

good rate of progress has been maintained, the year's work being practically covered. The responses were generally creditable, written papers being models of neatness. Singing is of exceptional merit, and sewing and physical instruction decidedly good.' Mr. Thomas Hughes, Education Board Inspector, who examined St. Ann's Catholic School, Woolston, reports as follows:—'In the schemes of work submitted, a provision is made for instruction as required by the Educational Syllabus, and much commendable work in the essential subjects is presented at this examination. The discipline and tone are creditable, and a fine spirit of work prevails throughout the school. In general, the results show that promotions from class to class have been judiciously made. A pleasing feature, and one that postulates capable teaching, is the general response shown by the pupils in oral examinations in the various subjects.' After describing in detail the work of the school in generally complimentary terms the report concludes:—'The preparatory classes are receiving a satisfactory training in the work prescribed. As a whole the results showed that the pupils are doing useful and suitable work. The school is taught by the Sisters of the Mission.' The Sacred Heart School at Addington was examined by Mr. E. K. Mulgan, and St. Agnes' School at Halswell by Mr. W. Brock (Education Board Inspectors). Both schools are in charge of the Sisters of the Missions, but space will not permit of the comprehensive reports regarding them being given. Reporting on his examination of the primary division of the Sacred Heart Convent High School (Sisters of the Missions), Mr. W. Brock, the inspector, writes:—'This school presents a substantial amount of work in an advanced stage of preparation, the major portion of the year's programme having been covered. The pupils are exceedingly attentive, anxious to display their knowledge, and generally exhibit a close acquaintance with the matter under review. Papers are commendably neat, and answers in oral tests were on the whole fairly well distributed, giving evidence of painstaking instruction. Prominent features of the results are good singing, strong drawing, and excellent needlework.' Referring in detail to the work of the various standards the inspectors' remarks are equally complimentary, and whilst congratulating the teachers on the excellent results, he says 'that the work has been well drawn up and carried out on sound lines.'

The Opera House was filled in every part on last Thursday evening at a musical and dramatic entertainment given by the past and present pupils of the Sisters of the Missions, in aid of the fund for renovating the parochial schools of the Cathedral. The event was under the patronage of his Lordship the Bishop, who, together with several of the clergy, was present. The arrangements were, as usual, excellently supervised by the secretary, Mr. E. O'Connor. The first part of the programme consisted of vocal and instrumental items, and the second of a very pretty little play, and all through the items were wonderfully bright and attractive. Misses M. O'Connor and L. Barker played a piano duet, and a violin solo by Miss W. Brick was given with spirit. One of the most effective items was a pretty ballad, 'In Sweet Killarney,' which was sung by a number of little Convent pupils, and was clearly and neatly rendered. The children earned a hearty encore. Later on they went through some drill exercises with clubs, the performance being given with a care and precision that spoke volumes for their tutors. A dialogue, 'Throwing Stones,' by the pupils, was another popular item, the girl who impersonated a boy in the story being especially good. Miss C. Willey sang 'O Divine Redeemer' very well, and was encored. A trio for harp, piano, and harmonium, the 'Miserere' scene from 'Il Trovatore,' was excellently given by Misses L. Barker, M. O'Connor, and Doris Amyes. The quartet, 'Ave Maria' (Gounod), was played by Misses Brick (violin), Barker (piano), K. O'Connor (harmonium), and Miss O'Connor, who took the solo most effectively. Misses Brick and Vera Erck played a nice violin duet, and a vocal trio 'Oft in the Stilly Night,' was harmoniously rendered by Misses M. O'Connor, W. Brick, and C. Coakley. An instrumental selection by a small orchestra of young ladies was cleverly given, and the short play, 'Yvonne,' was then presented. The characters were all taken by young ladies, and the piece went with a brightness that was effective in always making it interesting. The scenery was pretty and the dressing was good. Miss Fanning as a fisherwoman and Miss McIntyre as her daughter acted with a good deal of confidence, and Miss Gardner as a wealthy lady was also good. Misses A. Foley, R. Buchanan, N. Corliss, K. Redmond, C. McKendry, A. McGill, M. Horan, and others took the remaining characters well, and the piece was heartily applauded.

The Rev. Mother of Nazareth House acknowledges with sincere thanks the receipt of additional subscriptions amounting to about £60 towards the erection of the new building. As recently stated in the 'Press,' the erection of the new block at The Grove, for the Nazareth House, the cost of which will be over £21,000, is proceeding rapidly. The foundation stone was laid by his Excellency the Governor, Lord Plunket, on January 17 of this year, and already the roof is on and partially slated. The work, under the able superintendence of Mr. O'Connell, clerk of works, has been pushed on with commendable rapidity. The first floor, which will be used for dormitories, is nearly finished, the plastering

being just upon completed. On the ground floor the plastering of the lengthy corridor, over 100ft, and the spacious schoolrooms are in a very forward state. The erection of the tower has been completed, and already the building is beginning to loom up large in the landscape. The kitchen block is practically finished—with the exception of the inside fittings—finished, as is also the children's refectory. The other portions of the building are in a forward state, and Mr. O'Connell is sanguine that the whole work will be completed early in the year. The building is an exceedingly substantial one, being of brick and stone. The acquisition of the Grove property for the building, with the commodious private house thereon, has enabled the Sisters to relieve the great congestion which prevailed at the Ferry Road House. The whole of the house at the Grove has been devoted to the old women in the House. The drawing-room and large dining-room have been utilised as dormitories, in order to comfortably accommodate the aged inmates, and they have now exceedingly comfortable quarters. Their removal from the Ferry Road House has enabled much-needed room to be given to the very large number of children—about 70—in the Home. The new quarters are also much more pleasant for the old women, as there is a large garden with plenty of alcoves, etc., where they can sit in the sunshine. It is not so generally known as it ought to be that though managed and supported by a Catholic organisation, the work of Nazareth House is purely unsectarian. There are several inmates who are non-Catholics, and recently one of these, who was ill and subsequently died, was attended throughout her illness by a Church of England clergyman. When the new work is completed, all the inmates now at Ferry Road House, comprising children and old men, will be removed to the Grove.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from Our Own Correspondent.)

November 1.

There was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral on Sunday evening.

The net result of the bazaar at St. Benedict's will, it is said, amount to something near £1,000.

Rev. Father Cremin, Bendigo, who was here last week, was in college in Ireland with Rev. Father Cahill, Ngaruawahia, with whom he spent several days. He left for Sydney this evening.

Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., open a mission in the Cathedral next Sunday morning, and will be assisted by the Very Rev. Father Cluife, C.S.S.R., who will arrive a few days later. The Bishop is expected to be back from Gisborne in time for the opening.

His Lordship the Bishop has purchased suitable sites for churches and schools in various parts of the diocese—Morrisville, Puriri, Hikutaia, and Helensville. Five sites have been secured. At the latter place twenty acres, with a large building, were purchased in the middle of the township. The land is quite level, and is considered a good bargain.

Widespread regret was felt by our Catholic community at the news of the sad death of Mrs. Somerfield in a railway accident at Rakaia. She was formerly Miss Delia Lynch, of this city, and was foremost in every Catholic and charitable work in Auckland. Her mother, sister, and brothers received many messages of condolence in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

A special meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society is called for to-morrow evening, to discuss the advisability of the formation of a North New Zealand District. It has been urged that it would benefit the Society as a whole, as the continued unrest manifested every three years, it is claimed, is inimical to the best interests of the Society. With a view to ending this, the Auckland Branch is moving in the direction indicated.

A very successful musical and dramatic entertainment was given by the students of the Sacred Heart College, assisted by the Pitt Street Marist Brothers' pupils, in St. Benedict's Hall last Friday evening. There was a very large attendance, including many of the clergy of the city and suburban parishes. It was a very successful entertainment, and reflected great credit on the brothers and pupils. The following was the programme:—Overture, College orchestra; chorus; recitation, Master Lionel Grimstone; chorus; solo and chorus; song (comic), Master E. Kavanagh; drill, College Drill Club; trio, Masters W. King, W. Fairweather, — Clark, R. O'Connor, H. Jew, and E. Moore; overture, College orchestra; chorus; dance, Master R. McDowell; trio, Masters E. Moore, B. Leo, J. O'Connor, R. O'Connor, W. King, W. Fairweather. The entertainment concluded with a comedy, in which the following took part:—Masters H. Quinn, D. O'Brien, D. O'Connor, E. Kavanagh, G. O'Rourke. Mr. Harry Hiscocks acted as accompanist.

Monuments in Scotch granite and Italian marble in the latest designs and at very moderate rates can be procured from Mr. S. McBride, Timaru, who has a comprehensive stock to select from....