

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 24.

The Rev. Dr. Kennedy has now entered upon his appointed duties at the Cathedral.

Owing to the continued dry weather, his Lordship Bishop Grimes has directed that prayers for rain be said in all the churches of the diocese.

His Lordship the Bishop, who has been residing at Sumner during the past few weeks, celebrated Mass there on Sunday in the church of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

The Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., has altered his official address to St. Mary's presbytery, Manchester street, where he may be seen on matters of diocesan business each Thursday and Friday from 11 o'clock until noon, and from 2 to 4 p.m.

The stallholders and assistants of the recent successful bazaar at Lyttelton were entertained by the committee and young men of the parish to an excursion down the harbor and picnic at Purau. The party, numbering about a hundred persons, accompanied by the Rev. Father Cooney, spent a very enjoyable day.

Among the passengers from London by the 'Arawa,' due at Wellington on Tuesday, are the Rev. Mother St. Felix and Sisters St. Colman and St. Joseph, of the Order of Sisters of Nazareth. Mother St. Felix is the newly-appointed superior of Nazareth House in this city, and is expected, with her companions, to reach Christchurch on Wednesday morning.

To the generosity of members of the family of the late Mr. A. J. White is due the rich and beautiful furnishing of the Sacred Heart chapel in the Cathedral, which was solemnly blessed and dedicated by his Lordship the Bishop on the third anniversary of the opening of the Cathedral. In front of a splendid stained-glass window, representing the Sacred Heart, and surmounting a finely executed altar of alabaster, is a magnificent statue of the Sacred Heart. The altar stands on a white marble platform, led up to by steps of the same material, whilst the floor of the chapel is of wood, inlaid most artistically in the design of tessellated paving. The chapel is indeed quite a gem of its kind.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration committee met on last Tuesday evening, when very satisfactory progress was reported. It was announced that the programme, which is to be of a purely national character, was well advanced towards completion, and would contain the names of most of the leading vocalists and musicians of the city. The Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., who presided, stated that it would be the last opportunity he would have to act in the capacity of chairman, owing to his impending departure from the city. Several of those present spoke in commendation of the excellent help Father O'Connell had given the committee in the past, and, whilst regretting his severance from them, and the breaking of the happy ties which had for so long bound him to them, and the many movements for the well-being and advancement of the community wherein they were mutually combined, congratulated him on the well-earned and well-deserved preferment which his superiors had deemed fitting to bestow on him. Although parted from them, they still well knew his interest and kindly thoughts would remain, and all trusted that from time to time there would be opportunities of renewing their friendship. Best wishes for his future career were tendered, and a unanimous vote of thanks for past services was accorded by acclamation. In reply Father O'Connell spoke of the cordial assistance always rendered to him by those representing the celebration committee. Their work was one which always had his sincerest sympathy and whatever little support he had been capable of rendering. He thanked them for the kindly sentiments expressed towards him, and assured them that, although his new duties would entail a severance, they would also afford opportunities of an occasional reunion. He wished the committee every success in their efforts, the results of which aided very materially one of the noblest charities in their midst.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

February 24.

Rev. Father Goggan, who has been in charge of the parish for the last two years, left on Thursday last for Napier. Before his departure he was given several presentations.

The new pastor of Temuka (Ven Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais) and his assistant priest, the Rev. Father MacDonal, arrived here on Friday.

An effort is being made to erect a suitable memorial to the late Rev. Father Fauvel, who labored so long and devotedly, and spent the best years of his life here.

The Rev. Father Kerley, who has been on a holiday to Australia, returned to Temuka on Saturday. He is, I regret to say, not to stay, as he has been transferred to Timaru.

Before his departure, the Rev. Father Goggan made the pleasant announcement that the parish was entirely free of debt. During his time here a presbytery was built and the grounds were improved, altogether a sum of £1450 was collected and expended.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

February 22.

The Redemptorist Fathers will commence a mission here on Sunday next.

One of the most successful open-air concerts that has been given here for a long time past, was held in the girls' school grounds on Wednesday week. The programme was arranged by Mrs. N. D. Mangos. Among the contributors were Mesdames C. E. Kerr and J. Skinner, the Misses Atkinson and Egan, and Messrs. De Looze, McBride, Crawford, and Valleson. The school boys and girls also gave enjoyable items, and the Misses Dennehy and Mason added Borzoni's dance, 'Sunshine and rain.'

The Rev. Father Finnerty left for Wellington on Friday last. Previous to his departure he was the recipient of a number of presentations. The St. John's Tennis Club and the choir presented an address, which was read by Mr. J. McKenna. On behalf of the Tennis Club Mr. McKenna presented him with a useful souvenir, and Miss N. Egan (organist) made a similar presentation on behalf of the choir. The St. Andrews congregation, at a meeting presided over by Mr. J. Connor, made a presentation of a purse of sovereigns. The presentation was made by Mr. A. Wilson. Rev. Father Finnerty, in reply, said he had found the people of this district always loyal and helpful during the three years he had spent among them. During the evening Miss Mary Cameron, on behalf of the St. Andrews choir, presented Father Finnerty with a token of their esteem. He was entertained at an 'at home' by the Timaru Ladies' Catholic Literary Society, when Miss K. Donovan, on behalf of the members, made him a presentation as a slight recognition of the interest he had taken in the society.

Napier

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February 23.

Rev. Father James Goggan, late of Temuka, and recently appointed pastor here, arrived on Friday evening last.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held last Sunday evening after Vespers in St. Patrick's Hall in connection with the St. Patrick's Day social. It was decided to hold the social in the Garrison Hall on March 17. Mr. M. L. Gleeson was appointed secretary.

A farewell conversation is to be tendered Father Goggan, who for the last six years has been in charge of the parish, and is now leaving to take the position of Vice-Rector of St. Patrick's College. The concert takes place in the Theatre Royal on next Thursday evening, and Father Goggan leaves to take up his new duties on Saturday next.

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