

mistress church of the whole diocese, the parish church for all. Hence it follows, most naturally follows, that though those of the episcopal city should do their utmost to erect a building as worthy as they can for God and their chief city, the whole clergy and all the faithful of the diocese are rightly expected to co-operate in erecting and adorning a Cathedral worthy of the diocese and of the traditions of their Catholic forefathers. Let each one in the Diocese, then, take a personal, practical pride in the holy work, looking upon it as his or her own special work, and the required funds will soon be forthcoming.

Several plans have been suggested so that the beautiful Cathedral may be completed within the contract time—viz., three years from the day whereon the foundation stone was laid. We venture to submit one which, we trust, will be taken up and carried on with

Your Well Known Faith and Fervor and Generosity.

1. Those whom God hath blessed with more ample means than others, might make another slight sacrifice and give an additional donation towards the Cathedral Fund, to be paid at once or by instalments.

2. The Catholic population of our diocese is two and twenty thousand all told. Now, if half that number, or say ten thousand only, including men, women, and young people earning wages put by sixpence per week, or two shillings per month for the Cathedral fund, we should have within the required time—viz., two years—all that is necessary to complete the noble pile which could be presented to the Most High unfettered and untrammelled without the least debt the very day of its dedication. With their usual goodwill on the part of our zealous priests, religious and faithful laity, this scheme might be made most workable without too greatly interfering with any of the most pressing local wants in the diocese. The parish priest or his devoted assistant, when he has the advantage of such an assistant, might form a committee in each district, and choose some of the more active parishioners who, for the sake of the noble cause, would collect or receive the several amounts every week, month, or quarter, and hand them over at specified times to be sent to us, to Dean Foley, or the Vicar-General by whom the amounts would be duly acknowledged, and the names and donations might be affixed to the Church door in every parish, quarterly or so.

Will you not, dearly beloved brethren and children in Christ, give this scheme your careful consideration, and, unless you can suggest and work up a better, carry it out at once? All would then have the happiness of knowing that we did our utmost to erect to the honor and glory of the Most High a temple as worthy of the Divine Majesty as our limited means would allow. A temple that will for all generations be an abiding monument of our faith, our piety and our generosity, even to great sacrifices, should sacrifices be needed.

Given at Christchurch, the Feast of our dear Lady's Purification, and appointed to be read, together with the Lenten and other Regulations, and afterwards placed in a conspicuous place inside all the churches, chapels and convents of the Diocese.

✠ JOHN JOSEPH GRIMES, S.M.,
Bishop of Christchurch.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 8.

The afternoon tea given by the Convent Ex-pupils' Association last Saturday passed off most successfully.

St. Patrick's College resumes studies to-day. A great increase in the number of students is expected.

Rev. Father O'Shea, of Waipawa, is to take charge of the parish of Kaponga in the Eltham district.

Rev. Father Huault arrived by the Talune from Sydney on Thursday. He resumes his usual duties at the Meanee Seminary next week.

Rev. Father O'Shea, parish priest of Te Aro, accompanied by Rev. Father Holley, of the Thorndon parish, left on a holiday for Rotorua on Wednesday last.

Rev. Father Ainsworth left for New Plymouth early this week. He begins his work of collecting the amounts promised towards the Cathedral Fund during the late missions.

Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Provincial, left yesterday morning for Meanee to attend at the closing of the students' retreat, which has been preached by the Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, of Christchurch.

Two pupils of the Marist Brothers' School obtained mention in the late Victoria Scholarships. Out of a possible of 2000 Master T. Boyce obtained 1096 and Master Bert Kelly 1088. The successful candidates obtained 1400 marks.

Rev. Father Taylor, late professor at All Hallows' College, Salt Lake City, arrived in New Zealand by the 'Frisco' mail boat this week. Before taking up his duties at St. Patrick's College he will pay a visit to his relatives at Wairoa.

Brother Urban, Provincial of the Marist Brothers, accompanied by his assistant, Brother Stanislaus, left for Napier on Wednesday en route for Sydney. While in Wellington the Provincial's health was very indifferent, and Dr. Grae had occasion to attend him.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held at St. Mary of the Angels' on Sunday last. Rev. Father Herbert celebrated the 11 o'clock Mass. At Vespers the Church was crowded. Rev. Father Ainsworth preached an excellent sermon on the Holy Name of Jesus. A large number attended Adoration during the day.

The following pupils of St. Patrick's College were successful in the University examinations held in December last:—Matriculation—Leo Daly, Lynch Dignan, Michael Hannon, Duncan M'Murich, Michael Murphy, and Creagh O'Connor. Solicitor's general knowledge—John Conlan and John Larkin. Medical preliminary—Gerald O'Kane.

Mr Keenan, a member of the Marist Brothers' O'1 Boys' Association, has been transferred to the Lands and Survey Department in Auckland. During his residence here he has been a prominent member of the Association, and will be greatly missed in amateur theatrical circles. As organiser of the Fabian Dramatic Club, his many performances, especially in Dion Boucicault's 'Conn the Shaughraun,' will long be remembered by all who saw him in the different rôles.

At the opening of the criminal sessions on Monday morning the Chief Justice (Sir Robert Stout), addressing the Grand Jury, referred to the approaching retirement from the police force of Inspector Pender. The new regulations under the Police Act necessitated this step being taken. In glowing terms the Chief Justice spoke of Inspector Pender's career as a public officer, and how a community benefited by the fearless and impartial discharge of one's duties. Such a man the Inspector of this district had proved himself to be. For the last 56 years he had been connected with the police, and had done duty in the Crimea, in the early days of Victoria, and for the last 40 years in New Zealand. The Chief Justice felt sure that he would carry with him the good wishes of all true citizens into private life.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 10.

In the pro-Cathedral at Vespers on Sunday, Mr. Whitworth, late of Dunedin, gave a very fine rendering of 'Pro Pecoatis' from Rossini's 'Stabat Mater.' As a prelude Mr. H. H. Loughnan rendered in a most efficient manner a 'cello solo.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland has been the guest of his Lordship Dr. Grimes at the episcopal residence during the week. His Lordship visited the various points of interest in and about the city during his stay here.

Sunday last was the first anniversary of laying the foundation stone of the new cathedral. Earnest appeals were made at all the Masses by the Very Rev. Dean Foley for additions to the building fund and payment of all promised donations. At Vespers in the evening his Lordship the Bishop read a pastoral bearing on the same subject.

I have heard that at the late diocesan synod his Lordship Bishop Grimes, in urging the spread and perusal of sound Catholic literature, most forcibly advocated the claims of the N.Z. TABLET to the consideration of pastors and people alike. He eulogised in eloquent terms the magnificent work done and still being accomplished by the present editor.

A preliminary meeting presided over by Mr. W. Hoban, followed by a larger one composed principally of Parliamentary representatives, at which Major Steward was chairman, was held during the week regarding the suitability of the Chatham Islands as a depot for Boer prisoners of war. The outcome of the meeting was that a deputation was appointed to interview the Premier on the subject.

At a meeting of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations executive committee held on last Tuesday evening the amended sports programme was adopted and ordered to be printed and widely circulated. Canterbury Hall was secured for the concert, the tickets for same being distributed. Good progress was reported in all departments and several monetary contributions acknowledged. His Lordship the Bishop was present during the meeting at which the lay chairman, Mr. W. Hoban, presided.

At the annual meeting of the Lyttelton Harbor Board held last week, the chairman touched upon the periodically recurring topic of a canal from the sea to Christchurch with the formation of a second harbor at Sumner. The unduly heavy railway charges through the tunnel are mainly the cause of the subject or project being revived, and from what transpired it may not be unreasonable to suppose that in the near future expert opinion will be obtained regarding the cost of such a work. The idea of a canal to connect with the ocean is as old as the city itself, and the founders of the settlement, with characteristic foresight, reserved property along the projected route, which is for all time to be available for the purposes of a canal. Many are now of opinion that its construction, if undertaken at the time, would have been infinitely preferable to the railway tunnel.

The choir of St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, at the half yearly meeting, held in the schoolroom on Thursday evening last, took the opportunity of presenting the late secretary, Mr. R. Beveridge, on severing his connection with the choir to join that of the Pro-Cathedral, with a gold Maltese cross suitably inscribed. The Rev. Father Marnane in making the presentation referred to the many services in musical matters Mr. Beveridge had rendered to the church during his long connection with the choir. Mr. Beveridge expressed his grateful appreciation of the act of kindness extended towards him by the choir, and the good feeling which prompted the valuable gift. Miss Grady was elected to the vacant position of secretary, and Misses Gardner and Slattery were added to the committee. It was decided to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mr. E. McNamara for past services on the occasion of his leaving, also to join the choir of the larger church.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan occupied the pulpit at High Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday. Addressing the congregation he said: 'Although prepared to speak briefly to you