

ated. Bro. Kane, after the meeting, said it had been the most successful opening he had ever had the pleasure of officiating at, and the opening membership was the largest of any branch in New Zealand.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 5.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced at St. Joseph's Church, Lyttelton, on Sunday morning last. In the evening the Rev. Father Cooney was assisted by the Rev. Father Drohan, M.S.H., of Lincoln.

Since the announcement regarding the efforts to extinguish the liabilities on the Cathedral appeared in the *Tablet* of November 24, two additional subscribers of £50 each have approached his Lordship the Bishop, one of whom, besides already being one of the largest subscribers, with exceptional generosity immediately handed in the amount. Many are evidently impressed greatly with the satisfactory method revealed of at once ending the devoted Bishop's anxieties, and it really seems that within a comparatively brief period the much-desired and greatest of all events in the diocese of Christchurch—the day of the Cathedral's consecration—is at hand.

The arrangements in connection with the Catholic outing on Boxing Day at the Riccarton racecourse are well advanced, and the committee have now in preparation a comprehensive sports programme. All the school children of the Cathedral parish are to be provided for free, and special arrangements will be made in their regard, so that in treatment and in means of enjoyment they will find everything to be desired.

Sister Menna, one of the pioneer Sisters of Nazareth, who was also assistant Mother Superior, and for the last few months in charge of Nazareth House, leaves this week for the house in Ballarat, much to the regret of the community, and of the many who have been brought in contact with the institution. The genial and devoted Sister, who had always a kind greeting for visitors, will be greatly missed from the position with which she has so long been associated. Sister Menna is being replaced by Sister St. Elmo, lately from England, whilst a Sister from Ballarat has come to augment the staff.

The large residence and fine grounds surrounding it at the corner of Ferry road and Fitzgerald avenue, for several years occupied by the Sisters of Nazareth as a temporary Nazareth House, have been purchased from the Sisters for the purpose of establishing a Catholic Collegiate High School for Boys, under the control of the Marist Order. The teaching staff of the new institution will be composed of Fathers of the Society of Mary. In establishing a high school for boys his Lordship Bishop Grimes realises that such an institution has been needed for a considerable time, and he anticipates very successful results from it. The position is central, and close to the Cathedral, and should be admirably adapted for its new purpose. Worthy of every commendation, too, is the progressive enterprise of the Marist Fathers in thus adding one more to their already notable achievements, and they will certainly have the best wishes of all in this, their latest good work in the interests of the Catholic youth of the Dominion. General satisfaction is felt and expressed that the valuable property does not pass out of Catholic hands.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

December 4.

The Catholic Young Men's Club, at their last weekly meeting, spent the evening in a 'spelling bee' competition. The Rev. Father O'Hare filled the role of questioner in a capable manner. The competition was eventually won by Mr. T. M. Brophy.

A strong committee, with the Rev. Father O'Hare as chairman, has been formed here for the purpose of arranging a picnic of the Catholics of Ashburton and surrounding districts to Timaru some time in January.

The local St. Mary's Tennis Club journey to Timaru on December 16 to try conclusions with the Timaru Catholic Club.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

December 5.

The Home general election absorbs much attention here, particularly the contests in Cork City and West Belfast.

The Marist Brothers' schools, Pitt street, will this year close their term with a marine picnic to Motutapu Island.

At St. Benedict's Hall to-morrow evening the distribution of prizes to the Sacred Heart College students takes place.

The collection for the Bishop's testimonial fund is in progress throughout the parishes of the diocese. His Lord-

ship is due to arrive at Fremantle by the Omrah on December 13.

At a recent meeting of the Newman Society it was decided to appoint a committee from amongst members to undertake the defence of Catholic principles when assailed in the public press or elsewhere. No better work could be undertaken, and the society deserves the highest commendation and encouragement.

Brother Kane, district secretary, returned from Mecanee early last week. He stated that rarely has he witnessed such enthusiasm in the opening of a new Hibernian branch. Fifty-two new members joined at the opening. He speaks highly of Very Rev. Dean Smyth and those supporting him, all of which augurs well for the new branch.

A departure in the form of a national entertainment in connection with the St. Patrick's Day celebration is contemplated. It is intended to model it on the lines adopted so successfully for years in Sydney—that is, competitions amongst schools and a concert by the successful competitors, also by a drill parade by the children at the day's sports.

Rev. Father Ormond at the Holy Family confraternity meeting last week gave a most interesting discourse on the early life and ecclesiastical career of his Holiness Pius X. Father Ormond showed how, from the beginning of his career, Pius X., though of humble origin, was marked out for advancement and promotion, all of which were literally thrust upon him because of his great humility. The lecture is to be continued at another meeting of the confraternity.

The Auckland City Council, at its meeting last week, granted permission to the committee of Rev. Mother Mary Aubert's Home to take up street collections throughout the city on Saturday, December 24, in aid of the institution. Yesterday afternoon at the home a well-attended meeting was held, at which Rev. Father Holbrook, the members of the committee, and friends were present. The proposed street collection was discussed at length, after which a sub-committee was formed to arrange details, while efforts are to be directed to secure the co-operation of all bodies who take part in works of charity in and around the city. The funds raised will be devoted towards reducing the heavy debt upon St. Vincent's Home.

Otaguhu

(From our own correspondent.)

December 1.

On Friday evening, November 25, the Rev. Father Buckley, on the occasion of his return from a visit to Ireland, was entertained at a conversazione. There was a large and representative gathering of Catholics of the district. Mr. E. McGaughran read an address, and on behalf of the parishioners presented Father Buckley with a purse of sovereigns. Father Buckley, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the parishioners for the present, and the members of the Catholic Club for arranging the reception. During the evening vocal and musical items were rendered by Misses McCrory, McEvoy, Martin, Carlton, and Holt, and Messrs. J. Gillies, T. O'Connell, E. McGaughran, and J. O'Connell.

WELLINGTON CATHOLIC CLUB NOTES

(From the Club correspondent.)

By the time this appears in print arrangements will, in all probability, have been made for a fishing excursion to be held on December 11. It is proposed that as many club members and others should go as may find it convenient. This jaunt was first proposed by the hon. secretary, who is making the necessary arrangements, and from the keen enthusiasm already displayed among members, given good weather, an enjoyable time is promised. The secretary hopes that this will be the forerunner of many excursions during the summer months.

A reunion of the club members and old boys, with the Marist Brothers, will be held in the old schoolroom, Boulcott street, on Tuesday, December 20. As this will, in all probability, be the last occasion on which the old boys will have an opportunity of meeting in their Alma Mater, a large gathering is anticipated. Tickets, price two shillings each, may be obtained from the hon. secretary, or any member of the executive.

The club's cricket team defeated Petone by 105 runs on the first innings. For the winners Toms (56) and Reade (23) were principal scorers in a total of 158. Petone made 53 (Sternemuller 14) and 66 for 6 wickets (Bold 19, and Gosney 25, not out). Successful bowlers for the Catholic Club were Carroll (5 for 22) and O'Dowd (4 for 21), while Bolton and Gosney got the wickets for Petone.

Messrs. J. Ballantyne and Co., Christchurch, direct attention to their special lines of good washing and good wearing cambric at 4s 6d the length, post free...