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to labour in; and we hope the next annual review will tell us of the foundation of a spacious college.

## Diocese of Auckland.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

It is with deep sympathy and regret that I have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Craig of this city who peacefully passed away on Easter Monday night at her residence, Sarfield street, Ponsonby. Quite a gloom was cast over the city when the news became generally known as she was held high in the estimation of all those with whom she was acquainted. The funeral took place in the Church of the Sacred Heart, and then proceeded to Panmure cemetery where she was laid to rest alongside her late husband, who was at one time manager of the Star Hotel. The exemplary life of the deceased lady is well known; a life which although for a long time marked by much pain, sorrow and anxiety, was characterised by a sweet humility, heroic patience and resignation to the Divine Will; and, despite her own cares and troubles she was in a special manner devoted to the works of self-denial and charity towards the poor and suffering, and did all in her power while she was able to alleviate their hard lot. All who were acquainted with her will hold her memory in love and reverence. She was a thorough Catholic; gentle, kind and very refined in mind and manner. May God in His infinite mercy show clemency to this good soul and I would ask all who peruse this to say a "Hail Mary" that she may sleep in peace. She leaves two young children to mourn her loss.—R.I.P.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan is at present on an official visit to Opotiki, where he is administering Confirmation to the children of that parish, and then he proceeds to Gisborne. Since ever he was elevated to the episcopate he has been working indefatigably to put his diocese in a more satisfactory condition. May he be spared to continue his noble work.

The Rev. Father Keogh, of the Parnell parish, has just returned from a well-earned holiday from the hot lakes district, where he went to sojourn for a few weeks to recruit his health.

The Rev. Father Buckley, of St. Patrick's parish, left Auckland for Sydney on a six weeks' holiday for the general benefit of his health. He has worked assiduously in the above-mentioned parish since his ordination therein, and it is the sincere wish of all that his trip will be a delectable one and at the same time improve his health so as to enable him to continue in his good work.

The Old Boys' Association of the Marist Brothers held a musical evening in the schoolroom, Hobson street, last week. There was a

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very large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by those who rolled up. Our worthy president, the Rev. Brother Henry, was in the chair. During the evening the Rev. Father Brodie delivered his inaugural address on the advantages a society like this gave the young men. It was eloquently delivered and interesting throughout and on resuming his seat he was loudly applauded. The Rev. Brother Henry thanked the rev. gentleman in a few well-chosen words for his able address. The musical portion on the programme was then opened by Messrs. J. and F. Amodeo, who played a selected piece. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Stichbury, Moylan and others who received encores. A duet by Masters J. Mahoney and J. Brennan and a recitation by Mr. R. A. Keenan were very interesting. These, with a few other items, closed a very successful evening. The present prospect of the Association looks very bright, and I have no hesitation in saying that ere long it will be the leading Catholic Society existing here. The gentlemen who comprise the committee are so energetic and have the welfare of the Society so much at heart that they intend to leave no stone unturned to put it on a firm footing and at the same time make it interesting to every member. They intend to branch out into literary, dramatic and gymnastic pursuits so as to give every member an opportunity to take up what is interesting to him.

The Rev. Brother Henry, of the Marist Brothers, who is so popular up this way, deserves the warmest congratulations and praise for the energetic ability displayed by him in coaching the boys to such proficiency for the different personifications of character in the drama of "Sir Thomas More." The success of this entertainment clearly proves that no matter what he takes in hand his efforts are always crowned with success, and the Marist Brothers' School has never been in a more flourishing condition than it is at the present time under his supervision. The widespread reports of the excellent system of education and the successes at the last public examinations have given the school a name second to none in this city. The fact alone of new pupils coming daily is a sufficient recommendation that it possesses the highest ability in teaching; hence the most successful results are obtained.

The Auckland Catholic Literary Society held their annual meeting on the 14th inst. There was a large attendance and as this was the first meeting of the year the election of officers took place, the result being as follows:—President, Mr. W. Tole; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Flynn and P. J. Grace; secretary, Mr. J. Hickson; treasurer, Mr. M. Foley; librarian, Mr. Hoare; committee, Messrs. Gray, Wright and J. O'Meara; editor, Mr. J. Drumgool; trustees, Messrs. Tole, Hickson and M. Foley. The officers who have been elected are worthy of the positions they hold and will not leave anything undone that the society may profit.