

The Sisters of Nazareth acknowledge additional subscriptions of about £50 towards the building fund of the new Nazareth House. The Sisters have recently entered into occupation of the dwelling house at the 'Grove,' Sydenham, near the site of the permanent house now in course of erection, to which they have removed the women inmates, thus giving more room for the orphans at their other temporary residence, Ferry Road. A chapel has been fitted up at the 'Grove' house and was inaugurated on last Saturday morning by his Lordship the Bishop celebrating Mass therein. The children sang at Mass, and his Lordship spoke appropriately of the important occasion, referring to the commencement of the new building some time ago, and the advance step now being taken by the Sisters being actually on the spot.

Before dispersing from the meeting on last Sunday afternoon the members present of the O'Connor testimonial committee unanimously passed a vote of sympathy with the Very Rev. Father Price on the cause of his relinquishing duty for a time, with fervent hopes for his speedy return in renewed health and vigor to his administrative labors, in which he has displayed such conspicuous ability. A warm welcome was promised him, together with every assistance possible in his future undertakings. In reply Father Price heartily thanked the committee for their expression of goodwill and sympathy. He regretted exceedingly being obliged to rest for awhile, but fully anticipated completely recovering his health within a few months. When back again his utmost effort, would be devoted to improving the schools, and with the assistance of those workers who had so well aided him since coming to Christchurch, he had no fear of anything marring the best results.

### Greymouth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

May 21.

At a meeting of the executive of the St. Columba Club held last Friday evening it was decided to hold a bazaar during November next, with the object of liquidating the debt on the club and raising funds for entertaining delegates at the conference of Catholic Men's Clubs to be held here during next Easter. It is the intention of the executive to leave no stone unturned to make the Greymouth conference a memorable one.

A very successful euchre tournament was held in the Catholic Club rooms last Wednesday evening, about 120 ladies and gentlemen being present. Refreshments were handed round by the ladies' committee. During the evening songs were given by Mrs. A. King, Misses Goodyer, J. Burke, L. Chapman, and Mr. W. Williams; whilst Messrs. E. Casey, P. J. Smyth, and A. O'Donoghue contributed recitations. Miss Alice Priest played the accompaniments. The president (Mr. Heffernan) presented the ladies' prizes to Misses C. O'Donoghue and M. Noonan, and the gentlemen's to Messrs. R. Annibal and A. McSherry.

The usual weekly meeting of the St. Columba Catholic Club was held in the club rooms last Monday evening. The president (Mr. Heffernan) occupied the chair, and there were forty members present, including Rev. Father Taylor and Rev. Father Nouyoux (Ahaura). Three new members were elected, and six candidates were proposed for membership. It was decided to challenge Trinity Club to a debate. The subject on the syllabus for the evening was a mock wedding breakfast, and it proved one of the most enjoyable and instructive evenings spent in the club rooms. Some very interesting speeches were delivered. Songs and recitations were given by the following members:—Messrs. J. Coll, N. Dew, P. McGrath, E. Casey, T. Keenan, and J. Minihan.

At the invitation of the Hibernian Society, the parishioners assembled in the Catholic Club rooms last Sunday evening after Vespers to consider what steps should be taken to erect tombstones over the graves in Greymouth Cemetery of Rev. Father Columb (who was drowned in Nelson Creek thirty-seven years ago) and Rev. Father O'Halloran (who died at Kumara about two years ago). The Very Rev. Dean Carew was voted to the chair, and it was unanimously resolved to erect the headstones, and collectors were appointed to call on the Catholics of the town for support. It was also decided to send lists to Ahaura, Nelson Creek, and Kumara. Mr. P. Blanchfield was appointed secretary, and a strong committee was appointed to further the work.

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### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

May 24.

Dean Hackett lectures on 'Rome' next month, at the invitation of the authorities of the Leys Institute.

St. Benedict's choir, assisted by friends, will reproduce 'Prince Ju-Ju' on June 16, the proceeds to be devoted to the choir fund.

Rev. Father Lane, pastor of Gisborne, is on a holiday, and is touring the city and provinces. In his absence the parish is in charge of Father Ormond, his assistant.

Seven hundred thousand pounds were spent upon new buildings in Auckland city and the surrounding boroughs last year, over £200,000 being in the city proper.

As a result of the completion of the Main Trunk Railway to Wellington, the Union Company has withdrawn from the Onehunga-New Plymouth service both passenger boats, the last trip being made to-day by the Rotoiti.

At the last meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society, it was decided to hold on next Tuesday night week a social, to which Bishop, clergy, and officers and members of the Onehunga branch are to be invited. This is a step in the right direction, and was set by the Onehunga branch.

Rev. Father Meagher, at the Masses at St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday, dealt in strong terms with Sir Robert Stout's slanderous statements concerning denominational schools in New Zealand. Father Meagher considered Sir Robert Stout unfitted to hold the high judicial position he now occupies, owing to his prejudices.

On last Friday evening the new billiard table at St. Benedict's Young Men's Club was formally opened before a large muster of the members and their friends. The greatest enthusiasm was shown, and this valuable adjunct of the club was voted by all present to be a want long felt, from which immense good was certain to accrue.

After Vespers last night a meeting of St. Benedict's Church committee was held in the presbytery. The Right Rev. Monsignor Gillan presided. The question of providing more adequate school accommodation was considered, and after much discussion it was resolved to meet the following morning, when his Lordship the Bishop would attend. The Bishop attended this morning, and Monsignor Gillan and his committee were present. The question as to whether it was advisable to build on part of the present parish property, or to acquire another building site, was carefully thought out.

### Thames

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On May 19 at the Oddfellows' Hall, before an appreciative audience, a concert was given by the Catholic Young Men's Club. In spite of the inclemency of the weather there was a full house, and the frequent applause testified to the success which attended the efforts of the different performers. The following were the chief contributors:—By special request Mr. Leo Whittaker played the overture. A quartet by Messrs. E. Whittaker, T. Wilkes, W. Bougard, and H. Sommerville was especially appreciated and considered one of the best items on the programme. Misses Murphy, McEnteer, Gill, McPike, Messrs. Armstrong, Johnson, and Kenny contributed songs, and all were heartily and deservedly encored. Miss B. Mellett gave a humorous recitation, for which she was enthusiastically applauded. Three other interesting items—tenor horn solo (Mr. C. Bryant), club-swinging (Mr. W. Patterson), sailor's hornpipe (Mr. D. Dalton)—were also greatly appreciated by the audience. At the conclusion of the concert Rev. Father Carran heartily thanked all who had helped to make the concert the success it was, and congratulated the young men on the success of their first attempt, and said it augured well for the future of the club.

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