

which their guest was held by all who had had the pleasure of being associated with her. Dean Holley, in presenting Mrs. Neylon with a solid silver entree dish and silver vase from her Catholic friends of Wanganui, expressed a wish that at some future time Mrs. Neylon would again make her home amongst them.

Mr. Gaffaney also spoke of Mrs. Neylon's good work in the parish.

Mr. E. Wilson, on behalf of Mrs. Neylon, sincerely thanked Dean Holley for his kind remarks, and those present for the very handsome presentation, and in doing so expressed the regret Mrs. Neylon felt in leaving Wanganui and so many kind friends. Regarding her work in connection with the parish, he was sure that in saying it was a labor of love, he was expressing Mrs. Neylon's sentiments. She was, indeed, sorry to leave the parish, and so many old friends, but trusted that at some future date to have the pleasure of again being among them.

During the evening musical items were contributed by Miss A. Wood, Rev. Father Moloney, Messrs. Shanley, Dawson, Souter, and McCarthy. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of 'Auld lang syne,' cheers being given for Mrs. Neylon and family.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 27.

Mr. H. St. George, examiner for Trinity College, London, was engaged during the week at the convent centres of the city.

The Rev. Father Wright, of Waihi, passed through Christchurch last week on his return, after spending ten weeks in Victoria visiting his parents.

The art union in connection with the carnival in aid of the Cathedral fund will be drawn without fail on the evening of November 21, the closing day of the bazaar. All those who have tickets for disposal are requested to return blocks, accompanied with the amount received for tickets sold, by November 19 at the latest.

To aid the furnishing fund of the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Sumner, an exceptionally attractive variety entertainment will be given in the local Town Hall on Thursday, November 27. Some of the best items given at the Oriental Carnival will be repeated as part of a well-arranged programme. The ladies of the Altar Society have the sale of tickets in hand, and are meeting with most encouraging success.

The general committee of the Oriental Carnival, which is to open in the Olympia Skating Rink on next Saturday, in aid of the Cathedral fund, met on last Wednesday evening at the episcopal residence. The Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., who presided, stated that his Worship the Mayor had promised to open the carnival. A good deal of detail business was transacted. At the Marist Brothers' Schoolroom on the same evening, the M.B.O.B. Association met to discuss matters affecting their own interests, and incidentally those of the carnival in which the association and the H.A.C.B. Society are taking a prominent part, including the management of side shows, and principally the tug-of-war contests.

In a letter to the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., from Lyons, France, under date September 5, his Lordship Bishop Grimes stated that he had just visited the Convent of Notre Dame des Missions, at Deal, to see the Rev. Mother St. Philomena, late Mother Prioress of the convent in Christchurch, who has been an invalid for some time. He spent a few days in Paris, and proceeded to Lyons to transact diocesan business, and intended to spend part of October with friends near Florence, where he hoped to enjoy a rest, which so far he had been able to take but little. From Florence his Lordship was to go on to Rome (this, the cable informed us last week, had taken place, and his Lordship had an audience with the Holy Father). As previously announced the Bishop is to

join the Orsova at Naples on Saturday next. He will have as travelling companions the Rev. Father Casey, S.M., and Rev. Father Maurice Cronin, the latter coming to the Christchurch diocese. The Mother General of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and her companion will join the ship at Port Said.

In his discourse to the congregation in the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Sumner, on last Sunday, the Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., spoke of a phase of Christian charity in religious matters too little practised by Catholics towards those outside the Church, many of whom were, where they were, through ignorance of the Church's teaching. A defence of Catholic teaching and convictions was praiseworthy when these were assailed, but good example on the part of Catholics, combined with a tolerant and tactful attitude, did far more to win over innumerable Protestants, who lived lives of spiritual unrest and doubt, yearning for friendly advice, and the light that would lead them into a haven of certainty and hope. Too often such were repelled, when seeking the truth, or even on the verge of conversion, by uncharitable abuse of the unsatisfying faith they held, instead of receiving the kindly help they looked for. A good book invariably provided food for reflection to non-Catholics, but an hour's interview with a Catholic priest would accomplish more than months of argument wrongly applied.

### SUMNER CATHOLIC CHURCH.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

Since the opening of the fine new Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, fronting Dryden street, Sumner, much improvement has been effected in the surroundings and in the completion of the beautiful interior. In regard to the latter, the rose window in the sanctuary end is placed in position. The central subject represents Our Lady Star of the Sea, the title also being shown, with the invocation, 'Pray for us.' Surrounding the central subject are vignettes on varied colored glass, representing saintly figures in attitudes of prayer and veneration, the circle being completed with a vase and floral tribute as the supporting vignette. A splendid marble high altar has been imported and placed in position, the original wooden one being removed to the chapel of the Blessed Virgin, and surmounted with a handsome statue of our Blessed Lady. Two beautiful windows in stained glass, representative of the Annunciation and of the Nativity adorn this chapel. A statue of the Sacred Heart, showing our Divine Lord with hands outstretched, and another of St. Joseph with the Divine Infant occupy the spaces where the body of the church opens out from the sanctuary. Under each of the supporting brackets are figures of angels showing bright shining shields with a cross as a centre. A chaste and artistically worked altar cover, with the words 'Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,' embroidered in gold letters, made by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Mount Magdala; candelabra for the altar, and other requisites, including carpets for the sanctuary and side chapel, and matting for the nave, have all been supplied. The grounds have been filled in with soil, levelled, laid down in grass, and paths formed. A substantial gate opens on to a wide asphalt pathway leading to the main entrance. On the whole the church is fairly well furnished, and forms a striking feature in the centre of the pretty marine borough.

### Christchurch North

His Grace Archbishop Redwood arrived from the West Coast on Wednesday evening, and was met at the station by the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., whose guest he was while here. On Thursday visits were paid to the Sisters of the Mission (Barbadoes street) and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd (Mt. Magdala). His Grace left for Timaru by the second express on Friday, and returned on Saturday evening to catch the steamer for Wellington.

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