

The Sunday School at Sumner, conducted by Mrs. W. Lee and the Misses Pender, which in the past has proved so successful, was resumed on last Sunday afternoon after the holidays. This boon to Catholic families residing either temporarily or permanently at this popular seaside resort has for years been greatly appreciated. The devoted young ladies who conduct the Sunday School trust the facilities offered for imparting Christian doctrine will be fully taken advantage of in the future. They will be pleased to welcome Catholic children each Sunday afternoon at the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

### Christchurch North

February 16.

The Rev. Father Dignan, S.M., left on Saturday for Waimate to relieve Father Binger, who is visiting the West Coast.

Last Sunday being the third Sunday of the month, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place after the 11 o'clock Mass until evening devotions. The usual procession then took place, followed by Benediction.

The Very Rev. Dean Binsfield, S.M., one of the few remaining pioneer priests of this diocese, who is enjoying a brief holiday at St. Mary's prior to his going to Greenmeadows, celebrated the 7 o'clock Mass on Sunday last.

The Rev. Father-Murphy, S.M., of Timaru, the Rev. Father Fraher, S.M., of Greymouth, and the Rev. Father Kelly, of Kaikoura, were the guests of the Vicar-general, the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., at St. Mary's during the week.

Great progress is being made by the contractors with the alterations and additions to the premises to be occupied by the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. A fortnight's time should probably see the Sisters located at Bealey avenue.

On Tuesday last His Grace Archbishop O'Shea and his Lordship Bishop Grimes, accompanied by Rev. Mother Xavier and Sister Monica of the Little Company of Mary, called on the Vicar-general, and afterwards visited the Sisters of Mercy at the convent in Colombo street.

On Monday evening last the first meeting of the newly-formed St. Mary's branch of the Hibernian Society, was held in Ozanam Lodge. The president, Bro. H. J. Johnston, occupied the chair; and the usual amount of routine business in connection with the formation of a new branch was dealt with. Two new members were initiated, and one was proposed for membership. The following were elected trustees:—Bros. W. Ryan, J. V. Kaveney, and A. Giovinski. Bro. J. V. Kaveney has generously offered a guinea to the member who brings in the greatest number of new members during the year. Great interest is taken in the welfare of the branch by both officers and members, and as a result of this a great increase of membership may be looked for.

### DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

February 16.

The Rev. Fathers Lawrence (of Sydney) and Nolan (of Melbourne) are at present visiting Auckland.

Mr. Girling-Butcher, the general secretary of the Catholic Federation, has been busy in organising work while in the Auckland district. He left on Saturday for Wellington, but he intends returning here after the Dominion Council meeting on the 18th of this month.

Father Holbrook had large congregations yesterday at each of his two Masses. At Grey Lynn a committee has been formed for the purpose of purchasing furniture and other necessaries for his new residence. This parish will ere long rank amongst the most successful in the diocese.

Mr. William Redmond (Member for East Clare) and Mrs. Redmond spent two days here at the end of the week, en route to London, via Vancouver. The welcome accorded the distinguished visitors was one never likely to be forgotten by them. The most marked enthusiasm and spontaneity were displayed.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebrations Committee met yesterday afternoon, Father Patterson presiding. The meeting was attended by Mgr. Brodie, Father O'Doherty, and a large number from the different parishes. Arrangements for the procession were made. Two bands were engaged, a Refreshment Committee was set up, the sports programme was discussed, and the Concert Committee's report was dealt with. A successful gala may be anticipated.

The Hibernian Band from Invercargill carried all before it at the Exhibition Contest. The judge's comments upon its performances were highly laudatory. He particularly singled out the soprano cornet player, a boy of sixteen, the son of Bandmaster Wills. He requested the talented young performer to mount the platform, in order to shake hands with him and receive his personal congratulations. The light and shade, he said, were splendid, while the phrasing called for special mention, and the tone was excellent. Bandmaster Wills was deserving of every encomium, his conducting being at once commanding and inspiring. On Sunday afternoon the band played for two hours on the lawn of the Sisters of Mercy Convent ground, Ponsonby, before hundreds of eager listeners. The Sisters gratefully supplied the band with afternoon tea, and expressed their delight at the performance. The band also participated in the welcome accorded to Mr. Redmond at the wharf on his arrival, and in the Town Hall in the evening. Mr. Redmond left his motor car, and, standing in the centre of the band, congratulated them on their recent victory. He said he was proud of them, because they were Hibernians; and he thanked them for honoring Mrs. Redmond and himself.

### Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

February 15.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea arrived in Palmerston on Saturday, and addressed the congregation at all the services to-day. A meeting called to welcome his Grace after the 11 o'clock Mass in the Zealandia Hall, was largely attended. His Grace explained that he had come up specially to confer with Father McManus and the congregation as to the best ways and means of accelerating the collection of the necessary funds towards building a new church worthy of such an important and large parish as Palmerston North. Mr. C. A. Loughnan, chairman of the parish committee of the Catholic Federation, and Messrs. F. Oakley and W. Devine also addressed the meeting. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. J. Kennedy, informed the gathering that there was already £1 10s in hand towards the new church fund. On lists being taken up in the hall some £1200 in cash and promises was handed in, in addition to what was already in hand. Messrs. M. J. Kennedy and F. Oakley were authorised to collect the donations promised, with power to add to their number. They will begin this work immediately by a house-to-house canvass. His Grace at the close of the gathering congratulated the audience on the good results of the meeting, and trusted they would soon be in possession of a new church in every way worthy of the Catholics of the district. The Rev. Father McManus, on behalf of the congregation, thanked his Grace for his kindness in coming, and for the great interest he had taken in the parish. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Kennedy, was carried by acclamation.

At a meeting called in connection with the St. Patrick's Day celebrations after devotions this evening, a strong committee was set up to carry out the usual function which was such a success last year. They will report at an early date.

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