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TEMUKA.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

August 27, 1894.

No doubt your many readers will be pleased to learn that our much esteemed parish priest, the Rev Father Fauvel, has so far recovered from his recent severe illness as to be about again. Much gratitude was expressed at seeing the rev gentleman in church during Mass yesterday. Father Fauvel is still very weak, and, when sufficiently recovered, a trip to Sydney should be beneficial to his broken-down health. Father Fauvel has had no holiday since he came to the parish in 1876.

Our new organ has been placed in its position on the lofty gallery. It was the intention of the Rev Father Aubrey (now of St Patrick's College) to raise £200 by way of concerts, and to purchase an instrument worthy of our famous church. However, Father Malone thought an organ of lesser compass would suffice, and he purchased an excellent instrument for the sum of £95, over half of which had been raised by Father Aubrey's concerts. The new organ comprises four complete stops, and a pedal board of 30 notes. The stops operate on over 200 pipes. The pedal board is connected by a coupler, and is operated on by a draw-nob. The bellows are a double feeder, which makes the task of the organ-blower comparatively easy. The materials used in the construction of the instrument are of first-class quality. The casing is of New Zealand woods, chiefly rimu and silver pine. The internal parts are of American mahogany and cedar. The organ was built by Mr F. W. Sandford, whose name is famous in this particular art. This gentleman has built several exhibition organs, which have won for him a great name. The instrument in question is undoubtedly a credit to him, and Father Malone is more than satisfied with it. The workmanship is first-class, and the tone of the organ is exceedingly sweet. The ceremony of blessing the organ was held on the 14th, when a first-class recital was given by Miss Quinn, who did full justice to all concerned. Though Miss Quinn had but very little practice, she won for herself the admiration of all, and added another laurel to her very great fame as a musician. Miss Quinn had never played an organ before, and received no lessons whatever, save a few instructions from Mr Sandford. This gentleman, whose authority on organ-playing cannot be gainsaid, expressed a private opinion on the young lady's abilities, which is very flattering to her. Mr Sandford said that this young lady possesses natural qualities which he had never met before in a lady and that with very little practice she will be a first-class organist.

Since last writing Temuka has been visited by fire. The Royal Hotel was burned to the ground. The local police constables Bourke and Egan deserve every praise for the way they did their duty at the fire. Constable Egan was the hero of the hour. Were it not for his courageous action in entering a room which was densely filled with smoke etc., and bringing Mr Mulhern out in an unconscious state, the fire would undoubtedly have been fatal. No doubt Constable Egan is deserving of recognition of his bravery.

On Saturday afternoon last a plucky rescue from drowning occurred at Arowhenua. A boy of six years of age slipped into a creek where the water was about 5ft in depth. There were only two or three children present when the accident occurred, but shortly after Mrs Ellen Bourke arrived, and at once plunged into the water after the boy, who was totally under the water save his arm. The poor woman went down over head, there being a spring-hole in the locality. She succeeded in lifting the boy above the surface of the water, and then assistance arrived, and with great difficulty she was extricated from her perilous condition. Such bravery is worthy of recognition from the Humane Society.

PAPANUI.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

ON Monday, August 20th, the Sisters of Mercy who have recently arrived from the West Coast to take charge of the schools in connection with St Mary's parish, Christchurch, visited Papanui for the purpose of taking over the management of St Joseph's School. They were met at the school by the Very Rev Father Le Menant des Chesnais, who introduced them to the parents and children, assembled in large numbers to receive them. As they entered, Mrs Harper played a march on the harmonium, and when they were seated all the children sang "Faith of our fathers." Mr Joyce then read the following address of welcome:—

"Rev Mother and Sisters,—Words cannot express the pleasure and happiness we all feel in welcoming you amongst us. We have been looking forward for this happy event for many a day. We rejoice and thank God that it has at last arrived, thanks to the great zeal and self-sacrifice of our most loved and esteemed parish priest, the Very Rev Father Le Menant des Chesnais, who has left no stone unturned, in order to secure your services for the education of our children.

"We all feel happy and proud to-day, that Almighty God has been pleased to send you amongst us, for we know that under your good and pious training, our children shall receive the priceless boon of a good religious education, coupled with a thorough secular one.

"We are fully alive to the necessity of giving our children an education second to none, so that they may be able to fill the highest positions in their country.

"We wish our children, when they grow up to be men and women to take their places in society as well-educated Christian people, and to be an example and a credit to their parents and teachers. We therefore, shall do everything in our power to forward the cause of Catholic education, and we shall never give you cause to complain of our lack of interest in you. We hope and trust that God will bless your mission amongst us, and that the day is not far distant when we will see your convent here in Papanui, where you can have the pleasure of a good healthy situation away from the busy town.

"And when your mission here below is ended, and you go to receive your reward for the noble sacrifice you have made in devoting your pure, holy lives to the cause of religion and education, we trust that reward may be great, and that Almighty God will grant you a bright crown in Heaven.—(Signed)—J. JOYCE, F. DELAHUNT."

The Very Rev Father Le Menant responded for the Sisters in a few well-chosen words, and finished by urging the people to show their appreciation of the Sisters by sending all the children to school next morning.

Some of the ladies then enlivened the proceedings with a few well-chosen songs, Mrs Harper accompanying on the piano. The children also sang several hymns to finish up with, so that altogether we had a very nice afternoon, and the Sisters were quite pleased with their first visit to Papanui.

I forgot to say the school was nicely decorated with greenery for the occasion.

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