

refurnishing, was officially opened in St. Benedict's Hall by the Right Rev. Dr. H. W. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, on Monday evening last. Mr. F. G. J. Temm (chairman of the board of management) presided, and welcomed, on behalf of the committee, the large number present, and apologised on behalf of the Mayoress (Mrs. Gunson), for her unavoidable absence from the opening ceremony. His Lordship the Bishop expressed his pleasure at being present to assist in the function promoted in the interests of the Catholic Women's Hostel, which for the past two years had been doing such an excellent beneficent work in this city. The hostel, he said, met a great need locally, in the way of providing comfortable accommodation for young women and girls who by circumstances were compelled to live away from home, and where they could rely on being in a safe environment. It also catered for young immigrant girls arriving as strangers to these shores. The Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., and the Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook followed with short addresses, and the Bishop declared the bazaar open. The stalls are as follows:—Sweets, Mrs. L. Kelly and Misses Dunne and Warne; fancy goods—Miss Lorrigan, assisted by Mesdames O'Shea, Clark, the Children of Mary, and the boarders at the hostel; flowers—Mrs. Hegman, assisted by Mesdames Wainwright and Sommerville; provisions—Miss Mulvaney, assisted by Mrs. Pilling and Misses O'Keefe, Kay, Cremon, and O'Sullivan; fancy needlework—Mrs. McElwain, assisted by Mesdames Slade, Walsh, and the Misses Mulligan, McLoughlin, McConnell, and M. Higgins; refreshments—Mrs. Handling, assisted by Mrs. Gourley. A side show was successfully conducted by Mr. J. O'Sullivan. The musical portion of the programme was conducted by the Misses Beresford, items being rendered by their talented pupils. The principal interest during the week was centred round the tug-of-war contest, no less than 16 teams being entered. Pulls take place each evening, and the final pull of the competition takes place to-morrow evening, when the bazaar will be brought to a close. The hon. secretary (Mrs. L. M. Cullen) deserves to be congratulated on the success of her unremitting endeavors to make the function a complete success.

During the week the following correspondence appeared in the *New Zealand Herald* re the matter in which Howard Elliott was taken to task by his Lordship the Bishop, as reported in last week's notes:

SIR.—I have to thank Dr. Cleary for drawing my attention through the *Herald* to a slight inaccuracy in my statement at the Town Hall last Tuesday evening. The statement to which I referred, that "Protestantism must be put down," was made in the Ponsonby Roman Catholic Church at the evening service about six or seven weeks ago, not on Sunday week, as I first understood. In all other respects the statement I made is correct. The persons who heard the statement and reported it do not know the name of the priest, not being regular members of the congregation.

HOWARD ELLIOTT.

SIR.—In the *Herald* of June 25 the Rev. Howard Elliott makes a statement to the following effect:—In the Ponsonby Roman Catholic Church, at a Sunday evening service "about six or seven weeks ago," a priest said: "Protestantism must be put down." As the bishop's administrator of the Ponsonby parish I have been present throughout every evening service and sermon for nine Sundays past. I limit my statement to nine Sundays simply because that gives the generous margin of about 50 per cent. in favor of the rev. lecturer's new statement as to date. The evening preachers during that period were the following:—Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, four Sundays ago; Rev. J. Mansfield, one, three, five, seven, and nine Sundays ago; Rev. J. J. Bradley, six Sundays ago; and the present writer, eight and two Sundays ago. The independent testimony of all the other preachers is before me in writing. They absolutely deny having used the expression attributed to them above, or any expressions equivalent to it, or having the remotest re-

semblance to it. So do I. These written declarations are open to inspection. They are borne out by a number of intelligent lay witnesses in regular attendance at all the evening services mentioned.

On one occasion, and only one, during my three years' administration of the Catholic Church at Ponsonby was reference made to organisations of other faiths. That was about four months ago. On that occasion the present writer referred to the campaign against the Catholic Church and Catholic women. I exhorted my hearers not to entertain bitter feelings in their hearts against the Rev. Howard Elliott and others, who were doing an unintended service to our faith by recalling to its practice many who had hitherto been careless. This, I added, was a striking example of how God works good out of evil.

J. V. CARRAN, Administrator.

In the second round of the Senior Grade of the Auckland Secondary Schools' Football Championship Sacred Heart College met Auckland Grammar School A. The Grammar team was very much heavier than the College fifteen. The game was played on Eden Park, which was wet and slippery as a result of the previous heavy rain. Mr. Colman was referee. In the first half the College, pursuing the "up-and-under" policy, had all the better of the game, and at half-time led by 6 to nil, tries having been scored by L. Rae and J. McAuliffe. The second half proved a hard tussle. Grammar scored and converted, but shortly afterwards T. Dyer scored the third try for College. Again the kick for goal went wide. The Grammar were given a penalty kick in front of the goal, but the Sacred Heart College was still in the lead by 9 to 8, with ten minutes to go. However the weight of the heavy Grammar forwards began to wear down the College opposition, and Grammar scored their second try, which was converted. The game ended in favor of Grammar by 13 to 9. The *Auckland Star* reports: The S.H.C. team gave a splendid exhibition of Rugby, despite the adverse conditions of wet ground and ball. Inaccurate goal kicking lost them the game, for they scored three tries to Grammar's two. J. McAuliffe was the pick of the backs, and W. Fleming and D. Hart of the forwards. In the Second Grade S.H.C. defeated Grammar by 17 points to 3. In the Third Grade S.H.C. won against Grammar by 12 points to nil, while in the Fourth Grade S.H.C. and Grammar played a draw—5 all. The next competition match is against King's College on August 3.

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL BRANCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual meeting of the Cathedral branch of the Catholic Federation was held in the Hibernian Hall on Sunday afternoon, June 23, Mr. J. R. Hayward (vice-president of the Christchurch Diocesan Council) presiding. Dean Regnault, S.M. (president of the Diocesan Council), and Father Long were in attendance, as were also Mr. F. J. Doolan (secretary) and Mr. W. Hayward (treasurer). Father Long tendered an apology for the non-attendance of his Lordship the Bishop.

Mr. W. Hallins, secretary of the parish committee, read the annual report and balance sheet, showing a credit balance of £6 9s 4d, which were received and adopted.

The chairman, referring to the report, said that the Parish Committee had been working quietly yet satisfactorily, and he eulogised the labors of the secretary (Mr. W. Hallins), who had shown himself a really live official, his services in every contingency having been generously given and his duties attended to most faithfully in every detail.

Father Long, in supplementing Mr. Hayward's remarks, assured those present that there was no lack

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