

THE Vincentian Fathers, from Sydney, will open a mission in Oamaru on Sunday, November 17.

THE fine new Dominican convent in Oamaru will be solemnly blessed and opened by his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington on Sunday, December 15, the octave day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

MR. LAURENSEN solemnly warns Wellington against following the example of Lyttelton in the erection of a dock. In the course of a letter to the *New Zealand Times* he says:—"During the eighteen years of the dock's existence it has cost the Lyttelton Harbour Board, after deducting every penny of its earnings, \$117,064 for interest. In other words, for the barren honor of being able to say that we have a large dock for our port, we have had to pay £21 13s for every working day during which the dock has been open for eighteen years. We have certainly paid pretty dearly for our whistle."

WE have to thank Messrs. Guy and Co., Cork, for the April-June number of the *Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society*. This is a very interesting number, the contributions covering a wide field. The records of the junior branch of the great Barry family are dealt with at considerable length. Professor Butler, of the Queen's College, Cork, gives us an interesting insight into town life in medieval Ireland, and Mr. F. E. Ball deals with the Irish Judiciary in the reign of Charles II. A further list of 17th and 18th century Cork-printed books is contributed by Mr. E. R. McC. Dix, and in addition there are several other articles of local and general interest, all of which go to make up a very acceptable collection of historical reading.

IT is a well known fact that many of the 'precious' stones and articles of *virtu*, purchased by confiding travellers in the East have been made in Germany or Birmingham, but it will be news to many that Maori curios are manufactured out of this Colony for the benefit of the innocent tourist. In the House of Representatives the other day Mr. R. Thompson declared that probably two-thirds of the articles sold as Maori relics had never been handled by any Maori. They had been manufactured by modern workmen, and tourists were simply swindled by these spurious articles. Mr. Symes stated that many curiosities described as of a Maori character were actually made in England and sent out to this Colony.

A CHRISTCHURCH correspondent writes in reference to an error caused by a transposed heading in our last issue:—"In last week's issue of the TABLET you make it read that the Rev. Father David Fleming, Vicar-General of the Franciscan Order, is a Jesuit, as your brief notice is headed so. The *Catholic Times* of September 6 contains the following, which may be of interest to his many Killarney relatives:—"Father David Fleming has, we are pleased to learn, been appointed Vicar-General of the Franciscan Order. The new Vicar, who was a member of the Commission on Anglican Orders, and enjoys to a high degree the confidence of the Holy See, will have to prepare the programme of the Chapter which will meet in a few months to elect the Minister-General in the place of Father Laner, whose death we recently announced. Father David was educated in his father's school, Killarney, and after a few years at the Bishop's School he went to Ghent, Belgium, in 1870, and was ordained priest in May, 1876. Some ten years after he was elected Provincial of the Order for the United Kingdom. He has also a brother (Father Patrick) and a sister in the Order. The former has just returned from a mission to the U.S.A. to Killarney. The sister (Sister Mary St. Leonard, O.S.F., Drumshambo, County Leitrim) joined the Order in 1870. Father David has a brother and sister in New Zealand."

Death of a Mother Prioress.

THE death is reported of the Rev. Mother Prioress, of St. Ethelburga's Convent, Deal, England, which took place on Sunday, September 1. The *London Monitor* has the following interesting particulars of the life of the deceased nun, who was well known in New Zealand:—"Rev. Mother Marie St. Pierre was born of a wealthy French family in the South-East of France, and received an education according to her position. At an early age she resolved to give herself to God, and devote her life to works of charity. She entered on April 23, 1863, the order of Notre Dame des Missions, which at that time had been recently founded at Lyons, especially for foreign missions. She made her religious profession in October, 1866, and left for Australia in December the same year, remaining at Sydney until 1869, when she was sent by the Superiors to the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Christchurch, New Zealand, to take charge of the infant school. In 1871, she was called upon to take charge of the second division of the girls' school at the convent of the Immaculate Conception, Nelson. Her gentle disposition soon won the hearts of all who knew her, and although young she was elected Prioress of this convent in the following year. The good she did here was immense; schools flourished, pupils of all denominations increased.

In 1874 Mother Marie St. Pierre was called upon to take the government of St. Joseph's Convent, Napier. Here a beautiful native college was built for Maori children, and her efforts were crowned with success. Her Maori pupils proved most intelligent, many of them taking prizes at Government examinations. In 1884 Rev. Mother St. Pierre returned to Nelson to replace the Prioress, whose health had given way, and then for some time she held the double charge of Prioress of the convents at Nelson and Napier. Later on she was appointed to the rank of Rev. Mother Vicar in New Zealand. In 1893 the venerable foundress of the Order died, and Mother M. St. Pierre returned to Europe to take part in the General Chapter of the Order, held to elect another Superior General. In the same year she was appointed Prioress of St. Ethelburga's, Deal, where she remained eight years.

Heroic self-sacrifice and devoted charity were the virtues which characterised her. In her the poor and needy found ever a warm, sympathising friend, who not only ministered to their corporal wants, but was ever ready to advise and console. Never were the petitions of those in want rejected and the Rev. Mother made it a matter of duty to see each one herself. In the convent if any of the Sisters, pupils, or her little orphans were sick, they received her personal attention at all hours, and if the illness were in any way serious often her own room and bed were given up to their use. Her life may be summed up in a few words spoken by a friend the day she died. 'She was a perfect lady; her life a model of self-sacrifice and charity.'

The Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney.

ON Tuesday night (says the *Wexford People*, September 14), Archbishop Kelly arrived in Enniscorthy. The Archbishop was met by the members of the House of Missions, with whom he stayed during his brief sojourn in this part of the country. On Wednesday his Grace visited the convents and Christian Brothers' Schools, in all of which he was the recipient of the heartiest congratulations. The Sodality of the Children of Mary, of which Archbishop Kelly was spiritual director whilst in Enniscorthy, presented him with a beautiful address expressive of the delight felt by them when they learned of his elevation to the episcopate.

At the Convent of Mercy his Grace was presented with an address by the children, who also gave an entertainment in honor of their distinguished visitor. An incident in the programme which gave the Archbishop a pleasant surprise was the reading of an address in Irish by two of the pupils.

On Thursday night a deputation attended at the Mission House to present his Grace with a testimony of the attachment of the people and the gratification which they felt at his promotion to the exalted position which he now occupies in the episcopacy. The function was characterised by an enthusiasm which indicated the link of tender affection connecting the illustrious prelate with his old friends. The deputation consisted of a large and representative gathering of clergy and laity, among whom were Very Rev. Canon Fricker (Rathmines), Very Rev. Canon Whitty, Very Rev. J. Lennon, Rev. J. Dunne, Rev. James Rusher, Rev. R. Fitzhenry, Rev. J. Quigley, Rev. J. Rossiter, Rev. D. Cavanagh, Rev. L. Kinsella, Rev. Father Butler, Rev. E. Hartley, Rev. R. Fitzhenry, Rev. P. Murphy, Rev. Father McDonald, (Sydney); Rev. N. Codd, Rev. D. A. Cavanagh, Messrs. James Donohue, J.P.; B. J. O'Flaherty; M. A. Ennis, J.P.; F. Farlong, M.D., J.P.; John Bolger, John Bennett William Fortune, Patrick Byrne, J.P., G.U.C.; Daniel Jordan, U.C.; P. O'Neill, U.C.; John Cullin, J.P.; James Dempsey, Garrett Dempsey, U.C.; T. J. Kelly, M.D.; Thomas Keane, Patrick Shaw, M. J. Whelan, E. Bolger, St. Aidan's Academy; James Hennessy, C.C., P.L.G.; James Martin.

Mr. James Donohue said he had much pleasure in introducing to his Grace a deputation of Wexford men who were desirous of presenting him with an address and a small token of their sincere regard. The address was then read by Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty, solicitor.

Archbishop Kelly, in the course of his reply, said: It has pleased the clergy of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the episcopacy of Australia to ask the Holy See to send me there as a helper to the grand Cardinal-Archbishop who has done so much for the Church in Australia since his appointment there, and who beforehand did not less wonderful work in our midst for the glory of our Irish Church at home. His Eminence has been a ways one of my ecclesiastical superiors, and I may say in every way since he has been a spiritual father to me. It is a circumstance which affords me great consolation that I am sent to be, as it were, the staff of his old age—his coadjutor in the liberal sense of the word. The Holy See was pleased to approve of the recommendation from Australia, and for a time the Holy Father thought I might spend my time best—that I might fulfil my duty to Holy Church best—in the sphere I then occupied as Rector of the Irish College, but after a while, deferring to the insistence of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, he said, 'I withdraw my opposition, get consecrated at once, and be off as soon as you can. You will have courage, and please God, you will do good work there as a bishop who will spend himself and gladly be spent in promoting the glory of God and the welfare and happiness of his fellow-creatures.'

The gift which accompanied the address consisted of a purse of 170 sovereigns, which his Grace handed over to the local Atheneum for the benefit of that institution.

Before leaving Ireland Archbishop Kelly paid a visit to Cardinal Logue at Armagh, and left London for Sydney on October 6.

In our last two issues we gave a list of books, compiled by the International Catholic Truth Society, of New York, which were recommended as being particularly suited for young people. Had the compiler of the catalogue seen the new century number of the *Dominican Star* he would undoubtedly have given it a prominent place among the books selected, as no more suitable volume for a school prize could be named. Time and again we have referred to the want of care displayed in the selection of presentation volumes, and recommended that more attention should be given to this matter. The *Dominican Star* is just the book which can be safely placed in the hands of a boy or girl, as it contains a large quantity of interesting, instructive, and healthy reading matter. As an additional recommendation it is a local production, and for this reason, if for no higher, it is especially suitable for our young people, so that they may see that from a literary and artistic standpoint we can turn out work in New Zealand equal, if not superior, to the imported article....