

On March 12 the branch held its second quarterly meeting, when the membership was reported to be about 56. The sick and funeral fund has a credit balance of £34 16s 6d, and other funds are likewise well up to the standard. The officers are:—Chaplain, Very Rev. Dean Holley; president, Bro. A. McWilliams; vice-president, Bro. P. Keogh; treasurer, Bro. W. McTubbs; secretary, Bro. W. B. Setter; warden, Bro. F. Bourke; guardian, Bro. M. D. Kenny; sick visitors, Bros. F. Bourke and J. G. O'Brien.

The Marist Brothers' Junior Cadets, under Captain F. Bourke, attended a church parade on Sunday.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are at present taking the census of the Catholics of the city and suburbs.

The building formerly used as the Marist Brothers' School, and later on as the convent, is being removed to a site behind the Villa Maria. It is the intention to use the building for meeting and socials.

Last Sunday the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, to the number of 26, approached the Holy Table in a body. Very Rev. Dean Holley congratulated the members, and said they gave a good example to the congregation.

After Vespers on Sunday night a very large meeting of the parishioners was held, to consider the best means of assisting the Sisters of St. Joseph in the furnishing of the new convent. It was decided to hold a euchre party and social in the new Druids' Hall on Thursday, May 30. Mr. J. E. Miles was appointed secretary.

April 22.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. F. D. Gaffaney has been laid up for the last fortnight through an injury to one of his eyes.

Feeling reference to the loss of the Titanic was made by Very Rev. Dean Holley at St. Mary's on Sunday. Such a disaster (said the Dean) must forcibly bring before our minds the feebleness of the works of man when compared with the works of nature. At the conclusion of Mass, the congregation remained standing as a mark of respect while the organist (Mrs. Lloyd) played the 'Dead march' in 'Saul.'

Lower Hutt

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The King George Theatre, Lower Hutt, was throughout the week the scene of a big bazaar and carnival, the proceeds to go towards the erection of a new convent at Lower Hutt. The bazaar was opened last Monday evening by the Hon. J. Colvin, in the unavoidable absence of the Prime Minister. Mr. Colvin was introduced by Mr. T. A. Peterkin, who gave all a hearty welcome. Mr. Colvin said he was very pleased to have the opportunity of opening the bazaar, and he congratulated the workers on the well-filled and tastefully decorated stalls.

Very Rev. Father Lane thanked the Minister for his attendance. He stated that it was proposed to proceed with the erection of the convent at an early date.

The following were the stallholders:—Hibernian stall: Mesdames Connolly and Neazor, Misses Cleary and Bowden. Dominion stall: Mesdames Underich, Brook, Linch, Moburg, and McMenamim, Misses Twomey (3) and Moroney. Bran tub stall: Mrs. Patheron and Misses Hickey (2), Patheron (2), and Duignan. Coronation stall (including refreshments): Mesdames Sullivan, Exton, and Mithen, Misses Sullivan, Exton, Mithen, and O'Dare. Ascot race: Mr. W. B. Bridger. Birds: Mr. Keogh. Gramophone: Miss O'Shea.

Each evening a first class programme was presented. The committee being fortunate in securing the services of Highland pipers and dancers, winners at the recent Palmerston North competition. The principal dancers in the national dances were the Misses M. and L. Reid and Miss O'Leary. The sword dance by Miss L. Reid was greatly appreciated. Excellent business has been reported by the stallholders, and in spite of the inclement weather, there were large attendances each

evening. The stalls, which were prettily arranged by Messrs. Hodgins, Casey, and Hayes, were much admired.

Very Rev. Father Lane and his hard-working and energetic committee are deserving of the highest commendation for the excellent arrangements.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 29.

His Lordship the Bishop returned last evening from Sydney, and was met on arrival by the Ven. Archdeacon Brodie.

Very Rev. Father O'Connell and Rev. Fathers Goggan and Hyland left last Wednesday for Suva. Rev. Father Hyland addressed the members of the Holy Family Confraternity on last Tuesday evening.

It was announced at the last meeting of the Holy Family Confraternity that the Marist Missionary Fathers would give a mission in the Cathedral, commencing on the last Sunday of October, and concluding on the third Sunday of November.

The friends in this city and throughout the Dominion, of Mr. Little, well known in Hibernian and St. Vincent de Paul circles, will hear with sincere regret that his wife is very seriously ill. Her sister was stricken with illness last Saturday from which she died, and Mrs. Little was immediately and similarly stricken. Her brother died about three months ago.

The foundation stone of a new church at Tuakau was laid on Saturday afternoon by the Ven. Archdeacon Brodie, assisted by Rev. Father Kehoe (parish priest) and Rev. Father Holbrook. The church will be built of concrete. The main portion now being erected will be 60 feet by 30 feet. Archdeacon Brodie delivered a very impressive address from the text, 'Thou art Peter and upon this rock,' etc. There was a large gathering of people from the surrounding country present at the ceremony. The Catholics of the district are showing much enthusiasm in the undertaking, and before very long Tuakau will have a pretty and commodious church.

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Ven. Archdeacon Brodie represented his Lordship the Bishop, and said, in the course of a eulogy of what had been done, he wished to see country branches initiated, and added that if Mr. Fowlds (as president) made an organising tour he would find so many ready sympathisers in the country, that the scheme would be found feasible. He offered to undertake the work of organising a branch in Waihi. He commended the introduction of competitive essays on humanitarian subjects, as tending in the direction desired, and thought that the movement might be extended by endeavouring, through the offices of the editor of the *School Journal*, to have the winning essays publicly read in the schools.

Te Awamutu

His Lordship Bishop Cleary will visit Te Awamutu, on Saturday, May 11, and will open a new church at Pirongia on the following day. The new edifice will seat upwards of 100 persons, and is being erected to the plans of Mr. J. W. Warren, of Hamilton. The building will cost £400, which amount it is expected will be entirely paid by the opening day. Contributions to the church fund have been very generous, Mr. D. O'Shea donating no less than £150.

A meeting of the Catholic presbytery committee of the Te Awamutu parish, was held after the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, April 14, all the districts being represented by the following delegates: Messrs. McGovern, D. Maroney, Cavahagn, D. O'Shea, Rice, De Cox, P. O'Sullivan, Ryan, Captain Hope-Johnstone, and the Rev. Father Lynch. The committee decided to erect the presbytery in Te Awamutu in concrete and to call for tenders immediately. The plans, which have