

plans of the new church are now being prepared by Messrs. Clero and Williams.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

October 10.

Father Tymons announced on Sunday last that the Marist Missioners, Fathers McCarthy and O'Leary, intended conducting a mission in Napier commencing on Sunday, October 27, and continuing for two weeks in St. Patrick's Church, and for a further week in St. Mary's Church, Port Ahuriri.

The Catholic ladies of Napier have been asked to take charge of the Red Cross shop on Saturday, October 26. An energetic committee has been appointed and the canvass for donations is being generously responded to. As funds are urgently needed for the Red Cross work it is hoped that the efforts of the committee will be supported by the Catholic people of the district, so that we may not be behind other denominations in raising money for this worthy object.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 11

His Lordship the Bishop will visit St. Benedict's Church, Newton, on Sunday next to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is expected that a good number of candidates will be presented.

Last Sunday, being the first Sunday in October, the usual devotions appropriate to the month of the Holy Rosary were commenced in the city and suburban churches.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, Bishop of Dunedin, arrived in Auckland on Friday evening last. He was accompanied by Father Murphy, of Riverton, and stayed over the week-end with his Lordship Bishop Cleary, leaving on Monday last for Rotorua.

A very successful fancy dress social was held in the Ponsonby Parish Hall on Saturday, October 5, in aid of the parish funds. The principal feature was the competition in fancy dress. The two first prizes were awarded to the Misses Huia Hyde ("The Lourdes Bazaar") and Basil Fitzgerald ("The Month").

A euchre social was held in St. Benedict's Hall on Tuesday evening last under the auspices of St. Patrick's Young Men's Club, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

On Wednesday evening the Children of Mary of St. Benedict's held a successful euchre social in aid of the parish funds.

The annual road races in connection with the Sacred Heart College sports took place on last Saturday afternoon, the competition being divided into senior and junior contestants. The day was ideal for running, and considerable interest was shown in the event. The senior division was responsible for a most exciting finish, Henry and McPhillips breasting the tape with inches only between them, while the scratch boy Cook, who ran a great race, was only 20yds away. The handicaps worked out splendidly, the gaps between the first 20 boys being remarkably small for the distance. Cook registered the fastest time, and his performance was a high-class one. The junior division was won by E. Leydon from the 2min. mark, who also registered the fastest time.

Private James O'Connor, recently reported wounded in France, is the eldest son of Mrs. A. O'Connor, of Ponsonby, and was born in Liverpool. He arrived in Auckland in 1908. He was educated at St. Francis Xavier's School, Liverpool, and later at the Marist Brothers' School, Auckland. He took a very keen interest in all branches of sport, and was a prominent member of the Everton Association Foot-

ball Club. Private O'Connor is 23 years of age, and served his apprenticeship with the *Auckland Star*, and prior to his enlistment in the Seventeenth Reinforcements was attached to the staff of the *Auckland Herald*. Private O'Connor was previously wounded on June 7, 1917, in the advance on Messines. After his recovery he joined the Machine Gun Section.

The notable increase in the number of clergy and parishes in the Auckland diocese since 1912 has rendered advisable an increase in and partial reorganisation of the Deaneries established in that year. The Bishop-in-Council has, therefore, notified the following appointments to the clergy of the diocese:—The Auckland and Manukau Deaneries are administered by the Right Revs. Monsignor Gillan and Mahony, V.G.'s respectively. The Right Rev. Monsignor Haekett, V.F., is in non-resident charge of the new Deanery of Waitemata; the Very Rev. Dean Cahill, V.F., Parnell, takes non-resident control of the Waikato Deanery; Very Rev. Dean McGuinness, V.F. (Te Aroha), the Ohinemuri Deanery; while the united Deaneries of the Kaipara and the Native Missions are confided to the Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk, V.F., Superior of the Mill Hill Missions. The Bishop's circular defines the boundaries of the Deaneries, details the special faculties accorded to the Vicars-Forane (Deans), and directs their work of visitation, etc., in accordance with the new Code of Canon Law.

The Marist Brothers' scholars, Vermont Street, are again winners of the Schools' A Grade football competition. They had a record season, scoring 358 points in nine games and finishing the season with their line uncrossed. Last Saturday, at the Domain, they played the pick of 25 Auckland schools, and though contesting against a much heavier team, played a draw (a try and a goal to 2 goals), their line still uncrossed. They had much the better of the game, though their two wing three-quarters were not playing. Casey, after a brilliant run by Hickey, scored. O'Donoghue kicked a penalty. In the seven-aside they won the A and B out of three grades, neither team having its line crossed or a point scored against it.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 11.

Father Mangan, C.S.S.R., who is to conduct a retreat for the members of the archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, preached in the Cathedral on last Sunday evening.

Father Murphy, Chaplain with the Forces, writing from France, says he is well, and has been meeting quite a large number of Christchurch boys.

A social in aid of the Woolston Choir funds was held in the local Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday evening last, and proved most enjoyable. The hall was crowded, and during an interval Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., presented Mr. Lanyon (conductor) and Mrs. Foley (organist) with useful gifts as a mark of the parishioners' appreciation of their services.

On Friday afternoon the Marist Brothers' School football team, who won in the primary schools competition, were entertained at the Liuwood School by the headmaster, Mr. Evans (chairman of the Rugby Union). Before the presentation of the senior trophy won by the boys in the recent competitions, the chairman, in appropriate terms, urged the boys always to play the game in the same friendly and sportsmanlike spirit as it had been played this year. It was a coincidence (he said) that on the last occasion when a similar function was held in that school the same two teams (Marist senior and Riccarton junior) were those entitled to the two shields. Addressing the Marist boys he urged them to stick to the old Rugby game, and try to excel in it until at some future date they, like so many of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys, would have the coveted honor of playing for their province