

warmed our hearts. The children of St. Joseph's School are very keen to help with the sewing, which is just as it should be, and everything points to a busy time in the sewing room at the Villa. Everyone seems afraid of a cheerless winter, as there is little prospect of an abundance of coal or other firing, and the effects of the epidemic are still noticeable in many homes.

### Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

June 18.

On Trinity Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, a "Missa Cantata" was celebrated by Father Lane, the choir rendering Turner's "Mass of the Good Shepherd" very efficiently. At the evening devotions Father Lane gave a concise explanation of the *Ne Temere* Decree, a subject that has occasioned a considerable amount of attention locally of late.

Fathers Ainsworth and McCarthy (Marist Missioners) returned to Gisborne after conducting a successful mission in the Ormond parochial district. Father McCarthy leaves for Auckland to-day (Wednesday) and Father Ainsworth will remain here over Sunday.

June 20.

A eucuro social, arranged by the members of St. Mary's choir, in aid of the bazaar funds, was held in the Assembly Rooms on last Wednesday evening, and as a result the object of their efforts will benefit materially. Refreshments were provided by the lady members of the choir.

A social evening, arranged by the members of St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society, in honor of Fathers Ainsworth and McCarthy (Marist Missioners), was held on last Thursday evening, in the Alexandra Rooms. A large number of parishioners attended to meet the Missioners socially, but, as Father Lane explained in some brief introductory remarks, Father Ainsworth, alone, was able to be present, and regretted the unavoidable absence of Father McCarthy, who had not returned in time from his mission up country. An enjoyable varied programme was presented. Father Ainsworth, who gave a greatly appreciated violin solo, and also a vocal solo, being among the contributors. The president of the branch and the secretary (Bro. B. Pollard) admirably supervised the function.

### DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 27.

After a wait of some three weeks, Very Rev. Father P. Murphy (Riverton) has at last been enabled to begin the second stage of his journey home to Ireland. He was a passenger by the Niagara, which sailed for Vancouver on Wednesday last.

Father Skinner, who has been absent from New Zealand on active duty as chaplain with the Expeditionary Forces for the past two and a-half years, returned by the Waimana on Monday last, and was met and welcomed by Father Taylor, who has been in charge of the Waiuku parish during Father Skinner's absence. With Father Taylor was a small party of representative parishioners of Waiuku. Fathers Skinner and Taylor, accompanied by the whole reception party, motored back to Waiuku in the evening.

The annual spiritual retreat of the Mothers Superior of the Order of Notre Dame des Missions, which was postponed earlier in the year owing to the influenza outbreak, is to take place at Christchurch shortly. The Reverend Mothers of the various convents of the Order in Auckland have already left for the southern city.

The recent additions to the Ellerslie parish school will be blessed and opened by his Lordship Dr. Brodie, Bishop of Christchurch, on Sunday, July 6. It is due to the zealous work of the Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett (pastor of the district) that these splendid improvements have at last been carried out, and thereby supplying a long-felt want.

The bazaar in aid of the Parnell parish funds was opened by his Lordship Bishop Brodie on Monday evening last, and promises to be a complete success.

The recent social gathering held in the school grounds, Grey Lynn, realised the substantial sum of £120, and on behalf of the committee Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook presented the above amount to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their convent funds, as a mark of appreciation of the Sisters' heroic work during the recent influenza outbreak.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced with Solemn High Mass, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Sunday, June 22. Father Forde, Adm., was celebrant, Father O'Byrne deacon, and Father Buckley subdeacon. The procession of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, which was followed by Exposition, was participated in by the Children of Mary, the Guard of Honor of the Blessed Sacrament, and children of the convent schools. The high

altar was tastefully adorned with flowers and palms, and beautifully illuminated, and reflected much credit on the painstaking efforts of the Sister of Mercy in charge and her assistants. In the evening his Lordship Dr. Brodie, Bishop of Christchurch, preached an impressive discourse on the Divine Presence in the Blessed Eucharist. There was a crowded congregation. On Monday, Father O'Byrne was celebrant of the Mass, the sermon in the evening being preached by Father Doyle (Remuera). There was Solemn High Mass, commencing at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Father O'Byrne being celebrant, Father Forde, Adm., deacon, and Father Brady subdeacon. The Quarant' Ore was solemnly closed after Mass. The music on the Sunday was rendered by St. Patrick's choir, Mr. Cyril Towsey conducting, and Miss N. Ormond presiding at the organ; and on Monday and Tuesday by St. Cecilia's Convent choir, Misses A. McKie and E. Skinner being soloists.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 30.

Father Bonetto is at present relieving chaplain at Mount Magdala.

On July 12, under the auspices of the Christchurch Celtic Club, an entertainment will be held in the Sacred Heart Schoolroom, Addington, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the debt extinction fund, and patrons are assured of a good varied programme.

At the Cathedral, on Friday evening last, the exercises of the Novena were brought to a close by Father Kilbride, C.S.S.R. His final sermon was on "Perseverance," at the conclusion of which he imparted the Papal Blessing. Father Kilbride has left for Westland to conduct retreats, and Father Langley, C.S.S.R., has returned to Wellington.

For some time past the question of forming a Juvenile Hibernian Society has been occupying the attention of St. Patrick's branch here, and this is now about to become an accomplished fact. The constitution and rules referring thereto were recently received from the district board, and Rev. Brother Phelan promptly and energetically took the work in hand. Already he has 50 prospective members enrolled.

Ex-pupils of the convent schools of the Sisters of the Missions will learn with interest that Rev. Mothers Anthony (Prioress), Basil (Mistress of Novices), and Stephen (Superioress, Ashburton), are leaving New Zealand for England by the Rimutaka to attend the General Chapter of their Order, to be held at an early date in Deal. The Mothers Superior of the various convents in New Zealand are at present in retreat in Christchurch. The retreat is being conducted by Father James Goggin, S.M.

The ordinary meeting of St. Patrick's branch, I.L.A.C.B. Society, was held in the Hibernian Hall on Monday evening, June 16. Bro. J. M. Coffey presided. There was a full roll of officers and a good attendance of members. Sick allowances amounting to £9 18s 5d, and accounts for £59 12s 9d, were passed for payment. As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Jas. Power, the regalia was draped, and Bro. Coffey made feeling reference to the generous support and untiring zeal manifested by the deceased in all things Hibernian and Catholic. While his kindly nature and genial personality will be missed from amongst us (he said), his good works will ever be remembered. A motion of sympathy was carried, the members standing in respectful silence. Various reports were placed before the meeting, the principal being those having reference to the annual district meeting, and to the quarterly record of the U.F.S. Dispensary. The former was held over until next meeting. The Dispensary report was considered most satisfactory, and received very hearty support from our delegates, Bros. Grimes and Dobbs. Photographs of Past Presidents of the branch are now being framed in groups, and the members acknowledged with thanks generous help in this matter from Bro. W. Britenden and the Hall Committee. One new member was elected.

M.B.O.B. senior grade football team suffered its first reverse on Saturday, June 21, losing to Linwood.