

been assigned important work connected with the Provincial Novitiate.

On Friday of last week his Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 39 candidates at Allanton, at the close of the mission which was conducted by the Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R. Father Campbell is conducting a mission this week at Mosgiel, and Fathers Creagh and McDermott at Wrey's Bush.

On Thursday of last week the inmates of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin, went for a picnic to the College, Mosgiel, at the invitation of his Lordship the Bishop. The children, who were in charge of the Sisters, spent a very enjoyable time in the fine grounds of the College, and did ample justice to the good things thoughtfully provided for them by the Bishop.

The annual picnic of the children attending the Catholic schools in Dunedin and suburbs took place at Waitati on Wednesday. The children, accompanied by their parents, the local clergy, and the picnic committee, left for Waitati shortly before ten o'clock by a train consisting of nineteen carriages. The attendance was very large. Among those present was the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, Victoria.

The Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., concluded the mission in Ranfurly on last Sunday. The missions both in Naseby and Ranfurly were very well attended and crowned with most gratifying success. Father Hunt is now conducting the annual retreat of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin. Father Delany has charge of the Ranfurly parish during the absence of Father MacMullen, who left there on Monday for a trip to Europe. (A report of his departure appears in another column).

Much regret was expressed when the news (though not unexpected) reached Dunedin that Sister Mary Phil Hughes, O.S.D., had passed away at the Convent, Queenstown, on Tuesday morning of this week. The deceased religious was in the 39th year of her age and the 17th of her religious profession. For several years she had suffered from pulmonary consumption, but on earth her days were lengthened by the fine climate of Queenstown and the tender and assiduous care of her Sisters in religion. She bore her long illness with admirable patience and piety, and her passage into eternity was brightened by the administration of the last Sacraments.—R.I.P.

On Tuesday of last week a social was given by Father O'Donnell to the Catholics of Arrowtown in the Catholic school, in order to celebrate the extinction of the debt on the local church property. We learn that a large body of the parishioners assembled and a very enjoyable social evening was spent. Amongst the toasts honored on the occasion was that of the fine old Catholic pioneers of the district and of Father O'Donnell, who received a warm tribute of praise for his worth and work. The ladies, the bachelors, and Father Howell (a visitor from Victoria) were also honored, and the evening passed enjoyably amidst song and speech and recitation and story. It was altogether a memorable evening for the Catholic body in Arrowtown. The ladies (we are told) did excellent work in connection with the social.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

January 17.

Another new stained-glass window has been placed in the Cathedral. The donors are the Rev. Father Mahony and his brother, Mr T. Mahony, and Miss Mahony, and is in memory of their parents, both of whom had done good in the parish and diocese. The windows on each side of the high altar are about to be replaced by beautifully stained-glass windows. These will add greatly to the beauty of the sanctuary.

The annual meeting of the Auckland branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Tuesday evening in the Hibernian Hall, Bro. T. Pound (president) in the chair. There was a very large gathering of members, the young men particularly being numerous. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, Bro. C. Mulholland; vice-president, Bro. Hubert Nerheny (a son of Bro. P. J. Nerheny, so well known throughout Hibernian circles in the Dominion); secretary and treasurer, Bro. W. Kane and D. Flynn, both of whom were re-elected; warden, Bro. C. Delahunty; guardian, Bro. W. Wright; sick visitor, Bro. M. Carmody; assistant secretary, Bro. J. B. Stead. The installation ceremony was performed by the retiring pre-

sident, Bro. T. Pound, who was assisted by Bros. Hon. W. Beahan, M.L.C., and M. J. Sheahan. The newly-installed officers, with the exception of the secretary and sick visitor, are quite young men, and it may be truly said the management of the branch is for the time being in the hands of the young members. They are of the right stamp, and imbued with ardor and enthusiasm, and it is to be hoped under their care the branch will advance and flourish.

[This letter, which only came to hand on Tuesday morning, was evidently delayed in transmission.—Ed. N.Z. T.]

January 31.

The Drill Hall has been secured for the great fete and art union, which his Eminence Cardinal Moran opens on Monday, February 17.

The Rev. Father Furlong, of Devonport, and Rev. Father Cahill, of Ngauruawahi, have temporarily changed parishes for a few weeks.

Rev. Father Hills, S.M., leaves for Wellington next Sunday, after spending his holidays in Auckland as the guest of the Bishop.

A handsome recognition of the manifold services rendered to the diocese was paid to our late lamented Bishop, Right Rev. Dr Luck, at the public meeting held last Tuesday evening to make arrangements for tendering a suitable welcome to his Eminence Cardinal Moran. The first motion on the order paper dealing with the Cathedral enabled Mr J. J. O'Brien to refer to the important part in its construction taken by Dr Luck. In responding, Dr Lenihan expressed his delight at the timely and thoughtful reference made to his zealous and energetic predecessor in the See of Auckland. All that he had accomplished for this diocese was not sufficiently known. Dr Luck had made it possible for his successors to go forward in the great work. In his (Dr Lenihan's) pursuit of the work of the diocese he was continually reminded of the indefatigable labors of his worthy predecessor, and consequently he listened with pleasure that night to the appreciation of the labors of Dr Luck.

In view of the visit of his Eminence Cardinal Moran for the purpose of conducting the formal opening of St. Patrick's Cathedral, a large and representative meeting of the Catholic clergy and laity was held last Tuesday evening at the Marist Brothers' Schoolroom, Pitt street. His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr Lenihan presided, and those present included—Vicar-General Very Rev. Dean Gillan, Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Edge, Tormey, Kehoe, Williams, Farthing, Hon. W. Beahan, M.L.C., Inspector Cullen, Dr. Murphy, and Messrs M. J. Sheahan, W. J. Ralph, E. Mahony, P. J. Nerheny, J. J. O'Brien, T. Smyth, T. Mahony, G. Little, T. Foley, E. J. Prendergast, Wright, H. Simpson, P. S. Owen, W. Darby, W. Tole, T. Buxton, F. Farrall, T. Carty, D. Flynn, P. Brophy, W. E. Hackett, F. J. O'Meara, Williams, M. J. Lynch, Foy, Heggarty, J. McVeagh, W. Cassin, J. Lynch, F. Buckley, W. Schollum, M. Casey, P. B. Darby, H. McIlhorne, P. Egan, B. Cottrell, E. Lonergan, sen., W. J. Cahill, T. J. Holbrook, R. Lonergan, W. Thomas, and Andow.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan, in addressing the meeting, referred to the importance of Cardinal Moran's visit, and to the honor conferred on the diocese by his Eminence making a journey to it at his advanced age, he now being in his 79th year.

Messrs M. J. Lynch and M. J. Sheahan were elected hon. secretary and treasurer respectively of the general committee. The meeting was very enthusiastic throughout, the greatest interest being evinced by all present to do honor to the great prince of the Church, who is about to so signally do honor to the Bishop, priests, and people of Auckland.

The following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—That this meeting of the Catholic Laity of Auckland thanks his Lordship the Bishop for inviting his Eminence Cardinal Moran to visit them on the occasion of the reopening of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and is pleased to take this opportunity to heartily congratulate his Lordship on the improvements so happily effected, and which successfully complete the Cathedral in the year of its Diamond Jubilee (1848-1908); that the Catholic Laity of Auckland desire to place on record their high appreciation of his Eminence Cardinal Moran, and to thank him for the honor he is conferring on them by visiting the City; that this meeting form itself into a committee of reception to tender a hearty welcome to his Eminence, and that each and every individual assist in making the visit of the Cardinal, visiting Prelates, and priests a thorough success; that various sub-committees be formed from this committee to go into detail, with full power to act; that a Financial Committee be formed to meet current expenses in connection with the reception; that a sub-committee be appointed to draw up an address to be presented to his