

writing. The second and third places were secured by ex-pupils of the Sacred Heart Girls' School.

The retreat for the Children of Mary and young ladies of the parish, which is to be preached by Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., is to commence this evening.

There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen at the Brown Street Hall on Wednesday evening last to consider the proposal for holding a picnic on Boxing Day. It was decided to hold the outing at Fairlie, and a strong committee, of which Rev. Father Murphy was elected president, Mr. N. Mangos secretary, and Mr. F. Cotter assistant-secretary, was formed to make all arrangements. Various sub-committees were set up to arrange sports programmes, etc. These are to report at a further general meeting, which is to be held in a few weeks' time.

### DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

November 1.

A social by St. Benedict's Club will be given on next Wednesday evening in aid of the Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

Rev. Father Farragher, of the Sacred Heart parish, Ponsonby, has been away in the province officiating, and his place has been temporarily filled by Rev. Father Kehoe.

Rev. Brother Clement, Provincial of the Marist Brothers in Australasia, arrived this morning from Sydney by the Niagara on his round of inspection of the various houses of the Order in the Dominion. In honor of his arrival a beautiful green flag, with Irish harp thereon, was to-day flown from the flagstaff on the Sacred Heart College grounds.

St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, has just received the following results from the National Business College, Sydney:—Shorthand (Junior Division)—Maude Fanthorpe, 100; Lily White, 96; Noel Jones, 90. Bookkeeping (Elementary Division)—Maude Fanthorpe, 99. Junior Division—Lily White, 100; Noel Jones, 98; Mary C. Ryan, 96.

One of the Auckland wounded soldiers from the front, who this week returned by the Tofua, said that the heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Rev. Father Dore, Catholic chaplain at Gallipoli, were the subject of eulogies from several of the men. Trooper J. Patterson, of the 11th Auckland Mounted Rifles, said that Father Dore was always in the thick of the fighting. On one occasion he was sent to Lemnos for a rest, but when he heard that the men were going

into action he went across to the Peninsula again, though he could hardly walk, and he kept in the firing line all the time.

A well-attended meeting was held at St. Joseph's Convent, Alexandria road, Remuera, Auckland, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Mercy Guild, which has for its object the making of comforts for our wounded soldiers in the hospitals and the hospital ships, and has its headquarters at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Ponsonby, Auckland. The president of the league (Mrs. J. J. O'Brien) gave a resume of the work already accomplished, and, after various matters were discussed, it was arranged that this branch should undertake 30 dressing-gowns out of the 120 promised by the guild for the hospital ship. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. Harvey; vice-president, Mrs. Sims; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Frost.

Special offertories, by direction of his Lordship the Bishop, were taken up in the Catholic churches in the city and suburbs yesterday in aid of the Wounded Soldiers' Fund. Special appeals were made from the pulpits to our people to support the fund. Very Rev. Father Cahill, speaking at St. Patrick's Cathedral, pointed out the grave obligation we were under to those brave young soldiers who had had the spirit and strength to voluntarily risk their lives, and to endure the hardships and sacrifices incidental to modern warfare, that our interests might be safeguarded. Therefore, he said, it was a matter of justice rather than of charity to see that these men, who gave up their means of livelihood from a pure motive of patriotism, and who came home to us sick and maimed, should be provided for by a part of the substance of those for whom they risked everything. Though the members of the congregation had given and were giving freely to the various patriotic funds, it was fitting that the Church as an organisation, should make this special appeal.

### Huntly

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

November 1.

The children's queen carnival is progressing favorably. Three queens have been nominated by the State school and one by the convent.

At the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday, the Rev. Father O'Doherty announced that during the month of November Mass will be offered up on three mornings in each week for the repose of the souls of deceased relatives of the congregation.

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