

far beyond the most sanguine expectations of the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, who deserves great credit for the work he has accomplished during his short administration of the parish.

HOKITIKA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 16.

A concert to celebrate the opening of the new school-room was held in St. Mary's Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, 14th inst. The new school was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the very fair audience present in spite of counter attractions expressed their appreciation of the excellent programme provided by demanding a return of the performers in almost every instance. The management of the concert was in the capable hands of our choirmaster, Mr. D. Clarke, who is to be congratulated for the grand programme presented. Rev. Father Mahony, who was the prime mover in organising the concert, thanked the performers for their services and the audience for their attendance, and hoped that this concert would be the forerunner of many more pleasant gatherings. The following was the programme:—Overture, 'Ivanhoe,' Convent pupils; song, 'A Russian love song,' Mr. Ralle (encored); duet, 'Nocturne' (Penza), the Misses Ward; song, 'Eileen Allanah,' Miss Murphy (encored); song, 'River of years,' Mr. P. J. Dunne; violin solo, 'The harp that once,' Miss Burns (encored); song, 'The skylark,' Miss Tait (encored); song, 'The Arab's farewell,' Rev. Father Mahony (encored); overture, 'Carnival of Venice,' Convent pupils; song, 'Asleep in the deep,' Mr. Colman (encored); song, 'Dear heart,' Miss Solomon (encored); piano solo, 'Hungarian dance,' Miss Gribben; song, 'Let me like a soldier fall,' Mr. Malfroy (encored); flute solo, 'Il trovatore,' Mr. Gibbons (double encore); solo, 'The star of Bethlehem,' Mr. Perry (encored); song, 'Picaninny mine,' Miss Burgess (encored); song, 'The charmed cup,' Mr. McSherry. The accompanists were Messrs. D. Clarke, and A. D. Macfarlane, Misses Ward, Tait, Mandl, and Mrs. C. Malfroy.

WAIMATE.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 20.

The Catholics of Waimate celebrated Easter Monday by holding a picnic at Waihou Downs. Although a wet morning, the special train, which left Waimate at 10 a.m., was well patronised. Once through the gorge things took a decided change, and a beautiful morning greeted us on the Downs side of the hills. A programme of sports was gone through, which included items for the tiny children to the trained athletes. Amongst the principal items were the altar boys' race (won by Master M. Hickey), old boys' race (won by James Quinn). A tug of war created much excitement. During the day the picnic was visited by Mr. J. F. Douglas. The Rev. Father Regnault, in a happy speech, thanked Mr. Douglas for the use of his paddock, etc. Mr. Douglas suitably responded, adding that he was only too pleased to give his paddock on such an occasion, and hoped that it would not be the last time he would have the pleasure of doing so. A start was made for home, which was reached about 6 p.m., one and all having enjoyed a very pleasant outing. Special thanks are due to the various committees who helped to make the picnic a success. At a meeting held on Sunday, April 20, it was decided to make it an annual affair.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 16.

Mr. Maurice O'Connor, of Waverley, has given the magnificent sum of £100 to St. Patrick's Presbytery building fund, which now stands at £630.

The Altar of Repose at St. Benedict's last Holy Thursday was beautifully decorated, white satin predominating. To the Sisters of St. Joseph is due the credit for the work.

Rev. Father Buckley, spiritual director of the Children of Mary Confraternity, was presented by the members the other evening with a gold fountain pen in appreciation of the great services rendered by him to the Society.

The Mother-General of the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph has forwarded from Sydney to his Lordship Dr. Lenihan a beautiful soutane and cape of Irish poplin, with biretta, etc., to match. The Bishop wore them for the first time on Easter Sunday at the cathedral. The present was sent in recognition of the great kindness shown by the Bishop to Mother Mary during her very severe illness while in Auckland.

St. Patrick's art union, in connection with the recent bazaar, was drawn on Easter Monday night in St. Patrick's Hall, in the presence of the Rev. Fathers Patterson, Adm., and Holbrook. The first prize and another went to Timaru, two others to Mr. Hickey, Palmerston North, and several others to country districts.

Easter Sunday was fittingly commemorated in the city churches. His Lordship celebrated early Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and briefly addressed the congregation upon the great festival of Easter. High Mass was sung at 11 o'clock by Rev. Father Patterson, Adm. The Bishop was present and preached on the festival of the day. In conclusion his Lordship thanked the people for their generosity, the choir for their invaluable aid,

and also the collectors. The choir, under Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, rendered in fine style Haydn's Imperial Mass. In the evening the Bishop sang Pontifical Vespers and gave Benediction. Very Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., preached on the 'Resurrection.' The altar was tastefully decorated under the supervision of Miss Gough.

On Good Friday afternoon, at the kind invitation of Brother Basil, Superior, I journeyed with him to Ponsonby and went over the new college of the Order now nearing completion. Externally it is almost finished, whilst inside the various tradesmen are in the height of their work. It is a magnificent pile, and in going from room to room—every one of which is commodious, well-lighted, and airy, and from the windows of which capital scenery of varied character may be seen—I felt that not only our diocese, but the other dioceses of the Colony will most assuredly benefit by this college. I shall not at present attempt a detailed description. Suffice it to say that in every particular the well-being and comfort of the students have been carefully thought out, planned, and executed. The date of the opening ceremony will soon be fixed.

A bazaar organised for the purpose of raising funds in aid of St. Joseph's Convent building fund was opened in the Foresters' Hall, Newton, on Easter Monday evening by Mr. J. Stichbury in the unavoidable absence of his Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alf. Kidd). The hall was tastefully decorated, and the various stalls were resplendent with fancy goods, etc., the whole forming a very picturesque scene. The attendance was remarkably good, the body of the hall and the gallery upstairs being taxed to the utmost. Amongst those present in addition to Mr. Stichbury were his Lordship Bishop Lenihan, Rev. Fathers Gillan, O'Gallagher, Dr. Egan, the Hon. Thomas Thompson, M.L.C., a number of City Councillors, and others. The following are the stall holders:—No. 1 stall (art needlework): Mesdames Dignan, Dr. Coom, McManus, Cronin, Misses Brophy, Boylan, Cronin, Gallagher, Graham, Peacock, Sheehan, Wheeler, Hogan, Jones. No. 2 stall (fancy goods): Mrs. McVeagh, Misses Lorrigan, Reardon (2), C. Lorrigan, Killduff, Mulholland, A. Dooley. No. 3 stall (Surrey Hills): Mesdames King, Gavan, McMurray, Keeney, Misses Gavin, O'Connell (2), Sims, Quinlan, Fairweather, Messrs. Caferty, Brodie, Long, Dooley. No. 4 stall (plain and fancy work): Mesdames Fernandez, Jenkinson, Recketts, Blakey, Misses Jenkinson (4), Sheath, Slade, Jones, Stead (3), Lorrigan, Fernandez, Conquer, Beehan (3), Condon, Foley. No. 5 stall (Boral): Mesdames Ralph, Douglas, Johnston, Misses Staunton, Devore. No. 6 stall (refreshments, etc.): Mesdames Fouby, McCabe, Heighton, Misses McCabe, Nolan, Larkin, Ormond (2), Fouby. No. 7 stall (cigars and tobacco): Misses Kelly (3). Gipsy tent: Miss Outhwaite. A concert programme was gone through, the general arrangements being in the hands of Miss Lilian Tree. An amusing sketch was given by the Misses Pauline Dempsey and Rose Lennard and Mr. Stanley Dempsey; songs by Misses Mary Grace, Rose Lennard, Millie Bertoto, Lily Nelson; duet by Miss Rose Lennard and Miss Rosina Cotton; and a recitation by Miss Pauline Dempsey. Mrs. Treiston played the accompaniments. A sum of £87 was taken on the first night. I have not yet heard regarding the takings on Tuesday night and last night, but if the attendances be a criterion, then handsome sums should result each night. The bazaar will close on Saturday evening.

If a man is not greater than the greatest things he does, the less said about him and them the better.

Have great, great trust, and great gratitude; when we see all we have to be grateful for it will be too late.

Nothing makes strictness more attractive or more imperative than the evidences of God's love. In proportion as we love Him we appreciate His sanctity.

God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take which you please—you cannot have both. Between these, as a pendulum, man oscillates.

Those of our readers in need of the articles specified would do well to peruse the following lines. The best value is promised. Particular attention is drawn to the first-class stock of numerous sets of stations of the cross (size 17 x 13)—per set 7s 6d, posted 8s; large assortment of nickel statues in different styles and sizes, from 6s to 15s; marble fonts with brass crucifix attached, beautifully finished, from 1s to 3s 6d; medals (Sacred Heart and Blessed Virgin) at all prices; crosses in mother of pearl and gold from 2s to 15s; others 6d to 1s; crucifixes (wall and standing) 1s to 5s; framed religious (photo) pictures on imitation marble, all sizes, 2s to 4s; ordinary, 6d to 2s; unframed pictures, 1d to 1s; large-sized pictures of St. Patrick, 1s; others, 6d to 1s; plated nickel (bronze-colored) glass stands, different shapes and sizes, 6s to 15s; worked silk pictures of Our Lord, etc., encased in oval-shaped glass frames, 1s to 3s 6d; scapulars, etc. Where not specified all articles sold free. Orders promptly executed and carefully packed. Note the address—H. Koorey, Fancy Goods Depot, Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.—***

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