

The clergy of the diocese concluded their annual retreat this morning.

On Sunday evening last Rev. Father Healey, S.J., of Melbourne, preached in St. Patrick's Cathedral on the subject of the "Priesthood."

The Rev. Father Healey, S.J., who conducted the retreat of the Auckland clergy, returned to-night to Wellington en route to Melbourne.

The Rev. Father O'Connor, who comes from the same diocese as the Rev. Father Lynch, of Te Awamutu, is paying the latter a short visit.

The Rev. Fathers Mansfield, O'Connor, Brady, and Curley arrived this morning from Ireland to enter upon the duties of their sacred calling in this diocese.

Announcement is made of the appointment of the Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett, of Paeroa, to the charge of Ellerslie parish. Rev. Father Dunphy takes charge of Paeroa parish.

It is understood that the Sisters of the Mission will be opening a school in Te Awamutu in about a year's time. Through the indefatigable energy of the Rev. Father Lynch, the Sisters of the Mission will be able to take over a very fine property of about one acre, adjoining the church property, recently acquired at a cost of £1000. On the property is a large residence that will be converted into a convent.

On December 15 the Hibernian Cricket Team met and defeated the Normal School Old Boys at Eden Park. Normal's first innings produced 63, second innings 50, main credit being due to the bowling of J. Schollum, who in the first innings took five wickets for 23, and in the second innings four wickets for 6. The Hibernians scored the fine total of 169 for one wicket (J. Tubberty 80 not out, L. Righton 76 not out), thus winning by an innings and 56 runs—a three point win. The position now is that the Hibernians lead in the competition by a good margin.

On Sunday last at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. George Colgan took place in the presence of a very large congregation. The impressive ceremony was conducted by his Lordship Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, who was celebrant of the Mass. The Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook was master of ceremonies, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Malley. The newly-ordained priest was at-

tended by the Rev. Father Silk, while the Right Rev. Mgr. Ormond, Rev. Fathers Healey, S.J., Golden, Murphy, Furlong, and Spierings were present in the sanctuary. The father, sister, and three brothers of the young priest occupied front seats immediately behind them being about sixty Sisters of the various Orders. Father Colgan, who was born at Takapuna, Auckland, received his early education at the hands of the Sisters of Mercy, and later spent six years at the Sacred Heart College, Ponsonby, subsequently being sent by Bishop Cleary to St. Patrick's College, Sydney, completing his studies last year. At the conclusion of the service Father Colgan imparted his blessing to his relatives and the congregation. In honor of the event the Sisters of Mercy entertained a number of guests to dinner at St. Mary's College, Ponsonby. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and among those present were the local clergy, members of Father Colgan's family, representatives of the Marist Brothers, and Mr. Len. Buxton, a fellow student. On Monday morning Father Colgan celebrated his first Mass at the Sisters of Mercy's Orphanage, Takapuna, at which were present the Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Patterson, Furlong, about twenty Sisters, family relations, and a large congregation of friends. After Mass, Father Colgan was presented with a very handsome preaching stole, the presentation being made by the Rev. Father Patterson.

Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being little. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the foundation of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation.—St. Augustine.

Irish devotion to the Blessed Virgin appears in the great numbers who, in ancient times, bore the name of Maelmaire, which means "the servant"—literally the *tonsure*—"of Mary": such persons, male and female—for Maelmaire was common to both sexes—having been placed under her patronage and protection at baptism. —John Salmon.

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