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The Missionary Fathers also visited Kumara parish and gave most successful missions at Kumara, Waimea, Stafford, and Otira. Five hundred and seventy confessions were heard. A branch of the Hibernian Society is to be established as a result of the mission, and the arch-confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament was established, also the sodality of the Children of Mary.

In all 31 missions were given, and a total of 4067 confessions were heard, not 5 per cent. of the people absenting themselves from the sacraments. The missionaries speak in glowing terms of the zeal and earnestness of the clergy and the goodwill of the people in all the places they visited. The greatest enthusiasm prevails in all matters concerning the advancement of the Church. Dean Carew has scarcely finished erecting one of the finest presbyteries in New Zealand than he has begun to enlarge the parochial church to accommodate another 300 people. Father Clancy is about to erect a beautiful church in the Romanesque style of architecture in Hokitika. In other parishes the same zeal for the promotion of all that tends to advance the cause of religion is noted. A direct result of the missions was the establishment of a branch of the New Zealand Catholic Federation in every place visited by the missionaries, and the enlisting of further members in those places where this latest development of Catholic activity had already been established. It is pleasing to find that the *Tablet* is read in nearly every Catholic home, and everywhere the claims of the Catholic newspaper were strenuously advocated by the Marist Missioners.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

July 7.

Rev. Father Furlong, Devonport, was presented with a handsome silver teapot by the Children of Mary in connection with the eleventh anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral yesterday from the last Mass, and was continued throughout the afternoon until after Vespers, when the usual procession took place.

Much adverse comment is being made on the action of the Government in appointing to the Auckland Harbor Board as its nominee a candidate who was defeated at the Harbor Board election last April.

The Monsignor spoke at the 9 and 11 o'clock Masses and Vespers yesterday at St. Benedict's on behalf of the re-erection of the boys' orphanage. Half of the £10,000 required has been subscribed. Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie has visited Puhoi, where he was most successful.

The bazaar, connected with the Sacred Heart parish, was opened last Monday night, and will be

continued throughout this week. Rev. Father Edge spoke earnestly from the altar yesterday, and urged all to support the bazaar. Much labor had been expended in its preparation, he said, and it behoved everyone to recognise this, and thereby materially assist the parish funds.

The half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was held this evening, when the following officers were installed for the ensuing term:—President, Bro. C. Reynolds; vice-president, Bro. E. Miskell; secretary, Bro. W. Kane (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. D. Flynn (re-elected); warden, Bro. A. J. Woodley; guardian, Bro. Hurley; sick visitors, Bros. P. Duffin and J. Corbett. Bro. Nerherly performed the installation ceremony, and afterwards addressed the officers and members. He tendered wholesome advice, and urged them to work assiduously to promote the interests of the branch, which for some time had fallen into slack methods. The newly-elected officers briefly returned thanks for the honor conferred on them. It was decided to celebrate the anniversary of the branch, which occurs this month. Bros. McCartan and McLoughlan, of the Onehunga branch, attended and sought information on hospital expenditure, which was given them.

Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

July 4.

The Catholic Men's Club have decided to invite the Karangahake Club to a friendly debate. At last night's meeting a quoits match took place between teams picked by Messrs. Hatton and Nicol, and resulted in a win for the former's team by 5 points. Mr. E. Doherty, winner of the recent euchre tournament, was presented with an umbrella and pair of gloves (the prize donated by Mr. W. Sullivan).

A meeting of supporters of the Bible-in-schools movement was well advertised for Tuesday last to hear Rev. I. Jolly reply to Bishop Cleary. The rev. lecturer was courteous and gentlemanly, and his address was entirely free from bigotry, but only about one hundred persons assembled to hear him, and of these fully twenty were juniors.

Gore

(From our own correspondent.)

July 4.

Word has been received at Gore of the marriage of Miss Hannah Sweeney to Mr. M. Keating, Nationalist M.P. for South Kilkenny, at San Silvestro in Capite, Rome.

A very enjoyable function was held last night in the Palace Hotel, when the members of the Hibernian Football Club and Hibernian Society entertained their fellow-member, Mr. E. Columb, on the eve of his departure for Auckland. Representatives from the

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