

regularly night and morning. A pleasing incident of the concluding service was—in the case of one family—four generations being present—possibly a record for New Zealand. The senior member of the quartette has been a worshipper in the old church for 77 years. Is not this also a New Zealand record?

**Papakura.**—At present the parishioners at the Papakura end of the parish are working hard for the bazaar which is due to be opened at the end of October. Quite recently a ball was held to raise funds to assist the bazaar workers. It proved to be one of the most successful functions of its kind ever held in Papakura and the nett profit was the magnificent sum of £30. The greatest credit is due to the organisers.

**Manurewa.**—Mrs. Frost, assisted by lady members of the Catholic community, is at present engaged in organising a recital by her pupils to raise funds for the new church.

**Papatoetoe.**—Residents will be pleased to learn that we hope to have a nice ornamental fence erected in front of the church property in the near future. What is urgently required is a gateway and path to the church itself. This, in addition to the seats required, will fill the wants of the Papatoetoe Catholics for some time to come.

### North Auckland Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

Dargaville, September 30.

At Hikurangi last week a whist drive and social took place in the Criterion Theatre with the object of augmenting the church building fund. There was a large attendance and an enjoyable evening was spent. The ladies' prize was annexed by Mrs. F. Little and the gents' prize went to Mr. J. Lester. The tournament was succeeded by a delightful supper dispensed by the ladies, and during the supper interval Mr. C. O'Callaghan, on behalf of the Catholic parishioners, expressed thanks to those of other denominations in Hikurangi for their kindly support. He also extended a special word of thanks to Mr. Hunter Harris, who has given the free use of his hall for Mass and other Sunday services. He said the time had now arrived when they had their own place of worship, and the Catholic community un-animously decided to express its appreciation of Mr. Harris' kindly action by asking his acceptance of a case of decanters. Mr. Harris in acknowledging his acceptance of the handsome gift said that it had been a pleasure to him to give the use of the hall, and had any other denomination been without a place of worship he would willingly have extended the same privilege.

At the recent writing competition held under the auspices of the British and Colonial Industries in the Whangarei district, the Convent school in open competition with the public schools' received eight prizes, only one school receiving a larger number. In the main competition for standard V and VI the first four places were filled by Iris Gavin, Dorothy Paton, Winifred Paton, and Bob Conaghan respectively, while in standard III and IV Hazel Patterson was second, Maureen Swann fifth, and Ivy Boate sixth. Gray Brothers' prize for standard V and VI was awarded to Margaret Monk. The Sisters

have every reason to be proud of the achievements of their pupils in this competition.

### Waikato Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

Hamilton, October 8.

The weekly meeting of the Hamilton Catholic Men's Club last Thursday took the form of a mock court trial, which proved one of the most enjoyable functions ever held in the parish. The entertainment was not confined to members of the club, and the attendance of the parishioners was such as to render the hall quite inadequate for the purpose. The case before the "court" was a breach of promise action, and the big audience was kept in a constant state of merriment. The participants were gowned and attired in the usual court style, while the members of the club who masqueraded as "ladies" concerned, were particularly amusing. With Mr. E. C. Prendergast on the "Bench" and Messrs. C. A. Cuming and T. Grace, counsel for the plaintiff and defendant respectively, the burlesque was carried through in a screamingly funny manner. The part of the plaintiff was taken by Mr. E. H. Quill, "who looked charming in a dress of pink georgette with hat to match," and that of the defendant by Mr. J. Wilson. Other parts were taken by the following:—Bailiff, Mr. E. M. Grace; registrar, Mr. E. Gormley; policemen, Messrs. P. Kelly and T. Cassidy; witnesses, Messrs. E. A. Cox, W. Gwynne, R. McIntosh, and T. Cuming.

The ladies of the Frankton Junction parish organised a successful sale of work last week, their efforts enriching the parish funds to the extent of £80. The different departments were in charge of the following: Plain and fancy stall, Mesdames Frost, Crawshaw, Verner, Turner, and Misses Frost and Gregau; produce and sweets stall, Mesdames Fitzgerald, Walsh, and Misses Fitzgerald and Turner; afternoon tea and supper stall, Mesdames Edmonds, Salisbury, and Misses Gregau.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Hamilton, over the week-end, drew large congregations both morning and evening, and it was apparent that the period of Exposition resulted in much spiritual uplift. The procession of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday evening was a particularly impressive feature.

### Diocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

October 10.

A meeting of the executive committee promoting the garden fete in aid of Nazareth House, met on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Father Lordan presided, and there were present Messrs. T. Cahill (secretary), J. R. Hayward, J. Halpin, J. Ormandy, R. P. O'Shaughnessy, M. Grimes, J. Cunningham, and M. Mannix. The secretary reported on the satisfactory progress being made by the various stall-holders and also in connection with the ground arrangements—electric lighting and side shows. The Woolston band has generously consented to give its services on Saturday evening, the secretary thanking Mr. Mannix for his successful efforts in this

respect. St. Joseph's Orphanage Band will play in the afternoon, and a dancing competition will be held under the able direction of Mr. O. Petersen. The entertainments include concerts by pupils from the Sisters of the Missions and St. Mary's Convent. The fete will be officially opened by his Lordship the Bishop at 3 p.m.

On Wednesday evening last, in the Catholic Club rooms, High Street, the Rev. Father Cooney gave an illustrated lecture on "Rome," before a highly appreciative audience. By means of many excellent slides the lecturer took his audience to all the most interesting spots of that historic city. At the conclusion of the lecture the president of the club (Mr. J. K. Moloney) thanked Father Cooney for his able address, and asked him to repeat the same at some future date; he also thanked Messrs. Morrison and L. Hayward, who had so kindly and capably operated the lantern and slides. Mr. P. J. Amodeo (vice-president) also expressed appreciation of the bright and interesting address provided for club members and their friends. In reply Father Cooney thanked the speakers for their kind remarks and his audience for its attentive hearing, and promised to repeat the lecture at an early date.

### Timaru

(From our own Correspondent.)

October 9.

Rev. Father Paul Kane, son of Mr. Anthony Kane, Craigie Avenue, Timaru, who recently conducted a Retreat for the pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent, left by the Timaroa from Auckland, to join the Marist Missionary Fathers in Queensland. Since his ordination, Rev. Father Kane has been a professor at St. Patrick's College, Wellington.

A lecture on "Evolution" was given at St. Patrick's Hall on the 2nd inst., by Rev. Father Hurley in the presence of a large gathering of parishioners. The lecture, with a short preface on the question of "The Church and Science" dealt mainly with the theory of man's descent from the animal, and showed that such a theory as a scientific fact was highly improbable. A good set of slides added to the pleasure of the lecture, and the lantern was capably manipulated by Mr. G. R. Rush. Rev. Father Barra, S.M. (president of the club) heartily thanked Father Hurley for his interesting lecture, and also the enthusiastic audience for attending. Other lectures in aid of the club are to be given on Sunday evenings after devotions.

A musical treat was given at the Theatre Royal last month by Miss Stella Murray of Christchurch, an ex-pupil of the Sacred Heart Convent, Timaru. During her stay here Miss Murray was entertained at the Convent by members of the Timaru Convent Association.



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