

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

November 12.

The bazaar at Otahuhu, which concluded last Saturday night, is expected to realise £200.

Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., leaves this week for the Great Barrier Island to give a mission there.

Very Rev. Dean Mahoney, of Onehunga, is expected to return from his trip Home in January next.

The Ellerslie bazaar concluded on last Saturday night, when it was announced by Rev. Father Ormond that a sum of £250 had been netted.

His Lordship the Bishop is to leave early next week on a visitation of the diocese, and is not expected back to the city until close on Christmas.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon and Monsignor O'Leary arrived here on Sunday morning, and are the guests of his Lordship Bishop Cleary.

Rev. Father Torney, writing from Dublin to a friend, said he intended to spend the latter part of the month of October in Rome. He had arranged to leave Italy on his return to New Zealand early in November. On his way out he had arranged to visit Egypt and Palestine.

His Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral to 189 candidates, and took occasion to deliver a highly important pronouncement on the 'conscience clause,' connected with the proposed Bible-in-schools scheme.

The retreat of the Children of Mary at Remuera, which begins on November 20, will be preached by Rev. Father Taylor, S.M. A good sum has been collected for the bazaar in connection with the Remuera parish, which opens on December 16. Special features will be an international tug-of-war and a spectacular display of skating.

The mission by the Marist Fathers at the Cathedral is proving phenomenally successful, the attendance being unusually large. On Thursday evening a special sermon on our Blessed Lady was preached by the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., after which there was a procession in her honor. Quite 200 persons receive Communion at the 6 o'clock Mass every week morning. Last evening it was estimated that there were 2000 persons in the Cathedral. His Lordship the Bishop and Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary were present in the sanctuary. Rev. Father McCarthy preached an eloquent sermon on 'Faith.' Pontifical Benediction followed. On Sunday morning the women of the parish approached the Holy Table in large numbers. Very Rev. Father O'Connell addressed them, and preached also at the 11 o'clock Mass. On next Sunday there will be a special Mass for the men, after which breakfast will be served in the large new building, now nearing completion, close to the Cathedral.

ELLERSLIE.

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

November 7.

The parish hall, Ellerslie, was packed to the doors last Monday night, when his Lordship the Bishop opened a bazaar, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the erection of a new school. It is not yet twelve months since the Sisters of the Missions bought the 'Te Marama' property, and converted the residence into a convent. The largest rooms in the building were reserved as classrooms, and were sufficiently large then for that purpose. The population of Ellerslie has rapidly increased lately, and the number of children now being taught by the Sisters is greatly in excess of what it was a few months back. Many weeks ago it was realised by the Catholics of the district that a new school should be built without delay. A meeting was called, and it was decided to hold a bazaar in November. The ladies of the parish worked enthusiastically in the meantime, as was clearly proved by the attractive display of goods on the opening night. The

stalls were most artistically decorated, and the display of goods was greatly admired.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary entered the hall at 8 o'clock. Seated near him on the stage were Rev. Fathers Ormond, Doyle, and Kirrane, Rev. Mr. Walker, members of the church committee, and other parishioners.

Rev. Father Ormond, in welcoming the Bishop, spoke of the urgent need of a new school, and expressed his indebtedness to the ladies and the committee who had worked so earnestly in connection with the bazaar.

His Lordship congratulated the stallholders, and hoped that their efforts would be crowned with success. It was his desire to see a well-equipped school in Ellerslie very soon.

The following is a list of the stalls and stallholders:—

Green Stall.—Principal; Mrs. G. Wilkinson; assistants—Nurse Monnock, Misses Blakey, Whittaker, B. Hogan, Graydon, Ormond, A. Gavin, Shearman, E. Shearman, and Devin.

White Stall.—Principals, Mesdames Fergus and Gavin; assistants—Mrs. Massey, Misses Malone, Keneally, Hogan, K. Neeve, Ormond, Josling, Conway, F. McDonald.

Refreshment Stall.—Principals, Misses Boyle and Sexton; assistants—Mesdames Tooman, Sinton, Quinlan, Neeve, Miss N. Sexton.

Lolly Stall.—Mrs. Coleman and Miss Pohler.

Smaller Stalls.—(A) Misses Burns and J. Pohler; (B) Mrs Gillespie; (C) Misses Conway.

Good business was done during the week. It is confidently anticipated that when the bazaar closes on Saturday night a substantial profit will be the result. Miss Cawley has proved herself to be an energetic general secretary.

A HIGHLAND CATHOLIC HOME

The Hon. Bernard Howard of Glossop is heir to the barony of his father, the second Lord Howard of Glossop, and also to considerable estates in England and in the Scottish Highlands (says the *Glasgow Observer*).

Dorlin, the family place on the west coast of Inverness-shire, nearly opposite Skye, has had an interesting history in modern times. Long owned by the Macdonalds of Lochshiel (a sept of the great house of Clauranald), the last laird found himself obliged to sell the property in the middle of the last century. A devout Catholic, who maintained a priest and a chapel with the Blessed Sacrament in his own house, he sold the place first to his brother-in-law, a Macdonell, who in turn had to part with it. Mr. James Hope-Scott, Newman's intimate friend, who had been received into the Catholic Church with Henry Edward Manning in April, 1851, was looking for an estate in a Catholic district of Scotland. By a curious chain of circumstances, and, as it seemed, in direct answer to the prayers of the survivors of the old Catholic family, he purchased the estate in 1856 for £24,000 without even having seen it. He built the present handsome house at Dorlin, and spent a large portion of the fortune he had acquired at the Parliamentary Bar in improving the condition of the place and of the poor people, who were in a state of miserable poverty. He built two Catholic churches, at Mingarry and Glenuig (the only chapel for the Catholic district of Moidart was then a miserable thatched cottage), constructed new roads, built an excellent school, and assisted his poorer tenants with the most assiduous kindness. Mrs. Hope-Scott (grand-daughter and heiress of Sir Walter), for whose benefit her husband had been so anxious to establish a home in the Highlands, died in 1858. In 1860 Mr. Hope-Scott married Lady Victoria Howard, the present Duke of Norfolk's eldest sister. Some years later he sold his estate of Dorlin to his wife's uncle, the first Lord Howard of Glossop, whose son and successor now owns it.