed the appreciation of members for the generous services rendered to the branch by P.P. Sister Dowd (nec Sister E. Jacques). The president referred to the popularity of their late president, and in conveying good wishes for many happy years of married life presented Mrs. Dowd with a token of esteem. The recipient suitably acknowledged the gift made her and the accompanying good wishes.

The weather was beautifully warm on Saturday after-

noon, when a delightful garden party, in aid of the Soldiers' Memorial School, of St. Mary's, Christchurch North, was held at Mr. Martin Moir's residence, which had been generously lent for the occasion. Well-stocked stalls did good business, and many amusing competitions were held, while an orchestra supplied spirited music.

## *\$* Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 25.

Some time ago a generous-hearted parishioner presented to the parish a fine property, which was formerly owned by Mr. George Tennant, of Timaru. The property consists of a large two-storeyed house of ten rooms, with two acres of land situated on Wai-iti Road, about one and a half miles from the town, destined to be some day a school and convent for the Highfield district. dence has been prepared for use in the meantime, Receiving Home for children, and is known as "Loreto House." The members of St. Anne's Guild have already collected a good sum towards the furnishing of the Home, and under the care of an efficient matron, it has begun its making marks for Collecting The mouthly marking its noble work for God's little ones. The monthly meeting of St. Anne's Guild, in connection with the Loreto House of St. Anne's Guild, in connection with the Loreto House Catholic Orphanage, Highfield, was held last Wednesday at the Orphanage, on the invitation of the matron (Mrs. Lane). Rev. Father Hurley presided and there was a very large attendance of members and friends. After the ordinary business of the Guild had been transacted the opportunity was taken of inspecting the Home and its appointments. The children's quarters were found to be very comfortably arranged, being bright, homely, and cheerful while there is also ample accommodation at the disposal of the Guild. The Home has only been open a few weeks and the arrangements at present were considered few weeks and the arrangements at present were considered highly satisfactory by president and members of the Guild. The visitors, each of whom came very heavily laden with all manner of comforts for the inmates, were then entertained to afternoon tea by the matron when a very pleasant time was spent.

On Monday last the local branch of the Hibernian Society held its quarterly meeting, when a large number were present, including the chaplain (Rev. Father Hurley). The president (Bro. W. Stirling) presided. The balance sheet and auditors' report, which were read and adopted, showed an increase in membership and also a considerable increase in the funds. The sick visitors reported that all on the sick list were progressing as favorably as could be expected. During the quarter sick pay to the amount of £10 10s 9d was paid out, also £36 as maternity allowances. Accounts amounting to £113 7s 9d were passed for payment. During the evening the chaplain presented Bro.

H. Travis with a suitably-inscribed silver ink well and pepper dredge as the successful winner in the recent billiards tournament. Four new members were initiated by the president. The receipts amounted to £192 11s 7d.

[This report did not reach us in time for insertion in last week's issue.—Ed. N.Z.T.]

October 31.

On last Sunday afternoon his Lordship Bishop Brodie, attended by Rev. Fathers Hurley, O'Ferrell, and Barra, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 140 children and a number of adults at the Church of the Sacred Heart, when the sacred edifice was crowded to witness the ceremony. The Bishop in addressing the congregation, congratulated the clergy and teachers on the way the newly-confirmed had been prepared. He afterwards presided at Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. His Lordship, accompanied by Rev. Father Hurley, visited St. Andrews on Sunday morning and confirmed 15 candidates.

A meeting of parishioners was held last night in St. John's Hall to make the necessary arrangements in connection with the visit of the Apostolic Delegate, who is expected in Timaru on November 11. Father Hurley, S.M., who presided, fully explained the object of the meeting, and gave much useful information. The followmeeting, and gave much useful information. The following management committee was elected:—Rev. Fathers Hurley, O'Ferrell, and Barra, Dr. Loughnan, Messrs. O'Rourke, Crowley, Doyle, Mangos, Coulon, Hyland, Stirling, O'Brien, McDonald, O'Meeghan, and J. G. Venning (secretary). A ladies' committee is to be formed next week. It was decided that the clergy and several members of the committee, motor to Waimate on the 11th prox. to meet his Excellency and party, and convey them to Timaru for lunch. A garden party is to be held at the presbytery grounds, when the Delegate will meet the parishioners, receive a civic reception, an address of welcome, and a presentation of an album containing views of the Church institutions and town. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given in the Sacred Heart Church on the same date. On Saturday morning the distinguished visitor will visit the Sacred Heart Convent and the schools, and afterwards proceed to Temuka for lunch. It has been arranged to take up a collection at the church doors next Sunday in order to defray the expenses of the celebrations.

## <del>-</del>-\$\$\$-Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

October 26.

On Saturday the 15th inst., a "Missa Cantata" was celebrated at St. Joseph's Convent at the commencement of the Forty Hours' Adoration. The music of Bordese's Mass was finely rendered by the Maori Girls' College, and High School choirs.

Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., left Meanee on the 27th ult. for Auckland, where he will spend a few weeks. He also intends to visit South Canterbury.

The Sisters of the Missions of the Napier Convent have obtained most gratifying results in the music examinations recently held here, one of their pupils, Miss Rose Briasco, especially distinguished herself. This young student was the only successful candidate out of 14 in the practical examination for the Licentiate diploma of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., London. Miss Briasco was also successful in gaining the Licentiate diploma of the Trinity College, London, held earlier in the month. In addition, last year she secured second place amongst the successful Associate diploma candidates throughout New Zealand.

Nurse Robinson, of the Nurses' Club, has been absent from Napier during the last fortnight owing to the death of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Robinson, of Otaki. The deceased, who was in her 82nd year was born in Co. Kilkenny, but arrived in Adelaide with her parents in the early fifties. She lived later in Melburne, and witnessed many interesting incidents there, among them the parado of the Burke and Wills expedition. Mrs. Robinson and her late husband, who died some years ago, arrived in New Zealand in 1870, landing at Hokitika. After being in business at Christchurch for some years they came finally to Otaki and settled there. The late Mrs. Robinson was of a quiet, unassuming nature and was beloved by all who knew her. Amongst those left to mourn their all who knew her. Amongst those left to mourn their loss are—Mr. J. Robinson, Mrs. Herbert Ryder (Petone), Mrs. Andrew McGonagle (Wanganui), Nurse Robinson (Napier), the Misses E. and F. Robinson (Otaki), together with a number of grandchildren.—R.I.P.

On Sunday, November 6, the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration is to commence in St. Patrick's Church. Rev. Father Goggan will be the preacher, and Rev. Dr. Casey, of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, will also assist the

local clergy.