

whole of Central Otago. The greatest praise is due to Doctor and Mrs. Shields for their unceasing attention and judicious nursing of the deceased; also to Miss Dawson, who did all in her power to allay the boy's suffering and comfort the afflicted relatives. The Rev. Father Lynch, of Palmerston, conducted the burial service.

THE marriage of Mr. C. Brooks of Mauriceville to Miss McKenzie (says the *Wairarapa Star* of the 18th inst.) took place at the residence of the bride's parents at Tinui on Tuesday. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father J. McKenna. The newly-married couple started at once for Mauriceville East, where a social in honour of the event was held in Cottiss' Hall in the evening. There were a large number of guests and a most enjoyable time was spent. The best of refreshments were provided by Mr. Cottiss, and songs were rendered by a number of those present.

DURING the past week the following subscription to the South Dunedin Catholic Orphanage Fund has been received:—Mr. Starkey (Winton) £1 ls. Contributions towards the erection of the orphanage will be thankfully received by the Sisters of Mercy of South Dunedin and by the Catholic clergy of Dunedin, and will be duly acknowledged in the columns of the TABLET.

THE *Charleston Herald* of the 11th inst has the following:—It is with feelings of deep regret that we are called upon to chronicle the death at the early age of 19, of Mr. Charles James Maloney, second eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Maloney of this town, which sad event occurred on Sunday evening last. About 18 months ago the deceased had a very severe attack of influenza, from the effects of which he never properly recovered, and day by day he pined away. His condition was so serious on Friday morning last that it was deemed advisable to send for the Rev. Father Costello who administered the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church to the dying youth. From then he gradually became weaker, until death claimed him as above stated. The sufferings he endured were known only to himself and he bore them with true Christian fortitude. Poor Charley who had before him a bright and promising career, was held in the highest respect by everyone in the district. He was of a quiet and unassuming disposition, and his untimely end has caused a feeling of deep regret throughout the whole community. His death is another striking instance of the uncertainty of life. Two years ago he was a strong healthy lad brimful of the vigour of youth, and no one thought that he was so soon to be cut down by the cruel hand of death. However, it must be a great consolation for his grief stricken parents and relatives to know that he was well prepared to leave this world. General sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Maloney in their sad bereavement. The funeral which took place yesterday afternoon was one of the largest seen here for some years, many friends of the deceased from Westport, Addisons, and Brighton following the mournful procession to the Roman Catholic cemetery, where the Rev. Father Walsh officiated very impressively. The choir, of which deceased was a member, sang several hymns at the grave and thus was laid to rest one of the most popular young men that Charleston possessed. May his soul rest in peace.

MOTHER MARY JOSEPH AUBERT desires to acknowledge the following donations in aid of the Infants' Home she has established at Jerusalem, in which there are now 30 children:—Mr. Hatriek, £5 and refund of 50 per cent of freight on timber; Messrs. James Thain and Co., Wanganui, £5 5s; Mr. F. M. Spurdle, £1; Mrs. Dr. Grace, Wellington, £10; Messrs. Johnston and Co., Wellington, £5; Mr. T. J. McCarthy, Wellington, £5; Mr. A. A. Corrigan, D.I.C., Wellington, £3; Mr. McAule, Wellington, £2; a friend, £2; another friend, £2; Mr. McReynolds, £1; a friend, £2; a friend, £20; Mr. Reid, Wellington, £1; Miss Lamont, Wellington, 10s; total, £61 15s. Mr. R. P. Collins, of Wellington, has prepared plans and specifications for a much-required addition to the Home, and passed through Wanganui the other day on his way to Jerusalem to inspect a site. When the work is under weigh he will supervise it and assist generally, free of any cost. We would add that any of our readers who feel inclined to help the good work may send their offering either to Mother Mary Joseph Aubert, Jerusalem, Wanganui River, or to the Editor, TABLET Office. All contributions received by us will be duly acknowledged.

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Diocese of Christchurch.

(From our own correspondent.)

NEW SANATORIUM.

IN about a week the new Government sanatorium at Hammer Plains will be out of the contractor's hands and ready for visitors to the hot springs. The house is situated on the main road from Culverden, and faces the East. The grounds, which are seven acres in extent, and adjoin the old bath premises are now being laid out with walks, drives, flower-beds and shrubberies, and surrounded with plantations of ornamental trees. The entrance is gained from the road by three large gates, and the building, which is one storey high, and is of wood with an iron roof, has, from the approach, a handsome and substantial appearance. The foundations are of red birch piles, 3ft. high, cut out of the local bush, and the ground timbers are all of heart of totara. The framing is of red pine, and the floors and rusticated boarding on the outer wall are of black pine. The ground dimensions of the place are:—93ft. frontage by 79½ft. on the south side, and 70ft. on the north side; but out of this there is a courtyard of 28ft. by 30ft. The house is divided into twenty-seven rooms, and the lavatories, which are connected with the main building, form a wing 34ft. by 10ft. Besides these there are the following rooms for the staff:—Doctor's room, caretaker's office, bed and sitting room, two bedrooms for servants and also kitchen, pantry, washhouse, storerooms, larder and wood and coal-house. The kitchen, pantry and other rooms are all fitted up with the most modern appliances. In the front of the house, between projecting wings on each side, there is a verandah 53ft. in length by 12ft. in depth, laid with totara flooring, and furnished in front with handrail and balusters. The entrance is by a flight of steps under an arched gable, and at each end of the verandah are doors leading into the smoke and ladies' rooms. The walls inside are covered with tongued and grooved lining, and the ceilings are panelled, and the dining and smoke rooms, office and corridors, which give access to the various rooms, are furnished with a dado 4ft. high, composed of selected red pine. The inside and outside walls are painted in tasteful colours, and the doors, windows and skirtings, mouldings and dados are varnished. Excellent ventilation is obtained by means of "Torpedo" ventilators connected by pipes with the various rooms. Hot and cold water is laid on throughout the house, and the front door and principal rooms are connected with the servants apartments by an electric bell installation. The whole premises are drained with a net-work of pipes, and the sanitary arrangements are up to date. The intention is to eventually heat and light the house with natural gas from the springs. The provision of a comfortable sanatorium close to the baths will, without doubt, lead to a large increase of visitors to the Hammer Springs. The contract price for the new buildings was £1,966.

Diocese of Auckland.

(From our own correspondent.)

Thursday, 19, 1897.

LAST Sunday the great Feast of the Assumption was celebrated in a worthy manner in the city churches. At the cathedral, at early Mass, the Children of Mary most appropriately assembled in a large body in their neat robes and sang the music of Bordes's Mass, subsequently approaching the altar rails and receiving Holy Communion. At 11 o'clock High Mass was sung by the Rev. Father Mulvihill, Adm., Father Croke, deacon, and Father Buckley, subdeacon. The choir, under the baton of their efficient conductor, Mr. Hiscocks, rendered very ably Weber's Mass in "G." During the Offertory, Gounod's "Ave Maria" was admirably rendered by Miss Coleta Lorrigan. Father Croke preached on the Gospel of the day, concluding with an earnest exhortation to place every confidence in the intercession of our Blessed Lady. In the evening Rev. Father Kehoe delivered a splendid discourse, the subject being the great Feast of the Assumption. It was a fine specimen of pulpit oratory, and was listened to with marked attention. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction, brought the festival to a close.

The Right Rev. Dr. Leman paid Ouehanga his first episcopal visit on Sunday last, the Feast of the Assumption. His Lordship assisted in the sanctuary at Mass, after which he confirmed a number of children and adults. The lady presented an address, which was read by Mr. James Leahy and accompanied by a purse of sovereigns, half of which the Bishop returned for parochial purposes. The Bishop paid a high and well-deserved compliment to the Very Rev. Monsignor Paul for his untiring zeal in the work of the parish, a proof of which they had in the fine Church of the Assumption, which was entirely free from debt. The Bishop returned to Auckland in the afternoon.

The Rev. Father Gillan is about to commence another series of lectures on Sunday evenings in St. Patrick's on "Early Christianity in Ireland."

A most successful social was held in the Catholic Institute last night in aid of St. Patrick's pre-bytary building fund. The management was all that could be desired and reflected the greatest credit upon the ladies of the parish.

Steps have already been inaugurated to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, 1898. Procrastination cannot be charged against the Irishmen of Auckland in connection with their national celebration.

The next parish to receive a visit from the Bishop will be Otahuhu on Sunday next.

It is being sought to circumscribe the Saturday afternoons upon which various public bodies utilize the domain cricket ground. Though it be admitted that the cricketers have done much towards improving this plot, yet it does appear strange that a ground belonging to the people should at certain periods be denied to them.

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