

the next meeting night. The following officers were appointed:—President, Mr. T. Roche; vice-president, Mr. M. Shale; treasurer, Mr. M. Meehan; secretary, Mr. W. M. Neylon; spiritual director, Rev. Father Moloney. Their principal work is to assist the senior conference in teaching in the Sunday schools and visiting the hospital.

The following are the results of the practical musical examinations held at the convent on August 26, by Mr. Charles Schilsky, Trinity College, London. Twelve were presented and all passed:—Senior division—Clare Williams, 86 (honors); Eileen Brennan, 85 (honors); Ita Varley, 67. Intermediate division—Mona Mack, 75; Kathleen Delahunty, 74; Margaret Bremer, 63. Preparatory division—Travers Till, 71; Grace Robertson, 70. First steps—Marjorie Missen, 72. Harmony and grammar of music—Ruby Curran, 124.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 9.

Two recently-ordained priests for the diocese are expected to reach Christchurch in November.

The Rev. Father J. Murray, C.S.S.R., gave a fine discourse in the Cathedral on last Sunday evening on the subject of the 'Mercy of God.'

His Lordship the Bishop left Waiwera last week for Greenmeadows, Hawke's Bay, where he makes a brief stay, and intends returning to Christchurch next week.

The Sisters of Nazareth entered into retreat, which is being conducted by the Rev. Father James Murray, C.S.S.R., at Nazareth House, on last Wednesday evening.

At the invitation of the management, the children of Nazareth House were last week treated to a visit to 'Tiny Town,' and as guests of the small people who inhabit the stage village, spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

The fancy fair in aid of the Cathedral parochial schools' fund was marked by an auspicious opening on last Thursday evening, the spacious schoolrooms in Lower High street being suitably adapted for the purpose. Excellent little entertainments by the children were provided each evening, and quite a number of side-shows attracted numerous patrons. Tugs-of-war, contested by representatives of the M.B.O.B. Association and the H.A.C.B. Society proved exciting alike to participants and onlookers, whilst the insistent demands of the young lady assistants at the various stalls left not a dull moment to those not absolutely devoid of generous feeling.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

September 9.

Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly intends taking a trip to Australia *via* the Islands this month.

Rev. Father Finn has been transferred to the Sacred Heart parish, Ponsonby.

Yesterday, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was the tenth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Father Holbrook.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes returned from Waiwera last Saturday, and left for the south by express train this evening. His Lordship's health has been greatly improved by his stay at this seaside resort.

The Ven. Archdeacon Brodie came on to Auckland on Thursday, and is now at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. His many friends hope that he will speedily recover from his serious illness.

At St. Benedict's yesterday evening the children, who had made their First Communion during the year, were solemnly consecrated to our Blessed Lady, and took the abstinence pledge until their twenty-first birthday. A procession in honor of our Blessed Lady followed. Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan preached an eloquent

sermon on the feast of the day. A meeting of the men of the parish was held after Vespers to form a parish committee to help in financing the debts of the parish.

A meeting of the Catholic Education Board was held this evening. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and there were present Very Rev. Father Buckley, Rev. Fathers Golden, Tigar, O.P., Holbrook, Edge, Ormond, Furlong, Kirrane, and Brothers Phelan and Paul. Reports were received from the schools at Ellerslie, St. Benedict's, Parnell, Devonport, and Remuera. The following resolutions were carried—'That the Catholic Education Board take over from Ponsonby parish 125 feet of the Vermont street property, to begin from the lower extremity, together with the school about to be erected thereon by the Ponsonby parish; the Board will pay for the site at the rate of £7 per foot, and for the school the sum agreed upon with the contractor—namely, about £3000.' 'That the property at present occupied as a school in Pitt street be offered for lease for a term, not exceeding twelve years, at an upset rent of not less than £4 net per week, the lessee to pay all rates, taxes, and insurances, and for wear and tear.' Subsequently the following resolution was carried—'This meeting accords Rev. Father Edge its sincere thanks for the courteous and whole-hearted manner in which he has met the members of the sub-committee in regard to the plans of the new school in Vermont street, Ponsonby.' The sub-committee was requested to interview the architect (Mr. Mahoney), and the contractor, and to arrange for finance, progress payments, etc. His Lordship read correspondence which had passed between the Auckland Education Board, the Prime Minister, and the Minister of Education re young O'Connor's application to the Auckland Education Board to permit him to take out his scholarship course at the Sacred Heart College, and the refusal of the request by the Board. It was decided that a deputation, consisting of his Lordship the Bishop, representatives of the clergy, and all Catholic bodies wait on the Education Board to lay their views before it regarding O'Connor's scholarship. A vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation, was accorded the Bishop for his efforts in connection with the foregoing scholarship question. His Lordship, in replying, said he felt that in this question he had behind him his people, without whom he and his priests would be helpless. The next meeting has been fixed for Monday, October 7.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

September 6.

St. Patrick's Football Club intend presenting an illuminated address to Mr. J. Martin. Mr. Martin is a prominent supporter of St. Patrick's Club. The presentation will be made at the forthcoming combined football social.

Death has been busy amongst the Catholic community in Gisborne this winter, and I have to record with regret the demise of Mrs. W. Hackett, which occurred on Tuesday after a long and painful illness. The deceased lady was attended in her last illness by Rev. Father Lane, and died fortified by the rites of the Church. The Hibernian Society, of which Mr. Hackett is a prominent member, acted as pall-bearers at the funeral. Rev. Father Lane officiated both at the church and at the cemetery. Miss M. Neill played Handel's 'Funeral March' as the cortege left the church.—R.I.P.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

September 8.

There is an epidemic of fires in Invercargill at the present time. Last night (Saturday) the Brigade were called out on no less than four occasions, and again about 11 o'clock this morning. Only one of last