

intensified by the mysterious, awful sounds that one moment appeared to be in the air, and then in the ground. And the pestilence that ensued was hardly less deadly than the earthquake. The author last quoted tells of a curious hair-breadth escape which reminds us of an ex-insurgent of 1798, of whom a popular rhyming couplet used to say in distant Wexford that he was

Shot and kilt on Vinegar Hill,
Dead and buried, and alive still.

'Its record,' says the historian of Jamaica, 'still remains at Green Bay, to the westward of Port Royal, on the opposite shore. There lies the body of Lewis Galdy, who died on the 22nd of December, 1739, forty-seven years after the earthquake, eighty years of age. He was a native of Montpellier in France, but, being a Protestant, had left that country and sought a home in Jamaica. The inscription on his tomb tells that he was swallowed up by the earthquake, then by another shock cast into the sea, where he escaped, by swimming to a boat. After this,' Gardner adds, 'he flourished as a merchant in Port Royal, represented four parishes in successive assemblies, and seems to have been generally loved and respected.'

But in Jamaica's greatest earthquake, this early Jules Verne went through sufficiently thrilling adventures to fill the ambition of a private man.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

Fathers Cagnet (Okato) and Ainsworth and Moloney (Wellington) have been on a visit to Dunedin and the Cold Lakes. The two last-named returned to Wellington early in the present week. Father Finnerty (Timaru) also returned early in the week from a short stay in Dunedin and the south.

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

Miss Marie Narelle arrived in Temuka on Friday afternoon, and was welcomed by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. Buxton). She was accompanied by Mr. Chester Fentress, Miss Brandon-Usher, and Mr. and Miss O'Shea. In the evening she gave a concert in the local hall, which was crowded to the doors. She was received with very great enthusiasm, and every item was encored. Mr. Fentress had also to come back every time. The accompanist, Miss Brandon-Usher, did extremely well, deserving the applause that greeted her efforts. Altogether the concert was by far the best that has ever been given in Temuka. Amongst the audience were several who had come from Timaru and Geraldine.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

January 18.

The annual retreat of the diocesan clergy begins next Monday evening at the Sacred Heart College, Ponsonby.

Miss Marie Narelle has wired to a friend here in most enthusiastic terms of her reception in Dunedin. In Auckland the Irishmen and Irishwomen look forward to seeing and hearing her again.

The Right Rev. Bishop O'Connor, of Armidale, and the Right Rev. Bishop Dunne, of Bathurst, are due by the incoming San Francisco steamer. They are returning from a visit to Rome and Ireland.

An entertainment consisting of a drama will be given in St. Benedict's Hall this evening. The proceeds are to be given to the parochial funds. His Lordship the Bishop will be present. Regular rehearsals have been held, and a good house should result.

Rev. Father Cleary, C.S.S.R., who is conducting the retreat of the clergy and the religious, will leave for Sydney on Monday, 28th inst. Rev. Father Leonard, C.P., who has been to the Cold Lakes, went south last Saturday. Rev. Father Francis, C.P., is due here at the end of next week, and leaves for Sydney the following Monday.

We understand that a new presbytery was blessed and opened at Taihape on Sunday week.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 20.

At all the Masses to-day Rev. Father Costello announced that a mission would begin in St. Patrick's Church on next Sunday, and would be conducted by two of the Passionist Fathers—Rev. Fathers Francis and Leonard. Father Francis, C.P., preached at the eleven o'clock Mass on the 'Holy Name of Jesus,' and at Vespers on 'The power of prayer.'

The half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Tuesday evening, January 8, Bro. T. O'Reilly presiding. The following officers were elected and installed for ensuing half-year:—President, Bro. McLean; vice-president, Bro. J. Bjorne; secretary, Bro. Ellis; treasurer, Bro. Thos. Norris; Bros. Con. McGrath and Henry Buttle being warden and guardian respectively. After a brief speech from each, thanking the members for the honor conferred upon them, a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. A. Rickard, the retiring secretary, for his services during his long term of office. It was also decided to present the following Brothers with a framed Past President's Diploma: Bros. Fred. Herring, V. Dallow, A. McWilliams, T. O'Keilly. A donation of one guinea was voted to the Consumptives' Home.

On Wednesday, January 16, the branch held a card tournament and social in honor of its newly-elected officers. President McLean presided, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. Songs and recitations were given by Bros. Dallow, McWilliams, C. McGrath, McCarthy, J. Devlin, and F. Herring. Light refreshments were provided, and Bro. Ellis supplied the music.

WANGANUI

(From our own correspondent.)

January 18.

I am pleased to see that Mr. Wm. B. Power, vice-president of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, has written to the 'Chronicle' in reply to its scurrilous leader regarding Home Rule.

After pleasant weather for the holidays rain set in for three days. The fall in Wanganui was four inches, and in Waverley and northern districts this has been greatly exceeded. It is proving a boon to farmers, especially stock owners.

The Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., is conducting the retreat of the Sisters. On Sunday he preached an eloquent sermon at Vespers to a good congregation. The members of the men's branch of the Sacred Heart League received Holy Communion last Sunday.

Last Sunday at Taihape a Maori wedding was celebrated in the presence of some 500 guests. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Lacroix. Mr. and Mrs. Keepa, the happy couple, were the recipients of a large number of presents, including mats, rugs, sugar, flour, kumaras, bags of fish, etc., the whole weighing about 10 tons.

After the annual retreat of the Marist Brothers at Auckland, our school was allotted Brothers Basil and Matthew to look after the boys during the coming twelve months. Brother Coleman (transferred to Timaru) and Brother Siegfried (transferred to Wellington) endeared themselves to all the parishioners, especially to the parents of the boys attending the school. The former interested himself greatly in the Catholic Men's Club, especially with the younger members, joining in their games and amusements. Both he and Brother Siegfried worked hard for the welfare of their pupils, taking great interest in the way in which they prepared their studies. The Catholics of Wanganui wish both Brother Coleman and Brother Siegfried every success in their future positions. They also heartily welcome Brothers Basil and Matthews to Wanganui.

The Prime Minister is expected in Auckland on Saturday, and has been invited to address a public meeting the same night. He will leave Auckland for Sydney on Monday next.

It is reported (says a West Coast exchange) that an old-age pensioner named Simpson, who was killed at Ross by attempting to stop a runaway horse, was well connected at Home. On the night of his death, it is alleged, a draft for £100 arrived and a letter asking him to come Home, as he had been left a legacy of £1000.