

ganui, St. Joseph's, Aramoho, and St. Agnes' (ladies') auxiliary, Hawera. A feature of the reports is that very few cases of distress have occurred during the half-year. The ladies' conferences have done excellent work making up garments, quite a number being supplied to orphanages and persons needing them.

**Feilding**

(From our own correspondent.)

August 4.

Sunday next, August 16, is sure to be a great day in Feilding, for the new church that has been talked of for the past fourteen years is an accomplished fact at last, and the dedication ceremony will be performed by his Grace Archbishop Redwood. The Rev. Father McCarthy, Marist Missioner, is to preach the occasional sermon. Monsignor Power, of Hawera, is to sing the Solemn Mass, and to preach at the evening devotions. The devotional Gregorian chant of the Mass will be sung by the Marist students' choir from Highden. The parishioners will hardly know themselves next Sunday in their beautiful new church, and they are all praying for a fine day. Several of the clergy will honor Feilding parish next Sunday and help to put it well on the map.

**Westport**

(From our own correspondent.)

August 5.

Mr. G. F. Vincent, examiner for Trinity College of Music, enlogised the work of the convent pupils, particularising the pupils in the higher grades, who entered into the spirit of their music with true artistic temperament. The following are the results:— A.T.C.L.: Melba Bevan, 89; Mia Bevan, 83. Higher Local: Mimi Hansen, 70. Senior: Lorna Schwass, 76. Intermediate: Agnes Costello, 90; Levick Kerr, 74. Laurie Larsen, 73; Joseph Kone, 71; Flossie Russell (Granity Convent), 71. Junior: Alice Renno, 81; Ethel Ryan, 81; Molly Cleary, 69. Preparatory: Colin Campbell (Granity Convent), 90. First Steps: Alma Mason, 90; Naomi Morganti (Granity), 85; Marjory Keating, 80; Barbara Rowley, 80; Colin Hansen, 75.

**Diocese of Auckland**

(From our own Correspondent.)

August 5.

The weather in Auckland for the past week has been simply glorious, and elaborate preparations are being made to receive and heartily welcome the officers and men of the American Fleet which arrives in Auckland Harbor on August 31 midday. Already hundreds of electric colored globes decorate several of the local principal buildings. The city will be a blaze of light in the evenings. A committee has been formed to organise entertainments to keep our visitors busy for the fortnight they will spend with us, and there is a lively time in store both for the Fleet and public.

The term holidays of the Sacred Heart College and St. Mary's Convent pupils commence on August 13. This will be the first vacation since the Christmas holidays, and the students are looking forward to a well-earned fortnight's recreation, free from discipline and study.

Very Rev. Dean Lane, who has been for many years stationed at Gisborne, has been

appointed to take charge of the Ellerslie parish. The Dean will take up his new duties at an early date.

The plain and fancy dress ball to augment the funds of the new Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was a most successful function. The hall was suitably and tastefully decorated and harmonised with the animated scene made up of many quaint and fantastic costumes worn by the merry dancers of both sexes present. It was one of the brightest and happiest entertainments yet held at Epsom, and the committee deserve warm praise for the indefatigable efforts and splendid arrangements which deserved such well-merited success. The gent's prize for the best study in fancy dress was won by Mr. Coleman, and the ladies' prize was awarded to Miss Upfold for a really excellent presentation as a Hula Girl. Mesdames Simmonds and Draget were the judges, and gave popular decisions. A euclore tournament was arranged for those who did not dance and created much interest amongst the players. Mr. Bell secured the gents' trophy, and Mrs. J. Cooke was the successful lady. A capital orchestra under the baton of Mr. Varna Cooke provided excellent dance music for the evening. Mr. Bowater made an untiring secretary. To him much praise is due for his efforts. The church funds will benefit to the extent of £21 as a result of the evening's entertainment. This function was such an unqualified success that the organisers are contemplating holding another which should meet with even greater support.

The Auckland Competition Society is holding its festival at present in the local Town Hall, where there is a wealth of song, music, elocution, and story presented for the patrons of the arts who daily attend to listen to the city's budding talent. There are a number of excellent performers, and among them are two promising young artistes from St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby. Miss Dorothy Mudford possesses a very sweet soprano voice for sixteen summers, and shows evidence of future possibilities. She has already secured two first prizes, and there is perhaps more to follow before the termination of the competitions. Miss D. O'Brien has also acquitted herself well in the elocutionary section. Her work revealed evidence of careful training in tone, inflexion, emphasis and pausation that made her performance delightful to listen to.

The Annual Commemoration Mass and Communion of the old boys of the Sacred Heart College will be held at the College on August 30. In view of the big success of last year's function, it is anticipated that the re-union this year will eclipse its predecessor.

On Thursday at St. Benedict's Hall the local tennis club and the Children of Mary held a combined eucere and dance in aid of the parish funds which was well supported by members and friends. The whole programme was commendably arranged and carried out by Mr. Frost, and Miss Yates, as secretaries, assisted by a very energetic committee who left nothing desired for the enjoyment of their guests. These evenings should become very popular if the committee decide to continue them.

The annual football match between past and present students of the Sacred Heart

College is set down for decision on Saturday, and should draw a great crowd of parents and friends to witness it. The struggle always causes intense interest and is a regular natal day at the college.

A social evening in the form of a euclore party and dance was held in the Papatoetoe Hall on Wednesday last to raise funds for the new church recently erected by voluntary labor, and to improve the grounds. The ladies of Papatoetoe are to be congratulated on the magnificent success the entertainment proved. The ladies' prize was won by Mrs. Aitkinson, and the gent's prize by Mr. J. Grinter. Miss Vera Page, and Mr. Vic. Prior were awarded the consolation prizes. Motor charabancs from Otahuhu, Wiri, Ellerslie, and as far as Herne Bay, Auckland, brought large loads of passengers to assist the Papatoetoe Catholics in the endeavor to establish a church. Rev. Father Skinner, thanked the visitors for their assistance, and the hearty manner in which all entered into the evening's amusement. Judging by the success of the first function, it is certain that further socials will be held.

Early in September, Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., is to open a week's Mission in the Papatoetoe Church, and Otahuhu will then be visited for a similar purpose.

**Diocese of Christchurch**

(From our own Correspondent.)

August 3.

His Lordship Dr. Brodie left Christchurch on Tuesday last for the West Coast, returning on Saturday. Ross was his principal objective.

The appreciation of his Lordship the Bishop, the clergy and parishioners of the Cathedral, is extended to the Sisters of the Missions for their devotedness in teaching catechism on Sunday afternoons at Dallington and Beckenham. The good attendances are a source of consolation to the Sisters.

The recently formed St. Bede's College Old Boys' Association has decided to hold an annual dance, and its initial effort in this direction was held at "Dixieland" on Thursday evening. The decorations and supper arrangements were good—the former tasty, with the college colors in prominence, and the latter plenteous and of first grade; whilst the music supplied by Bailey's band was tuneful, spirited, and in excellent time. The ball-room accommodation was fully taxed so large was the attendance, and the committee is to be warmly complimented on the manner in which it catered for the enjoyment of the guests. Many old boys came in from distant parts of the country, even from the West Coast—a feature showing attachment to the college and their interest in its welfare. Rev. Dr. Geaney (rector) and Rev. Fathers Dowling, Cullen, and Buckley, members of the teaching staff of St. Bede's, were interested onlookers. Well deserving of being singled out in the joyous throng was Mrs. Walter Clifford, whose generous treatment of the boys is so well known and whose support of everything connected with the college is always to hand. The members of the organising committee—Messrs. L. P. Barrett, F. Fogarty, J. P. Flood, A. T. O'Reilly, and R. W. Lattimore (hon. sec.)—are to be commended for their enterprise and the success that attended their efforts.

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