

Bros. J. Fagan, B.P., and M. McCarthy; delegate to Friendly Societies' Dispensary Board, Bro. C. McErlean; delegates to Triennial Movable Meeting (Napier), Bros. T. Pender, P.P., and W. H. Giles; lodge reporter, Bro. Vernon Haydon. Six new members were initiated and ten proposed. The new officers were installed by Bro. T. Pender, P.P. It was decided to hold a euchre party after the next meeting on Monday, January 20.

Mr. Mutu Te Waero, an 'old boy' of St. Patrick's College, and Mr. W. Scrimgeour, left by the Mararoa on Thursday for the Ashburton district, where they intend engaging in extensive farming pursuits. Mr. Scrimgeour, who is a well-known Catholic, often assisted at various Catholic concerts and like functions. His loss will be felt in particular by the Catholic Mission to Seamen, in which work he had always taken a keen interest. What is Wellington's loss is Ashburton's gain.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 13.

The Rev. Father Collins, of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, preached at Vespers in the Cathedral on Sunday.

The Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, is spending his holidays at Waimate.

To-day (Monday) the diocesan clergy enter into their annual retreat, which is to be conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M., of Greenmeadows.

The Very Rev. Father Nicolas, S.M., Head Superior of the Marist Order in Australasia, who left later for the West Coast, was a visitor at the episcopal residence during the week.

The new Governor, Lord Liverpool, is to make his first visit to Canterbury towards the end of the month. His Excellency will hold a levee on the afternoon of January 28 in the Provincial Council Chambers.

At the close of the retreat of the Sisters of the Missions six religious made their perpetual vows in the Order. On last Monday afternoon six Sisters were invested with the holy habit, and on the following morning five others were professed. At the two last-mentioned ceremonies the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., presided, and a number of the clergy were present.

Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Boyle, of the Cathedral, for the last time on Sunday in the temporary church at Sumner. The building, which has done useful duty for a number of years, is to be disposed of. The fine new church just completed in brick and stone is to be solemnly opened and dedicated on next Sunday afternoon by his Lordship the Bishop, when, besides the customary ceremonies, there will be a dedication sermon, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. As the retreat of the clergy will have concluded on the previous day, a number of visiting priests are expected to be in attendance. The Cathedral choir will render the incidental music.

At the ordinary meeting of the North Canterbury Board of Education, held on last Wednesday, the Appointments Committee reported—'Touching the holding of scholarships, a report was received from the Chief Inspector on the applications received by the Board for scholarships to be held at certain private schools. It was agreed to accede to the request of the Sacred Heart High School, Christchurch. The application from the Convent of Mercy High School, Lyttelton, was declined.' The report was adopted. The Sisters of Our Lady of Missions are to be heartily congratulated on being among the first, if not actually the first, of our Catholic secondary schools to have this just right conceded, and it is very earnestly hoped that many parents and guardians of children will avail themselves of the splendid opportunity now available of completing the education of those entrusted to them, in their own schools.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

Rev. Mother St. Winifred, who has been connected with the local convent for the past twenty-four years, has left Ashburton to continue her noble work in the Kaikoura Convent.

The Masses on Christmas Day and on New Year's Day, celebrated by Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, were largely attended. Dean O'Donnell in his discourses took the opportunity of conveying his best wishes to the members of his congregation.

Mr. Frank Brophy, who for some years has been associated with the local branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Association, and who has resigned from the firm, was the recipient of a silver-mounted pipe and case from his fellow-employees as a mark of their goodwill.

The members of the local choir, to mark the occasion of the marriage of one of their members in the person of Miss E. Berry, presented that young lady with a silver-plated tray, sugar-basin, and cream jug. The gift was accompanied by expressions of goodwill towards the recipient from several members of the choir.

Arrangements in connection with the forthcoming bazaar are now almost completed. The bazaar dates have been fixed from March 8 to March 15, and one of the most commodious buildings in the town has been secured. The enthusiasm with which the undertaking has been taken up by the several stall-holders, undoubtedly augurs well for its ultimate success.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

January 13.

Rev. Father Holbrook, Adm., St. Patrick's Cathedral, leaves by the Maloja on a well-earned holiday trip on Friday next, January 17. At Perth his Lordship Bishop Clune will join the vessel, and he and Father Holbrook will proceed to the Holy Land, travel through Europe, and on to Ireland. On Wednesday evening, in the Town Hall, a presentation of an address and purse of sovereigns will be made to Rev. Father Holbrook.

Catholic Federation in Auckland

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

January 13.

A large and most enthusiastic audience thronged the Hibernian Hall on Monday night, when a branch of the Catholic Federation was inaugurated in Auckland City. Mr. D. Flynn presided, and his Lordship the Bishop, Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., and all the city and suburban priests attended.

His Lordship the Bishop addressed the meeting, and explained the object of the gathering. It was, he said, a movement of the laity in which he and the priests would heartily join, and encourage in every way. The constitution and rules of the new organisation were the same as those of Australia, and identical to those in practical use in other parts of the Dominion.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. M. J. Sheahan and seconded by Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C., was unanimously carried—'That this meeting of the Catholics of the city and suburbs of Auckland having heard the aims and objects of the New Zealand Catholic Federation do now form a branch of the Federation.'

Arrangements were made to constitute parochial committees immediately in the city and suburbs and throughout the remainder of the diocese of Auckland. Representatives from these will meet at an early date, and appoint a Diocesan Council, and by the various Diocesan Councils the Dominion Executive will be constituted. The aims and objects of the federation were read in detail on the lines reported in your issue of the

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