

registers 30deg. and gives a mean water temperature at the boiler of 150deg. Fahr. There are no cold rooms, entrance halls, corridors, or dormitories—the whole space throughout the large building is evenly warmed by 83 radiators, a thermometer varying but a degree or two at any point in the interior of the convent. No sudden fall in the room temperature can take place during the night, for the fuel capacity of the boiler is sufficient to maintain a fire from eight to twelve hours without attention. No more fuel is used than the amount needed to warm the air to the degree desired. The radiators are easily regulated in each room, and any number can be turned on or off by a valve at each radiator, without affecting the perfect operation of the remainder of the system. Messrs. Lusk and Moriarty supervised the installation of this plant.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

October 6.

Mr. Moriarty, the *Tablet* representative, was here yesterday. At the Masses at the Cathedral his advent was announced, and the congregations were urged to subscribe to our only Catholic paper.

The Triduum in connection with the jubilee was held at the Cathedral on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., preached each evening. On Wednesday he explained the object of the jubilee, and dealt with indulgences. On Thursday he preached on faith. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given each evening, when there were large congregations.

A very pleasing function in connection with the Children of Mary Confraternity took place in St. Patrick's Convent Schoolroom on the evening of October 1, the occasion being a farewell by the members to Miss Alice Porter, who is about to be married. In the absence of the spiritual director, the president (Miss E. Willis) made the presentation, which took the form of a very handsome silver teapot.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary attended St. Benedict's last evening, and preached a fine sermon on our Blessed Lady. Pontifical Benediction followed, Rev. Fathers Forde and McLaughlin being deacon and sub-deacon respectively. Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan was present in the sanctuary. A special feature was the decorations of the Blessed Virgin's altar, which was ablaze with electric lights. This was the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and was greatly admired.

St. Benedict's bazaar was continued during the week, and was well attended, the greatest enthusiasm being shown by all concerned in securing its success. A matinee was held on Saturday afternoon at which the children in large numbers attended, and for whom a special entertainment was provided. The tug-of-war competition has created keen rivalry and stirring contests. The Confraternity and Austrian teams were left in the final struggle for supremacy. It resulted in a win for the Confraternity. The Austrians are to be complimented on their good showing, as the winners have been champions for some time. The Confraternity won two successive pulls—the first in 62 seconds, and the second in 1min 56sec.

At the Cathedral yesterday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the last Mass until after Vespers. At 3 o'clock there was a renewal of Baptismal vows by the children. They assembled at the convent school, and, with the Confraternity, Guard of Honor, and Children of Mary, marched in procession *via* Hobson and Wyndham streets to the Cathedral. The vows were nicely read by Miss Alice Riggs. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed. In the evening the church was well filled, when Rev. Father Doyle preached a fine sermon. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed, in which the children and confraternities took part. A number of children received their First Communion in the morning, after which

breakfast was partaken of at the convent school, Hobson street.

The Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, which has just been enlarged, was opened on Sunday morning by his Lordship Bishop Cleary. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Golden. His Lordship preached an appropriate sermon, and declared the church open. There was a large congregation, and special music was rendered by the choir. His Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in the afternoon. At Vespers in the evening, Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation. Even with the present enlargement, the church but barely meets the requirements of the growing parish. The work of Fathers Edge and Golden are well shown by the great attendance at the western suburban church.

### Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

October 2.

The Catholic Club has now a membership of over 80. This is most encouraging.

The Catholic social which is to be held on October 17 promises to be a great success. A committee of ladies and gentlemen has been formed to bring it to a successful issue.

A progressive euchre party was held last Thursday evening amongst the Catholic Young Men's Club members and their lady friends in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, and, in spite of counter attractions, quite a large number attended. The prize-winners were Mrs. Manning, Miss K. Mullins and Messrs Crosby and T. Johnson.

Much sympathy is felt here with Rev. Father O'Malley in the loss he has sustained by the death of his mother. A Requiem Mass was celebrated on Wednesday morning, a good congregation being present. A number of the school children received Holy Communion, and offered their prayers for the repose of the soul of the deceased. At the weekly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club, held to-night, a vote of condolence with Rev. Father O'Malley was passed, and it was decided that the members approach the Holy Table in a body on Sunday for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

### Ellerslie

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very successful social gathering in aid of the church funds was held in the parish hall, Ellerslie, on Wednesday, October 1. There was a large attendance. The function was the conclusion of a series of entertainments carried out during the season in aid of the church funds. The committee responsible, namely, Mesdames Fergus, Gavin, Neave, Miss Hogan, and Messrs. Sexton and Kelly, are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

On Monday, September 29, the Rev. Father Tormey was the recipient of a number of presents from the school children of the district in honor of his feast day. The pupils of the Ellerslie Convent gave an entertainment in his honor, during which they presented him with six very fine dining-room chairs. The Paumotu children presented him with a beautiful tabernacle veil, and the children from the Howick Convent made him a present of a handsome pair of curtains. This is tangible evidence of the popularity of Father Tormey with the children of his parish. In thanking the donors for the very fine presents, the Rev. Father said he hoped the time was not far distant when the children would be accommodated in their new school, and on Sunday last he made an appeal to the congregation to contribute towards the erection of the building.

On a recent Sunday the attention of the congregation was drawn towards the necessity of the church

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