

building has been arranged so that when the time is ripe for the formation of the district into a parish the present building will serve as a school, and there is ample room for the erection of a church and presbytery. The alterations and removal were designed and carried out by Messrs. Swan and Swan, architects, and the church was formally opened yesterday afternoon by his Grace Archbishop Redwood, in the presence of a numerous gathering of local clergy and residents of the various parishes. His Grace Archbishop Redwood officiated at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the music being sung by the choir of the Sacred Heart Church, Hill street. A collection in aid of the removal and alteration fund realised about £60.

CATHOLIC FIELD SERVICE FUND.

The following sums are acknowledged by the Dominion treasurer of the N.Z. Catholic Federation for the Catholic Field Service Fund:—

Amount previously acknowledged	£216	9	9	
Wellington Diocesan Council				
Proceeds of picture entertainment, Wellington	20	10	6	
Thorndon parish committee	2	2	0	
St. Anne's parish committee	1	1	0	
Nelson parish committee	12	0	0	
Manawatu Patriotic Society, Palmerston North	50	0	0	
Makikihi parish committee	11	13	6	
Stratford parish committee (third instalment, making a total of £12.18 -)	2	0	0	
Rev. Father Aubry, Waimate	4	4	0	
	£319	7	9	
Remitted to Chaplain-Captain McMennamin, London, senior Catholic chaplain N.Z. Forces for the use of all New Zealand Catholic chaplains	£150	0	0	
Remitted to Chaplain-Captain McDonald, Egypt	25	0	0	
		175	0	0
Balance	£144	7	9	

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 6.

The hour for commencing Vespers in the Cathedral on Sunday evenings has been altered from half-past 6 to 7 o'clock, in continuation of the adoption of the latter hour during the recent mission.

The names of Mr. H. H. Loughnan and Mr. J. R. Hayward as being among those on the platform at the meeting of protest against the attitude of the *Press* newspaper held in the Hibernian Hall on last Tuesday evening, were omitted from my brief telegraphed report of the proceedings.

There was the usual monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral from the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday last, followed, after Vespers, by the customary procession and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at which his Lordship the Bishop officiated.

Continued subscriptions towards the Dublin relief fund were received at the Cathedral after the various Masses on Sunday last. Up to the present about £340 have been contributed by the diocese, and I have been told by at least one, of his intention to double an already generous subscription in view of the attitude of the *Press*.

With the usual great influx of visitors to the city for Carnival Week the congregations at the Cathedral were excessively crowded on Sunday last. His Lordship the Bishop announced the special dispensation of the usual Friday abstinence granted by the Holy See to those attending the various gatherings on 'People's Day.'

Masses were celebrated in the Cathedral on All Saints' Day at 6, 7, and 9 o'clock, with the usual devotions in the evening. On All Souls' Day Masses of Requiem were celebrated from 6 to 9 o'clock continuously, the last being a Missa Cantata celebrated by the Rev. Father Murphy, B.A., Each day the congregations were large.

The recent week-end control of the Red Cross sales depot in Cathedral square by the Catholic unit of the Red Cross Society was a record success, surpassing the efforts of any other unit that has so far engaged in the work. The Catholic ladies were very sincerely congratulated on the success of their efforts by the committee of management of the Red Cross fund when handing in their takings of £105 for the two evenings.

The practical examination in music of pupils of the Sisters of the Missions was held at the Rangiora Convent on October 20 by Mr. S. Myerscough. The following are the successes:—Associate—Ada Joyce. Senior—Gladys Gillespie, Zita Lynskey. Intermediate—Agnes Garlick, Myra Cudby. Junior—Jean Pollock, Isabel Leonard. Preparatory—Veronica McGrath. First Steps—Rita Compton.

At the meeting on last Wednesday evening of the Christchurch Celtic Club, Brother Fidelis (of the local Marist Brothers' teaching staff) gave an interesting lecture on 'Irish Song and Music,' incidentally conveying an intelligent and attractive illustration of his subject by contributing examples. The lecture was greatly appreciated, and the lecturer was cordially thanked for the enjoyable and profitable evening provided.

Special reference was made in the Cathedral on Sunday to the Catholic congress to be held in the Colosseum on the following Sunday. Printed programmes were distributed to the various congregations, containing, with the musical numbers, the names of the speakers and their subjects in the following order:—'Catholic Education,' Mr. M. Doyle (Timaru); 'Special Catholic Disabilities,' Mr. H. F. Joogan (Grey-mouth); (a) 'Catholic Disabilities in General' (b) 'Value of Agitation,' Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M. (Napier); address, his Lordship Bishop Brodie.

Mention was made in the Cathedral on last Sunday of the serious illness in Wellington of the Rev. Father Barry C.S.S.R., who, only a week or so previously, had participated with such telling effect and manifest success in the memorable general mission services conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers in the Cathedral. Speaking in feeling terms, his Lordship the Bishop recommended the prayers of the congregation on behalf of the devoted missionary whose strenuous efforts for the glory of God and salvation of souls over a particularly long period of years, in this Dominion and elsewhere, had brought untold blessings on numberless people.

The final meeting preparatory to the Catholic congress was held on last Sunday afternoon in the Marist Brothers' Schoolroom. His Lordship the Bishop presided. Prior to entering upon the business of the meeting, the following resolution was moved by the secretary (Mr. F. J. Doolan), seconded by Mr. M. Grimes, and endorsed by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Messrs. W. Hayward, jun, and J. E. Doolan, and carried unanimously—'That this meeting of the parish committees of the N.Z. Catholic Federation, representing the Cathedral, St. Mary's, and Addington parishes, respectfully tender to his Lordship Bishop Brodie their devoted and heartfelt sympathy, at the uncalled for and insinuating attacks made on him by the editor of the *Press* newspaper, in his praiseworthy and charitable endeavours to assist the Distress in Dublin Relief Fund, and, further, is prepared to assist him in every possible manner to protect and vindicate his own honor and the honor of his people.' His Lordship replied at length in appreciation of the motion, and urged those present to do all in their power to make the attendance at the congress as large as possible, which would be an overwhelming reply to the recent attacks of the *Press*.