

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 23.

The Auckland branch of the H.A.C.B. Society intends to celebrate its anniversary in July with a smoke concert. A strong committee has the matter in hand.

The annual social gathering of the parishioners of St. Patrick's will soon be held, and several meetings have been held in connection therewith, over which Rev. Father Patterson, Adm. presided.

At St. Benedict's last Sunday Mercadante's Mass was sung by twelve members of the Opera Company. The choir was composed solely of male voices, and the rendering of the music was excellent. Mr. H. Lamb presided at the organ. Rev. Father McMillan preached. In the evening at Vespers the Rev. Father Furlong was the preacher.

A social in aid of the bazaar fund of All Souls' Church, Devonport, is to be held in the local Foresters' Hall, on Friday evening, July 1. The Rev. Father Meagher and an active committee of ladies and gentlemen are working assiduously to make the affair a success. Mr. Maurice Kilmartin is the hon. secretary.

A large and enthusiastic number of Catholic young men attended a special general meeting of the Marist Brothers Old Boys' Association last night. The Rev. Bro. George (president) was in the chair. His Lordship Bishop Lenihan approved of the rules passed at the initial meeting of the association, and very kindly intimated that he would do all he could to further the interests of the club. His Lordship has been pleased to appoint as chaplain to the association the Rev. Father Holbrook, of St. Patrick's. Messrs. Tole, Gormley, Furlong, Keenan, Grace, and Egan, in capital speeches, put forth the objects of the association, which was formed for the purpose of intellectual and social advancement of young men. It was agreed to fit up three spacious rooms at the Marist Brothers' School, Hobson street, and to form a literary and debating society and physical training school, also to hold evenings for special intercourse. It was proposed to raise money by a system of debentures to the amount of £250 for furnishing, and the meeting was so thoroughly in accord with the proposition that £100 was raised in the hall within fifteen minutes. It is anticipated that there will not be any difficulty in raising the amount required to fit up club rooms, which will be opened probably within six weeks by a social evening. A strong committee composed of capable and experienced business men has been formed for the purpose of carrying out this commendable work, and there is every prospect of the association being formed on a sound and permanent basis. There are over 50 members on the books at the present moment.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

June 27.

Last Monday night was the half yearly meeting night of St. Mary's branch of the Hibernian Society. There was a large attendance of members and keen interest was taken in the principal business of the meeting, the nomination of officers for the next six months.

On Friday last the pupils of our parochial girls' school tendered a complimentary entertainment to the Rev. Father Tubman on the occasion of his feast day. The programme was opened with a well rendered and appropriate song, after which the infants went through the operetta, 'The house that Jack built,' in a highly creditable manner. Two of the little ones took advantage of the opportunity to present the Rev. Father Tubman with two bags filled with coppers for the Cathedral building fund, the fruits of the self-denial of the scholars during the past few months. Rev. Father Tubman complimented the little ones on their excellent performance, and thanked the Sisters and pupils for their kindly greetings and the various little presents that accompanied them. The feast was celebrated by the adult portion of the congregation in the evening, by means of a social held in the girls' school. The rooms were tastefully arranged, and by eight o'clock when the guest arrived they were crowded almost to excess. A congratulatory address was read on behalf of the Altar Society, Children of Mary, Hibernian Society, and the Young Men's Literary Society, stating in some detail the many advances made in matters Catholic since the Rev. Father Tubman took over the charge of this parish eight years ago, and concluding by asking him to accept a handsome table and some other useful articles as a token, however small, of their esteem and of the un-

divided union between priest and people which characterises the parish.

The Rev. Father Tubman replied at some length, thanking them for their generosity and the loyalty they had always evinced towards those who labored amongst them. He lightly touched on the 'Bible-in-schools' question, read the Government Inspectors' report of their recent examination of our schools, and congratulated the parents on having such devoted and successful teachers in charge of their children. An interesting dialogue was then gone through by some of the Children of Mary, songs were rendered by Miss Lynch, and Mr. D. McDonald in their usual capital style, and the Misses D. McGinness, L. Dennehy, and N. Egan contributed pianoforte selections. Refreshments were then handed round and much appreciated. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Cathedral fund. The success of the entertainment is mainly due to the exertions of the ladies of the Altar Society, supported or rather guided by their energetic chaplain, Father Le Floch.

CARTERTON

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The work of removing and re-erecting the Catholic church, Carterton, has been completed, and the formal re-opening took place on Sunday, June 19. A Missa Cantata was sung at eleven o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. Father Cahill. The Very Rev. Father Lewis, Administrator of the archdiocese of Wellington, preached most impressively in the morning on the beauty of God's House and in the evening on the Sacrament of Penance. Through the thoughtful kindness of the Gallagher family arrangements were made to run a bus from Greytown, and by this means the choir and the congregation were considerably reinforced. The music was finely rendered, Miss A. Gallagher being the soloist, Mr. Berrill conductor, and Mrs. Dudson presiding at the organ.

Carterton is a very straggling town, almost three miles long. The church was previously at the end of the borough, a mile and a half outside the town proper, and inconveniently situated as regards the greater part of the Catholics of the district. The congregation was consequently unduly small and the attendance somewhat irregular. As far back as three and a half years ago the then pastor proposed to remove the church to a more central and convenient site. The project was renewed when, a year later, Carterton became a separate parish and the Rev. Father Cahill was appointed its first pastor. A suitable site was procured closer to the town and a mile distant from the one where the church then stood, and, in May of last year, the work of removal was urged upon the people by his Grace the Archbishop, during a visit to Carterton. In February last a bazaar took place to defray the cost of removing and re-erecting the church. It realised the handsome sum of £315. A colony of Poles, who live near the former site of the church, showed active opposition to the removal of the sacred edifice to the more central position arranged for. They, however, yielded dutifully when the following full legal authority in the matter was given to Father Cahill by the Archbishop and its contents made known to them:—

'To the Catholics of Carterton, and to all whom it may concern. Be it known that I, Francis Redwood, Archbishop of Wellington and Metropolitan, am the legal owner and trustee of the Catholic Church property in South Carterton, and furthermore, that I fully authorise the Rev. Thomas Joseph Cahill, of the Carterton Mission, to undertake and carry out the very important work of the removal of the said Catholic Church from its present site to the new central site in Carterton, for the reasons already given by me repeatedly and emphatically to the congregation of Catholics of Carterton, both by word and letter. Given this 27th day of April 1904. Witness, —John R. Holley, Secretary.'

It will not cure rheumatism, nor heart disease, nor gout,
Nor reduce the fat to slinness, nor increase the lean to stout.

You can't use it as a hair wash, nor to mend a broken limb.

Nor for freckles, warts, and pimples, nor such blemishes of skin.

But for pulmonary affections it will always take the lead.

Also colic, indigestion, and like ills we're forced to heed. For bronchitis, colds, and whooping cough, we faithfully assure

You'll find no better remedy than WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.