

missions at Suva and Levuka, and visited a number of the Marist Fathers and mission stations in Fiji. Most successful missions were afterwards conducted in the Marist parishes of St. Patrick and Villa Maria, Sydney. Napier is to be the next scene of the missionaries' labors, where they commence in a short time.

The Art Gallery was crowded on last Wednesday evening on the occasion of a most successful entertainment in aid of the funds of the Altar Society of St. Mary's Church, Christchurch North, all the parochial clergy being present. The first part consisted of a short but high-class musical programme, the society being fortunate in securing talent of more than ordinary excellence, whose services were given gratuitously, their contributions being enthusiastically received by the very large audience. Mrs. Arthur Mead and Miss Palmer contributed selections—'Ruy Blas' (Mendelssohn), 'Tuscan folk song' (Caracciolo); Miss Barker, 'Charm of spring' (Clark), and as an encore, 'Love is made to make us glad.' Very Rev. Dean Hills sang 'Calvary,' and in response to a recall 'Rip Van Winkle.' 'Gai Papillon' (Hawley) was sung by Mrs Mead, and as an encore, 'Gloriana' (Mallinson); Mrs. H. A. Brown gave 'What might have been'; Mrs. Mead, with Mr. G. C. Hayward, sang the 'Miserere' duet (Verdi), and Mr. F. Rowe played two banjo solos. Miss Hayward was an efficient accompanist. A euchre tournament filled in the remainder of the evening, and was keenly contested, fifty-three tables being occupied. The principal prizes being won by Mrs. T. Power and Mr. J. Power. Excellent refreshments were provided, the pleasure of the evening being greatly enhanced by the admirable arrangements of the secretary (Miss Harrington) with the assistance of the members of the society and friends.

#### DIocese OF AUCLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

August 26.

Rev. Father Bradley, formerly of Auckland, is at present on a visit here.

Rev. Brother Alphonsus (Provincial of the Marist Brothers) arrived from Sydney yesterday on his first official visit to the houses of his Order.

A social gathering, under the auspices of the Guard of Honor in connection with St. Patrick's parish, will be held in St. Benedict's Hall on September 4.

The annual general Communion of the members of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association will take place at St. Benedict's on Sunday, September 8.

On the Sunday within the Octave of the Assumption Father Kirrane preached an instructive sermon on the feast, at SS. Michael and George's Church, Remuera.

The name of Father Kirrane, B.A., of Remuera, was inadvertently omitted from the list of those present at the educational meeting held in the Pitt Street Schoolroom.

At the recent Trinity College examinations held in Auckland, the following pupils presented by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Remuera, were successful:—Misses F. Green, H. Baker, and T. Crummer.

The forthcoming 'At home,' to be held in St. Benedict's Hall under the auspices of the Remuera Catholic socials committee on Friday evening, September 6, promises to be a great success. Valuable and handsome prizes have been secured for the euchre tournament.

Rev. Father Bernadine, M.S.H., passed through Auckland on his return to his mission at Raratonga, where he has labored for twenty years. He had been absent for several months on a visit to Europe, and speaks eloquently of the Catholic revival in France.

On Monday last a ceremony of religious profession took place at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, when Miss Alice Coffey took life vows in the Order. His Lordship Bishop Cleary, assisted by the chaplain, celebrated Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held during the day.

Wednesday, August 21, was the second anniversary of the consecration of his Lordship Dr. Cleary as Bishop of Auckland. His Lordship was the recipient of numerous congratulations. He entertained to dinner at the Bishop's House a large number of the diocesan clergy at which felicitous speeches were delivered, to which the Bishop in equally felicitous terms replied.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the Cathedral clergy and members of the Children of Mary confraternity on last Thursday, when on the invitation of Miss Willis (president of the society), a social gathering took place in St. Patrick's Convent schoolroom. Progressive euchre was indulged in, after which capital musical items were given. Prizes were won by Rev. Father O'Doherty and Miss Herring. Music was supplied by Misses K. Owens and Julia Rist, and an Irish jig was given by Miss N. O'Sullivan.

A meeting of the Education Board was held in the Marist Brothers' schoolroom on Monday evening. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and there were present Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, Rev. Fathers Tigar, Golden, Holbrook, Furlong, Edge, Ormond, Kirrane, Rev. Brother Alphonsus, Rev. Brother Phelan, and two representatives from each of the city and suburban parishes. Mr. Nerheny presented an exhaustive report from the committee appointed to inquire into the conditions under which schools were carried on at present. The committee in their report said it was inadvisable to do anything with the present Pitt Street School, but recommended enlargement of the proposed new school at Ponsonby, provided arrangements could be made with the Ponsonby people. The report also suggested the erection of a school either at the Mount Roskill or Mount Eden district. His Lordship the Bishop advised that the parish priest in every parish interested be added to the committee, and that the report of the committee be submitted to the next meeting of the board on September 9. His Lordship welcomed Rev. Brother Alphonsus, and assured him that the Brothers were doing excellent educational work in this diocese, under most disadvantageous circumstances. Brother Alphonsus, in replying, said he was gratified to see so much interest aroused amongst priests and people on the great question of Catholic education.

#### Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

August 18.

Mr. G. Cartwright, of the local telephone exchange staff, who has been promoted to a position in the mail room at Timaru, was this morning presented with a very nice watch-guard and sovereign case from the post and telegraph staff, also with a handsome gold-mounted fountain pen from the telephone exchange staff, as a token of the esteem in which he is held. Mr. Hill (chief postmaster) made the presentation, and in a happy speech congratulated Mr. Cartwright on his well-earned promotion and the splendid manner in which he had always performed his duties in the Oamaru office. Miss McGregor congratulated Mr. Cartwright on behalf of the exchange staff, and expressed regret at Mr. Cartwright's departure. Mr. Cartwright suitably replied, and expressed a hope that he might soon get back among his good fellow-officers at Oamaru. Mr. Cartwright has filled the position of treasurer to St. Patrick's Club for a couple of years, and is also a member of the Hibernian Society.

The Georgetown Hall was crowded to excess on the evening of August 19 (says the *Oamaru Mail*), the occasion being a farewell social and presentation to the Misses McPhee on their approaching marriages. The chair was occupied by Mr. T. King. On the platform were the Rev. Father Farthing, Rev. Mr. Steven, Mr. William Gardiner, jun., and the Misses McPhee. The chairman, in his opening remarks, said that the great assemblage present that night was to do honor to the two Misses McPhee, who were respected by all who had the happiness of knowing them. No greater sign of the respect in which the family is held could be shown

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